

open door for visiting, mother-meetings, and all such work as ladies can do best.

A word about the opposition, as a dark background that lends strength and beauty to the principal figures of the painting, will serve to magnify the wondrous grace of God as seen in these schools. Everything that priests and Sisters of Mercy could do has been done to shut up the six schools. Three schools opened expressly to draw away the children—though tempting, with everything gratis, and promises of food, garments, etc., besides—have had to close, utterly failing in their purpose. A fourth is now open by the side and actually under the same roof as the Glorieta schools and on the same seductive terms, but at the end of three months has not taken away a child. Those who are on the spot have to exclaim, *It is of the Lord!*

God has set His seal upon the work. Many, from the “little ones” of six years to the aged woman of ninety-two, having received the truth, have died rejoicing in Jesus. To Him be all the praise.

This mission is now passing through great trial in common with other mission schools in Spain and various parts of the world. The expenses of these have been met by the honored and now aged servant of Christ, Mr. Müller, of Bristol, and his son-in-law, Mr. James Wright, from the funds intrusted to them, who this last autumn were obliged to retire from the responsibility of supporting these schools on account of lack of funds; but they are as prayerfully interested as ever, and hope that other means may be available for their being carried on; and Mr. and Mrs. Fenn, while daily laying the matter before God in prayer, are making it known, that it may be laid on the hearts of God’s people to care for this branch of their mission, the sum required being about £50 per month in addition to the children’s fees. They are also under notice to leave their principal premises (the Glorieta), which they have used for more than eighteen years for public services and three schools. These have long been inadequate to the need. There being no others, they are obliged to contemplate building. The whole cost of this is estimated at £4000 for very plain buildings. Toward this there is in hand or promised £223, and the offer of £500 if £2500 more can be raised immediately. Five other such sums would be sufficient for this. The time is short, but the Lord can provide not only the £3000, but the whole by that time; if not given, however, Mr. and Mrs. Fenn will still wait upon God for the money. Will not the Lord’s people in America covet the opportunity of helping this purely undenominational mission in the heart of Roman Catholic Spain?

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Every year at a certain church in Spain the priest used to exhibit a hair of the Virgin Mary. An Englishman, not being able to see the hair, went close up to the padre, but being still unable to see it, told the priest that he could see nothing. “Why,” said his reverence, “I have been showing this hair for twenty years, and I have never yet seen it myself!”