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## 'Do Not Make My Father's House a Place of Business.'

Once when the lovely spring flowers told Jesus that the Passover time was coming, He went up, with His disciples, to Jerusalem. On the map it looks as if Jesus went down to Jerusalem from Capernaum. But Judea is hilly, you remember, and Jeru-

for people in the East shout and quarrel a great deal when they are buying or selling, or doing other business.

Some of the people who had come up to Jerusalem for the Passover had travelled from countries far away. Their money was not like the Jerusalem money, so they really wanted it changed. And the priests would only take one particular kind of

people who were selling in the Temple. And He turned out the sheep and the oxen; and He told the men who sold doves to take them away, and not turn His Father's house into a shop. Jesus upset the tables of the money-changers too, and poured out their money. Those money-changers got a great deal of their money by being unfair to other people. Perhaps that was one reason why Jesus poured their gold and their silver away.

We feel shocked about those money-changers and sellers of animals. But I am afraid that often we are very much like them. We do not take oxen and sheep and doves into God's House; but often we take silly thoughts and idle thoughts and wrong thoughts with us. And we do not change money, and do other things like that when we go into God's house; but often when we are kneeling down, in church or at home, we begin to think about our work and our play. People who come in suppose we are praying; but Jesus sees into our hearts, and He whispers: "Send these thoughts away. Do not make My Father's house a place of business.—The Children's Way."

## What Can a Friend do for a Foreign Missionary.

(The Rev. Robert A. Hume, India, in the Congregationalist.)

The appropriations of missionary societies never supply all that a missionary needs for his best effectiveness or for all his work. So there are many things which a friend can do to help him become a larger, better, stronger man.

In general, whatever would be helpful to any worker where quickening, uplifting influences were few would be specially helpful to a foreign missionary. A letter, postcard, newspaper, magazine, book, photograph with name attached, or whatever is of a personal character is most helpful to one far away amid many influences that tend to deteriorate and depress. One main reason why loving, thoughtful friends, who often think of their representative in foreign lands, do not let him know this in that they are in doubt about his address. One can always and easily find a missionary's postal address by (1) inclosing the letter to the missionary society with a five-cent stamp and a request to complete the address; or (2) by sending a reply post card to the society and asking for the address; or (3) by looking for it in a Year-Book or almanac of the society; or (4) by writing to a relative or friend of his.

The foreign missionary is without many of the intellectual enrichments of abundant literature, lectures, conventions, visits, etc. One of the best things that a friend can do for him is to send some reading which will inform or stimulate, or uplift or recreate. A marked article in a newspaper or magazine, or a book or a subscription to some periodical will add to a missionary's power. When one has read a book or has reviewed it for the press, he could sometimes send it



JESUS DRIVES OUT THE MONEY-CHANGERS FROM THE TEMPLE.

salem is built on hills. That is why we say He went up.

When Jesus had come to Jerusalem you may be sure that His disciples and He soon went to the Temple. But what do you think they saw when they got inside the great Court of the Gentiles? A regular market was going on there. Men were selling oxen and sheep and doves for sacrifice. Others were sitting at little tables changing money. And there must have been plenty of noise,

money, so even the Jerusalem Jews had to go to the money-changers. But the sellers and money-changers had no business in the Courts of the Temple. How came they to be there? Ah! they gave the priests money; and the priests loved money more than they loved God. So they let the market go on.

When Jesus saw what was being done, He was angry; and He made a whip with pieces of cord, and He drove away all the