

## Foreign Missionary Number



MR. and MRS. E. BLACK.

Missionaries now on their way to Pentecost. They received their training at the Angas Missionary College, Adelaide, and were for some time working at the Aboriginal Mission Station at Cape York, North West Australia. Then they had a very successful term in charge of the Dulhi Gonyah Native Children's Home near Perth. Mrs. Black is a sister of the late Theo. B. Fischer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Black have been members of the Church at North Adelaide for years. The Committee feel that they are fortunate in securing these workers.

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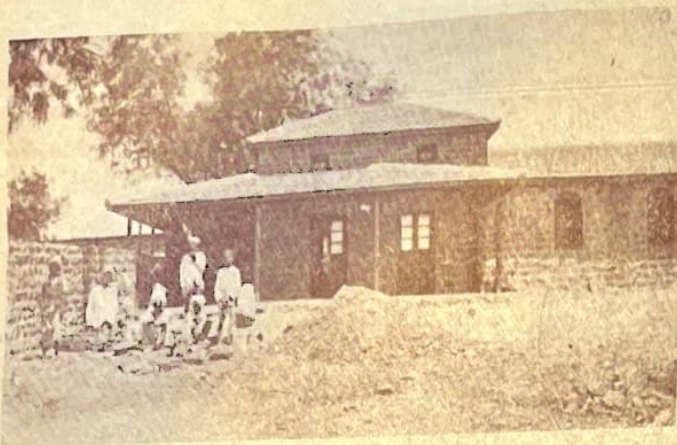


CHURCH AND SCHOOL, SHANGHAI, CHINA.

where Miss R. L. Tonkin has labored faithfully for over twenty years. This photo was taken during the visit of Bro. Geo. Saunders, late Federal Secretary, now in Vigan, Philippine Islands. It will be easy to recognize Miss Tonkin and Bro. Saunders. This work is now under the supervision of a committee of brethren in Shanghai and is practically self-supporting. The Federal Committee are responsible for the rent of the buildings in which the work is carried on.

## Annual Offering, July 4

## Blake Memorial Building, Baramati, India.



Miss Vera R. Blake.

The money for this bungalow was contributed by MISS VERA BLAKE, being a bequest she received from the estate of Captain Blake, her brother, who was killed in the recent war while with the A.I.F. MISS BLAKE is the Superintendent of the Girls' Orphanage that occupies this building. Photo by Miss Ethel D. Jones shortly after her arrival at Baramati.



"One may give without loving, but he cannot love without giving." Giving is the measure of love.



QUITE A HANDFUL!

Miss Cameron is as busy as the picture suggests. She has over 80 boys at Shrigonda, in the fine new orphanage a brother gave last year. The babies from left to right: Vera, Reuben, Mary.

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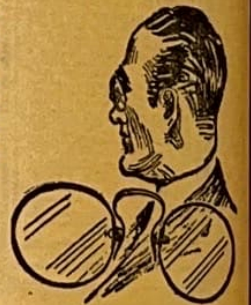
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## Our Missionary Incentive.

"Every disciple," says Geo. A. Gordon, "must be a discipler."

Of all Christian enterprises, Foreign Mission work is the easiest for which money can be raised. So it is frequently said. To this we may add, And so it ought to be. No other cause makes such a great and combined appeal to the imagination, the emotion and the will as does this. As the time for the annual offering for our own work in the regions beyond draws nigh, it is well to consider the special incentives we have for making a most strenuous effort for assisting to the full the Committee to which we have entrusted the direction of our work.

### *Our Lord's example.*

To imitate the Master is the disciple's glory, and he cannot do that while he remains anti-missionary or o-missionary. It is not merely a bright or witty remark that "God had but one Son, and He was a Missionary." It is a sober fact revealed in Scripture and one which ought to make an irresistible appeal to Christians. Jesus is called the *apostle or missionary* of our confession; God is said to have sent his Son to save the world. There is no higher incentive to missionary endeavor than that found in the example of Him who exchanged his wealth for poverty so that others who were poor might become rich.

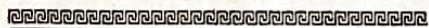
### *The Saviour's command.*

As if conceivably there could be found some one who would not be constrained by the Master's example—if for some disciple it was not enough to be as his Lord—to the force of example is added the obligation of command. He who was sent now sends. "As the Father sent me, so send I you." The "go" of the commission will re-echo till the last nation is evangelised, and till the very consummation of the age. As long as the promised "lo" is claimed, so long must the "go" be obeyed. We have no option. The Christ never asked His disciples if they approved the evangelisation of Asia or Europe or Africa. He does not ask us if we will condescend to do His will. He simply says "Go," and expects that they who call Him Lord will do the things which He says.

### *The zeal of our missionaries.*

He who will calmly consider what our noble representatives on the field have done for the cause will surely be fired by a spirit of emulation. They have cheerfully given

up very much that life holds dear—friends and home and country—for the sake of the gospel. Does not the thought of the thirty years' service in India of our pioneer missionary, Miss Mary Thompson, inspire us? Who can estimate the value of a life thus lived? We consider again the years of faithful work in China by Miss Tonkin, who has now returned. Those of shorter service are not behind in devotion. If the reader of this will stop at this stage and look at the top of our second cover page, he must have his interest in our Indian mission work increased by his appreciation of the self-sacrificing



### DO MISSIONS PAY?

*G. P. Pittman writes:—"While we were away in England on furlough, the work here was in the hands of a native Christian named Paulus Bhengra, one of our evangelists, a man of deep spirituality and strict conscientiousness, an absolutely faithful man and a most lovable personality. He has wonderful organising ability and capacity for detail, and is one of those men whom we would like to introduce to those who doubt if missions pay. His parents were at first demon worshippers and low-down aboriginals. That such a flower should develop in one generation from such stock is an evidence of the miracle working power of Christianity."*



gift of Miss Blake. It is common knowledge, too, that Bro. E. Black, our new missionary to the Islands, gave up a salary several times greater than that he will now receive because he and his devoted wife heard the Master's call. Of every one of our band of missionaries, it might be said what was written of some of old who heard the Master speak: They left all and followed Him. We simply must rally for the support and reinforcement of such folk as these.

### *The increasing demands of the work.*

Our Committee appeals for greater gifts than ever before, simply because the work ever demands more. Since last annual appeal was made the following new missionaries have gone on our behalf: Mr. and Mrs. Escott and Misses Jones and Redman, to India; Mr. and Mrs. E. Black, to New

Hebrides. In addition to these new workers, Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson are missionaries-elect for the new work in China; Mr. and Mrs. Watson hope ere long to be able to return to India, and new volunteers have placed their services at the disposal of the Committee. The Federal Secretary has been appealing for a hospital at Dhond, a medical worker, a teacher for high school, and many other necessary things. More money is needed because more work has to be done.

### *The tragedy of the rupee.*

The enormous increase in cost of living is reflected on the foreign field. The rate of exchange during the past few years has greatly embarrassed all the missionary societies. The English societies have been making urgent appeals, because of the fact that the cost of a missionary to India was twice as much, and to China thrice as much, as it was in pre-war days. "The tragedy of the rupee" has become a missionary byword. From its normal worth of 1/4 the rupee soared to as high as 2/8. This left the missionary societies with the alternative: Either secure a greatly increased income or reduce the number of workers. This problem faces our Committee. Probably there is no disciple between Cape York and Leeuwin who would vote for the withdrawal of a single worker, or our retirement from any outpost. But our verdict has not to be given by word alone. Our gifts are our vote. The need is most urgent. Let us rise to the opportunity.

### *The desire of our hearts.*

Most disciples will support Foreign Missionary work this year because they love to do so. Once in for it, they are always in, for the compensations are so great. But will not all Christians help, and by helping experience the joy which co-operation in the Master's work ever gives? The Christ who has brought so much of joy and of good into our lives can do as much for our dark-skinned brethren. The gospel news is too good for us to wish to keep it to ourselves. Some things grow by sharing, and the blessing which Christ gives is the chief of such. If we forgive because we have been forgiven, if "we love because He first loved us," shall not we to whom so much has been given freely give to others?

# The Great Purpose of Our Mission.

J. W. Cosh, Federal F.M. President

It was very pleasing to read in a report recently received from our representatives on the Indian field that whilst a great deal of their time is spent in educational work, the preaching of the gospel is the most prominent in their mission work, because, after all, the great purpose of the church in sending out its representatives to foreign fields is to win souls for Jesus Christ. Educational work has played an indispensable part in the scheme of missions, but the purpose of it is to make an open door for the entrance of Jesus into men's and women's lives. Education is invaluable in itself alone, regardless of any other purpose.

Then there is the blessed work of the medical missionaries who are skilled, patient, and faithful in hospital and dispensary, relieving the bodily ills, and their work often makes an effective road into men's hearts where the gospel can enter. And so it is with industrial as well as social work amongst the heathen people, but the main purpose of all this work is to find a way into men's hearts, so that they may get the greater benefit as well as the lesser. From the writings of our missionaries it is evident that at times they are influenced as Jesus was, and have "compassion on the multitudes" whose needs are so distressing, all for the want of the mighty influence that comes out from the gospel of God's love in Christ Jesus.

The work of winning souls is intensely the work of men and women who are swayed throughout their being by the Holy Spirit. With the deepest reverence be it said, that when God planned the redemption of the world, he sent a man, "the Man Christ Jesus," for whilst Jesus was much more than a man, we must remember that he was truly and fully a man whom God sent to save the world. He passed on his great mission to his disciples, when he said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you," "Go ye unto all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation."

It is only men and women who have felt the regenerating power of Jesus Christ in their lives who can tell others of that marvellous power. Those who realise most keenly that they have been saved will be the most intent on fulfilling their Lord's command to take to others the glorious gospel which brings light and liberty to men and women, no matter how dark may be their surroundings.

When we read and think of the great work accomplished by the gallant pioneer missionaries, such as William Carey, David Livingstone, Dr. Duff, Hudson Taylor, and many others, we can see that it was this spirit that predominated their lives and made them successful in soul winning amongst the heathen people with whom they labored.

It is the same spirit that possesses our brothers and sisters who have gone out to

the fields, and when they tell us of the needs of the people amongst whom they are working, they expect that we shall respond to the call as far as lies in our power. Again and again they have told us of the needs of more workers in the field. No doubt everywhere they turn, needy, pathetic faces look piteously unto them for help; and wherever there are true men and women, as well as the need, there will be sacrifice, for sacrifice is sin's healing shadow.

Let us remember that nothing worth while has ever been done without sacrifice. We can each and all do something in this great and glorious work. We can pray, render personal service, and give of our means. The greatest of all things we can do is to pray. Jesus Christ lived a life of prayer. He seems to have put prayer first in his life's mission. Persons who are wealthy, and give to good objects, are respected and commended for their works, but there are others who stand higher up in the scale, those men and women who give consecrated personal service. Let us be real and earnest with consecrated powers in this great service to which our Lord and Master calls us, for in these times of reconstruction after the awful war, the needs are greater than ever before, and it requires the whole-hearted co-operation and support of our Brotherhood to satisfactorily maintain the work, and this, I am sure, will again be accorded by a liberal response to the appeal that will be made for Foreign Missions on the 4th of July.

## FEDERAL TREASURER'S MESSAGE.

O. V. Mann.

The Foreign Missionary Committee appeal once again to the brethren and sisters of Australia to make their annual offering for the great and noble work of carrying the gospel to heathen lands. We receive money from different sources, at all times of the year. But it is to this annual offering that we look to decide how far we can proceed in extending the work at our different stations.

There is no lack of faith with the Committee, but all problems have their practical side, and to many of the questions the decision turns upon, "Is there sufficient money available?"

The solution to many of the problems upon the field will rest with the churches on July 4. The high rate of foreign exchange is adding to our financial burden, but we believe the turning point has been reached here. In order to maintain our work, we will have an overdraft before this offering is received. But we are confident that the churches are standing behind us, and will give sufficient to meet all requirements. In order to do this it will be necessary for each one to increase his offering. This may

require sacrifice, but we appeal to you to make it because of Him who made the great sacrifice that enables us to enjoy the freedom of a Christian land, and the freedom of Christian associations, and above all, the hope of eternal life.

Let July 4th be a day of thank-offering.

## WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH TO THE CHURCHES.

Gilbert E. Chandler.

I heard our Federal Foreign Mission Organiser to-day. Briefly, his message was—

(1) Fifty million people in India ready to hear the gospel—that represents an open door.

(2) Flourishing orphanages, schools and dispensaries already established—that represents consecrated work, a little strength in the stronghold of Satan.

(3) The rate of exchange so unfavorable as to make one of two things necessary: either double the offering, or sacrifice some of our hard won fields—that represents a difficulty to be overcome.

Now turn to Rev. 3: 8, and you have not my feeble message to the churches, but the message of "He that is holy, He that is true, He that hath the key of David, He that openeth, and no man shutteth."

Listen! "I know thy works: behold I have set before thee an open door; and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold I will make them of the synagogue of Satan... to come and worship at thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation... Behold I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God."

Surely this message fits. An open door, a little strength in Satan's stronghold, a people who have kept his word, and have not denied his name, a great temptation. Hear the divine injunction, "Hold fast and overcome." Give up nothing. "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches," and double the offering on July the fourth.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS; AN EPITOME.

H. G. Harward.

Following the marching  
Orders of the Great Commander.  
Revealing the love and mercy of the  
Everlasting Father.  
Imitating the example of  
Godly men, and who have carried the  
News of salvation to the uttermost parts  
of the earth.  
Ministering of the grace given to us  
In the power of the  
Spirit of God, in order to the  
Salvation and sanctification  
In this life and in eternity  
Of those in every  
Nation who are willing to  
Surrender to the claims of Jesus.

June 17, 1920

# An Inspiration.

R. L. Tonkin.

Nearly twelve years ago, on my return to China from furlough, Mr. Ware told me that he was sending two girls to Nankin for me. Mrs. Ware told me quietly that the elder one had been sold by her mother for immoral purposes, and that she had been rescued, and with her sister was being sent to the girls' school at Nankin.

About two months later the girl being convicted of sin, asked for the prayers of the teachers and Christian girls, realising that she had broken every commandment. After this it was deemed wisest that she should enter the "Door of Hope," a rescue home for girls and women desirous of leaving the immoral life. At first she was very unwilling, but after talking to her, and promising to get her into a school at the end of her year in the First Year Home, she was willing.

About November of that year she definitely took her stand for Christ, and was baptised in the Miller Road chapel by W. R. Hunt, who was in charge in Shanghai during Mr. Ware's absence on furlough. At the end of her year I took her into my own home, and tried to get her into a school, but owing to the fact that she had been in this rescue home, they would not receive her.

Her father, who was living in Tientsin at the time, asked the ladies in charge of the girls' school of the Mission church he was attending, if they would take her; he was so anxious to learn, and had had no opportunity. He never mentioned her past, and they did not ask. She studied there and made rapid progress, but owing to the revolution her father lost his position, and was unable to support her; so he sent her back to me. I had a letter from the missionaries, and they said that they had never had a better student, and her love for the Bible and its study was wonderful.

After coming to Shanghai, she was ill for a long time, and after her recovery she thought she would like to train as a nurse. She took a course of training in a mission hospital, and passed, and after a year's work in another hospital, she again took an advanced examination, and passed. She is now in one of the large hospitals in Shanghai.

During the time she was in school, her mother came back to live with her father, and together the father and daughter prayed and worked to lead her to Christ, which they did eventually.

In China the custom is for the daughters to be married, and then no longer are they counted as members of the family. The sons remain in the home, and bring in their wives; but in this family there were no sons, only two girls; and this dear girl now is doing the part of a son; she provides for her father and mother in their old age.

Her mother now realises her awful sin in the treatment of her child, and is very hum-

ble and penitent. To see this dear girl now, and as I saw her at first, is an inspiration to try to save others; and if only a few such are saved, it is worth any sacrifice made by missionaries in leaving all and going to the mission fields.

## GIVING TO THE LORD.

J. Crawford,

President, N.S.W. F.M. Committee.

July 4th. Giving to the Lord. We will have a special opportunity of showing our appreciation of the work being done for the Master in the fields beyond, in the far distant places where the heathen sit in darkness, and where millions probably never hear the name of Christ; think of it! millions passing into eternity without hope of the everlasting life in Christ. We are told there is joy in heaven over one sinner. Get it! Joy in heaven over one sinner, irrespec-



These six girls are some of those whom Miss Tonkin has either helped through her home or financed their education. They are all Christians, members of our church in Shanghai. They are trained in the hospitals recommended by Miss Tonkin. The first two on the left of the picture have graduated, the others are in training.

tive of clime or color, led to a knowledge of the truth in Christ. We who know the value of the sacrifice that He made for us, should realise more fully the express command of the Master to go into all the world and preach the gospel, should think of our loved missionaries away in heathen lands, who have sacrificed not only the many material opportunities you and I enjoy, but the fellowship and friendship of brethren and sisters in Christ, but their love for Him has led them out to carry on the work on our behalf for His sake.

Let us then, one and all, seek to realise under the Spirit's guidance, what privileges are ours, as co-workers together, and while we all cannot go, all can give to the support of the missionary effort, that not only the present, but other missionaries may be sent, equipped and maintained in the service for the Master in other lands. Some day the Lord will say, "I gave my life for thee! What hast thou given me?"

## A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

D. R. Stirling, F.M. Secretary for W.A.

We are again face to face with a great opportunity, that of extending the Master's kingdom in other lands. The cries of millions in India and China and other lands are daily going up before the throne of God. Cries for mercy, cries for sight for blind eyes, cries of physical suffering, cries of souls in awful bondage, and God hears them even as he heard long ago the cries of Israel's children in the land of bondage, and he has appeared to us, as he appeared to Moses in the burning bush, and he has given us a command, and that is to do something.

What are we doing, then, for the benighted millions? Have we spent any service for them? Have we spent any money, any tears, and time in earnest prayer? If not, how callous we must be! How contracted must our spiritual vision be! How hardened by selfishness and worldliness must be our spiritual nature!

But surely we cannot be as described, we who love our Lord must love the souls that he loves, and that love will surely prompt us all in West Australia to give of our best in order to reach £200 for our annual offering on July 4th, and so give the £500 which can be raised by West Australia as part of the £10,000 for the Commonwealth for this year of Foreign Missions.

## AN OPEN DOOR.

A. Anderson, Missionary-Elect, China.

"See o'er the world wide open doors inviting,  
Soldiers of Christ, arise and enter in."

Christ commanded, and the apostolic church furnishes precedent for Foreign Mission activity.

Difficulties were not made excuses for breaking this command, but rather acted as a spur. The Divine Record says, "They went everywhere preaching the Word," and even counted it worthy to suffer.

Paul's first missionary journey caused rejoicing, because God had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

In this Divine co-operation lay their strength, and in so far as we rely on this strength, will our activity be.

Open doors are before us—behind them the heathen's appeal. China appeals to-day more than any other. Wide open stands this door, and her people await us. Enter this door we must. God urges us forward, and summons us to this larger work.

This larger work will mean for us, greater zeal, greater faith, and greater sacrifices. It will call also for more laborers, more prayer and more money. Faith, and our eyes directed towards the task, will simply make us enter this door.

"What, my soul? See thus far and no further?  
when doors great and small  
Nine-and-ninety flew open at our touch, should the  
hundredth appal?  
In the least things have faith, yet distrust in the  
greatest of all?"

## New Hebrides Notes.

Bro. A. T. Waters writes from Nduindui:—

"Thirty-six have been united to Himself and added to the church since Christmas; and a score more have 'signed for Jesus' since at headquarters alone.

"We have opened a training school for teachers; nothing pretentious, but promises good, with an average attendance of twenty. Their teacher's name is Peter Takarolalombani.

"Peter Pentecost has raised in his own district and paid over for the support of their own missionary, £75 in English silver.

"Sometimes we have lawyer work to do here. I wrote up the sale papers of a land deal for which £100 in cold cash changed hands. Two chickens was the volunteered (?) fee."

### Why Missionaries Require Furloughs.

One of our missionaries writes:—"Every last tooth that held my upper plate decayed and broke away, so I was left speechless. Now what must I do to be saved from this pit of embarrassment? With pliers I broke away the edges of a broken stump, filed it, bored a hole into it with the handle of a file heated red-hot, and drove in a good tooth with a metal spike which had been put into my jawbone years ago, but which had fallen out. This did the trick like a charm, and now I am set up till I return to Australia."

(Dear Reader,—Is your imagination such that you can realise just what the above means, and the responsibility it throws on you on July 4th?)

### "Isabel"

Is an extraordinary little maid of about twelve years of age. She teaches in the children's school on the Island of Oba. Her reading, singing, and teaching in English, and in the native language, is quite perfect. Besides this, she acts as "handmaid" to Mrs. Waters. She is a beautiful girl, and Bro. Waters says she does all her work beautifully.

### A Baptismal Service at Lolovele.

Picture to yourself a charming river over-arched with great trees and cocoanut fronds; pours its cool spring waters into the sea at this point. But at present the silt has "banked" it in for a few yards, so that it now really forms a little lake overshadowed by the trees. And the sea breezes wafted gently from Pentecost and Maewo, in view eastward over the South Seas water.

The station row-boat has been put in here to soak. A. T. Waters stands in the boat for the preliminary service, surrounded by the whole countryside of some two hundred natives gathered on the banks, a few being in a big tree over Bro. Waters' head, as if in a church gallery. Several native teachers assist in the service by speaking. One candidate was a young woman from the mountains, very "bushy" in appearance, and yet with a sweet spiritual expression. She was

so crippled that an assistant was necessary to immerse her. Another was an ex-"pig chief" of seventy-five years of age.

### SUPPORTING THE COMMITTEE.

A. E. Illingworth, Malvern-Caulfield, Vic.

It is generally agreed now, I think, that one of the brightest stars in the crown of our united efforts for Christ's glory is "Our Foreign Mission Work." The success of the enterprise has already justified the expenditure of time, energy, thought and self-sacrifice. But,

"If what shone afar so grand  
Turn to nothing in thy hand,  
On again; the virtue lies  
In the struggle, not the prize."

Real interest is not in the success, but in the endeavor. We, however, are cheered and encouraged by the success of our devoted fellow-workers in the regions beyond.

The responsibility for the management and oversight of this divinely-appointed task rests upon the members of the respective committees. They have to think and plan and organise, and plead and pray for money all the year round. For them Bishop Butler's words are true: "All things are possible to prayer and faith and grind." They look to us for the money. Ours is the easier task—to supply the money, arouse the enthusiasm, and commend them to God in prayer.

A moment's thought, a quick decision, made in one minute, will in some cases suffice to prompt the disciple of Christ to write a cheque for £5, £10, £50, £100, or possibly £1000, for this work. Only this, and the deed is done. For the majority it may mean more self-denial and more thought, but even then, the anxiety is not on us, but on the committees.

Let us all show them our sympathy by our offerings on July 4th.

### THE WAY OF SACRIFICE.

Mrs. B. J. Kemp,

President, Victorian Sisters' Conference.

"We were three months' journey from our sick daughter," said a missionary recently. Think of the heart-throbs of pain that mother endured as she journeyed from the interior of China to the coast. Of the child's fevered longing for her parents. Yet our missionaries do this as a matter of course. "The way of the Cross means sacrifice." Are we treating them fairly to let them sacrifice all the time, and we do nothing?

When we remember what the advent of Christ meant to women, we should use every opportunity, sacrifice until we feel it, our love to Him being the motive.

If every sister in the church would give but one penny per week regularly, the Foreign Mission Fund would be increased largely. Do not wait for others; begin at once. The silver and gold are the Lord's, to be used in His service.

### A STIRRING APPEAL.

J. Clydesdale, State F.M. Secretary, N.S.W.

Brethren,—The appeal of the fields is before you, and much depends upon your understanding their great needs.

When it comes to the question, "Shall we retrench, or shall we carry on?" we realise we are faced with a crisis.

Was it a sacrifice to give as we have? Is it not a sacrifice our missionaries are yielding to-day?

Do they not show a splendid faith in God and in us?

Shall we not show a similar faith? Instead of retreat, let there be a closer battle.

Let us show our devotion and consecration and self-sacrifice by our discharge of this responsibility that we may have a share in the toil and travail through which Christ's kingdom shall come, and a part in the glory to be revealed.

### "GO YE."

Acts 20: 24; Matt. 28: 19.

Morice J. Blok,

Converted Jewish Evangelist, Mosman, N.S.W.

Brother, sister, in the Lord, does it dawn upon you that this is your calling—that this is your high and holy commission?

Do you realise that His "Go!" is ringing in your ears and reaching to your heart?

"Go" never can mean "stay." It is not a matter of choice without consequences. It is a very definite—yea, it is the last command of Christ to those who follow him.

If you are his, then it is to you the command is addressed. Life holds no higher honor, no more exalted service, than to follow in the footsteps of our Saviour and our Lord. This ought to be our supreme business in this world. So, beloved,

"If we cannot cross the ocean,  
And the heathen lands explore,  
You can find the heathen nearer;  
You can help them at your door."

Let us support our brethren and sisters who have gone forward to the foreign lands. Let us encourage them in going ourselves; but above all, let us "Go" on with our prayers on their behalf, and assist them as cheerful givers in the good and noble work they have done and expect to do until Jesus comes.

### SACRIFICE FOR THE WORLD.

Geo. Stimson,

President, N.S.W. Conference.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believed on him should have everlasting life.

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations." He means us to-day as much as when he said it. If we love him we will want to do his will; so we should demonstrate our love by making some sacrifice for the world that he so loved that he died for it. The coming Foreign Missionary offering is our opportunity. Let us do our best.



# Baramati and Outstations.

Report for 1919.

We began the year 1919 with famine upon us, but thanks be unto God, rain came, and in most places the prospects of a harvest are fairly hopeful. While distress has been very manifest it has not interfered with the preaching of the Word. In some cases help has been given to needy people, and this has opened new doors.

At Baramati we have carried on the usual activities of the past. This year has seen the girls' orphanage grow into quite a large institution, and with the new building completed, we will have a fine establishment, which should enable us to cater for the needs of our district and our Christian community. Our hopes are that it will grow into a fine girls' boarding school.

The evangelistic work occupies the first place in the activities at Baramati. Mr. Sathe, Tersingh-rao, Bhaisingarao, have made a weekly visit to Tandalwadi, Herad, Jaluchi, Malad, Conowdi, and Baramati Kasba, as well as every evening in some part of Baramati town and in the bazaar on beazaar day. Mr. Sathe has also made many trips to the outstations, where his influence is being felt for good.

The school at Baramati is now a registered girls' school, with an enrolment of 80 in December, and an average attendance of 65. Out of these 30 are Bhampta children, and out of the total there are 15 small boys attending the kindergarten class which meets at a different hour from the rest of the school. The average enrolment was 62 for the whole year, with an average attendance of 43. We are fortunate in having secured the services of Dayabai Hamble as a kindergarten teacher. She has been a great help to the school. The primary school is in charge of two trained teachers. The results at the inspector's examination recently were very good. The school meets in the old weaving shed, which is quite unsuitable as it is roofed with galvanised iron. A new building is an early essential. Some of the bigger Bhampta girls (eight in number) only attend school in the mornings, and in the afternoons they work for three hours in a lace class, under a trained teacher. These girls have been receiving one anna per day scholarship, but it is hoped that in the new year their work will be of some commercial value, and that they will be able to make a living at lace making very soon. Mrs. Coventry started this class with the hope that all the lace made could be disposed of amongst the churches in Australia. It will be good if the Field Council will recognise this as a mission industry, and give some grant towards the expenses of it. We received Rs. 132 as grant in aid for our Baramati school for the year.

A night school also meets for the bigger Bhampta boys who have to work during the day. The number on the roll is 20, with an average attendance of 13. Of these boys, 6 are learning masonry, and 5 carpentry, each having received a scholarship of 12

annas per week. Commissioner Starte gave me Rs. 300 for this purpose last February.

The Bhampta Settlement is increasing in size, the population being 194 at the end of the year, of whom 64 are children. Last May a scheme for legalising the settlement was sent up to Government, but to date no reply has been received, but it is expected that orders will be issued at an early date. When this happens the settlement will be doubled in size, and will then take the whole time of a male missionary to care for it properly. A gospel service is held every Sunday evening in the settlement, which we believe is being used of God to soften the hearts of men who were born to crime, and who had no other outlook in life.

Most of my time during the year has been spent superintending building operations. The new chapel was completed and opened during the year. The girls' orphanage is now under construction, and we hope will be finished in a few weeks. Owing to the high rate of exchange we are not getting the money with which to finish this work, but with the large dormitory and lady superintendent's room and outhouses completed, we feel that we will be able to manage for some time.

It is necessary to say a word about the turnout supplied to Baramati. About Rs. 600 was spent on this about 18 months ago. However, it has now been sold for Rs. 350 cash, because we felt that the need of 18 months ago did not hold good in the same way now, as we have more men in the mission, and other arrangements might be made for Indapur. At the same time the horse was unsuitable for the work, which, if it has to be done from Baramati in the future, needs a motor car for effective service. The journey is too long for horses to

do it as quickly as I always want to do it. In the meantime Mr. Sathe can visit, via Pomalwadi, when necessary.

The medical work has been in charge of V. S. Gaikwad, who has kept things going as usual. There were 3074 treatments, including Bhamptas and Christians, who are treated free. Fees for the year amounted to £173/2/3. This is a great opportunity for evangelistic work.

Tandalwadi, our oldest out-station, only has one Christian family in it; the schoolmaster who cares for the little school, which has an average roll of 20, and attendance of 10. This school building is our own property, but is very badly in need of repair or rebuilding.

Conowdi is a new out-station, where a small school of 15 has been started by a master who goes out every morning from Baramati. Several of the Mangs of this place expressed a desire to become Christians, and it was to help these people that we started this school, which meets in a little mud hut.

Shirsuphal school is still doing well. We received a grant in aid for Rs. 72 during the year. The village is visited weekly by Mr. Sathe. It has an average roll of 37, and attendance of 26. The master here is also Secretary of the local Co-operative Credit Society. The master at Tandalwadi fills a similar position.

Diksal.—During the year we closed the school of 40 in this place, owing to the re-opening of the local Board School. We have two evangelists who preach the gospel weekly in a half dozen different villages, and in the Bhigwan bazaar on Sundays. A small dispensary is run by K. C. Chodake, who has treated 1039, and received Rs. 64 2/- as fees. The empty bungalow here is still waiting for missionaries to occupy it.

Indapur.—We have had no regular evangelist in this place, as N. C. Kasbe gave most of his time to school work, and was also secretary of the Co-operative Credit



Baramati Bungalow.  
Miss Elsie Caldicott, Mrs. H. R. Coventry, Mr. H. R. Coventry, Miss Florence Cameron.

Society until he went on leave in October to further his studies. We are fortunate in having the school building belonging to the U.F.C. Mission, in which we hold our school upstairs, and our dispensary downstairs. D. B. Gorde is in charge of the dispensary, and doing fairly well. There were over 1039 treatments, and Rs. 61/1/6 fees for the year. The school is now registered, and has an enrolment of 26, most of whom are Chambers and Mussalmen. We sorely need a resident missionary in this town. Dr. Datta has offered his bungalow on a very low rental. Let us pray that the time may not be far distant when we may be able to send a married couple to this town. The attitude of the people towards us is very friendly, and hopes of definite results are very great. One young man is under instruction, whom we hope will be ready for baptism soon.

The Church.—Regular meetings for the breaking of bread are held at Baramati, where we have an organised church, of which J. Sathe, V. S. Gaikwad and H. R. Coventry are elders, and Tersingh Rao, Bhal-singh Rao, Cangaramji are deacons, while J. Sathe is secretary and treasurer. There are 34 members and 13 adult Christians who have not obeyed believers' baptism, and about 90 children, including the girls in the orphanage. These figures include Indapur and Diksal. During the year Rs. 234 were contributed for Central purposes and Rs. 23 was contributed towards the Bible Society. Last year's balance, and a gift from Shrigonda, and some money from out-stations was given towards the chapel furniture, in all a sum of 251/8/6. We are very happy in our new chapel home. It is a great boon to us.

There were four baptisms for the year. These were Christians who wanted to do His will more perfectly.

Language Study.—We have employed a pandit full time for the whole year, and have much pleasure in being able to report that Miss Blake was successful in her second examination, and Mr. Leach received honors in his first.

The orphanage and Sunday School work will be reported on elsewhere, so I will not mention them here.

We thank our heavenly Father for the great blessings of the past year, and look back upon our mistakes and failures with a determination that we will by God's help try to do His will more perfectly during the coming year.—H. R. Coventry.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S SHARE.

F. Collins, State F.M. Secretary.

South Australia's big share in the Foreign Mission enterprise is not merely a matter of cash. It is faith in the Christ who said, "Go ye." It is active, for we have sent seven of our present staff on the field; and it will reach a bigger and better condition if we raise our apportionment, £1500, on July 4th. Will you help us raise it?

#### A MISSIONARY PEOPLE.

T. J. Gore, M.A.

It is abundantly evident that the Lord Jesus intended his people to be a missionary people. In his last words to his people of all the coming ages, just before ascension, he made this perfectly clear. In what is called the great commission this is strongly and unmistakably set forth (Matt. 28: 16-20; Mark, and Luke 24: 46, 47).

I have just been reading the history of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, by Archibald McLean, President. This society was established, and is strongly supported by the churches, especially of the United States. It has sent out the gospel with much power and effect in India, China, the Philippine Islands, Japan, and other lands, and such men as Dr. W. E. Macklin have done a great work in the foreign mission field in connection with this society. Australia was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Wharton, by Mr. Ware, by Mr. Rains, by Mr. McLean, and many others, who in connection with this great missionary society have done a great work.

No doubt this work called "The Foreign Missionary Society," can be had through the Austral Co., Melbourne. I would strongly advise our brethren to obtain a copy. I may say I have enjoyed very much the reading of this report of great work done. It is a book of 415 pages.

#### THE GREAT COMMISSION.

Ethelbert Davis,  
Secretary, Queensland Conference.

Daily readings to July 4th, Matt. 28: 18-20; Mark 16: 15, 16; Luke 24: 45-49; Acts 1: 8.

We have missed the meaning of the commission if it makes no appeal to our hearts. "Go ye" was the Master's command. To that command the early disciples personally responded, and were found in Jerusalem and Judea, and Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth, preaching Christ and him crucified. Personally they witnessed for Christ as long as they lived.

To each succeeding generation that command has been repeated. Augustine heard it in the sixth century, and hastened with the gospel to Britain. Ramund Lull heard it centuries later, and went to the Saracens with the gospel of Christ. Centuries later Carey heard it repeated, and away he went to India. Davey heard it, and went to Japan. Filmer heard it and went to the New Hebrides.

It is being repeated to us to-day down here in the twentieth century. What are we doing about it? Some, having heard it are preparing in the College to go to India and China and Japan and Africa and the Islands. The Master wants to know what you and I intend doing. We cannot go, so we will give; and that of our best. The amount of our giving should not be determined until we have studied the commission in the light of the Cross.

#### THE CHRISTIAN'S DUTY.

Mark 16: 16.

J. Ernest Allan, North Richmond, Vic.

God has  
Ordered His disciples to

Present the true  
Religion of comfort to  
Every

Aching and  
Comfortless  
Heart. The

Teeming millions of the  
Heathen world  
Expect us to

Gladly  
Obey by  
Sending them  
Preachers of the  
Everlasting  
Love of Jesus Christ.

#### SENDING, GOING, GIVING.

Thos. E. Rofe, Wahroonga, N.S.W.

If ever the response to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost," was needed, it is to-day. China calls with its untold millions, India with its countless hordes, the Islands of the Seas with its people who have never heard the blessed name of Christ. These, yea, and many more, cry out, "Come over and help us." Some can go, and many others can send. What is to be your part in the salvation of souls? Are you going yourself? or are you sending some one in your stead? You can send your substitute by your gifts. Go, or Give!

#### GIVE YE THEM TO EAT.

G. McKie, Henley Beach, S.A.,  
Twenty Years a Missionary in China.

It has been truly said that God had only one Son, and he was a foreign missionary. Yes, it cost something for God to save mankind. It cost him his best; may we not reverently say it cost him his all? That "unspeakable gift." It is God who gives and sends, and it is he who asks us, his Son's followers, to give and to send. Is it not sad—sad beyond words to express—that after 2000 years we still face a world of human beings the greater number of whom are still without God and without Christ and without hope? Do you realise that there are still one thousand million non-Christians in the earth—that of every 100 souls in the world only 34 are Christians, the other 66 are non-Christians? In the British Empire alone there are 363 million non-Christians,—that of every 100 souls in our Empire only 16 are Christians and 84 are non-Christians? Who is to blame for this sad fact? What are you doing to give to other people the faith which alone makes your life worth living? Let us be up and doing on July 4th next. Give ye them to eat.

# After Thirty Years.

Thos. Hagger, President South Australian F.M. Committee.

It was the visit of Bro. and Sister G. L. Wharton, of India, to the Churches of Christ in Australia in the year 1889 that aroused us to attempt to do something in the great work of evangelising the non-Christian people of the earth. The following year in more than one of the Colonies (as the States were then called) the Conference of the Churches appointed Foreign Missionary Committees; but it was not till 1891 that our first missionary (Miss Mary Thompson) left for her field of labor in India, where, under the blessing of God, she continues to work.

And now, after thirty years, we are represented by twelve European workers in India, and by four in the New Hebrides. Besides these, numerous native preachers, teachers and workers in other departments are sustained by us; and two Chinese brethren are supported as evangelists among



Two of our Indian Orphan Babies. Joseph (with hands up), one and a half years. Nani Thorat (famine baby), two and a half years, weighs a little more than 10lbs. Both improving wonderfully on 4d. a day.

their own people in this country. Our brave and heroic worker—Miss R. L. Tonkin—who for so long has been alone in China, is now home, but we are glad that work in that great country is not to be abandoned. Four excellent and worthy young people are waiting to be sent there, and as soon as possible it is expected that these will go to that field. Quite a number of others have offered themselves for the work in our various fields, and are now in training. To God be the glory for the growth of the missionary spirit among us.

As I see it, the two greatest needs of our work in the regions beyond are qualified doctors and increased giving. The first need is likely to be met before long, as several of our young men are studying medicine with a view to become medical missionaries. And they are to be commended for their willing self-sacrifice. In the second matter, every member of every church known simply as a Church of Christ in this land should have a hand. This year our total and combined giving to this work should not be a penny less than £10,000, much of which should be

contributed on July 4. This amount is needed for our ever-growing work, every penny of which can be well used.

The giving of this sum would be a fitting celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of our entering into this work. By prayer and determination it can be done, and God will be glorified as a result. Let rich and poor alike decide to bear a worthy part in the giving of £10,000 for Foreign Missions this year. It will mean that each must do more than in any one year before, but that should delight us.

## WHAT WOMEN OWE TO MISSIONS.

Mrs. H. Berry.

President, W.A. Sisters' Conference.

Women of Australia, have you ever thought of your position? Living in God's own country, free, untrammelled, your husband's equal and joy, your children's guardian and guide, food and clothes in plenty, enjoying all the privileges and pleasures of a Christian civilisation, have you ever thought how much you have to be thankful for?

Women of Australia! Have you ever thought of the position of your sisters in India, in China, in the Islands of the Pacific? Bound down by the rigid hand of custom, looked down on, and regarded as mere chattels, often on the verge of starvation, and crying in vain for help, to idols of wood and stone, have you ever thought what is your duty to these?

"Go ye into all the world," Christ said. Ask yourself first, "Can I go?" If you can—Go! If not, send. Send others with your money and your prayers.

## SHARING THE MISSIONARY BURDEN.

A. B. Chappell.

All who are interested in the heathen will have heard that new workers have recently gone out to our foreign mission fields. That there are among us strong men and women of God who are willing and able to take Christ's message to those in darkness should increase the interest of us who remain at home.

They cannot realise how strange the customs of the people to whom they go will be; nor can they understand how dominated by Satan they will find the heathen. Then, in teaching the native Christians, unexpected difficulties will arise.

It is not fair that these missionaries should bear their burden alone. To share the work with them is our duty and privilege. We can pray for them, write encouraging letters to them, and deny ourselves to assist in their support. These acts, taken hold of by God, are mighty to overthrow the evil one.

## MY BROTHER'S KEEPER.

Eva V. Anderson,  
Missionary Elect, China.

Unquestionably, the Lord himself taught us the value of the human soul. His healing the sick, curing the blind, casting out demons, all teach us that he yearned for the salvation of souls. It was for this he died. The heart of Christ is depicted in the parables of the Prodigal Son and the Lost Sheep.

Christ's valuation of the human soul should be ours. We must have the same passion for souls that our Master had. As he wept over Jerusalem, so should we weep over those who are still in heathen darkness. What valuation have we put on their souls? Have we asked ourselves the question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Christ answers this question by his command: "Go ye," and thus makes the responsibility of these heathen nations ours.

"But far away in a lonely spot,  
Men bow in fear before each idol shrine,  
Of Christ, the world's Redeemer, they know not,  
Yet are they not our brothers—yours and mine?"

## SHALL WE PASS BY?

R. Harkness, B.A.,

President, S.A. Conference.

In the well-known parable of the Good Samaritan we have the picture of a man lying by the wayside, bruised and bleeding from the rough handling of the robbers.

Two men, the priest and the Levite, are travelling along the same road, but pass by on the other side. It remains for one who was regarded as an alien in Israel to stop and tend the wounded man, the good Samaritan.

Could we think to-day of the wounded man as being the representative of the heathen world? There he is by the wayside, maimed by cruel customs, and by a false religion, robbed of his rightful heritage of happiness and salvation.

What shall be our attitude towards him? Shall we argue as probably the priest and Levite argued, that it is really no concern of ours, and pass by?

We have not so learned Christ.

If it were only a matter of this life we know that the heathen need Christ, for we are assured by those who have studied life in the heathen world, that those who sit in the darkness live without joy and die without hope.

They need the Christ who can pour into their wounds the oil of His love; they need the Saviour who said, "I came that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly."

Let us not, then, pass by, but let us hold out a helping hand to those whose need is so great. Let us do our part to make known to them the gospel of the Son of God, for thus shall we love our neighbor as ourselves.

## Baramati Girls' Orphanage.

Miss Vera Blake, Superintendent

At the beginning of January, 1919, we had in residence in the Orphanage at Baramati, 27 children. During the year 22 more have been admitted. We have had 4 losses, one a boy, by transference to Shrigonda, 2 babies by death, and 1 child has been withdrawn by her parent. This leaves a total up to the present of 45. Of these, 6 are children of our poorer workers, *i.e.*, 4 from Shrigonda, 1 from Diksal, and 1 from Baramati. These are not on our orphan list. The parents of these are required to clothe their children, and if possible pay a small fee. Deducting these 6, there is a remainder of 39. We believe that the support of these 39 has been in every case generously undertaken by brethren and sisters in the home land.

We are pleased to report on the healthy condition of our children. There have been a few minor illnesses, but when compared with the losses by sickness and death of orphanages in other districts, we are thankful to have escaped so lightly. Of the two who died, one was the poor little opium baby whom we tried to save; the other was a wee babe who from her first day amongst us did not seem to thrive.

Joseph, the opium boy, was well and fat, so has been sent to live with the other boys at Shrigonda. Fanny quickly repaid us for proper treatment, and is now quite a sturdy little girl. (She was the two and a half year old, 10½ lb. baby.)

A review of the past 12 months shows great changes without and within. A 5½ ft. stone wall, almost completed, encloses the orphanage grounds. A new stone building, half of the original plan, is almost ready for occupation. We believe somebody at home has donated another £200 for this work, and it will enable us to erect the remainder of the building, we hope, at an early date. We really need the room. Our present two tiny houses, each about 20 x 12 ft., cannot contain the number who sleep there, and the children lie closely packed both within the houses and on the verandah. One of these houses, too, will have to be pulled down very shortly. The missionary in charge of the girls will be living in their midst, as the new building has been designed with that object in view, and a room set apart for that purpose. The foundations are all laid for the other half of our building.

An almost even greater change than the appearance of the compound is the change in our girls' appearance. Where is now the wild, ragged, untidy looking child of 12 months ago? Some hang their heads with shame at the remembrance of their former condition. But is it not characteristic of the religion of Jesus Christ? First comes the external change, and gradually the change from within shows itself in transformed expressions and altered behaviour. Even a child of apparently weak intellect has improved mentally and physically under the

influence of good food and surroundings and Christian treatment.

I might say much more regarding these little ones. Some are progressing well at school, 3 having gone through from kindergarten to 2nd standard in 12 months. Many can now sew really well. All who can do so take their share in work. They wash all their own clothes, grind most of their grain, and the bigger ones learn to cook. Little girls do lighter house tasks. We aim at making really good house-wives. We want them to be good, useful, Chris-



Miss Vera Blake and some of her orphan girls, Baramati. Photo taken, Jan., 1920.

tian wives and mothers. If we can train fifty or one hundred girls into God-fearing women, we feel we will be doing our part in fitting them for a life of future activity and usefulness. For they, who have learned the freedom of service for the Lord will be able to help on their way their neighboring sisters who are but now slowly emerging from the bondage of heathenism.

### THE LAND OF SINIM.

J. Wiltshire,  
Ex-Federal F.M. Secretary.

The prophet Isaiah (ch. 49: 12) saw a way made for those from afar, from the north and from the south to come and participate in Zion's joy. He saw also a throng coming from the "land of Sinim." There is almost uniform agreement amongst scholars that this means the great land or a part of the land of China. I do not know that the beautiful promise belongs peculiarly to the Chinese; I do not know it does not. Certainly the ways of the Lord must be exalted before them, and they must "feed in the ways and have their pastures in high places." They must be brought to him who satisfies hunger and who quenches thirst; who in mercy defends and graciously leads to springs of water.

Bro. and Sister Anderson, Bro. and Sister Garnett, with all the brightness and promise of life before them at home, have gladly laid themselves on the altar of sacrifice for China. They await the order to go. The Foreign Missionary Committee await the Brotherhood's mandate of July 4th. Let it be emphatic,

### SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITY.

A. C. Rankine, Brisbane, Qld.

This is surely the day of golden opportunity for the evangelisation of the heathen world. Every nation is practically open now to the missionaries of the Cross of Christ. The open door is everywhere. Surely we can regard the opening of heathen lands and nations to the gospel as one of the mightiest miracles of the ages. The wonderful inventions have made the world shrink to small proportions. One hundred years ago it was a large world. Its distances were unmeasured, and its vast regions unexplored. What a change now! What order the sea have brought the whole world together, and every morning through the daily press we are in touch with the nations of the earth.

The Bible has been translated into most of the languages of the races of men. What an impetus has this given to missionary work! There is the fact that the nations are in the melting pot. Although there is as yet so much confusion outwardly, we believe heathen nations will take the stamp which the church is powerful enough to impress. The great world war has brought about a condition among the nations that necessitates a re-making—a reconciliation. The Church of Christ must seize the golden opportunity to reconstruct the nations and establish them in righteousness. Dare we withhold from them that alone which will make for righteousness? Christ for the world is the need of the world. We have the wonderful gospel of Jesus to proclaim to the world. Let us awaken to our responsibilities, and send out the gospel and stamp upon the nations the image of Christ. Let the Queensland churches fall into line and make a great offering for missions on July 4th.

### £500 FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

F. Enchelmaier,  
Vice-President, Queensland Conference.  
Five hundred pounds! Can we do it? Yes! How?

Last statistical returns show a membership of 1700. The simplest way will be for

250 to give £1 each . . .	£250
300 to give 10/- each . . .	£150
300 to give 5/- each . . .	£75
350 to give 1/6 each . . .	£25

That still leaves 500 members whose interest in Foreign Missions is not keen enough to prompt them to give anything at all. Those 500 giving as unto the Lord would make our offering what it ought to be—a worthy offering from every member.

Why give to Foreign Missions?

Jesus said, "this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations; then shall the end come." How shall it be preached if we do not "go" or "give"?

Brethren, let us rally to the call of our Leader, and do our part in sending the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth!

# The Church's Need of Missions.

W. R. Hibburt, Fremantle, W.A.

It is impossible to divorce the church and missions. Foreign Missions are an inseparable part of the church. It is like subtracting 5 from 5, or the church from the church, when you attempt to subtract missions from the church. The question now before the brotherhood is not merely whether the heathen need missions, but whether the home church can be saved without that aggressive gospel represented by the term Foreign Missions. After the most optimistic soul has thought the best to-day concerning the home church, he is still left lamenting over the appalling dearth of aggressive spiritual life. The great source of encouragement comes from the mission field. The home church with its wealth, education, talent, and machinery, seems to be minus the driving wheel—spiritual power. But missionaries, against great odds, imperfectly supported, imperfect equipment, are sowing and reaping abundantly. If our Lord should return to-day, it is the one thing that would save us from humiliation.

but the missionary has never forgotten that it the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. Hence the wonders and the supernatural reports from the mission field.

(3) The home church has lost the art and power of prayer. Missionaries advance upon their knees. The church is accomplishing and achieving to-day because of missionary prayer circles.

If these facts be true, we must give on July 4th not only to save the people of foreign lands, but also to save ourselves.

## TO THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCHES.

H. R. Coventry, Baramati, India.

To you all comes the joy of fellowship and communion with many kindred souls in the flesh, and while we cannot be present we rejoice that we, too, have that mystic communion though far removed and separated by vast waters.

To you comes the joy of participation in

work, that we might be able to help educated India to become actuated by Christian principles and ideals, and also help neglected India, the submerged tenth, to rise in the strength of Christian manhood to take their place in the new born nation.

Let us concentrate, concentrate, but how? Two married couples are needed immediately for this purpose. Can you send them?

We wish you all a benediction of the Lord, and ask for your constant prayers.

## THE VALUE OF THE YOUNG WOMAN'S MISSIONARY CIRCLE.

The Missionary Organisation for Our Girls.

Violet F. Knott, Supt. Victorian Y.W.M.C.

In our churches and our homes, there are young women with their bright hopes and ambitions, ready to be consecrated to the Master's service, but waiting the real call to action. What better object could be brought before them than the cause of missions?

In these busy times when there is so much to claim the attention of young people, our girls are in danger of becoming self-centred and investing in that which only brings fleeting pleasure, or perhaps in literary pursuits that result in the culture of the mind without that higher culture of the heart that comes from sacrifice for other's good. What greater inspiration can our young women have than the study of mission work carried on by other young women who have given up all selfish interests for the privilege of service with Christ for their less fortunate sisters.

What a joy comes to the heart of the Circle girl when she truly joins hands with these consecrated workers and links her life by prayer, study and offerings with those who have gone to labor in her stead.

May we pray that "the beauty of the Lord our God may be upon them, and that he will establish the work of their hands upon them." And let us help answer our prayer by organising Circles in all our churches.

## OUT OF DARKNESS INTO LIGHT.

Miss C. Jerrems,  
Supt. Victorian Women's Mission Bands.

We sit in our comfortable buildings and sing, "Far, far away in heathen darkness dwelling." The heathen sing, "Near, near at hand, in heathen darkness dwelling." If you could choose, which would you sing? As Paul heard, so we to-day hear the cry from Macedonia, and the uttermost parts of the earth, "Come and help us."

We cannot all go, but we can give of our substance as the Lord has prospered us. We can comfort with loving messages, we can sustain by prayer. We cannot realise what a blessing missionaries are to the heathen till we remember that by their ministrations they are lifted out of darkness into His marvellous light. Just as we here. As we were saved by the gospel of his grace, so must the heathen be saved. But how can they hear without a preacher? Send one.



Mrs. Coventry and her Kindergarten Class at Baramati. February 19, 1920.

Missionary enterprise is our one hope of sustaining an aggressive spiritual life. We can never hope to project ourselves further than our missionary ambition, nor progress faster than our missionary enterprise. We have labored under the delusion that the home church is sustaining Foreign Missions, but missions are saving and sustaining the home church in at least three vital ways:—

(1) In recent years the church has been endangered by an attempt to remove the Cross from its central position, but our missionaries counteracted it by centralising the Cross. They have always been heralds of the Cross, men and women who glory in nothing save the Cross, preaching Jesus Christ and him crucified. They preach fearlessly the story of the Cross, and all their conquests come via the Cross.

(2) The church has made the present dispensation one of methods and machinery,

the greatest Christian enterprise of the age; the evangelisation of non-Christian lands. It is a blessed privilege. We have the joy of knowing that your efforts are not without fruit, and that men are being born again.

This year, as never before, we need a church on her knees, sanctifying herself for service. What offering does the Lord want from us? This question each soul must answer. He may want your life. He may want your son's or daughter's life for his service. He may want your wealth.

Our empty bungalows, neglected opportunities, extensive instead of intensive work are all calling for men and women consecrated to Christ.

The high rate of exchange calls for doubled giving, else we will not be able to keep our present work going.

The promise of constitutional government in India calls for hastening in our

## OUR OBJECTIVE.

Les. C. McCallum, B.A.,

President, Victorian F.M. Committee.

The year 1920 is important in the history of missionary work among the Churches of Christ in Australia, for it marks the thirtieth anniversary of the outgoing of our first missionary, Miss Mary Thompson. Then we had one station and one missionary, while to-day we have three distinct fields, many stations, and over twenty missionaries. The work is growing, and wonderful opportunities await us.

India is ours for evangelisation; China is an open door for the gospel. Are we in the name of our Lord going up to possess these lands? Much depends upon the answer given by the churches on the first Sunday in July. £10,000 and more is needed if we are to hold the fields already occupied and begin an aggressive campaign of missionary endeavor.

Victoria has taken as her share of the £10,000, £3,500; £2,500 of which is asked for in the July offering. Reader, success or failure depends upon you. We have a fine band of consecrated young people in training for service in the regions beyond, and if these are to reach their ambition of service an ever-increasing stream of gifts must reach the Federal Treasurer. It has been said to the glory of our Australian soldiers in the great war that they never failed to measure up to any call made upon them by their leaders; where others failed, they made good. Can we afford to show in the service of our Master a spirit any less sacrificial and grand?

Let each one by prayer, by sacrificial giving, prove his loyalty to his Lord by the answer given on July 4th.

## TO DENY IS TO DIE.

H. G. Payne, Inverell, N.S.W.

Foreign Missions appeal for activity and generosity. Present economic conditions offer an apparently valid excuse for inaction, and the withholding of financial help on the part of supporters, while from the missions' viewpoint they offer the greater inducement to effort. Remember that economy denying assistance may wear the garb but not the character of prudence.

Selfishness spells suicide. The stroke of a pen, the blow of a pick, release physical energy which benefit the users and ultimately contribute to the world's common store of heat. One might rest and say: "I will retain my energy and conserve my power for myself," but such inaction while easing some organs of the body would impose on others an undue strain, causing disease and death, while those organs which apparently were gaining by ease would be losing by atrophy. Hence inaction is harmful; selfish repression does not conserve strength.

So spiritually. Refuse to exercise powers, graces, opportunities, as they come, and it will be found that such refusal will react to our own loss. "From him that hath not

shall be taken away even that which he hath."

"He is dead whose hand is not opened wide,  
To help the need of a human brother;  
He doubles the length of his life-long ride  
Who of his fortune gives to another;  
And a thousand million lives are his  
Who carries the world in his sympathies  
To deny  
Is to die."

## HASTEN HIS COMING!

H. C. Ludbrook.

"He is coming! He is coming! The Prince is here!" rang in joyous crescendo from the lips of the multitude who for long hours had stood in eager anticipation of a glimpse of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales upon his arrival in Melbourne. Ordinary pursuits had been made subservient to his coming. The crowds hailed him with acclamation, and rightly so, for he is the son of our King.

The advent of a Greater is surely at hand. Amongst the rejoicing people, how many gave one thought to the coming of that King at whose name every knee shall bow, and whom every tongue shall confess as Lord of all? Before he comes, however, "the gospel must be published among all nations." Here is the Christian's opportunity of hastening his coming. The first duty of the church is the evangelisation of the world. The finest men and women are needed for this work. The chief theme of our prayers should be the extension of the kingdom, the first charge upon our money the Lord's work, and the predominating interest in life that of missions.

"Send forth thy word, and let it fly  
The spacious earth around,  
Till every soul beneath the sky  
Shall hear the joyful sound.  
From sea to sea, from shore to shore,  
May Jesus be adored,  
And earth, with all her millions, shout  
Hosannas to the Lord."



Zamane, one of our Orphans at Baramati, India.

## CHRISTIANITY THE SALVATION OF INDIA.

June 17, 1920.

Miss Elsie Caldicott, Baramati, India.

I praise God for sending two more willing workers out to this darkened land of India. Truly, it needs all who can come. And we who are here feel that now when India as a country is fighting to get home government, now is the time Christianity needs to make more progress amongst them. Home rule in India without Christianity means the downfall entirely of the country. Home rule in India with Christianity means in time the salvation of the country. We must give these people who are educated and put in power that which will help them to rule their own country which will help them. So I say, Praise God for the uplifting of out to further the great effort of the Christian church in India.

## SHRIGONDA BOYS' ORPHANAGE.

Florence Cameron, Superintendent.

There are 74 boys in the Orphanage; one little boy has been adopted by a good Christian family; one who was old enough has gone to work elsewhere. We are thankful to say that there have been no deaths amongst the boys, and very little sickness.

The general conduct of the boys has been good, and we feel that the teachings of Christ are having a visible effect on their lives.

Owing to famine, it was a hard year financially, but looking back, we consider how every real need has been supplied, and know a loving Father's care has been over all. Through the help of friends in the home-lands, and the Famine Relief Fund, we have been able to add a store-room, 10 x 14ft., and kitchen, 10 x 13ft., to the Orphanage. These were greatly needed.

We would here take the opportunity of thanking those in the home churches who, from time to time, sent gifts of clothing, toys, etc., for the boys; clothing is always needed, and the toys were saved for Christmas, so enabling every child to receive something which helped to make its Christmas a happy one.

The school work has been most satisfactory; the school was finally registered during the year, and at the time of examination the majority of boys passed well.

In the case of boys who before coming had reached the ages of 11 or 12 years, and had never before attended school, the progress has been remarkable. This we feel is partly due to the interest of the teachers, which fed the enthusiasm of the boys.

We have been able to have built the big school-room, 31 x 19ft., and this has meant much to the boys and teachers to have a suitable place in which to study and teach.

The boys learn eagerly, and their enthusiasm makes working amongst them a pleasure; they are happy, and we believe they are learning to appreciate Christianity.

We believe, too, that God is planning, and we trust that you are praying with us for this work, and in this belief we enter upon the new year with strong hope.



Mrs. Mary Thompson and Her Co-workers.

This picture of F.C.M.S. missionaries suggests the great work being done by our American brethren in India. Our own Mary Thompson, of Harda, is in the centre of the group, in the last row of ladies. The building is the Chapel and Bible College at Jubbulpore.

### WORKERS TOGETHER.

A. J. Fisher, Marrickville, N.S.W.

Most articles in this issue will appeal for F.M. supporters to aid the work for the sake of Foreign Missions. And to this appeal all F.M. enthusiasts will respond. But some, through various reasons, emphasise other channels of Christian service, and they may say, "I'll leave F.M. alone!" For instance, many to-day are enthusiastically working for temperance reform, and they may say, "Why divert my attention to F.M.? I am a prohibition worker, and, like Paul, 'this one thing I do.'"

To the sincere prohibitionist, F.M. should come with an irresistible appeal. His vision is world-wide prohibition, and yet he forgets that an evangelised Christian world will be a world free from the liquor evil. "The most successful way to promote prohibition is to invite men and women to give their hearts to Christ. The fight against habits is vain without His help; but when He holds the hand of the tempted man, victory is sure." So world-wide prohibition and world-wide evangelisation are indeed "workers together."

To our shame be it said, that prohibition successes are endangering heathenism. Brewers, forced out of North America, are transplanting their outfits to China, and forcing alcohol down the throats of Chinese. The greatest safeguard against this is a virile Christian consciousness, and if this is created by F.M. activity, the liquor interests will have greater difficulty in transplanting their devilish institutions. Thus, again, we see that Foreign Missions and prohibition must work hand in hand.

Missionary activity is the great counter-attack against the encroachments of liquor upon heathenism. Sorrowfully have we read how, at times, the same boat has carried Bibles and booze; publicans and preachers booking passages for the same destinations. Brethren, this is to our shame; but now, let

us arise with such enthusiasm for Foreign Missions and prohibition, that there will be no cargo space for bottles, and no accommodation will be sought by brewers. Gifts, larger than ever before are needed, and with these the missionaries now on the field can be better supplied with necessities, and their ranks can be reinforced by a mighty army of new ambassadors of the Cross, workers together with God and with all lovers of righteousness.

### MESSAGE FROM BRO. T. ESCOTT, Shrigonda, India.

We appreciate your prayers and wishes on our behalf, and the Master's work here. I believe that much of the success of the work in the foreign field depends a great deal on the co-operation of God's people in the home lands, and where this vital connection is recognised, it manifests itself in a deeper interest in the work, which calls forth a volume of prayer, the forerunner of the birth of souls.

This week the wife of one of our co-workers died after a lingering, painful illness, extending over a period of five years. I attended her during the latter time of her illness, and when the end came, it meant one had to make the coffin and carry out the necessary arrangements for burial.

Just lately I was called out to attend some cases; and at one house a crowd of about 150 gathered, an opportunity we embraced to tell them of the story of eternal life.

The dispensary opens up the hearts and homes for the entrance of the gospel message.

At our morning service to-day we had two men; one desires to become a Christian.

I trust that your annual offering in July will be a time of rich blessing, and that thereby the cause of Christ will be forwarded in the home and foreign field.

### GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THY STEWARDSHIP.

H. U. Rodger, West Moreton, Qld.

This word stewardship should be continually before us. Have we ever fathomed its true significance in its relationship to our responsibility to God? There is a great difference between a steward and an owner—between a servant and a master. As a steward or a servant we are responsible to another for that which we hold. A young bank clerk in Queensland was arrested a short time ago for appropriating to his own use money which belonged to the bank. The charge was proven, and he was found guilty of being untrue to his trust. He was dishonest; he was unfaithful in his stewardship.

Am I a steward? Do I hold something belonging to another? God's Word tells me that I am his, "Ye are not your own." If he owns me, he owns all I possess. Owning me and all I possess, he has a right to direct how, when, where I use that which belongs to him. But where will we find direction? Surely in his Word, "Sell all, and give to the poor"; "Go ye . . . and preach the gospel"; these are hard sayings, are they? He is directing regarding his own, and if we hesitate to carry out his directions then we are unfaithful, dishonest, unworthy. If he asks us to leave all and follow him to some dark corner of the earth and live for him there, he only asks what he has a right to. Has he ever asked us to do this? Some will answer, Yes; thank God for it; they have heard, and they have gone. To-day they are "over there," spreading the gospel. Others reply, "No." No! (We are very definite about it.) Then he tells us to give. Either the one or the other, Go—Give. How much? All that we can and are willing to give; all that we have; until we are prepared to do this we have not done enough. Remember what he did, "He who was rich, yet for our sakes became poor." Am I a faithful steward, or am I robbing God? Go or Give!

### GOD'S SUB-HEADQUARTERS.

Walter M. Fiedler, Northam, W.A.

The evangelisation of the world has been left to human hands. Christ has made no other provision. As disciples of the Master we are called upon to fulfil his last will and testament. Our aim should be as broad as Christ's—the whole wide world for Jesus. Someone has said that this world is God's prodigal world, and he is earnestly looking for human co-operation to win it back to himself. Each life won and transformed for Christ gives God another sub-headquarter through which he can work. If we can not go and preach, we can give, to enable our missionaries to give God more sub-headquarters through which he can win the prodigal world back to himself.

Let us give loyally and royally to set up lights that will shine in a dark place so that those who yet sit in darkness may see a great light—Jesus, the Light of the World.

## THE SUPREME BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH.

R. P. Arnott, Petersham, N.S.W.

The church exists for the propagation of the gospel truth throughout the world; not "the world" as it may be conceived by the individual with his limitations of personal taste and social discrimination, but "the world" as it actually exists with all its varied and intricate social strata and national distinction, not "the world" of the conservative bigot, but the world of God, large and free, with no limitations except those of truth and love.

The Christian, therefore, by virtue of his relationship to the Christ of the world can not deny any man, be he heathen, slave or prince, the right to enter the church upon an acceptance of the one Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth." That is, the church exists to preserve the world from corruption.

Further, he says, "Ye are the light of the world." That is, the church exists to be a beacon to ignorant humanity groping in the night of sin.

The Sadducees charged some of the representatives of the church in the early days with the doing of that which it was their duty to do, namely, "Ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine." Some of the churches of Christendom to-day are more concerned about filling the world with their fairs, festivals, and social entertainments, than flooding every village, hamlet and city with the doctrine of Jesus. The Puritanical spirit which would condemn every legitimate means to the church's supreme "end" is loathsome, but the multiplication of "supreme means" which are "ends" in themselves is no uncommon failing of modern church activity.

How may the old time fervor and evangelism be revived in these days of gross materialism? How may the living breath be



Mrs. Escott's Sunday School, Shrigonda, India.

Mrs. Escott is only partly visible. Mr. Escott and his dispensary assistant on the other side of photo.

### BOYS AND GIRLS, PLEASE NOTE:

These children are gathered from one of the villages of outcasts just outside of Shrigonda. At the conclusion of the school each Sunday Mrs. Escott gives each scholar a picture card, and finds very useful used Christmas, Easter and birthday cards sent. If YOU could send any of your old cards, address packet to

Mrs. Escott, Shrigonda, India.

You need not be afraid of the children reading what your friends wish you, for they know no English.

given to the formal "churchianity" of so many churches? Not by means more materialistic, but by preaching the gospel of his Son in whom there is spirit and life. There can be found no substitute for the Divine "means" of salvation. The gospel and the gospel only is "the power." Therefore, preach it, spread it, use it to pull down the strongholds of sin, materialism, sectarianism and heathenism. To make known the truth is the duty not of one man, nor of a section of men, but of every member of the Christian church according to his ability.

### WHY FOREIGN MISSIONS?

A. T. Eaton.

City Temple, Sydney, N.S.W.

1. Because there is the same commission to preach the gospel everywhere, as there is to preach it anywhere.

2. Because it is evident from the teaching and conduct of the apostles that they understood foreign missions to be a part of the programme that Christ had mapped out for his followers.

3. Because Christianity was brought to our ancestors through the Foreign Mission enterprise.

4. Because I am my brother's keeper, and the field is white unto harvest.

5. Because God depends on me, and I must give account of my stewardship.

"They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."

### OUR OBLIGATION.

J. J. Silvester, Kalgoorlie, W.A.

The work of organised Foreign Missions is now taking its rightful place in our plans for the extension of Christ's kingdom; we are becoming increasingly interested in its programme and achievements. The faithful missionary is also claiming and being accorded a place in our prayers. He is no longer regarded by any thinking Christian as unimportant, but we esteem him as an absolute necessity for the accomplishment of the task that Jesus set for his church—the proclaiming of the gospel to all peoples.

The long record of faithful missionary activity of organisations and individuals places the peoples of the home-land in debt to those who have so faithfully endured.

Unnumbered blessings have come to us because so many were willing to make the great adventure, and forsaking all, journey to unknown strange lands, in obedience to Christ's imperative "Go ye into all the world." Those who have gone had a supreme faith. Faith in Christ first. Then confidence in Him was grounded in the promise, "Lo, I am with you always." Christ will not fail them. They also had faith in the disciples in the home-land that they would be true. We are under obligation to support those whom we have sent. The missionaries have a right to expect that support. The dictates of common honesty demand that we should do so; our profession of Christian principles compels us to do so. We prove our fidelity by our pray-



Mrs. H. R. Coventry and Margaret. Margaret was added to the mission force during 1918.

ers, by our zeal for the spread of the gospel, and by our consecrated gifts for the cause of world-wide missions. Christ will not fail, will you?

### SATAN OR CHRIST?

Will. Beiler, Norwood, S.A.

### WHERE SATAN RULES.

Slavery  
Superstition.  
Suffering.  
in.

### WHERE JESUS REIGNS.

Rescue.  
Release.  
Relief.  
Redemption

Which shall we decide for China, India, New Hebrides, etc., on July 4th?

"Dare we let them die in darkness,  
While we have the light of God,  
And the life that has been purchased  
By the Saviour's dying blood?"

### God's Great Gift to the World: HIS SON CHRIST JESUS.

"God so loved the World that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16).  
"Thanks be unto God for His Unspeaking Gift" (2 Cor. 9:15)

### God's Great Gift to His Son Christ Jesus: THE WORLD.

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession" (Psalm 2:8).

R. LYALL.



# The Church on Trial.

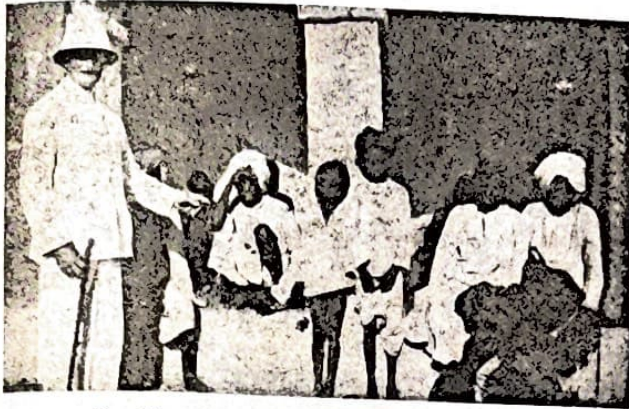
Jas. E. Thomas.

There were those who declared during the war that the cause of the world upheaval was the insufficiency of Christianity and the failure of the gospel to satisfy the needs of the world.

The gospel has had nearly 1900 years of trial, and it has always been the power to save men from the awful consequence of sin. Not only do we have the assurance of pardon, but the transforming power of

of the earth are ready to be possessed for him. We are his witnesses. Every disciple is an ambassador. To-day is the day for the world's salvation if we are true to our King.

What answer will we give to our Lord as he bids us go or send? No one else can do our task. We shall either prove faithful to or fail the Christ who died for us and for the world—which?



Bro. Watson at Work in Diksal on the raw material.

Diksal is still waiting, its fine bungabow silent and solitary, for workers. But we are glad to say that Sister Watson's health is so much improved that Bro. and Sister Watson expect to leave for India this year.

God's grace manifest in the lives of those who have accepted the gospel of Jesus Christ. It has been the only power that has changed human hearts and brought liberty and the life of love to men. The cause of the failure of the past has been the indifference and negligence of the church. It has not been true to its trust, and has lost its opportunity to make for the lasting peace of the world. But we face a new world today. Other doors have been opened, and nations that were little known and difficult to reach are ready for the messengers of the Cross.

Apart from the hope of the gospel of Christ and the leavening influence of Christianity, the situation is perilous, and apparently hopeless. Mohammedans who are losing faith in their religion will be agnostic without some truer light. Hinduism and the caste system of India will only leave those who realise its failure helpless and restless. China, losing faith in its old unprogressive system, will be shaken by internal strife, and ultimately a menace to the world unless some greater vision comes to her. Now is the hour of the Son of God. His time has come for his messengers to move with swift feet to answer the yearning cry of the world that waits and does not know him. It is the hour of greatest opportunity that has ever come to the church; it is her second chance. If we fail Him now, we are traitors to our Lord, for the Isles wait for him, and the uttermost parts

## CHINA.

A. C. Garnett, B.A.

China! For nigh 2500 years she has remained the same. And now she moves. Her people have thought the same thoughts, venerated the same seers, believed the same superstitions, grown their crops, built their houses, and travelled their roads in the same way for 2500 years. Her children have recited the same classics in the same way, and her wise men and her good men have sought to shape their lives, their nation's policy, and their laws after the same maxims of the same great sage for 2500 years. And now the old ways are passing, making room for new. One fifth of the human race, rich in intellect and industry, bestirs itself from a sleep of two and a half millenniums, and is determined to move. But whither? Whither shall they go? and who shall be their guide? Must they build a new philosophy on the ruins of the old? Shall they launch out without beacon or rudder on the godless sea of modern materialism? Or shall they find Him who said, "I am the light of the world"? Answer ye to whom that "light" has been given. 'Tis a sacred trust. You must go or send.

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING.  
LORD'S DAY, JULY 4,

## "INASMUCH."

Mrs. A. C. Garnett.

Christ has meant much to you and me, more than ever we can tell. To him we owe our civilisation, our enlightened liberty, the justice of our laws, the happiness of our womanhood, the brightness of our childhood, the comfort and encouragement of our religion. Yet there are millions who know nothing of these benefits our Christianity brings us. The widows and the child wives of India, the foot-bound women of China, and the minds of men everywhere in heathendom darkened by traditions of superstition and cruelty, all call to us for the message which alone can give them light and liberty. It is ours to free them from their bonds. It means so much to them, so little, at the most, to us.

Remember, the Master has said, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me."

## THE UNFINISHED TASK.

H. R. Taylor, Glenelg, S.A.

When Stanley found Livingstone in the heart of Africa, he begged him to return home. He was old and feeble; he was destitute of men or means to enable him to make practical progress. "No, no," he said to Stanley, "to be knighted by the Queen and welcomed by thousands of admirers would be pleasant, but it is impossible. It must not be. I must finish my task." He went back into the jungles of Central Africa, and finished his task. Livingstone was like his Master, who in his last great prayer said, "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." The task of redeeming men was finished on the cross; the task of making redemption known is still unfinished. Upon every Christian is laid the obligation to lend a hand in completing that part of the work which is entrusted to our care. His task cost Livingstone his life, far from home and friends. The cross was the price that Jesus paid. Our share will cost us something. But cost what it will, shall we still say, "I must finish my task"?



Some of the Boys from our School at Indapur, India.

This is a town of about 7,000 people in a rich part of our district. We have a day school and a dispensary, both doing a splendid work. Bro. Coventry and Escott and other missionaries visit as often as possible on evangelistic work. When Bro. Watson returns to Shrigonda, Bro. Escott will probably make Indapur his headquarters.

# News of the Churches.

South Richmond, Vic., had good meetings on Sunday. Bro. Nichol speaking in the morning. At night Bro. Killmier preached, and there was one confession.

At Grote-st., S.A., on Sunday meetings were well attended. One was received by faith and baptism. Bro. Hagger spoke at both meetings with great power.

A young man confessed Christ at Ringwood, Vic., last Sunday, E. C. Hinrichsen preaching. The school is growing rapidly, 44 present on Sunday. A Bible Class has been started.

All departments of work at Colac, Vic., are in healthy condition. A Young People's Club has been formed. The church regrets Bro. Stan. Cornelius has taken his departure.

Meetings at Auburn, N.S.W., all bright and well attended. New building is nearing completion. It is hoped to open it at the end of July. Old members are asked to watch for opening ceremony.

Collingwood, Vic., reports good attendances at all meetings. Last Lord's day evening the gospel service was held in spite of lighting difficulties, and one young man made the good confession.

At Kadina, S.A., on June 13, Bro. Taylor welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Parker into fellowship. The Bible School met with the Methodist school in the afternoon, it being British and Foreign Bible Mission Day.

Bro. Fisher, of Marrickville, spoke at Peter-sham, N.S.W., on Sunday morning. 120 present in the Bible School. Good attendance at the gospel service. Bro. Arnott's subject was "The Book of Books."

Albion, Q., is making steady progress, though it has suffered by many removals. On May 25 the officers of the church entertained the members at a social. An enjoyable evening was spent, Bro. Bowles presiding.

Lidcombe meetings, N.S.W., for the past two Lord's days were encouraging. One confession and baptism at the gospel service, Bro. G. H. Brown conducting. Bible School reported a good entry for annual examination.

Meetings at Maryborough, Vic., on Sunday were full of power. Records broken in Bible School, only one boy absent; big Bible Class. Gospel meeting fine. Bro. Young spoke on "Political Righteousness." Many members are ill.

Bro. Shipway solemnised a pretty wedding at Port Pirie, S.A., on June 7, between Bro. Percy John Harrison, and Sister Rhoda Pillar. Both are worthy members. They are to reside in Adelaide, and the church much regrets to part with them.

Meetings at Stawell, Vic., are good. On Sunday Bro. Wakefield spoke at Ararat, while Bro. Shepard and Bro. Perry spoke at Stawell. Ararat school prospers. Stawell members are enthusiastic in their interest in the forthcoming mission.

Last Sunday morning at Swanston-st. Bro. and Sister Saunders, from Madura, India, were present. Bro. Saunders gave a most interesting account of the working of the Madura Mission, and told of its medical, evangelistic and educational activities.

The Lord's table has been set up at Quantong, Vic. Bro. Bassard, evangelist of the Horsham church, conducted the first service there on 6th inst. The Horsham church recently purchased a block of land opposite the chapel for the evangelist's residence.

Castlemaine, Vic., records splendid interest in all departments. A record attendance at gospel service last Sunday. A married lady (a Roman Catholic) decided for Christ. Re-opening of the chapel is due on 27th inst., when Bro. Bagley will be the speaker.

Malvern-Caulfield work, Vic., is going on nicely. By the aid of kerosene and motor lamps the gospel service was held last Sunday. Fine attendance. Two lads from school made the good confession. Bro. Illingworth preached on "The Lord's Second Coming" and Simon Peter's idea of the close of the gospel age.

From Railway Town, N.S.W., E. J. Tuck laconically writes:—"Returned from holiday in W.A. on May 29. On 30th preached twice, and took funeral service. Two confessions: a married lady and a young lady from Bible School. Both since been baptised. Still weak through bronchitis, but the Lord still willing to use the weak."

"Pillows of Comfort," and "Shall we Know our Friends in Heaven?" (the latter subject by request), were Bro. Chas. Schwab's themes on the 13th inst. About 80 broke bread, while at 7 p.m. there were almost 300 present. Members were welcomed after sickness. Geelong special offering previously mentioned has now reached £41.

On June 6 there were great meetings at Kersbrook, S.A. Two confessions at night. On June 2 was held the annual meeting for the deepening of the spiritual life. This meeting was a decided success. These meetings have been held here annually for nearly fifty years, and are very popular, people coming miles to share in the blessings.

Father's Day was observed at Unley on Sunday. Large attendance in evening; men's choir rendered special items. A men's banquet on Tuesday was attended by 90, and an enjoyable evening was spent. Special effort to liquidate building debt of £300 successfully concluded. Bro. Harkness doing good work; interest and attendance much improved.

The good work that was carried on by Bro. and Sister Nightingale, at Kadina, S.A., is being continued by Bro. and Sister Taylor. Everything is reported to be "going on as could be desired." Four more were received into the church on June 6. Collection for hospital cot in the afternoon amounted to £1/16/3. Two were baptised in the evening.

Warrnambool, Vic., continues much as usual. Fair attendances last Sunday. The church greatly regrets that this month it will lose the services of Bro. Killey, whose work for the past fourteen months has been appreciated. He sails on the 24th for America. Sister Thomson progresses after her painful accident, which resulted in a broken leg.

During the past two weeks seven have been received into fellowship at Prospect, S.A. Two young lads were baptised on 30th May, and two young girls confessed Christ on June 6. Meetings have been well attended, and the interest is good. Bible School had an attendance of 161 on 30th ult. Y.P.S.C.E. has had good meetings, and several new members.

Bro. W. W. Baird, late of the Baptist Church, is now evangelist at North Adelaide. The work is on the upgrade, and his labors are much appreciated. The Band of Hope held its 38th anniversary on June 2. The meeting was well attended and very interesting. Sir Joseph Verco was in the chair, and Mr. Keeling, secretary of Band of Hope Union, spoke. 8 signed the pledge for the year.

A good interest continues in the work at Wallaroo, S.A. The town had a good shaking up during the mission. Some of the other churches have taken on new life. On the occasion of the visit of Bro. Walden, the building was well filled. Returned soldiers were present in good numbers. In addition to a number of new converts being added to the church, quite a large number of scholars have come into the school.

June 6 was Sunday School anniversary day at Taree, N.S.W. To a good morning attendance Evangelist Thomas gave a helpful address. In the afternoon the children taught by Mrs. Williams entertained with songs. The superintendent, P. G. Saxby, and Bro. Thomas spoke. One girl decided to follow her Lord. At night a large congregation heard Evangelist Thomas preach his farewell sermon. The scholars and others sang beautifully. On Monday the scholars rendered recitations and solos and received prizes. Evangelist and Mrs. Thomas were presented with a travelling rug by the Taree congregation, and a silver shaving mug by the Bible Class. Bro. Thomas responded.

Ascot Vale, Vic., anniversary services on May 30, and June 1 and 3, were very successful. Bro. H. Campbell has resigned as superintendent of the school on account of business calling him to the country. Bro. Patterson continues to do a good work and everything is in a healthy condition.

June 13th was a great day at Traralgon, N.S.W. Bro. and Sister Carter, Bro. and Sister Fraser, and Bro. and Sister Macalister were all received into fellowship. 26 broke bread. At night Bro. Carter preached to an audience of 40. Prospects are much brighter than for some time.

Notwithstanding a temporary decrease in membership attending, prospects at St. Arnaud, Vic., are very encouraging. A brother in South Australia forwarded £3 toward paying off debt on chapel. The church would like to hear from others, especially those formerly in membership, who would be willing to help in like manner.

One of the oldest and most respected members of the Hindmarsh church, S.A., in the person of Bro. Everett, passed away recently. Bro. Cuttriss made reference to the sterling qualities and long life of useful service of our late brother in service in the evening was well attended. Bro. Cuttriss preached an inspiring address on "The Three Ways."

On Wednesday, June 9, Norwood church, S.A., held a social, which was much enjoyed. Bro. Beiler presided, and Bro. Wright, Johnson and Collins spoke. On Sunday the morning service was exceptionally good. Bro. Beiler speaking with regret to report that Bro. Clarrie Johnson has lost his father by death, and that Mrs. Beiler has been seriously ill for the past two weeks. She is slowly recovering.

Interest in meetings at Strathalbyn, S.A., is well maintained. On May 30, Bro. Marshman spoke at both services, a fine evening meeting taking the form of a young people's service. On June 2, Bro. G. T. Walden addressed a large gathering, and Bro. T. H. Worden was present on June 6, preaching from Mallala, and his services were very much appreciated. "The City Four-square" was his evening subject.

Sunday evening attendances at Middle Park, Vic., are very good. Miss Violet Reardon and Miss Doreen Mills have been received into the church by baptism, and Sister Mrs. Honeyman from Twynholm church, London. Last Sunday evening the preacher, Bro. B. W. Huntsman, gave an address on "The Christian Citizen." The young ladies of the Phi Beta Club are preparing to assist the ladies in a sale of gifts.

A farewell social was held at Chatswood, N.S.W., on June 9, in honor of Bro. and Sister Chapple and family, and Bro. and Sister Dick. Bro. Whelan presided. On behalf of the church Bro. Graham presented a tea and coffee service to Bro. and Sister Chapple. Our brother has rendered excellent service as deacon and secretary. Bro. Mitchell presented a fountain pen and notebook to Bro. Dick for his good work as deacon.

A fine attendance at Hindmarsh, S.A., on Sunday morning heard Pastor W. Mallis, a missionary and organiser in Southern India, recently returned to Australia. Our reporter says that Pastor Mallis is undoubtedly one of the greatest living exponents of the principles of the one-by-one conversion method, and his address was most helpful and invigorating. Bro. Cuttriss preached a most appropriate sermon in the evening.

On Sunday, May 30, after morning service a short meeting was held at Montrose, Vic., to bid farewell to Bro. and Sister Archer, who are leaving the district. Our brother and sister have been a great help to the church, and will be greatly missed. Bro. Chandler on behalf of the members presented them with a beautiful travelling rug. Evening meetings have been brightened much during the month by a song service, conducted by our Bro. Batterham. Sunday School has not been so well attended of late, owing to sickness.

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## July 4—Foreign Mission Day.

The cost of the blocks used in this issue was kindly donated by Bro. Thos. E. Rofe, of Wahroonga church, N.S.W.

The presence of Sister Bottle, from Fiji, was enjoyed by the church at West Guildford, W.A., on May 30 and June 6.

The Federal F.M. Secretary left Adelaide for Queensland on June 8, and began at Brisbane on June 13 a tour of Queensland churches in behalf of Foreign Mission offering, July 4.

A regrettable error crept into our issue of May 27, when we reported the loss experienced by Bro. and Sister Seaby, of West Guildford, W.A., in the loss of their daughter. The little girl's age was 14 months, not 14 years as stated.

Officers of the Victorian Churches of Christ Temperance and Social Questions Committee have been elected as follows:—President, J. E. Allan; vice-president, R. H. Bardwell; treasurer, E. Styles; secretary, E. H. Eaton, 31 Toolambool- rd., Caulfield.

Bro. E. Cecil, of W.A., spoke to the meeting of the Adelaide Preachers' Fraternal last Monday morning on "The Failure of the Church from a Layman's Standpoint." The address was vigorous, highly appreciated, and provoked considerable discussion.

Owing to the gas strike in Melbourne last Sunday in many places "the primitive gospel was preached under primitive conditions," to use the graphic sentence of our South Yarra reporter. Motor lamps, hurricane lamps and candles were requisitioned.

Bro. and Sister Thomas, of Taree, N.S.W., who were recently farewelled there, intend taking a trip to America. On their return, they are expected to again take up work at Taree, where our brother for some time past has rendered faithful service as evangelist.

We would draw attention to the invitation extended to friends to be present at Swanston-st., Melbourne, on Wednesday, 23rd inst., when Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Saunders will tell of work in Madura, India, where they have been engaged in educational work for the past seven years.

All correspondence on Foreign Missionary matters for Queensland should be addressed to A. C. Rankine, Barker-st., New Farm, Q. As Bro. L. Gole has left for Melbourne, Bro. Rankine in the meantime is looking after F.M. interests. Bro. Hermann, of Railway Parade, Nundah, Q., is still the treasurer.

Sister Turner, one of the honored members of the Bendigo church, Vic., was recuperating in Ballarat after an operation. After breaking bread on Sunday morning and before she had gone three blocks from the church, she collapsed, and never spoke again. She passed away in the evening. Bro. Turner managed to get over before she died. Bro. Connor, who knew her for many years, says "she was one of God's best women."

We feel confident that our readers will appreciate the efforts of our publishers in providing our special Foreign Mission Number in trying circumstances. The strike, however, has kept us from printing as many additional pages as we had planned. Consequently some articles intended for this issue were unavoidably crowded out. We hope to print these soon. Will agents please wisely distribute all the extra copies sent out this week?

Bro. R. T. Morris at the Victorian Preachers' meeting on Monday gave a very striking review of the work in the State during the past eighteen years. A careful analysis of the progress made and the contributory causes thereof was presented and graphically illustrated. A large company was so interested that it was decided to meet in a fortnight's time and discuss the subject. Brethren interested are asked to attend at Swanston-st. at 3 p.m. on Monday, June 28th.

In a private letter recently received from Miss Blake, of Baramati, India, she mentions her great appreciation of the many delightful gifts brought by the new missionaries, particularly referring to Mrs. Lyall's gift of sweets, a very pretty silk blouse from Hawthorn friends, marmalade and honey from unknown friends at Footscray, and handkerchiefs from Brighton. Miss Blake would like all these kind donors to know of the joy such gifts bring to the hearts of the workers in far-off lands, and their great appreciation of the kind thought that prompts the gifts.

Grote-st. chapel was the scene of a fine welcome home meeting to our Sister Miss Rosa L. Tonkin on Thursday last. Bro. J. Warren Cosh was in the chair, and after devotional exercises, led by Bro. E. Ross Manning and Bro. N. J. Noble, words of welcome were uttered by Sister Mrs. F. Collins and Bro. Thos. Hagger, F. Collins, A. J. Gard, and J. Wiltshire. Miss Tonkin responded, in which she made all think much of China and the great work waiting to be done in that land. The musical programme was provided by Grote-st. choir, under Bro. R. G. Maddern, with Miss M. Magarey at the piano.

Sister Mrs. W. C. Thurgood has made a generous gift to the Lygon-st. church of six large oil paintings of early evangelists of the church—G. L. Surber, O. A. Carr, H. L. Geeslin, J. J. Haley, Dr. Thos. Porter, and Geo. T. Walden, who were prominent amongst those who laid the foundations of the work in Victoria, and did much to advance the cause of primitive Christianity. The pictures were in the possession of the late Bro. W. C. Thurgood, who prized them very much. They will be hung in a prominent position in the building.

Merbein, Vic., reports splendid meetings on May 30. A young woman (Miss Jean West) made the good confession. Some years ago the church purchased a township allotment in a central position, but, owing to the growth of the town, it became evident a year or two ago that it was not the best site for a church building, and the church authorised the trustees to dispose of it when they could secure another more eligible. This has been done, and the original site, which was purchased for £40, has been sold for £375, which, added to a fund contributed by various brethren, and supplemented by splendid efforts of the sisters in arranging sales of work, places the church in a position to proceed with the erection of a church building. Steps will immediately be taken to that end.

Bro. L. Gole, formerly of North Fitzroy, Vic., who has been in Brisbane for many years, and who was at Easter elected President of the Conference, recently decided to return to Victoria. Our Brisbane reporter writes:—"It is now fourteen years since Bro. Gole first came to Queensland, and during that time he has been one of our most energetic workers here. The Churches of Christ in Queensland felt that they could not let him go away from us without first in some way showing our appreciation of the good work he has done, and so the brethren decided to hold a social gathering in Ann-st. church on the 2nd of June. Bro. Rankine presided and spoke of the great work Bro. Gole had done for Christ in Ann-st. church, also of his sterling worth as a business man and a Christian. Bro. Enchelmaier spoke on behalf of the Foreign Mission Committee, of which Bro. Gole has been treasurer for quite a number of years. Bro. Davis represented the Home Mission Committee, and presented Bro. Gole with a beautiful silver tea service as a token of appreciation of the good work done for the churches in Queensland. Bro. Rankine also presented Bro. and Sister Gole with a lovely silver cake basket from the Ann-st. church. Bro. Gole feelingly replied, and expressed regret at having to leave Queensland."

### FEDERAL SECRETARY'S TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGE.

Brisbane, 13th June, 10.20 p.m.  
The time would fail me to tell of West Australia's consecration, Victoria's hopefulness, New South Wales' triumph over drought, and Queensland's earnestness, but all are looking forward to glorious history-making offering, July 4. Let vote July 4 be: Carry on; advance victory.—Walden.

## BIRTH.

MILLER (*nee* Alma Petty).—On May 20th, at Nurse Tyrrell's Private Hospital, Canterbury, to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Miller, Doncaster, a son (Ross Petty).

## DEATH.

MURDOCH.—On June 1, at his late residence, 63 Victoria-st., Flemington, Richard, the beloved husband of Elizabeth, and father of Mrs. Round (Auburn), Mrs. Burden (Bondi, Sydney), John (Lyonsville), Lily, Isabella and George, in his 94th year. A colonist of 66 years. At rest.

## IN MEMORIAM.

BURTT.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Alice Clotilda Burtt (*nee* Harding), who departed this life June 14, 1919, at Cootamundra, N.S.W.

Her gain; our loss.

She wears a crown, we wear a cross.

Ah! 'tis those who have lost are able to tell

The pain of the heart at not saying farewell.

—Inserted by her loving sister and brother-in-law, Louie and George Skames, Peak Crossing, Queensland.

COSH.—In fond and loving remembrance of dear wife and mother, Mary Cosh, who was called to her reward, June 24, 1919. So sadly missed. —Inserted by her sorrowing husband and daughter, S. and R. J. Cosh.

HARDING, HAMILTON, BURTT.—In loving remembrance of our loved ones who have gone before—my dear husband, Henry, died Sept. 24, 1894, at Pt. Wakefield, S.A., aged 53; also my loving daughter, Edith Hamilton, who passed away on July 10, 1909, at Wallaroo, S.A., aged 37; and my dear youngest daughter, Alice Burtt, departed from this life on June 14, 1919, at Cootamundra, N.S.W., aged 37.

"When the weary ones we love

Enter on their rest above,

Seems the earth so poor and vast—

All our life-joys overcast?

Hush! be every murmur dumb,

It is only till He come."

—Inserted by loving wife and mother, M. Harding.

HAMMOND.—In loving memory of our darling daughter, Elsie, who passed to the higher life June 19, 1915, to be with Christ, which is far better. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

—Mother, father, and Eric Hammond.

JERMYN.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who passed away June 19, 1919, at Castle-maine.

"And with the morn those angel faces smile  
Which we have loved long since, and lost awhile."

—Inserted by their loving son and daughters

## THANKS.

Mrs. W. Clipstone and sons wish their many friends to accept sincere thanks for kind expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Frank E. Thomas, late of Hawthorn, and Jas. E. Thomas, Lygon-st., Carlton, Vic., A. T. Thomas, of Beverley, W.A., S. J. Thomas, of Glenelg, S.A., and Mrs. E. H. Kentish, of Clarence Park, S.A., desire to sincerely thank all those who have sent helpful messages of sympathy during their recent bereavement. All have been gratefully appreciated.

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## COMING EVENTS.

JUNE 20 & 24—Box Hill church anniversary services. Sunday, June 20, special singing by the choir. Thursday, June 24, tea at 6.30 p.m.; public meeting at 8. Songs, recitations, and addresses by H. A. Procter, M.A., LL.B., and Les. C. McCalfum, B.A.

JUNE 23—Swanston-st. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Saunders will tell some of their experiences in India. Lecture hall, eight o'clock. Come!

JUNE 24—A Grand Concert is to be given by Swanston-st. Choir (Mr. E. Tippett, Conductor), at Stanton-st. Church, Collingwood, in aid of the church building fund.

# The Family Altar.

J. Wiltshire.

## "IF THINE EYE BE SINGLE."

I suppose the modern rendering would be "one-eyed." Contrary to our Master's wish, we do not like to be considered "one-eyed" even in respect of His kingdom. Yet there are untold possibilities in the spiritual realm for that one who is prepared to look at everything from the view-point of the Lord Jesus Christ. He says that our compliance with this condition results in the whole being becoming full of light. And this is what we must be if we would fulfil the demands of our heavenly calling and shine as "lights in the world."

Everything we see; every experience through which we pass, becomes so much fuel to increase the flame of the soul.

One made a practice of being "one-eyed." He travelled at one time for health reasons. At a certain village he was by some cause detained at the village hotel, and could not proceed. The room wherein he was confined offered no better view than the village pump. He noticed many people, each with his vessel come to draw water. One of the number he noticed came frequently and came with a larger vessel than that usually carried. The conclusion arrived at was that the frequent comer was drawing water for others. This little scene told the devoted traveller that if he would carry the water of life to others he must be often at the Fountain.

There is no circumstance which will fail to contribute somewhat that our whole body may be full of light if our eye be single.

### MONDAY, JUNE 21.

Gem Verse.—And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.—Luke 7: 13.

The following lines appeared previously in the "Altar" column, and I was asked for the author's name. I could not then give it. I am now able to tell not only the author's name, but also the circumstance which inspired the words.

One in a little Victorian town bore a heavy burden. Death had removed loved ones from her side, and there remained but few whom she could call her own. Other burdens of grief pressed upon her, of which few had any suspicion, for she carefully covered all with the bright mantle of a cheerful disposition. My joy was very great when I ascertained that the beautiful lines came from the pen of my own sister.

### HAD I BUT KNOWN.

"Had I but known the burden laid on thee,  
Had I but known!  
I would have clasped thy hand more tenderly,  
More kindness shown.  
The heart-ache hid behind thy sunny smile  
I could not see;  
Had I but known, I would have paused a while  
To talk with thee.  
"How slow indeed, we creatures to discern  
Another's woe;  
The sharpest, keenest pang, the conflict stern,  
But God can know;  
Oh, God! we pray thee, give us hearts that feel,  
While passing on;  
For soon away the fleeting moments steal,  
And life is gone." —E. Wiltshire.

Scripture Portion.—Psalm 145.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

Gem Verse.—Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days.—Eccles. 11: 1.

Gems of Thought.—

"Cast thy bread upon the waters, far and wide  
your treasures strew,  
Scatter it with willing fingers, shout for joy to  
see it go!  
You may think it lost for ever; but as sure as  
God is true,  
In this life and in the other, it will yet return  
to you."

## THE AUSTRALIAN CHRISTIAN.

Scripture Portion.—Isaiah 55.  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23.

Gem Verse.—And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.—Heb. 6: 11, 12.

Gems of Thought.—

### LET US FORGET.

Let us forget  
The memories that bind us fast  
To our mistakes, outgrown and past.  
The trust betrayed, the tarnished name,  
The look of scorn, the blush of shame,  
Let us forget.  
Let us forget  
That once we strove for selfish gain,  
Regardless of another's pain.  
The vain remorse, the sense of loss,  
The burden of our self-made cross,  
Let us forget.

Scripture Portion.—Phil. 3: 1-14.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 24.

Gem Verse.—Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.—Psalm 139: 12.

Gems of Thought.—

And should the twilight darken into night,  
And sorrow grow to anguish, be thou strong;  
Thou art in God, and nothing can go wrong  
Which a fresh life-pulse cannot set aright.  
That thou dost know the darkness, proves the light.  
Weep, if thou wilt, but weep not all too long;  
Or weep and work, for work will lead to song.  
—G. Macdonald.

Scripture Portion.—2 Timothy 4: 1-18.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 25.

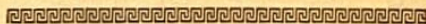
Gem Verse.—Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted.—James 1: 9.

Gems of Thought.—God's best gifts are the commonest—the air, the light, the beauty of the world, the blue of heaven, the winds and stars, the sunsets, the infant's smile, the mother's tenderness, the sweet affection of sister, child and wife.—Dean Farrar.

Scripture Portion.—2 Cor. 10: 1-18.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 26.

Gem Verse.—Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.—Psalm 127: 1.



One of our Orphans at Baramati, India.

Gems of Thought.—

### A HAPPY HOME

The corner-stone in Truth is laid,  
The guardian walls of Honor made,  
The roof of Faith is built above,  
The fire upon the hearth is Love;  
Though rains descend and loud winds call,  
This happy home shall never fall.

Scripture Portion.—Psalm 112.

### LORD'S DAY, JUNE 27.

Gem Verse.—He was a burning and a shining light.—John 5: 35.

Gems of Thought.—

And if in thy life on earth,  
In the chamber, or by the hearth,  
Mid the crowded city's tide,  
Or high on the lone hillside,  
Thou canst cause a thought of peace,  
Or an aching thought to cease,  
Or a gleam of hope to burst  
On a soul in sadness nursed,  
Spare not thy hand, my child!  
Though the gladdened should never know  
The wellspring amid the wild,  
Whence the waters of blessing flow.  
—G. Macdonald.

Scripture Portion.—Luke 1: 64-80.

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