

Not expensive work. I have heard it said that the great increase of workers and churches in the M. E. Mission in India during the past few years is due to the fact that years ago they took the tiny orphans, and bringing them up from babyhood, with no trace of idolatry in the childhood years, trained so their own evangelists and teachers.

Boys are never thrown away here, only girls. I have not named the child yet, but will some day, and will get a picture of her and send you. Her head had been half shaved (Chinese custom), and she looks pretty funny now.

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From Miss Brackbill.

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Our property adjoins that we lived on before the riots and in going over to the General Society's compound we travel the very streets I was accustomed to walk the year before last. We (Miss Ford, myself and women) go there every Sunday for service and nearly every Wednesday evening for prayer-meeting. Were these some of the busiest streets of the city we might not feel the same freedom in going out, but they are quiet, and the shop-keepers and residents soon become acquainted, and one meets pupils either from our girls' school or the boys' school all along the way. From my short experience, I would say it was an advantage, rather than otherwise, being a little distance from the others, as it is thus another centre of influence, and we have an opportunity of reaching those around us, who would not in all probability go as far as the other place for instruction.

No doubt Miss Ford told you all about our baby. Well, we have another one, about two years old, a little girl, of course. This child was thrown out one bitter cold night last week on the next street to us, and a neighbor woman came in to ask if they might bring her in here. We said, "Yes, for the night at any rate;" but found she was such an object of charity that we have kept her. The poor child