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DEAR CHILDREN,—We are now about to give you an interesting account by a correspondent of the *Children's Missionary Magazine* in England, of Mrs. WILSON'S Refuge for Orphans, at Calcutta, in India. Its origin was as follows:—

“A kind lady who once lived in England, and spent her time in instructing English children, was so grieved to think of all the superstitions in which those poor ignorant heathen were living, that she resolved to leave her home, and her friends, and her native country, and to go out to India, to try whether something could not be done to afford them Christian instruction. When she had been a very short time in India, and had made known her intentions among the poor heathen, they were filled with surprise and joy. Several women collected round her, and smiting their bosoms with their right hand, with one voice cried out,—‘*O what a pearl of a woman is this?*’ When they had heard her plan, and were asked whether they would be willing to send their little girls to her school, two or three of the mothers at once exclaimed. ‘Our children are your's. We give them to you!’ Thus encouraged, she commenced her work. A school, called the Central School,