

Children's Work.

Address all communications to Mrs. D. A. Morrison, 28
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DEAR GIRLS AND BOYS,—

I am going to give you some extracts from a letter I received from Mrs. J. C. Black, Superintendent of Children's Work in the United States. You know the Bands in the United States are working for India this year, and as we have undertaken some work in India also, Mrs. Black wrote me telling how glad she was that we have extended our work to India. Please notice what she says about adding an English name to that of our little friend, and consult at your Band meeting as to a suitable name to send. We will decide the matter at our annual meeting next September, and will want to decide upon a name that will be of interest to all the Bands—

Your loving friend,

MRS. D. A. MORRISON,
Sup't Children's Work.

2816 Stoddard St.

St. Louis Mo., April 6th, 1896.

MY DEAR SISTER MORRISON :—

I was very glad to receive your letter of March 31st, with the good news of increasing interest in C. W. B. M. work in the Maritime Provinces. I have entered upon my records the fact that *Gulabi* belongs to the Maritime Bands.

Your little girl was taken in by Mrs. Mitchell February 18th, 1895, being then about seven years old, and was transferred to Miss Frost's care when the Orphanage was ready at Mahoba, as it was not the intention to build an Orphanage at Bina.

I do not know whether or not Miss Frost told you that you have the privilege of prefixing or suffixing an English name to the heathen one which your little girl bears. In the States, those who adopt our Hindoo wards often prefer to honor some one living or dead who has been helpful to them in their spiritual lives by giving the name of the beloved one to the Hindoo ward. Sometimes where they desire to honor more than one person, the christened name of one and the surname of another is given, as in the case of *Jamni Jennie Jarvis*, and *Janki Bettie Graham*. In another case, a city is honored by having its name given to the child, while in yet another instance an educational institution of our fellowship, had its name given to the little girl supported by the Young Woman's Christian Association in that university. This is a mere matter of choice, but I find that those who adopted our early wards in Bilaspur and did not add an English name, when their first charges became self-supporting and they asked for a second child, they sent the English name. Perhaps a little bit of local pride may be fostered by giving a local name, and this idea, of course, would be carried out if the child should become a noted worker and her name should often appear in print in connection with her work. There is no hurry about this matter, but if you decide to add an English name, please transmit it to me as soon as you reach a decision, in order that I may enter it upon my records and upon the duplicates which are kept at the headquarters of the Board and still others which are returned to Miss Frost.

Miss Frost may not have told you that she had spent all of her own salary and borrowed money for the support of the children in her

care. I do not know the date of the annual convention at which you decided to adopt this little girl but I very much hope that you can lead your young people (through a circular letter to the Bands) to feel that they would like to re-imburse Miss Frost for the indebtedness she has incurred on account of their little girl. If they can raise sufficient during the year to make their payments run back to February 18th, of 1895, we will all be very happy; but there is no compulsion in this matter although the Board has not the funds with which to re-imburse Miss Frost, and the needs in India are very great. Miss Frost is having to pay famine prices for every mouthful which her children eat, and my records show that the Bina and Mahoba list have fifty-one children that have been adopted by the missionaries of these two stations and put into the care of Miss Frost. If she has not given you a full view of the distressing conditions, in consequence of the famine, perhaps you may care to read this quotation from one of her letters. She says, "Starving children still continue to come to us. We, of course, take them though we have received no support for them. I could not turn them away. If I could not take them I could not endure to stay here. Oh! it is so heart-breaking to see the half starved mothers giving up their little ones. It is only that I know I have something better for them than ignorant heathen mothers can give them that I can endure to take them. There is such suffering from hard times (famine) in the villages as we can not imagine. I have spent all of my own allowance (salary) and am keeping the children clothed, and fed, and doctored, with money borrowed at my own risk. They come in so fast it keeps me busy getting them clothed, and nursed, and doctored, but oh! it is such sweet service and I am so happy."

I am very happy that your young people are also to help in the home for Women in Mahoba. I hope the "April Tidings" will show your Band leaders an exigency in Doeghur which will lead them to make a special effort for the Home at Doeghur. I hope that it will be within your power and your knowledge of the ability of your Bands to make an effort for this other "drop in the bucket," in order that we may purchase the home already built at Doeghur and save the dear missionaries in charge at that station the worry of building in the hot season.

Again with thanks and with great appreciation of your personal efforts in drawing your young people in line with C. W. B. M. work, I am,

Your sister in loving service,
MRS. J. C. BLACK.

RECEIPTS.

Previously acknowledged,	\$146 28
Lord's Cove—	
Ladies' Auxiliary,	7 00
St. John—	
Ladies' Auxiliary,	3 25
Sunday-school,	4 15
A Brother and Sister,	25 00
Total,	\$185 68

CHILDREN'S WORK.

Previously acknowledged,	\$48 21
Leonardville—Willing Workers,	7 00
West Gore—Golden Rule Band,	2 00
Tiverton—Mission Band,	1 00
St. John—Wide Awake Band,	96

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