

Many boys are too poor to have the chance to learn this kind of work, and get a living by watching the grazing cattle. The cattle and buffaloes of a village are committed to them in the morning, and they drive them about over the fields wherever there is pasture until the evening, when they are brought back in herds to their owners.

One of the great games of the country is to turn loose excited bulls and oxen with cloths on their horns, and then try to pull off the cloths; and these cowboys often amuse themselves by seizing the tail of some frisky young animal and chasing it over the fields.

These children learn much evil from their superstitious and ignorant parents, but they are capable of learning that which is good and true.

One little boy in a heathen family attended a mission school and, with his secular lessons, learned the stories of the Bible and many of its beautiful verses. As he grew older he felt that the idols worshiped by his parents and all his people were not gods and could not save his soul. Several other young men felt just as he did, his younger brother among them, and finally they decided to become Christians. Immediately their friends began to persecute them so much that all went back except this young man and his brother. These two were faithful to Jesus and refused to go back to their heathen ways. So they were turned out of their home and went to a training school to become teachers. There they were baptized and admitted to the Christian Church. Since then, they have both become teachers, and the older one is now a valued and useful instructor in the theological school. He has a happy Christian home to live in, with furniture and books to make him comfortable and contented. But his father and mother live in a low house that looks more like a hut with mud walls and thatched roof, where cows and buffaloes go in at the front door and occupy one side of the square, while the family have their small rooms on the opposite side. For the house is a square enclosure open in the middle. The floors are bare except where they spread mats to sleep on at night. Sometimes in the hottest weather they sleep outside in the street on the bare ground.

The difference between this teacher in his civilized home and his relatives in their heathen houses is what Christ has done for him in his outward life. In his heart Christ has done a great deal more by giving him the blessed Spirit to teach him the truth and make him hate all sin and love God and his fellow-men. His heathen relatives, on other hand, not knowing the true Saviour, are full of fear about the anger of the gods they worship, and know nothing of the peace and joy of trusting in Jesus—REV JNO. S. CHANDLER, of Madura, in *Missionary Herald*.

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