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Q. Who is Dr. Buchanan ?

A. One of our missionaries to India.

Q. How are Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan well fitted to be missionaries ?

A. One way in which they are well fitted is that they are both Medical Doctors, and can heal the poor people's bodies as well as tell them of healing for their souls.

Q. Name another way in which they are well fitted to be missionaries ?

A. They are both ready to deny themselves for the work.

Q. In what way have they done so ?

A. They began work six or seven years ago in Ujjain one of India's heathen cities. They had no good house to live in nor hospital to heal and teach in. Their health suffered from their hardships but they succeeded in getting a house and hospital built and they were beginning to be more comfortable and to see some little fruit of their labors. Now our Church is taking up a new mission to the Bheels, and because Dr. Buchanan and his wife were thought to be specially fitted for that work and had long been interested in it, they were asked to go there and begin the new mission, while others carried on the work at Ujjain.

Q. Who are the Bheels ?

A. A wild, half savage, timid people, numbering nearly one million, downtrodden by their Hindu masters, and living in the hill country near our mission in Central India.

Q. When do our missionaries expect to begin this work among the Bheels ?

A. Next Autumn.

Q. What is Dr. Buchanan now trying to do during his furlough in Canada ?

A. To raise enough money to build a Home for orphan boys, another for orphan girls, a hospital, and a house for the Mission family to live in.

Q. Why does he want the Homes for orphan children ?

A. At all times there are some children whose parents die or desert them, and especially in this famine time will it be so, and here they will be saved perhaps from death or from lives of sin and shame and trained up to be Christian workers among their own people.

Q. What does he want the hospital for ?

A. Here the sick will come from all parts of the Bheel country for help and healing, and will receive the Gospel as well, and will carry it back to their own people. The kindness too which they will receive will make them welcome the missionary to their homes when he goes to visit them.

Q. Is Dr. Buchanan getting any money for these purposes ?

A. Yes. One generous lady, now living in Boston, gave five hundred dollars to build the Orphanage for boys. Another equally warm hearted and generous lady, living in Montreal, gave five hundred dollars for the Orphanage for girls. A kind hearted old gentleman in Charlottetown, P.E.I., gave five hundred dollars towards the Hospital, and a good many others have willingly helped in the good work; and Dr. Buchanan hopes to have enough to start well his work.

In your prayers for the missionaries remember Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan among the Bheels.

TOPSY THE SIOUX GIRL.

At Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, our Church has a Mission school for the Indians, and Miss Laidlaw, the missionary, tells of Topsy one of her girls as follows:—

The first child to come to the school was ragged, cold, hungry.

One Indian woman claimed that she took Topsy because her mother threw her away, but Topsy says they quarrelled over her and this woman took her so that she could look after her children while she was at work; and many a time has this child of five years been seen going up and down town with a papoose strapped to her back.

Topsy says that when she first came to the school she cried because she did not know any one but when there two weeks she liked it because they were kind to her.

When Topsy first heard them speak English she thought she could never learn it, but she learned not only that, but learned to wash, iron, scrub, bake, and cook, and she is so kindly that the children in the home where she now lives are entrusted to her care.

This poor child, a few years ago an almost naked savage, accustomed to roam the woods, winter and summer, is now living at service and able to do her work quite satisfactorily.

She tries too to help others, for she always lays aside a part of her wages for God's work, and when collections were being made a few weeks ago for India's famine, she willingly gave a dollar for that purpose. Topsy is but one girl and if that mission school has done so much for her, how much good must be done among the twenty-five Indian children now in the Boarding School at Portage la Prairie.