

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

God save our gracious Queen
 Long live our noble Queen,
 God save the Queen;
 Send her victorious,
 Happy and glorious,
 Long to reign over us
 God save the Queen.

Thy choicest gifts in store
 On her be pleased to pour,
 Long may she reign;
 May she defend our laws,
 And ever give us cause
 To sing with heart and voice,
 God save the Queen.

FIELD STUDY FOR JUNE.

INDIA

The sympathy of the whole world has gone out toward India this year as she has struggled in the grasp of the twin evils, famine and plague.

The poverty of the people is excessive when conditions are favorable. The average income has been estimated at from \$3.60 to \$6 a year. If this is the average what must be the income of the poor? Forty millions are living on one meal a day.

There are no luxuries to cut off when hard times come; less food than usual means starvation.

I wonder if there is one of us who has really suffered from hunger once in her life? I went with a party on a May-flowering expedition a long tramp, and we neglected to provide ourselves with luncheon. When we reached the hiding place of the little pink blossoms we were so hungry that we thought as much of bread and butter as we did of the flowers we had walked so far to get. We reached home faint and weary and how good the homely supper tasted.

That is all we know about it, to be hungry and have our hunger satisfied. Hundreds of thousands in India go to bed hungry, every night of their lives.

For an agricultural country the population per square mile is very large. In Europe or America any large country having two hundred people per square mile implies mines, manufactures or the industries of cities: but in India six hundred is often reached in purely agriculture areas.

The average population of the valley of the Ganges where the famine is severe is five hundred per square mile.

When Elijah's prophecy was fulfilled and there was no rain in the land of Israel for three years there was famine in the land. So it is in India today.

The methods of agriculture are such as were in use

in the time of the prophet. Even when the government has built canals to supply water for the crops many of them prefer surface wells and these depend almost altogether on the rainfalls.

The missionaries of all societies have more than they can do in giving relief as they have the means, and caring for the helpless orphans.

Two women were found dead near a mission station and at the side of each a little starving baby. The poor mothers had given the last mouthful to the children.

The missionaries are taking as many of these orphans as they can support and will give them a Christian training.

Some of the best workers in India to-day are said to be the famine orphans saved by Dr. Butler and his wife in the famine of 1866.

One cent a day will keep a native alive; so a little money has a chance to do a great deal of good. One says,— "The cause of Christ may be greatly advanced in India if at this supreme crisis the missionaries may have in their hands the means of saving the people."

"What India wants is the Gospel of Christ in men's hearts. There is no other cure for her ills; whether cholera or plague, famine or poverty all are due to superstition." E. A. D.

ERRATUM—In the May number it was stated that the only other Protestant mission in the city of Chen-tu is the Methodist Episcopal. In reality, the "China Inland Mission" has had a station there for many years.

QUESTIONS FOR JUNE.

Why has the sympathy of the world gone out to India this year?

What is said of the poverty of the people?

What money do they usually make in a year?

How many meals do they have in a day? Any luxuries?

How much do we know about hunger?

What can you tell of the sufferings from hunger in India?

What about the population?

What is the difference between India and Europe or America in regard to population?

What is the population of the famine part?

What is the cause of the famine?

Do they make use of the canals made by the government?

How are the Missionaries of all societies employed?

What sad story of the famine is told?

What are the Missionaries doing for orphans?

Why may they expect good results?

How much money will keep a native alive?

How may the cause of Christ be advanced at this crisis?

What is the real need of India today?

What is the secret of all the evils that prevail today?