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CHEERING WORDS.

A minister in Ontario writes:—"I enclose you six dollars for 40 copies of the CHILDREN'S RECORD for 1887. We like it very much, and since the new year we have established a Sabbath-school Mission Fund which bids fair to be as large this year as the whole amount raised for all purposes last year and owing to the RECORD." Will not other Sabbath-schools that have not yet established Mission Funds try this plan.

OUR MISSION SCHOOLS IN INDIA.

Miss Ross, one of our mission teachers in India, tells in her report of some things that will interest the young people. She says:

"In August I opened a new school in the money lenders' street. During the first three days no little maiden appeared. On the fourth one little girl came, and for three days had no companion. Her father had sent her. He told me that he would do so and he kept his word. In the first month only ten presented themselves. On September 8th, fourteen were present. The parents were very suspicious. On one occasion news came to me that I was putting bracelets on the girls and drowning them in a pond. Some affirmed that I

would carry them off. I also heard that I was going to give them something to drink that would break their caste.

"Still, from time to time people came in to see what we were doing. I have often been amused at persons coming in apparently in great haste, and asking if I would not teach certain girls; but although I always said I would, in many cases they never appeared. Another would enter, look about him, and say: I see none of my caste here, until I do I cannot send my daughter. Each caste seemed to greatly fear remarks of censure from its members.

"The numbers continued to increase. Now there are eighty-one names on the roll, but the daily attendance only ranges from twenty-five to thirty-four. At times they go out so often to dine with their caste people that the attendance of the majority is very irregular, but they cannot be induced to give up the practice at once.

"When I first brought desks, one little girl thought that they were to be used as seats and that the seats were for footstools and acted accordingly. It was rather laughable to see her perched up on her high seat.

"The dolls which the ladies so kindly sent out have been a source of great interest and attraction. It was surprising to see how closely they inspected them. Since the dolls have been given the attendance has increased, and the hope is that it will go on improving.

PICKING UP THE MINUTES.

One of my little Sabbath-school boys earned a new suit of clothes, shoes and all, by digging dandelions and selling them for greens.

"When did you find time, Jenny?" I asked, for, besides being a very punctual and constant scholar at the day school, he did errands for Mrs. Davis—"when did you find time?"

"There is most always time for what we are bent on," said Johnny. "You see, I pick up the minutes, and they are excellent picking, s.r."