

ing; and, though it is a rare sight to see a crow's nest with its young ones, for there are no rookeries on poplar trees such as you see in the country in England, the young Eurasians manage to find them out. Master Alfred thought 't too much fun when he told us how they break or blow their eggs and take out the young birds to play with them. They got one, to which they tied a string, and made it hop and jump up and down, and do all kinds of things to amuse them. This seemed fine sport for the boys, but it was cruel to the poor crow. A Brahmin happened to see them, and begged them not to do it, but to set the bird free. The naughty boys, however, liked the fun of it too much, and so refused. He was so much distressed at seeing the sufferings of the young bird, that he would not let the boy to whom it belonged alone; but again and again spoke to him of his unkindness, and, as he would not listen for nothing, he at last promised him two annas (worth nearly three-pence) if he would let it loose. The idea of getting what is just like a silver three-penny bit had its effect, and the Brahmin had the pleasure of letting the young crow fly back to the trees and its companions. Alfred finished his account by adding: "Wasn't the boy a lucky fellow to get two annas for giving up a young crow?"

Now I want to say a few words to you about the Brahmin. As you perhaps know, that is the name of the highest class of Hindus. A few of them, but very few, have become Christians, and they think and do many things which we do not think right; but the Brahmin's kindness to the crow is a proof that they have some good qualities. He was tender-hearted, and could not bear to see cruelty done even to one of the commonest and most troublesome of birds. Now I want this to give you a better idea of the character of the Hindus. I know there are a great many boys and girls in England, and older people too, who look upon all heathen people as utter barbarians, whereas this is true of only a small proportion in any part of the world, and to very few in India at all. The Hindus are generally speaking gentle; they are fond of their children; they are polite, modest, good-natured, and have a reverence for sacred things; indeed they are more religious than we are, though their religion is mixed up with ignorance, superstition, and idolatry. We must be thankful to God for all the good they have, and use it in teaching them more and better. For example, the Brahmin's kindness to the crow may give an opportunity of saying: "If you care for such a poor mean thing as a young crow, should you not be much kinder to your low and out-caste fellow-countrymen?" whom they all despise, so that none will help or touch them; or again, if he and all good people feel as much if cruelty is shown to a poor helpless bird, how very much more does God, the Creator and Father of all, love and care for all his creatures?

Whitewashed Babies.

A missionary stationed at one of the South Sea Islands determined to give his residence a coat of whitewash. To obtain this, in the absence of lime, coral was reduced to powder by burning. The natives watched the process of burning with great interest, believing that the coral was being cooked for them to eat. Next morning they beheld the missionary's cottage glittering in the rising sun, white as snow. They danced, they sung, they screamed with joy. The whole island was in commotion. Whitewash became the rage. Happy was the coquette who could enhance her charms by a daub of the white brush. Contentions arose. One party urged

their superior rank; another obtained possession of the brush, and valiantly held it against all comers; a third tried to upset the tub, to obtain some of the precious cosmetic. To quiet the hubbub more whitewash was made, and in a week not a hut, a domestic utensil, a war-club, or a garment, but was as white as snow; not an inhabitant but had a skin painted with grotesque figures; not a pig that was not whitened; and mothers might be seen in every direction capering joyously, and yelling with delight at the superior beauty of their whitewashed babies.

—*Gospel in all Lands.*

A WORTHY EXAMPLE.—In Winnipeg there lives a little girl 9 years old, who, though an invalid and unable to walk, finds a way of working for missions. She has a little book in which she receives contributions from friends, and a bank in which she keeps money given her. In this way she has saved \$4.30, and one afternoon lately she was brought by her mother in a carriage to the Mission Circle where she presented her offering. What a lesson in this for those who think that from their circumstances they should be excused from doing anything for missions!

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