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Foreign Missions:  
Can We Afford Them?

The May number of the *Quiver* gives special prominence to the subject of Foreign Missions. Its principal article is headed, "Foreign Missions; Can We Afford Them?" and answers to this question are given by representative men, who know from actual experience and observation what they are talking about. Those who have never visited foreign lands are dependent upon the reports they receive for their knowledge of the work that is being done. Apart from these reports, those who have felt the power of Christianity in their own lives feel quite assured that the preaching of the gospel to alien races must be productive of good results. They feel that Christianity is a universal religion, and when preached in its simplicity and purity is, for the East as well as the West, the power of God unto salvation. It is well, however, that this view should be substantiated by actual facts set forth by competent witnesses. In view of this, we propose in this article to give some of the answers to the question propounded by the editor of the *Quiver* as to whether Foreign Missions pay for the money expended upon them, or in other words, "Can we afford them?"

Open doors.

First of all, it may be well to note that recent developments in the East—especially in China and Japan—have opened gates bolted and barred for scores of generations. The attitude of the ruling powers in these foreign lands is no longer so hostile as it used to be. The missionary is now recognised as an educational force, and, it may be said, is now welcomed with open

arms. This, in itself, is an eloquent tribute to the work of the missionary, and goes a long way in answering hostile criticism. The doors are now widely opened for missionary enterprise, and the churches in this twentieth century have abundant opportunities for carrying out the marching orders of their Lord. In this, as in other things, it is well to seize hold of the opportune moment. This thought is emphasised by Charles T. Bateman, when he says:—"We are reminded that whilst the door is now open and may never be shut again in this generation, peculiar elements are manifested at the present time which may presently be obscured, if not entirely obliterated. The house "swept and garnished" cannot remain empty. Nature, by one of its primary laws, eschews a vacuum. If not Christianity, something else will enter the soul of the awakened East, with the result described in a well-known New Testament passage. Such a contingency is the fear of all missionary leaders, and especially of those acquainted with the densely populated countries of India, China, and Africa."

Filling the void.

As the process of awakening goes on in the minds of the peoples of the East, there is a proportionate abandonment of old superstitions and the decay of their ancient religions. The question that Christian people have to answer is—What shall take their place? Shall it be Mohammedanism in Africa, or a cold and cruel materialism in China, India and Japan? Surely the answer is that we cannot afford, on any ground whatever, to let such a consummation take place. No matter from what standpoint we view the subject—religious, political, or commercial—it means nothing but disaster, if we do not give the religion of Jesus an opportunity of filling the void caused by the casting out of old superstitions. This is not a matter to dream about,

as though it belonged to the distant future. It is a matter of urgency. Take, for example, the inroads Mohammedanism is making among the people of Central Africa. It comes to these rude, superstitious and benighted people as a higher religion. And it is so. But the African, once converted to Mohammedanism, is a harder subject to deal with by the Christian missionary than when found as an ignorant fetish worshipper. Let Mohammedanism once sweep through Central Africa and get hold of the people, and the ultimate sway of Christianity in darkest Africa is put back a century. And it is because we feel and have been thinking this way for some time past, that we now urge that the time has come for our Australian churches to take an active part in doing something to stem the onrush of Mohammedanism in Central and Northern Africa. It will pay, and pay better now than at any future time.

The evidence.

Can we afford Foreign Missions? The question seems to us a very foolish one, and yet it is well to answer it. Here are a few answers. Dr. Tressalow Thompson, after speaking of the religious benefits of missions, says: "Socially and politically, there is a mass of evidence to show that missions and missionaries are of immense value everywhere in promoting and helping forward peace.... Leaving out the direct spiritual influence in saving men and renewing the life and work which is beyond all price, I think the material results of missions may be shown to make the expenditure on them a cheap way of doing a great work." Mr. F. C. McKenzie, correspondent of the *Daily Mail* in the Russo-Japanese war, says, "Quite apart from consideration of the doctrines they teach, missionary operations have proved remunerative and beneficial." Sir Douglas Fox, the eminent engineer, says, "After more than fifty

years' experience of foreign and home missionary work, I have come to the conclusion that it is those churches and those Christians who most liberally support the work abroad who are to be found in the front rank of usefulness at home." These few citations must suffice. Others without number might be given if space permitted. It is enough to say that the question asked at the beginning of our article is answered with an emphatic affirmative. The one thing we can not afford to do is—to neglect Foreign Missions.

## Editorial Notes

### It Will Pay.

Will it pay to collect £4200 from our Commonwealth churches this year to send out of the country when we need it so much for the Home work? Will it pay to carry out the will of Christ that the gospel should be preached to all the world? Has it paid in the past few years? Is it not a simple fact, explain it how we may, that since entering the Foreign Mission fields our Home work has been more richly blessed than ever before? When Mary Thompson was selected as our pioneer missionary to India, an impulse was given to Home Missions, and it is a noteworthy fact that just in proportion as our Foreign Mission vision has enlarged our Home work has flourished. Nor is this an isolated instance. Our American brethren tell the same story with even greater emphasis, and this appears to be the general experience in other religious bodies. Even from the standpoint of self-interest Foreign Missions are most worthy of support. But a higher motive influences the true disciple of the Lord. Like his Master, the first Foreign Missionary, he longs for the salvation of the lost. It is sufficient for him to know that hundreds of millions are living and dying without the opportunity of hearing of Christ. Even if the cause should suffer at home as a consequence, he feels he cannot withhold help from the dying heathen. And yet it is pleasing to find that the reflex influence of his contributions is scarcely less beneficial than the direct, and that like a boomerang it returns home. Under divine instruction the apostles fed the thousands with only five loaves of bread, which so multiplied in their hands that twelve large baskets full remained for themselves.

We need not fear to impoverish the work at home by liberality abroad. According to a divine law, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall himself be watered."

### The Missionary Harvest.

The great success of mission enterprise among the heathen is simply wonderful. Who could have supposed, when our Australian churches a few years ago took up this work, that so early in its history our missionaries would have the oversight of about 1000 converts? What could be more inspiring than to read of the marvellous progress and transforming power of the gospel in the missions of our American brethren on the Congo? And who does not rejoice at the story of the large numbers who have become Christians in the Philip-

of an independent work in some centre where as yet the gospel was not preached. No man of ordinary intelligence can object to Foreign Missions on the ground of lack of success. We are privileged to live in an age when a new and larger edition of the book of Acts is being written, in a time of missionary zeal and success which has not been equalled since the days of the apostles, and we have the joy of being able in some measure at least to share in the sowing and reaping of this magnificent harvest. "There is an old Indian legend that a poor man threw a bud of charity into Buddha's bowl, and it blossomed into a thousand flowers. So we throw the bud of Christian truth into isolated and scattered communities, into the far-off lands, and lo, it bursts into a thousand fragrant blossoms, and bears fruit in every activity of human life."

### Chinese Work in Australia.

The work in the various centres of Australia amongst the Chinese continues as usual, with a fair measure of success. In Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney, regular preaching services and week night meetings are held, and in the various States there are now 97 church members, 13 being added during the year. Bro. W. Jame, our Chinese evangelist, has been spending most of his time in Sydney. The great need there is a building, and this will be overcome as soon as a suitable piece of ground can be purchased. Efforts to this end have not proved successful, but in the immediate future we hope to be able to report the purchase of land and a building erected. About two months of Bro. Jame's time was spent in Adelaide, and a deep interest was aroused in the work there, and the mission given a great uplift. In Melbourne and Perth, the work progresses slowly, but surely. We could wish that we had several Bro. James in Australia, as each centre would be greatly benefited by the help of a permanent evangelist, but until that time arrives, the best possible efforts are put forth by loyal local brethren, whom God is blessing in the work.

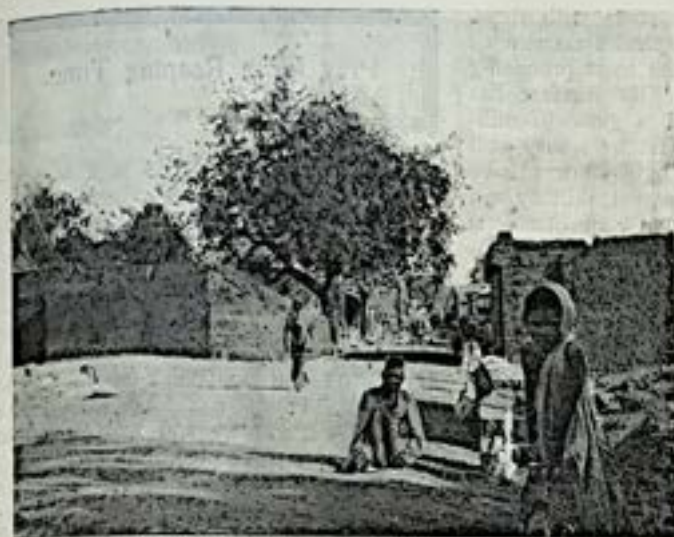


Bible Class, Oriental Association College, Koishikawa, Tokyo, Japan.

Prince Katura is Patron. Instructor, P. A. Davey. Mrs. Davey and Children, and Mrs. Benson, in centre of front row.

pine Islands under the preaching of our advocates of primitive Christianity? The missions in India, Japan, and China, conducted by the agents of our American Societies, presented greater initial difficulties, but already these are largely overcome, and the converts are now numbered by thousands and increasing rapidly. China, with its hoary conservatism, is one of the most difficult fields, but is opening up encouragingly. Here is a solitary example reported from our American mission: Last March a new chapel was opened at Chuchow, when 70 were immersed on confession of faith in Christ, and many others in the district were to be immediately baptised. In the convention that followed, the native Christians subscribed about £60, and in the true missionary spirit unanimously resolved this should be devoted to the establishment

Our missionary money has been bathed in tears and consecrated by the prayers of thousands of givers. It rings with the sweet songs of children. It is love, full of strength, incarnate.—Guy.



Street Scene, Baramati, India,

With Pandoo, a cripple, in the foreground. He is helped weekly from the Benevolent Funds.

as this. In the next generation we shall not be here to give or to go. What we do, let us do quickly. Give that Christ may be sent to those that wait. The hour has come. Let us give *now*.

Foreign Missions are the promise of a more perfect international commerce which must grow into a reciprocal interchange of commodities, until the products of every clime will have the sweep of the whole world for their market, and every inventor will plan for the whole world's blessing.

Greetings from the Federal F. M. Executive.

To the Australian Brotherhood,  
Greetings.

At the time of the annual offering we desire to express our gratitude for the splendid response of the past year. The liberality of the churches, and the success of the work in the regions beyond, cheered the Committee as they endeavored to perform the work entrusted to them by the Federal Conference.

We also desire, on behalf of the missionaries, to express sincere appreciation of the substantial interest the churches are taking in the world-wide enterprise. These men and women have buried themselves in the heart of the heathen world. They are choice souls. A braver and truer group of men and women are not to be found. Volumes could be written on what they have done and endured for the extension of the kingdom of God. We honor ourselves in the high fellowship we have with these royal heralds of the cross.

This fellowship leads us all, churches, committees and missionaries, to labor together so that the whole world and every detail concerning it may be according to God's will, and that many may be turned "from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in Christ."

Yours for Go or Send,

F. M. Ludbrook, President.  
R. Lyall, Treasurer.  
T. B. Fischer, Secretary.

The Hour that has Come.

Jas. E. Thomas, South Australia.

It was a significant expression of Jesus when he said "Mine hour has not yet come," but it is deeply suggestive. His hour did come at last, and he gave himself up for the salvation of the world. But he has not yet fully seen the travail of his soul and been satisfied. Jesus never will be satisfied till this whole world knows of his love and loves him. It seems that God has been preparing the world for such a time of conquest, and that the hour to take the nations for Christ has now come. Japan is educated, modernised, receptive to Western teaching, and it is the time now to bring more fully to her the gospel of Christ. China has awakened from the sleep of centuries, and her people have thrown off the yoke of Manchu tyranny and conservative superstition, and seeks to make an empire of heathenism a Christian republic. India has been knit together by the visit of King George V., and is more receptive than ever to the God and Christ of the empire to which India belongs. Africa is being liberated, and heathen superstition and idolatry as well as iniquitous slavery and European exploiting is giving place to the great Sudan missionary enterprise, and the armies of our Lord are marching to take Africa for him. Korea has entered into one of the most marvellous evangelistic campaigns of history, and thousands are being won for Christ. The islands of the sea are welcoming the Son of God, and the messengers of the cross are busily taking his message to them. And we in the Home land know all this. We have been permitted to come to the kingdom for such a time



The Babes at Baramati, and Mrs. H. H. Strutton.

Words from Missionaries.

Let us advance on our knees.—Joseph Hardy Neesima.

The prospect is as bright as the promises of God.—Adoniram Judson.

Give until you feel it, and then give until you don't feel it.—Mary Lyon.

I will go down, but remember that you must hold the ropes.—William Cary.

If I had a thousand lives to live, Africa should have them all.—Bishop Mackenzie.



Baptisms on Christmas Day, 1911, at Baramati, India. H. H. Strutton is baptising. H. Watson is on the bank of the Canal.

## World-wide Evangelisation.

A. C. Rankine, Victoria.

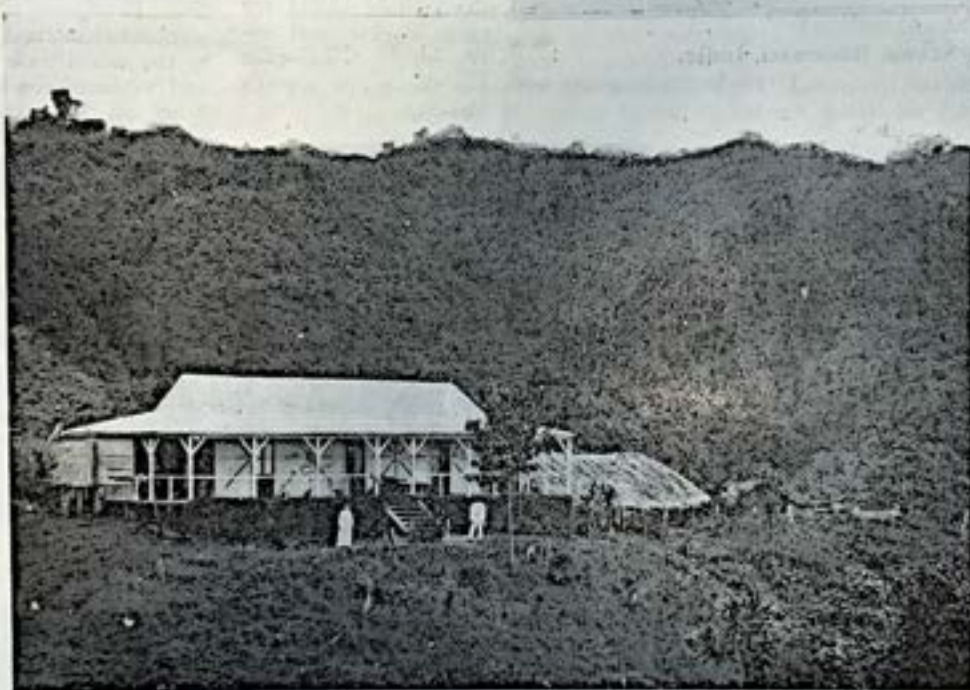
The programme of the Lord Jesus Christ is that the whole world shall hear the gospel. He honored his disciples by giving them so great a work to perform as the evangelisation of the world. But the world will not be evangelised until every one has had an opportunity to accept or reject Jesus Christ. Many millions still await the good news that Christ has redeemed them. Our commission is to "Go and make disciples of all the nations." What a stupendous task for the church! Who is sufficient for these things? For this gigantic work more than human power is needed. But he who gave our commission gives us our guarantee. "All power is given unto me," said Jesus. The great present urgent need of the church is power—divine power. We have it in Christ Jesus our Lord. As we go hastening to fulfil his commission, which becomes ours, he goes with us promising his presence, and this our confidence, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age."

O church of God, let us remember that this generation of heathen will have the only chance to hear the gospel. We have greater opportunities now to do the work Jesus has given than ever before. As God thrusts forth the laborers, let us be willing to pray much for them, and give of our best to their support.

## Difficulties and Success at Aoba.

How quickly the months seem to pass away; and what have we to show for them? Would that we knew to so number our days as to apply our hearts unto wisdom. As sluggards we are told to consider the ant. I have learned that they apply their nights unto destruction. Then is when they build tunnels on the posts and get food. The days are spent in the ground. That is why I now fight them at night. Two, three, four, and sometimes five times a night do I get after them with my piece

of tin, and grease the posts with them. Long continued and frequent treatment of this osteopathy seems the most promising prescription for them. Our warfare has already degenerated into a game of military outflanking. The first week they paid no heed to the lantern light—now I have to catch them on the run. Should they win out against this, then will come kerosene baths. The posts have been cement washed, which helps some and makes a great improvement in the appearance of the basement. Another improvement to the mission house are the coral stone walks which we have made. Trader Jones has kindly helped me to haul with Bro. Purdy's horse and the "Nduindui chariot," while the school people are opening up broad paths and keeping them clear as a park path. The



Our Mission House and Property, Banmatmat, Pentecost, South Seas.

women of a "bush school," half a mile from the station, have made, indeed, a broad road, in places some 20 feet, on their own initiative. This through the bush, so that the missionary may not get wet coming weekly to their sunrise school. And they or the teacher always have a cocoanut (buka) for him to drink. The weather continues pleasant. Next month I hope to get afield and see a few stations, by boat and afoot. The first Lord's day in May we expect over 25 to be baptised. One man sows and another enters into his labors. These are largely the labor fruit of Bro. Purdy and the native teachers. To God be the glory and praise. The sunrise school and Bible Class for teachers continue doing well. I require the teachers to be present at least three days a week. Failing that, they may (possibly) not be engaged next year. The Lord be gracious unto you. —A. Theo. Waters, Aoba, South Seas.

## Pray for a Reaping Time.

How I wish you could have seen the eager way some of the people I met this week listened to the gospel. Dear women of India, how sad one feels at times, knowing how fettered they are and just what it would mean for them to openly confess Christ! We do not despair, for God, our living God, is able to deliver captives bound by idolatry and heathenish customs. He has said, "Follow me," and so will give the enabling grace, and will strengthen those who are persecuted.

Lalbeai's foot is much better. The foot should be amputated, but this she is not willing for. She said, "It is my fate to die, but they must never cut off my feet." We spoke to her of Jesus, and prayed by her side, but she has not called upon the Lord herself yet. She has heard so often that we hope she will believe before she gets much weaker. I have visited three new homes this month. At one I spoke to six Brahmin women, one a widow — prayed much for her. It is written in the sacred book of Hinduism that "amongst some of the promises is the pardon for sin which has caused widowhood by the performance

of Chardhom, the visiting and worshipping at the four great shrines situated at the four cardinal points of India"—Jagganath, Ramanth, Dwarakanath, Badrimath—and so many widows make these pilgrimages in search of pardon, for they are despised by all. Pray they may hear of him who not only pardons all sin, but who loves with an everlasting love. Another day eight Marathi women listened well. Pray for a reaping time.—Yours in the battle of life, Rosa F. Tilley, Baramati, India.

Foreign Missions are the harbinger of advancing civilisation, the herald of the noblest ideas of the race, the forerunner of a world literature by which the time will soon come when a single newspaper and a single writer will be read in every land on the globe.

You can do  
more than pray  
**AFTER**  
you have Prayed  
But you cannot  
do more than  
Pray  
**UNTIL**  
you have prayed.



**NOT**  
how much of my  
money  
will I give to God  
**BUT**  
how much of  
God's money will  
I keep for myself.

**Public Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Goodwin**  
On arrival at Homo Bay, Pentecost. Bro. Goodwin is taking the photo.

**Why do we Believe in Foreign Missions?;**

Andrew Hutson, Queensland.

We believe in Foreign Missions because our God is the only one living and true God, and every man owes loyalty to his person and obedience to his precepts. Then there are the boons of redemption and salvation which are for all men, without any limits of race or locality. Every creature, therefore, ought to know these things, and we who know them are the trustees and administrators of this gospel.

Our Master, in his parting message to his disciples, revealed how the unreached multitudes pressed on his heart. He died for all, and hence it is the duty of the participants in his blessings to bring all men to Jesus—just as Andrew brought his brother Peter. There is also this encouraging fact, that on our mission station at the present moment we have hundreds of living testimonies to the transforming power of the gospel. The most degraded of heathen and

fiercest of cannibals have become useful and peaceful citizens and noble and self-denying saints of God.

Besides, our marching orders are "Go, preach the gospel to every creature." The inevitable difficulties are met by this assurance, "All power is vested in me," and all our fears are allayed by the promise, "Lo, I am with you." Brethren of Queensland, we have a duty to our heathen brother. Last year ye did well. But let this year eclipse all your previous efforts for Christ, the heathen and our noble missionaries who are laboring at the front in obedience to the command, "Go."

to pray. Now, as then, the harvest is plentiful, the laborers are few, therefore pray. Do it in faith. Expect that the brightest in our schools and churches and College will offer for service in the mission field and prepare to use the workers sent.

Create a missionary atmosphere in the home. Fill the mind of your brightest boy with the greatness of this world work. Continue the work in the Bible School, and enthruse the church with the desire to send the glad evangel to the uttermost parts of the earth. Help to answer your prayer.

We pray for laborers. What reason have we given the Father that they should be sent? Are we ready to use them? If the Lord answers, are we prepared to send them out and support them? What is the real strength of our desire and need that laborers be thrust into the harvest? Let the answer be given by our offerings for Foreign Missions on Sunday, July 7.

**Help to Answer Your Prayer.**

H. J. Banks, West Australia.

In our public assemblies prayer is constantly made that the Lord of the harvest will thrust forth laborers into his harvest, and this is right. It was the one specific thing for which Jesus taught his disciples

**Remember 1st Lord's Day in July**



**School at Rerworingon.**

Close on Mrs. Goodwin's right is Moses Warback (teacher), and on her left, Isalah Robman (teacher at Panewa).



**School at Lonliblic, Pentecost, South Seas.**

The teacher stands at the back. Mrs. F. G. Goodwin is the lady missionary in the picture.



Miss R. L. Tonkin,  
Shanghai, China.

"He is counting on you!  
On a love that will share  
In his burden of prayer  
For the souls He has bought  
With His life-blood; and sought  
Through His sorrow and pain  
To win Home yet again.  
He is counting on you!  
If you fail Him—  
What then?"



Miss M. Thompson,  
Harda, India.

### Pentecost Peace-Making.

There has only been one outstanding feature in the work of this month, and that centres around the establishment of peace between two parties of old enemies.

For several years the tribes of Lonliblie and Rerworinga have either been in actual warfare or expecting a sudden attack from the warriors of the other village. Six lives have been lost, and for a month at a time only strongly armed parties were safe from the murderous rifles. About six weeks ago a prominent Christian was shot near his own home, and his friends quickly murdered a chief in return. The missionary had utterly failed to arrest the warlike spirit by his visits and big talk, so this month he was very glad when a French officer and ten native police landed on Pentecost and in their travels paid a visit to Lonliblie, where the chiefs had declared war to the death.

Under threats, the leaders promised to talk peace and exchange pigs. I quickly sent messengers, ordering all from the two villages to come to Banmatmat, each side bringing three pigs. We usually agree that "great bodies move slowly," but here sometimes one is inclined to reverse the proverb. The Lonliblians arrived fairly early, so I then sent another messenger to Rerworinga, urging them to come at once, so that all might return home before dusk. In the course of the day my man returned, saying that it was expected that the Lonliblians would not come, as they had previously disappointed the missionaries.

Truly the messenger had seen the warriors arrived, but that didn't matter to them. I sent the man again, but later found that he had only lit fires for a signal on a

neighboring hill. I ordered the rowing boat to go, but somebody knew better, and subsequently I saw the boat still on the beach. The missionary hardly dared to trust himself to language, but it is the way of the people, and calming myself, I ordered one of my teachers to go at once with a crew and not to return without the warriors and the pigs, and I watched them until they passed the rocky headland to the next bay. The sun was sinking when they returned, and although fully armed, they refused to come near the others until all weapons were discarded. By talking and



Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Strutton,  
Baramati, India.

shouting, first to one party, then to the other, at last the pigs were exchanged by the chiefs and the others turned their heads away, thus expressing that the peace was to be permanent.

Afterwards groups of twos and threes were seen, some even holding the hands of others as they talked together. In reality they were old friends, although mischief-makers had made them enemies for years. Everybody stayed to the evening meeting, and the gospel was proclaimed to them in their own language. Good Friday had

dawned before the majority had reached their homes, and surely the power of the cross was manifested then to some if never before, as they journeyed in peace.

Having arranged to visit Rerworinga for Good Friday, we were glad to find all the fighting men gathered to hear the gospel service for the first time during my stay here. We tried to present the gospel claims very plainly, and then some hours were spent visiting the heathen in their own homes, which I am sure made us a few friends.

While there I was told that if I had taken a root of the sacred fern, which is fairly common, and planted it on the dancing ground of the fighting parties, at the same time declaring the war finished, the fighting could not have gone on. I believe this to be the famous "taboo" so often referred to.

Very little other visiting has been possible this month, but reports from all the schools show peace and progress.—Yours in his service, F. G. Goodwin, Pentecost, South Seas.

### A Word from Africa.

The work here is making steady progress all the time. The attendance at our schools is increasing, and we are having fine audiences at our gospel meetings. We are able to announce conversions from time to time—not in great numbers, but a few every now and then. The work at this time of the year is nerve-trying, but it has always a gloriously bright side, and we keep turning to this side for a glimpse.—Yours in his service, W. W. Mansill.

### The Foreign Missionary Committee appeal for Four Things

FOR INTEREST  
FOR PRAYER  
FOR MEN  
FOR MONEY

REMEMBER JULY 7th.



A. Theo. Waters,  
Aoba, South Seas.



Mrs. A. T. Waters,  
Aoba, South Seas.



Miss R. F. Tilley,  
Baramati, India.

Only as souls I see the folks there under  
Bound who should conquer,—slaves who  
should be kings—  
Heaving their one hope with an empty wonder,  
Sadly contented with a show of things.



Mr. and  
Mrs. H. Watson,  
Diksal, India.

A GLIMPSE AT THE  
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Shanghai
- Student Preacher . . . . . Tokyo
- Native Evangelists, Teachers, and Colporteurs at  
Baramati, Diksal, and Daltonganj, India,  
and Ingome, South Africa.

A SIGNIFICANT KAFFIR PHRASE: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE  
**"Ungandinwa Nangomso"**

"Never be tired of giving even to-morrow"



Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Goodwin,  
Pentecost, South Seas.

**The OFFERING**

LAST YEAR, 1911-12.

	The Aim was:	The States gave
New South Wales . . . . .	£750	£1017 5 2
South Australia . . . . .	£1000	£1150 16 11
Victoria . . . . .	£1000	£1109 8 8
Tasmania . . . . .	£50	£52 18 7
West Australia . . . . .	£250	£150 15 6
Queensland . . . . .	£250	£210 12 2
Total . . . . .	£3300	£3691 17 0
	Amount Raised from All Sources, £3958.	

**Our AIM for 1912-13.**

New South Wales . . . . .	£1111
South Australia . . . . .	£1275
Victoria . . . . .	£1225
Tasmania . . . . .	£75
West Australia . . . . .	£250
Queensland . . . . .	£250
Sundry . . . . .	£14
Total . . . . .	£4200

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**Remember 1st Lord's Day in July**

### Diksal Doings.

We have been having it extremely hot lately, and it will continue until June 15, when the rains are expected. Everything is looking very dry; many people are in straits, holding on with the expectancy of good rains to set things right again. Mrs. Watson and Nancy have just returned from the hills, and are looking much better for the change of air. We now have an increase of Christians with us. This means a larger circle of Christian influence. We have been having good times over the Gospel of John, which we have just completed. It is the first time that I have seen station native Christians being interested sufficiently in the Scriptures as to bring with them pencil and paper in order to take notes of the teaching and the Scripture references. It is a treat to teach them, and this methodical study of the Word is also affecting the preachers in their addresses to the heathen. Yesterday in the bazaar we had fully 300 people, who listened to the gospel being proclaimed in the spirit these men fearlessly proclaim the truth. We also sold a good number of Gospels and portions in Marathi. The medical work is gradually growing, and will, I hope, in time, be fit for a properly accredited physician to take it over, or perhaps a chemist, who could do a great deal of good in this way.

We had 172 treatments, being an increase of 42 over last month's record, and we have had people coming by train from different stations along the line, also many from distant villages, and of course they bring two or three friends with them, and they all hear the gospel.

We have had some very interesting cases, which I am sure would be of great interest to an M.D.

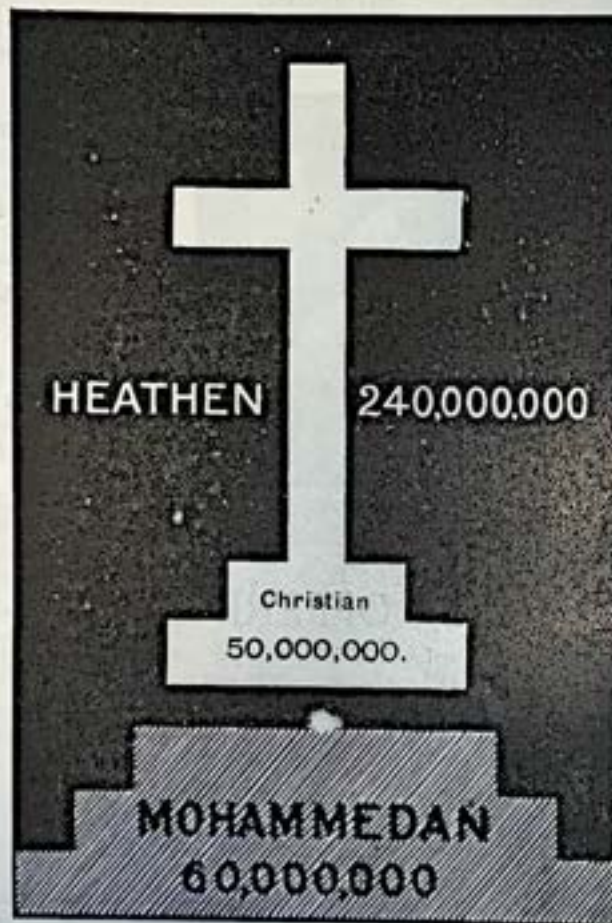
The school work is also progressing. We started with 12 heathen boys, and now we have 30 attending, and most of them pay a small fee for the privilege. We have a qualified and certificated Christian master over them, and I am sure that the influence will eventually tell for the cause of Christ. Sometimes these boys troop into our Bible Class meeting, and seem interested in the Scriptures. The school is just a means to an end, and we pray that end will be Christ.—H. Watson, Diksal, India.

"A whole Christ for my salvation."  
 "A whole Bible for my staff."  
 "A whole church for my fellowship."  
 "A whole world for my parish."

### A Call to Tasmania.

N. J. Warmbrun, Tasmania.

"Be not weary in well doing," Gal. 6: 9. Let all, though few, in this fair isle, give as the Lord has prospered us. May we overreach our aim, £75, for 1912. Last year our aim was reached. We trust we are encouraged and will press on to reach our goal. The call is urgent; let us do our part to take the gospel to the great darkened world.



Charles Reign Scoville, the great evangelist whom God is blessing so mightily in our midst, supports his own missionary, Mrs. Dr. L. F. Jaggard, at Longa, Africa. He finds great joy in this service. He wants to see the gospel preached to the whole creation. While he leads men to Christ by personal effort in Australia, he helps to win Africa by a missionary whom he supports.

### A Unique Prayer by a South Sea Boy.

I enclose the prayer of one boy as nearly as I remember it, after the meeting was over, but I cannot reproduce the pleading tone nor the mellow voice of the suppliant: "Almighty God, we pray you bless us in our meeting to-night. We come here to study all about Jesus. We pray you come very near to every boy here and help us all love Jesus. Lord Jesus, bless all the teachers to-night; stand by 'em and make 'im all fellow strong to tell the story of Jesus, and may the seed sown bring him out plenty good fruit to-night, and may sinners be saved. Bless 'em Moses and Luke, bless 'em Willie Ansen and Joseph, and help 'em, Lord. Bless 'em Missie Goodwin, and Mrs. Goodwin beside 'im. Lord, we be plenty glad you send 'em two fella along; stand by 'em and help 'em. May they have no sickness, Lord. They leave home far away and come along here. We pray you bless 'em, Lord. Bless Missie Filmer and Mrs. Filmer along with 'em. Bless both 'em fella and make 'em safe, and by-and-bye we do be plenty glad to see 'em again. Bless 'em white missionary everywhere, Lord, and all 'im Christian bruder working for Jesus, and may plenty sinner come from the darkness to the wonderful light of Jesus to-night. For Jesus' sake. Amen."—F. G. Goodwin, Pentecost, South Seas.

### Exit the Dragon.

The dragon flag has disappeared entirely, and its place has been taken by the five-colored Union flag of the Republic—red, yellow, blue, white and black—the colors standing respectively for Chinese, Manchurians, Mongolians, Mohammedans and Tibetans. But although this emblem has disappeared, the dragon himself has not yet gone out of the business. Upon the receipt of the edict of abdication, Sun Yat Sen went, with a long retinue, to the Ming tombs at Nanking, to offer sacrifices and to acquaint the spirits of the long-defunct Ming emperors of the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty and the establishment of the Republic. But although idolatry is very much in evidence, the Chinese Christians rejoice in the change of flag, and unhesitatingly believe that the prophecy regarding the final overthrow of the dragon as recorded in the 20th chapter of Revelation will be literally fulfilled.—Jas. Ware,

Remember 1st Lord's Day in July



## Miss Tonkin's Girls in Shanghai

Am glad to say we are all well. Have been specially so this spring time, and the girls are looking well, their faces rosy with health. With so much filth and so many stenches around one realises more and more the loving care of our heavenly Father. And so through these troublous times we have not heard any of the noisy disturbances from time to time; everything is so quiet and restful.

The house I am in at present has an 80 feet frontage on the Yangtspoo-rd., and is finely adapted for women's work. Since we have had this building the work has made much more progress. Our school has more than doubled its numbers, and the women's meetings are well attended. At the last meeting the attendance was 36, and we have a girls' meeting on Friday afternoon after school, a boys' on Wednesday, at the same hour, and Thursday, at the same hour, a meeting for the children off the street. Some of the members of the mission who have had to be in Shanghai have said they know of no church building that is used more or as much as our Yangtspoo. Every day has at least two services, many days three and four. We have quite a number of enquiries just now. We earnestly pray that they may be steadfast in their study of the truth, and that they may be led to a full surrender.

I have a dear girl whom I rescued when I came back from furlough, and whom I placed in the Door of Hope or rescue home for a year. It was much against her wish, but it was the best I could do then; I promised to try and take her out at the end of the year. During the year in the home she was converted, and confessed all about herself. At the end of the year I tried to get her into a number of schools without effect, owing to her having been in the bad life. I kept her in my own home several months. Then her father came down from the north, and he took her back to Tientsin, and without saying more than "She is my daughter," got her into a fine school there at seven dollars a month, which he willingly paid until the revolution broke out, and he has had little or no work since, so cannot afford to do it. He has sent her back to me, and asked me to try and get her into a less expensive school for a few more years. She brings a splendid character back from school, and she hopes to fit herself more to do the work of God.

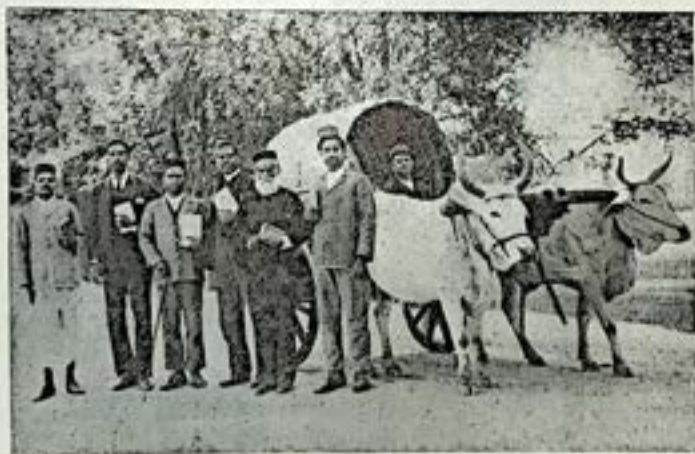
With greetings and Christian love to you all,—Yours in his service, Rosa L. Tonkin, Shanghai, China.

## Freely Ye Have Received.

Geo. T. Walden, South Australia.

Before our July offering, two of our States will have received great blessings from the Scoville mission, and three of the States will have had the Chapman-Alexander mission party awakening them to an interest in the Lord's work. All of this we feel sure will be a help to our Foreign Mission offering, as the more we get interested in the Lord's work in our home land, the greater will be the desire to tell the story in the regions beyond.

When Andrew found Jesus, he went after his brother Simon. We have found Christ; let us go after our brethren in the foreign lands and bring them to Jesus. Every one we win to Jesus Christ we win to Christian civilisation, and add another link to our great British Empire, so that on patriotic as well as religious grounds let us do great things for the Lord on July 7.



The Band of Native Evangelists in Harda, India.

Ready to go out on a preaching tour of the villages, with Bro. M. J. Shah's cart. Names of Evangelists: Bharos, S. J. Nathan, Ram Pd., M. J. Shah, J. R. Downey, Baki Dass.

## From P. A. Davey in Japan.

Winter is over, and the flowers are opening again at the call of spring. This time next year we shall be making preparations for our furlough, it being now nearly seven years since we landed in Japan.

I met an interesting man the other day. He is Mr. Hasegawa, head of a piano factory. He closes his factory all day Sunday, and has a religious service for his employees once a week.

Mrs. Davey gave a "gochiso" (honorable banquet) to 12 young women last week. A feed is a point of contact to reach people for spiritual ends. It hits the spot. It was

our pleasure to wave the new flag of the Chinese Republic at a celebration by Chinese in the Y.M.C.A. Hall recently. Our quartette sang two selections. Addresses to morally and spiritually uplift were given. A new Chinese national anthem was sung to the tune of "God Save our Gracious King." Christian men and women are undoubtedly the light of China and the salt of China.

I heard a most interesting sermon on "The Prodigal Son" last Sunday. The Japanese speaker is a man of such fine qualities and splendid ability, that, when I remember that the Christian community includes so many such men as he, I am able to strongly believe that the person of Christ is bound to dominate the Japanese race some day.

To-day we are to have in our garden a welcome meeting for our Koishikawa church evangelist, Mr. Hasegawa, and his family. He has 11 children, and is almost a "Japanese Jacob."—Yours sincerely, P. A. Davey, Tokyo, Japan.

## Report of a Tour by Dinka Garde.

One of our Natives at Baramati.

When we departed from Baramati, we continued our journey to Malegoan. We met the Malegoan people and preached there; most probably there were fifteen, or might be more than that; we did not count them. After having finished our preaching, we started to see the king's palace, and there we took a little rest, because we both were too much hungry to be nice. We waited for our cart, which met us at about 11 o'clock, so we continued our journey, and when we went to Pandara we preached there at about 3 o'clock. We met few people. Having finished our preaching, we continued our journey to the Nira Station. We reached there at 8 o'clock, and found a few people there. They were engine drivers. When we got up early in the morning we both went to Small Pipara and Big Pipara. At these villages we preached, then returned to the station, where we were stopped. There we took our breakfast, and waited for a boy who was coming by the train at 12 o'clock. He took some breakfast with us. After having finished our breakfast, we took the journey to Baramati. On the way to Baramati, we met the Marathi people at Vadagoan. We both preached there. Almost all people eagerly heard the word of God. At last they were convinced, and said that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the world; and they said, We are afraid to join your religion.—Your most obedient, Dinker Bapup Garde.

## One, Double One, One.

A RALLY CRY FOR N.S.W.

F. T. Saunders, Sec., N.S.W. Committee.

The brethren in New South Wales do not need to be reminded of the significance of the first Sunday in July. Foreign Mission Sunday is a fixed date in their calendars. The brethren have learned the joy of giving to this world-wide enterprise, and are anxious that the world may know him, whom to know is life eternal.

But a word is needed to announce our purpose this year. Last year the amount which we proposed to give to over-sea evangelism was set high—at £750—which was an average of 3/9 per member. The brethren promptly replied that the amount was too low, and freely contributed £1062/4/8, an average of 5/- per member for the State. That is a high standard, and the Committee recognise this. Therefore the standard for this year gave some difficulty to fix. It was a happy thought on the part of one member that the aim be to raise £1111. This is a slight increase on the amount given last year, and the Committee recognise that it is laying itself open to the same rebuke as was administered before. We are anxious that our brethren should give cheerfully, and when they are able to give more than they are asked, they are always joyful over it.

Our great reason for this appeal is that it honors Christ. It honors his sacrifice when we accept it as our propitiation, but it discredits that sacrifice when we seek to limit its operation to ourselves, or to our own relatives and countrymen. Surely that Christian should be ashamed who would say that he has no money to give for the salvation of the heathen. It should rend our souls with horror to hear such words. Do we realise that we were heathen to Christ's family?—that we were aliens from the commonwealth of Israel? Christ was not selfish when he died for us; let us not be selfish in our view of that sacrifice. If it honors Christ that we obey him; if it honors him that we lead men and women to obey him in our own land; surely it honors him when we obey that last word of his, "Go ye into all the world."

Our obedience honors ourselves. No greater glory can be received by man than to have many stars in his eternal crown, but that is not glory and not honor. It is honorable of man to be obedient even to self-sacrifice. It elevates him in the esteem of his fellows, and also of himself. Here is a word of Christ, "Go ye," it is honorable to obey.

Brethren, it is a priceless privilege that Jesus has conferred on us, that we should be permitted to be instruments in his hands of telling the gospel. It is an honor done our humanity. Angels cannot tell the story—neither can the Holy Spirit. Philip was

told to go to Gaza by an angel who wished the Ethiopian to hear the gospel. The Spirit told him to go to the man. The angel who came to Cornelius could not tell him the gospel. Jesus did not preach to Saul of Tarsus. It was men—men—every time, who preached the glad tidings. The book of Revelation closes with the words, "Let



Chinese, Chapel, Melbourne.  
Inside View.

him that heareth say, 'Come.'" Here is a prophecy God cannot fulfil, but you can, and if men and women do not it will remain unfulfilled.

Brethren in New South Wales, rise to your privileges, and say to the world, "Come." "Let him that is athirst, Come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Say it on July 7 by a large offering for world-wide missions.

## The Offering Day - JULY 7th

Preach it up! Pray it up! Talk it up!  
Work it up! Take it up! Follow it up!  
Send it up!



W. Jame and Son,  
Our Chinese Evangelist in Australia.

## Missions and Commerce.

F. Collins, Pres. N.S.W. F.M. Committee.

Commenting on the work of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, Dr. N. D. Hillis says: "What if the American News Company should send a shipload of books to Iorneo? The people cannot read. What if they send a shipload of typewriters to Western Africa? The people cannot write. What if you send a cargo of sewing machines to the Hottentots? Well, they do not wear clothes. Wealth comes through selling manufactured goods. But savages do not want these conveniences. Now think of what the American Board has done. Once they sent out a band to civilise a South Sea island. In the band were six carpenters, two blacksmiths, two bricklayers, one architect, two tailors, two shoemakers, two weavers, two farmers, one physician, four preachers. In forty years after they landed one ship a week unloaded its cargo at that port—that tells the whole story. Since then the trade from New England ports alone has yielded enough profit to merchants in a single year to pay for the entire missionary enterprise."

Will the man who does not believe in missions to the heathen tell us in which way they do not pay?

## South Seas Sunrise School.

It is very encouraging and gratifying to see every morning, rain or shine, hurricane or calm, 19, 20, or 21 out of 22 answer to the roll call. Men and women, boys and girls, several complete families, and one family represented by three generations—that is, parents, children and grandfather. The grandfather is "i Takaro" ("God"), and a fine looking and interesting old man is he. His whole name is "i Takaro na nungive," "Captain Takaro," but we call him the baby of the school, as he is the last comer, and to see him with his little granddaughter and grandson in school is pleasant. He is seeking after God now—a repentant old "pig chief" and grog drinker. Do pray for him, dear ones. But I must say no more about him now, as I hope later, when he shall have turned to the Lord, to tell you his interesting life and send his photo. His brother "Willie" is also a pupil, and the Government chief of police. Once a week I go to a bush school for a sunrise session. This morning two schools join in a union school. Some thirty attend, men and women being in the majority. Among them is the first man and second man of the Government, "head men" for this district. Bro. Purdy appointed them. Both schools are still working on Genesis, first chapter, and are progressing nicely.—A. T. Waters, Aoba, South Seas.



## In the Realm of the Bible School.



### HINDERING CHRIST.

Sunday School Lesson for July 7,  
"Malignant Unbelief," Mark 3: 20-35.  
A. R. MAIN, B.A.

Rather than attempt to give in small space an exposition of the selected Scripture, we prefer to notice a few things in it which are specially appropriate to the general theme of this missionary number. The chief thought of our lesson is that unbelief hinders the work of Jesus Christ, whether that lack of faith be found in friends or enemies of the Lord. Alike we may become "enemies of the cross." On one occasion we are told that Jesus could do no mighty work because of the people's unbelief (Mark 6: 5). Inherently, his divine power was just as great as ever; but its manifestation was hindered. So, doubtless, it often is to-day. According to our faith the blessing must ever be.

#### The unbelief of friends.

One of the saddest things recorded in the Gospels is that the relatives of Jesus did not appreciate him. His brethren did not believe in him (John 7: 5). We think how the Saviour might have received comfort and cheer in his own home, and so have been helped to endure the misrepresentation of enemies. But it was not so. When they heard of his teaching—of the crowds which thronged and listened, forgetting their good—they said, "He is beside himself." Imagine the scene! Mark implies that our lesson took place after the giving of the Sermon on the Mount. Think of it!—the speaker of that sermon called mad, and by his own folk. With apparently kind desire, they went after Jesus, to induce him to come home. Many believe that verse 32 implies that even Mary the mother of Jesus went out. In one great sermon, Henry Drummond spoke of the eccentricity of Jesus. He said that, from the world's standpoint, Jesus was eccentric. A holy life is always a phenomenon. "What is being beside oneself? What is madness? It is eccentricity—eccentricity—having a different centre from other people." Drummond says when Jesus came he found "one centre to human life—self"; whereas he lived on new lines altogether. "He did God's will. He pleased not himself. His centre was to one side of self. He was beside himself. From the world's view-point it was simply madness."

Friends of Jesus to-day often hinder his work. Our faith is so small that we attempt but little. Our zeal is so small that we are likely to frown upon enthusiasm in others. It is not very long since the very word enthusiasm had in English literature an altogether bad sense. The leaders in the Foreign Missionary work were laughed at.

Earnest young men were told that the Lord would in his own time convert the heathen without the aid of their puny efforts. Religious leaders thought the heralds of the cross were beside themselves. Sydney Smith, who became Canon of St. Paul's, one of the greatest masters of ridicule, sneered at Carey and others as "consecrated cobblers."

Have we hindered? One wishes to go and speak for Christ. Have we encouraged or have we hindered? Have we "laid hold on him" as

itself cannot stand. Unity is strength. Jesus considered it self-evident that there was no division in the hosts of Satan. Would that it were similarly a *reductio ad absurdum* to suggest that there could be division in the ranks of those who profess to be the people of God. Particularly in view of the mighty work awaiting the church is there need for unison. Christ prayed that his disciples might be one in order that the world might believe. Sectarianism, we are never tired of saying, hinders the work of Christ. But are we ourselves absolutely united in work?

With one aim and one soul we should strive together for the faith of the gospel. Theoretically, we are not divided on the missionary question. We have no anti-missionary people in Australia, but how many o-missionary folk have we?

Jesus recognised the power opposed to him. In verse 27 he spoke of the strong man who needed to be bound. The greatness of the work, the power of the foe, may at times make us fearful. But we reflect on one who can bind the strong man, on one who came to destroy the works of the devil. Under his leadership we advance to certain victory.

#### Kinship with Christ.

Our lesson closes with one of the most beautiful words in the Gospels: "Whoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Have we not all thought we would like to have lived with Jesus and seen and observed him? It at times seems as if they who did so were privileged beyond us. Now we learn that we can come into as close a relationship with him as they. "The relationships of the kingdom of heaven are not carnal, but spiritual." Jesus came to do the will of God (Heb. 10: 17); they who do it are his friends. Jesus said on one occasion, that he who did good to another did it unto him; the humblest disciple thus helped is Jesus' brother (Matt. 25: 40). Here we learn that the helper is a brother too.

What is the will of God? As we read this paper, the uppermost thought is that it is God's will that the world should hear of his love and be brought to serve him. "Go"—"make disciples"—"preach the gospel";—these are commands of God. These express his will for us. With this commission, read the words, "Whoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother."

"By the value of souls, by the shortness of time, by the greatness of the field, DO SOMETHING DEFINITE FOR THE HEATHEN. If we fail, will not millions rise and ask in the Great Day why we left them unshepherded?"

This is the only generation we can reach.



A Temple, Japan.

Barnabas took Saul to introduce him to wider service (Acts 11), or have we "laid hold on him" as Jesus' brethren would have done to the Saviour, and tried to stop him in his work? Friends may hinder Jesus.

#### Malignant unbelief.

The scribes attributed the wonderful beneficent works of Jesus to Satanic agency. To this dreadful charge Jesus replied in various ways. First, he reduced it to an absurdity. Since the possession of demons which he exorcised was a manifestation of Satan's power, the contention of the scribes involved a division in Satan's kingdom; Satan was casting out Satan. It was in this connection that the Saviour laid down the principle of personal application: A house divided against

## The Plenteous Harvest.

Horace Kingsbury, Victoria.

India's dark millions make a strong appeal to Christians for the Light of the World. We have found great joy in sending out new workers to benighted India, and our hearts have been cheered by the encouraging letters of our faithful missionaries; but, oh, there's so much to do, and so little done. The time has not yet come for rest and congratulation, but the present need constitutes a mighty challenge to Christian heroism. God has given encouragement for the doing of greater works, and the making of larger sacrifices for India's salvation. I wonder if the following quotation will make as deep an impression upon you as it did upon me: "In India the Christians have increased in the last decade four times as much as the entire population has increased, and yet we must not shut our eyes to the fact that India still lies in darkness; that if three millions have been reached, two hundred and ninety-seven millions still need the gospel." Truly the harvest is plenteous. Truly the laborers are few.

### Interesting Items from Harda.

Written Specially for the Children

I was thinking this morning how interested you would have been if you could have been with me in one of our village Bible Schools. Before we went to the young people, we, that is, Ruknau and I, went to one of the houses we visit regularly, and found a number of people there from a distance. They had come to be present at a wedding, and listened well to us.

After we left there, another woman called us, and while we were talking to the woman about 20 women came up singing. They were going to buy something near, and seeing us, came up and asked us to sing something. We talked to them for a while, and afterwards sang a hymn for them, and then went to the place where we were going to have the school. We found there was a wedding there, too, and the women had been up very early and cooked a lot of bread. A cloth had been spread on the ground, and two men had heavy pieces of wood and were breaking the bread up in pieces, when they would mix it with treacle and ghi (clarified butter), and the people would eat it before they started off for another village. We soon had a number of children around us, and the strangers from other places listened as we talked to them.



**The New Chapel,**  
Almost completed, Banmatmat, Sth. Seas.

We were afraid we might have some trouble, as some of the men had been drinking, and they were pushing each other about close to where we were; but after a while they went away. A number of the children followed us to our tonga and started playing after we left, and we saw in the distance that one had pulled the puggaree off another's head. It was two or three yards long, and dragged in the dust as he wound

येशू म्हणाला,  
कोणी ताहेला असला,  
तर त्यानें मजकडे येऊन यावे.

John 7: 37 in Marathi,  
the language spoken at Baramati, India.

it round and round, but that did not disturb him a bit.

A few of the boys from that village walk into Harda every morning to one of our schools. They have to start very early, as the schools begin at 7 o'clock now. We are so glad they can come so far, and hope that some day some of them will be able to teach in their own village.—M. Thompson, Harda, India.



**Sunrise School,**  
Aoba, South Seas.

## Open Letter to the South Australian Churches.

To the Churches in South Australia.

Dear Brethren,—Again we have reached and passed high water mark in our Foreign Mission work. The past year was a record, but will remain so only until July 7 of this year. We did not quite reach our aim, but we got mighty close to it. We have raised £1110, and before the books close will have about £1175. We tried for £1250. For next year we are "going strong" for £1275, and we must have £650 on July 7. Of course, £700 will be better. I say we must have, for the following reasons:—

1. Present workers and plant must be retained.
2. Additions must be made to the staff and plant.
3. Our spiritual vision must be enlarged.
4. We need the blessing. "More blessed to give than to receive."

5. We must give an account of our stewardship one day.

6. Money here, means souls for Christ somewhere.

Begin at once and lay by your offering. Make some sacrifice each week for your benighted brethren. Let no church be found saying: "We can't make the offering this year. We are just building a chapel, or repairing our building, or preparing for a mission, or!! or!! or!!"

Take the offering on July 7, so that those who would give, may Pray up the offering, brethren, and live up to your prayer.

"And they all with one accord began to make excuse?" No, but took their offering for the Lord.

Yours for another record,

Ira A. Paternoster,  
Sec. S.A. F.M.C.

### Reminders.

The first Lord's day in July for F.M. collections.

Additional copies of this special issue will gladly be supplied, while they last, on application.

Secretaries of churches, please see that good announcements are made at all services from now on, until the great offering is taken on July 7.

India physically is a most beautiful land. Would to God it were Emanuel's land.—Rains.

The resources of God are promised only to those who undertake the programme of God.



**Bullock Cart Outside Bungalow, at Baramati,**  
About to go out on preaching tour, with two preachers.

Chinese statesmen say that the missionaries have borne the light of western civilisation into every nook and corner of the Empire, and that the awakening of China may be traced in no small measure to the work of the missionaries.

Life is most worth  
living to him whose  
work is most worth  
while.

## Forward!

E. Stanley Tape, Victoria.

Difficulties! Have they not forced upon many careless and indifferent ears the need of the poor unevangelised millions? Difficulties! Have they not awakened a new spirit of intercession in our churches, and given us the sure promise of increased resources, material and spiritual? All hearts crowd to the thundering shore to see the ship in peril and show help and sympathy with its crew in their distress. It is owing to its misfortune that its name becomes a household word—to relinquish our work, to contract our plans, to refuse the open doors of opportunity because progress is difficult, because it drives us to our knees in utter perplexity, because it tests our faith, and that severely, is to be ignorant of God's providential method of advancing the cause of truth and goodwill in the earth.

It is through the pressing and ever painful needs of our F.M. Committee that we are to learn again the clamant needs of the heathen. The moaning cry of the poor benighted pagans, asking that someone should come to tell them of Jesus the Saviour, fails to reach our ears. It must reach us via the F.M. Committee. It must pass through the hearts of our brethren, they must repeat it with urgency and in a voice which will reach all our churches, even the most selfish and uncaring. Let us thank God for our difficulties and "Go forward!" "It can't be done!" someone said to Richard Cobden on one occasion, and he replied, "If that is the only objection, then the sooner we set about it the better."

I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the kingdom of Christ.—*David Livingstone.*



## A Roadside Breakfast Camp,

with cocks busy. Note bullock cart, in which two native preachers travelled. Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Pittman and Mrs. H. Strutton in the foreground.

Foreign Missions have done more than anything else to open foreign lands to the knowledge of the world, and to promote international interest and sympathy to the ends of the earth.

Foreign Missions impress upon the soul the idea of the common kinship of the race that develops every kindly instinct in the heart of man.

"As long as there are millions destitute of the Word of God and knowledge of Jesus Christ, it will be impossible for me to devote my time and energy to those who have both."

## Don't Argue.

J. I. Mudford, Queensland.

Two men, it is reported, were once discussing the evidences of Christianity—the one a rationalist, and the other a Christian. The speakers waxed warm, whereupon the rationalist, thinking to finish the argument, exclaimed in a "that settles it" tone of voice, "But, sir, I have studied in Germany!" "And I, sir," came the quick retort, "have studied in Korea!" Which of these two, think you, had the best of the argument?

In the great Christian movements in Korea and other foreign fields, we have an unanswerable argument for Christ's religion. Such tangible, objective evidence, counts for more than the subjective theories and fancies of all the schools of rationalistic thought. By the church's support of Foreign Missions, she teaches to both men and angels the manifold wisdom of God.

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" "Here am I; send me."

Not simply what we say, but what we give on July 7 will show our interest in world-wide evangelisation.



## A Street Scene in Indapur,

Where we hope some day to begin operations. The tonga and ponies travelled the 64 miles to Baramati in two days.

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## West Australia.

**CHINESE MISSION, PERTH.**—Our seventh anniversary was held on May 28, in the Lake-st. chapel. C. A. G. Payne, the President of the Conference, presided, and there was a large and enthusiastic gathering. The chairman gave a stirring address, in which he commended the teachers for their faithfulness, and wished them success in their new year. The secretary stated in his report that there were 14 scholars and 6 teachers. The teachers wanted a Chinese preacher to be stationed in their midst, and to meet some day in a building which they could call their own. An excellent programme was presented, and consisted of items by the members of the school, the Loyal Daughters of Lake-st., and the Women's Mission Band of Fremantle. Joseph Tie Ghan's famous life-size painting of the "Good Shepherd" was again viewed by a large number of visitors. At the close refreshments were handed round, which terminated a most successful anniversary.—W.A., June 9.

## Tasmania.

**SOUTH ROAD.**—The first year of the Dorcas Society of South Road has just ended. The sisters, although scattered, have done a good work. A parcel of useful garments was given to Children's Hospital, Launceston; two baskets of fruit; jam; vegetables; butter; eggs; also tracts given to Ulverstone Hospital by Sisters Were and Preston. Sick have been visited in Penguin, Pine Road, Preston, and Ulverstone; jellies, fruit, beef tea, and other delicacies given them; also tracts. £1/5/- from sisters, South Road, and Sisters Howard, Preston, towards supporting a Bible woman in India; suggested that sisters send a Christmas box to station in India; glad to hear from any sisters willing to help in this matter.—C. Dent.

## New Zealand.

**KILBIRNIE.**—As the result of a working bee composed of a few brethren under the direction of Bro. Cooze, the interior of the chapel has been renovated, giving it a much more cheerful appearance. The exterior is also being painted. The weekly prayer meeting has been resumed, and the new deacons recently appointed are having regular monthly meetings. M. Vickery, of South Wellington, is conducting the gospel meetings, and his addresses are much appreciated. Bro. Purnell is now church secretary.—G.P.P., June 2.

**NELSON.**—Lord's day, June 3, good meeting for worship. Bro. Glover presided. One young lady received the right hand of Christian union. Visitors, Sister Dodson, Takaka, and Bro. G. B. Langford, Bainham. Bible School: 127 present, three perfect classes; contributions, 9/11. The evening proclamation was largely attended. Bro. Verco preached a very forceful and clear message on the topic, "Why I am a Member of the



Church of Christ." The mid-week meeting for prayer and praise was well attended, the evangelist giving a very helpful talk on John 17. Bro. Price, Motueka, visitor, gave a short address on "Prayer."—E.M.J., June 6.

## Queensland.

**GYMPIE.**—Pleased to report four restorations. We are making headway, principally through the splendid work of W. B. Hayes. His assiduous visiting, the bright open air meetings, and the powerful gospel services, are beginning to tell. We aim at keeping Bro. Hayes for all time. Weekly contributions are increasing. This alone amply proves the members are in sympathy with the evangelist, and are desirous of keeping him in the field.—S.C.T., June 8.

**WOOROLIN.**—Twelve months ago, through our late State evangelist, A. W. Jinks, an appeal

## £1000 for New Zealand Church Extension Work!

A great united effort is being made throughout New Zealand to place the Dominion Church Extension Fund on a sound working basis. To this end the Board is asking for a

## Special Collection

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and hopes to raise £1000 by this means. See that you have a part in this grand work.

Donations may be forwarded to the Secretary,

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was made, asking for 1000 shillings towards erecting a chapel at Wooroolin. Till now, no one has responded. We therefore again present the appeal, asking whether there are some brethren who are able to help us. Anyone having a five-pound note, or any sum to spare, can safely invest same in helping us to erect a chapel. We are anxious to build now, but are not able alone, but trust that this appeal will be successful. We are in need of evangelistic aid, and have promises from brethren, and therefore need the accommodation.—J. H. Adermann, June 9.

## Victoria.

**BOX HILL.**—Our district conference was successful. A. J. Fischer presided, and J. E. Allan gave a rousing address. The reports from the various churches were encouraging. A forward move is anticipated. Box Hill church is receiving showers of blessing through the Scoville mission. Already six have confessed Christ there, two being from the Adult Class and three from the Bible School. Last night, at the close of a splendid meeting here, Emily Cameron gave herself to Jesus. From the church at Prahran we have welcomed by letter Bro. E. Rosenberg, who is a good help to us. The Junior C.E. is crowding out our vestry, and the Bible School has nearly trebled in twelve months. Mrs. Nightingale is supt. of the former, and Bro. Henley of the latter auxiliary. The sisters have presented a nice cushion to the church for the reading desk.—W.H.N.

**STAWELL.**—On June 6, Bro. Stearns, late of Mallala, S.A., delivered a lecture on South America, which was illustrated by lantern views. This morning we had as visitors Bro. Stearns and Bro. Scorer, of Ascot Vale. To-night another good meeting, Bro. Stearns delivering a splendid address.—A.P.A.B., June 9.

**MEREDITH.**—We have started cottage prayer meetings, which we believe will be a source of great strength and blessing in the work. This morning the right hand of Christian fellowship was extended to our brother who was baptised last Lord's day. Splendid interest manifested at the gospel meeting. Bro. Combridge discoursed on "Counting the Cost" most feelingly. At the conclusion three—father, mother and sister to the brother previously mentioned—gladdened our hearts by nobly making the good confession.—A.M.C., June 9.

**YARRAWONGA.**—We intimated a short time ago that we were going to form a meeting, which we have now done, at the house of Bro. Chappel, where we intend to meet. Any brethren around the district are very welcome to join us. We have had several meetings. Last Sunday Bro. Chappel presided, and Bro. Johns exhorted on the restoration of Peter. We had a gathering of ten, and we hope to add to this number shortly.—P.J.

**PRESTON.**—On Sunday, June 2, the Bible School held its anniversary services, which passed off very successfully. In the afternoon we had Bro. Hadfield with us; he gave a fine talk to the



Isaiah Robman,

Teacher at Panewa, Pentecost, South Seas.

children and friends on the work amongst the children in South Africa. In the evening Bro. Hall addressed a large number of friends. The singing by the children was very good at both services. On Monday we held the public demonstration and distribution of prizes. The programme for the children was very well arranged by Mrs. G. Dickens, Miss Olney, and Mrs. Walker. During the year we have had the pleasure of seeing some of our scholars confess their faith in the One who has done so much for them.—L. Olney.

BRIM.—On Lord's day, May 26, a letter was read from the H.M. Committee, asking help for the Scoville mission, and the church readily donated £2, knowing that if we have not the privilege of hearing our brother we can still have fellowship with him in soul-winning. On the same day the church made a presentation of a silver-back brush and comb to our Sister Emma Hovey, who has been a faithful and untiring servant of the church for a number of years as organist, S.S. teacher, and secretary. It sweetens life to let the workers know their efforts are appreciated, and our prayer is that she may long be spared to labor for the Master she loves.—W. W. White, June 8.

WARRAGUL.—The two young men who confessed Jesus as their Lord and Master were baptised and received into fellowship last Lord's day, June 2. Yesterday a lad from the Sunday School (youngest son of Bro. and Sister Pederson) came forward and confessed his Saviour. Fairly good meetings, and interest keeping up under the labors of Bro. Sivyver.—R.W.J.

MILDURA.—The Bible School demonstration last Lord's day was a great success. Fine meetings. Children performed splendidly. Splendid tea on Tuesday evening. School spirit promises much. We feel the thrill of the Scoville campaign. The church is letting the preacher free for the 350 miles journey to participate, but not "per bike." Brethren's hearts are in this fellowship; voluntary gifts coming in freely.—Hugh Gray, June 5.

GEELONG.—The past two Sundays Bro. F. Thomas has occupied the platform for Bro. Gifford Gordon, who is away on holidays, and we have had some good meetings. On the first Sunday, after a good address, one young woman came forward and was baptised on Sunday night. Many of our members have been to the city to hear Bro. Scoville. The local paper gave half a column to Bro. Thomas' Sunday morning address on "Don't Worry." Sister Herring, from Colac, was present, and welcomed at the morning meeting.—W.B.

BERWICK.—We had Bro. Wedd with us from the College. He spoke at all meetings and was much enjoyed.—E.E.H., June 16.

HAWTHORN.—Last Thursday afternoon representatives from the Sisters' Conference Executive visited the Hawthorn Sisters' Executive. It was a good meeting. Afternoon tea was provided by Sisters McDowell and Whittington. Two were received into fellowship by obedience

on June 9. The meetings were good yesterday. We received three by obedience, and four made the good confession.—A. C. Rankine, June 17.

NORTH MELBOURNE.—It is indeed a time of reaping, and we are getting our share of results. Four received into fellowship this morning, having confessed Christ at the mission, and baptised last Lord's day here. Two more baptisms and two more confessions to-night, making a total of 12 confessions from Bible School scholars, and one other, 13 in all to date. We had Bro. Phillippi with us last Lord's day morning, and were delighted and uplifted by his address. We have accepted the resignation of our evangelist, Bro. Phillips, and so need some one to work with us in, we trust, our awakening.—W.J.W., June 16.

DANDENONG.—Eight were baptised this morning, and then received the right hand of fellowship; also one restored. At the evening meeting there were four baptisms, and at the close of Bro. Larsen's address there was one confession. The Adult Bible Class is growing in numbers and interest, and the same may be said of the Endeavor Society. The church is having a time of rejoicing.—J. Proctor, June 16.

BLACKBURN.—Good meetings were the order of the day last Sunday. In the morning we had two visitors present, and two were welcomed into the church. At night we held a bap-



One of the "Christian" readers in the South Seas.

tismal service. These three additions are due to the Scoville mission. Recently our Spiritual Improvement Class presented the church with four dozen Sainkey's hymn books, 1200 edition. Our Bible Class began the study of A. R. Wells' book, "Why We Believe the Bible," which promises to be very instructive and interesting.—A.J.F.

BRUNSWICK.—Last Lord's day Bro. Way spoke morning and evening. On Tuesday the C.E. Society was visited by the C.E. Cycle Corps, and took charge of the meeting. At worship today there was a splendid gathering. Bro. Wakeling presided. Ten new members, the result of the Scoville mission and otherwise, were welcomed in by J. Jenkin. The youngest son of Bro. Way was one of the new converts. Bro. Hall, from Preston, gave an outspoken address on "Foreign Missions." Bro. Way preached the gospel.—W.T., June 17.

MIDDLE PARK.—We had a good start on Lord's day morning, with Bro. Phillippi present to address the church. A very good attendance of members and friends very much enjoyed a stirring address by our brother, whose remarks in regard to "giving" particularly suited "the other fellow." We felt edified and strengthened, and begin to understand more fully the reason of the uplift our American friends are giving to the church in Australia. We wish them long-continued success. In the evening we had a crowded house, the greatest meeting since Bro. Harward's mission with us a year or two ago. Bro. Main is just compelling the people to come.

We had eight immersions, and there were five scholars from the Bible School made the good confession at the close of Bro. Main's stirring address.—J.S.M.

CHELTHENHAM.—During the week Miss Ethel Ellis was baptised and received into fellowship on Sunday. To-night, before a large meeting, Horace Chapman confessed his faith in Christ. The blessings of the Scoville mission are reaching us and four will be added, with hopes of others yet to come. Miss Gladys Rowley was also received by letter from North Sydney.

CARLTON (Lygon-st.).—The meetings on Lord's day were a source of great inspiration. There was a large gathering at the breaking of bread, which included a goodly number of visitors. Twelve received a glad hand of welcome into the fellowship of the church (9 young men and 3 sisters). Bro. Enniss gave a fine exhortation on "What is a Christian?" Owing to the meeting for men at the Hippodrome in connection with the Scoville mission, the young men of the Century Bible Class attended. There were, however, 102 young ladies present. The night meeting was another great occasion, when we had the joy of witnessing five step out on the Lord's side in response to the gospel message, Bro. Kingsbury's subject being "Peter and the Pentecostians."—J.McC.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.).—Last Lord's day five were received into membership. Several visitors were present, amongst whom were Sisters Davis and Hodge, from Perth, W.A.; Bro. and Sister Richardson and Bro. Hayward, from Hindmarsh, S.A. Very enjoyable meeting. Bro. Allen gave a fine address, specially suitable for the new converts, and helpful to all present, on the subject, "Abiding in Christ." In the afternoon the male portion of the Bible School attended the men's meeting at the Hippodrome and heard the splendid address by Bro. Scoville. In the evening a baptismal service was held, when ten obeyed the Saviour. The meeting was very impressive. At the invitation, three responded and made the good confession.

PRAHRAN.—Five baptisms and three more confessions on Sunday night. Three new classes were formed in the Bible School yesterday, and new scholars are being enrolled every week.—P. J. Pond.

SHEPPARTON.—Interest in church work in all branches is well maintained. Last Lord's day four Bible School scholars, who were baptised the previous week, were received into the church. At the gospel service one lady made the good confession. We had with us during the day Sisters Conford, from Hawthorn, and Bingham, from Newmarket, also Bro. Walker.—R.A.H.

PRESTON.—Good meetings on Sunday. One sister, who was baptised at the Scoville mission, was received into the church. During the week of preparation, Northcote and Preston combined in the simultaneous mission. Bro. Vawter ad-



Thomas Tumtum,

Teacher at Banmatmat, Pentecost, South Seas

dressed a fine gathering in the Thornbury Picture Theatre. Breen, W. H. Allen, Jones, Clarke and Stein also addressed good meetings in the Preston chapel. At the Bible School rally in the Hippodrome, one of the scholars came out and confessed Christ.—G.A.D.

## New South Wales.

ENMORE.—Lord's day, June 9, was a great day at Enmore. There was some sadness, for we were breaking the comradeship that had existed between preacher and church for over 10 years, but it was a day of thankfulness too, as during all that time the preacher had never missed one service, week day or Lord's day, on account of ill-health. Great, too, were the gatherings. Over 600 broke bread. In the afternoon a large gathering of children assembled, and at night the building was packed to overflowing, and hundreds were turned away. At 6.40 people sought in vain for even standing room. Seats, aisles, platform, vestibules, all were full with brethren and friends. They came from far and near—from Manly to Hurstville, from Waverley to Crow's Nest, people assembled. Many old members of Enmore church gathered together to renew the friendship of bygone years. The hospitality of the church was great. Notwithstanding the large number of visitors, many families asked in vain for guests to accept their hospitality. The day was great in its ministry of song. At the morning service the singing under the able leadership of Bro. W. D. Rankine was an inspiration to us all. Many said they had never heard such singing at a morning meeting. When 600 voices get attuned with praise, the angels rejoice. The afternoon singing was the Hosannas of the children singing their love to Jesus. Our kindergarten charmed us all by their sweet baby voices singing "Jesus Loves Me," and "We will Give Jesus our Love." At the evening service singing began at 6.30. Bro. Percy Dickson, our talented organist, gave us his best. Bro. J. G. Tingate, our faithful choirmaster for many years, and greatly beloved by us all, presided ably at the piano. Bro. R. K. Whateley, our popular and efficient conductor, led his magnificent choir of 100 voices, and the audience joined in what was really "bursts of acclamation." We had Bro. Pine on the platform, 88 years of age, and still one of our leaders in song; but the crowning musical exercise was the singing by our male quartette (Bros. Whateley, Savage, Rankine, and Young) of the song, "When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died." We felt that the cross of Christ was very near to us as these talented singers breathed forth their voices and souls in song. At the conclusion of the address 16 made the good confession. It was thought by many that if the building had been less crowded the response would have been larger. At the conclusion of this service a baptismal service was held, at which six were baptized.

CITY TEMPLE.—Good meetings to-day, and fair attendance at all the services. Bro. F. Weber gave a fine address at the morning service. Visitors present, Sisters McKillop and Ferguson, from Junee; Bro. Macauley, from Manning River, and Bro. Roberts, from Queensland; Sister M. Walker, from Marrickville. Bro. Bagley at the evening service gave a good gospel address. The Band of Hope has got into service again. Bro. Leck, one of the oldest members of the church, after ailing for some time, passed peacefully away on Saturday night, 15th inst., at the age of 80 years. Bro. Leck was one of the stalwart men of God, and was one of the pioneers of the Sydney church, being a member for forty years.—J.C.

MARRICKVILLE.—Good meetings at both services to-day, 16th. In the morning, over 70 met, and a number who were away were accounted for; we had a rousing address from Bro. Goode. In the evening we joined with God's people all over the State in thanksgiving to him for the bountiful rains that have filled our hearts with gladness. The church here requires the services of an evangelist who can devote all

his time to the work. Having planted the church 19 years ago, while evangelist at the Enmore Tabernacle, we have ever felt a deep interest in its welfare. We have, on this occasion, spent three years of happy work with them, and the object of our desires is now attained. The church is housed in a fine new building that cost £1000, and right nobly the whole of the members worked and sacrificed to accomplish it. The outlook is bright, the finances in a highly satisfactory condition; the whole church is working in union and harmony, and ready to heartily and loyally co-operate with any consecrated servant of God who will come to lead them on to the heights of glorious achievement they hope to attain.—C.W.

MOSMAN.—Splendid meetings to-day, and stirring addresses by Bro. A. E. Illingworth at both services. Sister R. Paul, who was baptized last Lord's day, was received into fellowship this morning. Amongst our visitors were Alan Price and daughter. Sympathetic reference was made to the passing unto higher service of Bro. Robert Leck, late of the Sydney church.—S.G., June 16.

## South Australia.

UNLEY.—Last Sunday morning Bro. and Sister William Palmer and their son, Charles, were received by letter from Grote-st. In the evening John Fischer gave an interesting and earnest address. On Wednesday, Arthur G. Day spoke at the prayer meeting, and immersed three. This morning four were received into membership. S. Tuckwell spoke this evening on "The Greatest Question of the Day." Bro. Walden hopes to reach Adelaide early on Thursday morning, 20th inst., with his sister wife and their daughters, and will be heartily welcomed to South Australia. Bro. Walden will commence his work at Park-st. next Sunday, and a public welcome will be tendered to him on Thursday evening, 27th, in the Park-st. chapel.—P.S.M., June 16.

GROTE-ST.—At the meeting this morning four were received into membership. We had present with us Sister Mrs. E. Warburton, from Moononta, and Bro. Lovell and son, who have been away in the country for some time, but have removed again to the city. Bro. Thomas addressed the church. The evening meeting was well attended. Bro. Thomas' theme being "The Reality of Sin." One confession. Sister Degman has been appointed visiting sister in connection with the work carried on by the Adelaide City Mission. The interest in the Adult Bible Class is increasing; 50 present at the gathering this afternoon. At the business meeting held on Wednesday, June 12, it was unanimously carried, "That a new church building be erected; that an amount not exceeding £5000 be spent; that three-fifths of the money be raised in cash or accredited promises before work is started." The question of site has been deferred to the officers for consideration. If any of the brethren throughout the State and Commonwealth in sympathy with our erecting a new building feel that they would like to contribute to the funds, we shall be pleased to receive same. Send communications to the secretary, W. J. Manning, 10 Ware Chambers, King-William-st., Adelaide.—W.J.M., June 16.

## Here and There

Up to Sunday night last the total number of confessions at the Scoville mission amounted to about 600.

In this issue of the "Christian" Foreign Missions have the right of way.

For this reason some items of church news have been crowded out, but will appear in next issue.

Items of news in regard to the Scoville mission have had to find a place in our "Here and There" column.

Will Sydney brethren please note that H. G. Payne's phone number is Wahroonga, 443?

There were eight baptisms and five confessions at Middle Park, Vic., last Lord's day evening.

On account of the Scoville mission in Melbourne, there will be no visit of the sisters to the Cheltenham Benevolent Asylum this month.

Extra copies of this issue are being sent to all agents of the "Christian." Will agents please see that they are distributed, so that every family in the church receives a copy?

The annual offering envelopes and "Rich Kernels" have all been sent out to churches. Any church not having received their supply, or needing more, please communicate with the Secretary.

Miss Edith Terrell has recovered from her recent operation, and is willing to visit churches and give addresses whilst she remains in Victoria. For information, write to T. B. Fischer, Cheltenham, Vic.

Thos. Hagger will address a H.M. rally in the City Temple, Sydney, on Tuesday, July 23, as he passes through Sydney, en route to Melbourne. Sydneysites, please keep this date open for this meeting, as this will be the last opportunity for some time of hearing Bro. Hagger in N.S.W.

In some of the literature sent out, the number of additions in the foreign field for the year was not correctly stated. We give the correct figures as follows:—Shanghai, 60; Baramati and Diksal, 11; Harda, 18; Tokyo, 139; Aoba, 56; Pentecost, 45; Chinese Missions in Australia, 13; grand total, 342.

Bible School Union, Vic.—Owing to the Scoville mission being held, the date of general committee meeting will be announced in next week's issue of the "Christian." All delegates are asked to note this. The annual examination will be held on Monday, August 12. Printed forms have been posted to secretaries of suburban and country schools. If not received, please notify the secretary immediately.—J. Y. Potts.

Our readers will be pleased to hear that Bro. Hugh McLellan, preacher of the Central Christian Church, San Antonio, Texas, has been selected to preach the sermon at the National Convention, to be held next October, in Louisville, Kentucky. Bro. McLellan was formerly a member of the Lygon-st. church, Carlton, Vic., and has gradually risen to be one of the front rank preachers in America. It is an honor to Australia to have one of her boys selected for such an important occasion, and we heartily congratulate Bro. McLellan on having such a distinction.

## THE SCOVILLE MISSION.

### The Work in Melbourne.

The Scoville mission has now entered upon its third week, and the interest in it has been well maintained. The entire party has been at work every day, eager to seize every opportunity for work that presented itself. In addition to the usual night meetings, a visit was paid to the Harvester Machine Factory at Sunshine. The ladies of the party also held afternoon meetings at South Richmond and Collingwood. Mrs. Scoville, assisted by Mrs. Marty, conducting both meetings and reporting 24 confessions at South Richmond and 20 at Collingwood.

On Saturday evening the party visited Doncaster, and held a meeting there, with 11 confessions as a result. On Sunday morning Bro. and Sister Scoville attended the church at North Fitzroy, where Bro. Scoville delivered an address to a packed house. C. R. L. Vawter had an afternoon meeting at Footscray, with 7 confessions. C. E. Marty was present at the morning meeting at



C. R. Scoville.



South Melbourne, and addressed the church. H. F. Phillippi was at Middle Park in the morning, and Moreland in the afternoon.

**The Hippodrome.**

Good meetings during the week at the Hippodrome, with the whole strength of the party actively engaged each evening. Bro. Marty as musical director proved himself an adept as a leader of song, and was faithfully and splendidly helped by the choir. A flash-light photo. was taken of this great choir. It will serve as a pleasant memento of Bro. Marty's musical work in Melbourne. It will not be out of place to mention here that Mrs. Scoville and Mrs. Marty give valuable assistance each evening as personal workers.

Bro. Scoville, by his preaching, has evidently taken hold of his Melbourne audiences, and though he may be the despair of the reporters, he commands and rivets the attention of his audience. To hold an audience of something like three thousand people, night after night, for over a fortnight, is an eloquent tribute to his pulpit power.

**Men's Meeting.**

On Sunday afternoon the Hippodrome was well filled with an audience composed entirely of men, with the exception of two ladies in the persons of Mrs. Scoville and Miss Dickens, who were present at the devotional part of the meeting, but returned before the address was given. Mrs. Scoville sang "Ere you left your room this morning did you think to pray?" accompanied at the piano by Miss Dickens. It was worth while watching the audience while Mrs. Scoville was singing. There was the rapt attention and the quietness that can be felt, which is always the sure sign that the orator or singer has gripped his audience. It is a great sight to see a gathering of nearly three thousand men at a religious meeting. After all, it would seem as if religion was a thing in which men were concerned as well as women. We thought, as we sat in that meeting, of the Men's Movement in the United States, and of the interest that has been aroused by it in religious matters, and wondered if such a movement would not take hold of the men of Australia. We believe it would. Bro. Scoville gave a powerful address, a brief synopsis of which is given by the *Argus*, as follows:—

Mr. Scoville took as his text, "What manner of man is this?" The man that was not with Christ, he said, was against him. Christ must be taken into the everyday life of men. The best friend the working man had to-day was Jesus Christ. The choice of Jesus Christ stood for the sanctity of the home. It paid a man to lead a moral, if not also a Christian life. He had never been in a happy home in his life where intemperance was predominant. He urged all men if they loved their homes, their manhood, to keep whisky out of the home.

At this meeting there was a choir of about 500 voices, and when the whole audience joined in the singing, it was something worth listening to.

**The Sunday Evening Service.**

At 7 o'clock the Hippodrome was packed, and the doors were closed. Arrangements were at once made for an overflow meeting in the Skating Rink, at which fully 1500 people were present. It is quite evident from this that the only building in Melbourne capable of holding the people who wish to be present on Sunday evenings is the Exhibition. The meeting in the Skating Rink was conducted by C. R. L. Vawter, assisted by H. F. Phillippi, and for a while in the song service by C. E. Marty. At both meetings the number present was fully 5000. Mrs. Scoville sang "His Eye is on the Sparrow," and in the address which followed, Bro. Scoville took for his subject, "God and Conscience." A number of confessions were taken at the end of the service, bringing the total up to Sunday night to about 600.

**Baptisms.**

With the exception of the first night or two, the ordinance of baptism was attended to at each evening service in the Hippodrome. The temporary baptistry was at one side of the platform, and

so arranged as to make the ceremony quite as decorous as though carried out in the best equipped chapel. Those who were doubtful at first on this point had their fears set at rest the first night baptisms took place. An ingenious arrangement of curtains concealed the baptistry when not in use, but when drawn aside at the time of baptism revealed the administrator and the candidate standing in the baptistry, and when the immersion was completed, the curtains closed again, shutting out both from the view of the audience. So far, A. C. Rankine has been the administrator, and as each candidate was baptised, appropriate citations from Scripture were given, sometimes by Bro. Scoville, and at other times by Bren. Vawter and Allen. By this means many hundreds who have never witnessed Scriptural baptism before have had an opportunity of seeing it, and as an object lesson it would probably be more convincing than a long sermon on the ordinance.

**Church and Organ.**

"Church and Organ" is the heading of a page in the Melbourne *Punch* devoted to religious news. The writer of the notes in this page frequently says some shrewd things about the churches. The following is what he says about the Scoville mission:—

Evangelist Scoville, from America, opened fire, with full Chapman and Alexander effect, in Wirth's Hippodrome. We never saw a more powerful meeting. Scoville has the advantage of working for one denomination, the Church of Christ. He has not vaguely to direct converts into any church they like. While Dr. Chapman did this, he hit the churches pretty hard. However, when he said, "Smash dignity," he only meant smash method, because Dr. Chapman is as dignified in his preaching as Archbishop Clarke. Yes, a new method is imperative. Chapman and Scoville are like Napoleon smashing up the old methods of war. New methods are needed both by churches and police. The fortnight of Chapman and Alexander only whetted the palate for Scoville and Co.'s month. What a consuming thirst there is among the men of Melbourne for the Water of Life. With what absurd inadequacy the churches attempt to satiate it. The soldier must go where the fighting is, not button himself up in gospel-hardening the same little club all the time. If the mountain won't come to Mahomet, he must go to the mountain. Christ never prescribed the church system. Very seldom he used the word church. He preferred to say the kingdom. Well, we are thankful that Melbourne enjoys a few weeks of it.

**Visit to Doncaster.**

J. E. Allan writes:—

Saturday, June 15, the Scoville mission party held a most inspiring and impressive soul-saving service in the chapel. At 7.30 p.m., the chapel was crowded to its utmost seating capacity. A never-to-be-forgotten meeting continued from 7.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.

After an impressive address and an earnest, powerful appeal by Bro. Scoville, eleven souls confessed their faith in Christ (four young men, two boys, and five young women). Praise God. The Doxology was fervently sung by the congregation. Last evening, Sunday, two more souls took a stand for Jesus. Many more are expected.

**Factory Meeting at Sunshine.**

Through the kindness of the management of the Sunshine Harvester Works, a factory meeting was held at mid-day on Friday. The men soon rallied to the place of meeting, when the cornetists sounded out the ensemble. Men—mostly young and full of life and fun—gathered in great numbers, and ranged themselves in all sorts of places and postures about the bench which served as platform. Hymn sheets were passed among the crowd, and Bro. Marty was soon teaching the men to sing, "God Will Take Care of You." The time was short, and the most had to be made out of a very few minutes. Bro. Scoville was introduced, and was soon moving rapidly along in his interesting, forceful way. A bond of sympathy was formed between speaker

and audience when Bro. Scoville announced himself the friend of the laboring man, and the bond was strengthened when the men were told that Christ was a laboring man. All were interested when the speaker said, "Religion is not for the sweet by-and-by, but for the sweet now-and-now." A cordial invitation was given the men to attend the mission meetings in the city; then the men were asked if the missionaries should return next Friday. Their answer was an enthusiastic resounding, Yes!

**COMING EVENTS.**

**JUNE**—Every night except Saturday, the great soul-saving mission continues in Wirth's Hippodrome. Make the last days the best days in large attendances, large interest and large additions to the church.

**JUNE 23 (Sunday)**.—Mass meeting of women and maidens in Wirth's Hippodrome, Melbourne, at 3 p.m. This will be a specially helpful and stimulating service.

**JUNE 23 & 27**.—Park-st., Unley, S.A.—June 23, morning, 11; evening, 7, Mr. Geo. T. Walden. June 27, evening, 7-45, public welcome to Mr. Walden, presided over by H. J. Horsell, President, S.A. Conference. Bright words of welcome by evangelists and others. Everybody invited.



**JULY 7 (Sunday)**.—At 11 a.m., in every church, the Foreign Missionary offering will be taken. Isolated members can share in this also. Let every member of the church have a part in the great world-wide work.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

**McALLISTER**.—In memory of our dear Bro. McAllister, who died at Merewether, June 13, 1908. Four years to-day our brother passed away; He was ever a man among men; He has gone to his rest in the land of the blest, Where we hope to meet him again. —Jos. Fraser and Family.

**CROUCH**.—In loving memory of my dearly loved husband, and our dear father, Fred Crouch, who fell asleep in Jesus on June 27, 1908.

"When our hearts are bowed with woe, When our bitter tears o'erflow, When we mourn the lost, the dear, Jesus, Son of David, hear." —Inserted by his loving wife and children.

**BAGLEY**.—In loving memory of our precious mother, who passed away, June 22, 1906.

"Peace! perfect peace! with loved ones far away? In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they." —Inserted by her loving family.

**DEATH.**

**WATTS**.—At St. Clair, near Dunedin, Julia, wife of C. J. Watts, and beloved eldest twin daughter of Eliza and the late Martin Zelius, of Doncaster. All longings satisfied.

**DIAMOND WEDDING.**

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### Work and Weddings at Baramati.

It is about time for the yearly number, I suppose.

First of all, our compound people, namely, the Christians, are well and happy. Though this time of the year is exceedingly trying, being so hot, still it is healthy, more so than any other season, I think. They are all fairly content and get on very well, considering what they have to put up with, for though our numbers have increased, we have not as yet the longed-for accommodation for them, and cramped room and huddling together are not conducive of sweetness of temper always. Our weavers and their work are at a great disadvantage for lack of space; this we hope may soon be altered. We are getting quite a number of children, too, who will be ready to begin school soon. I hope to start a little baby kindergarten class amongst them when the rains begin. Some are a bit young yet, but they need something; and if it is only for an hour a day to begin with, it will be good for them.

This is the season of weddings again, and many and varied are the means of spending money and making a show. One of the largest (in the way of display) here has been at the house of the wealthiest man in the town. His daughter's wedding, and the daughter's age is, well, 18 months, not 18 years, as we should like to hear of. So you see infant marriage is still in vogue even in enlightened Baramati! Rockets and fireworks, bombs and bands, were the order of the day for the ten days or so of the wedding. I have not heard what it all cost, but it must have been a good round sum, there were so many guests. Fancy! Can you imagine the band-men's costume? They were advanced men as to uniform and had English style, dark blue trousers and red coats and English music (?) or instruments. This was not showy enough for the master of ceremonies, and he ordered large yellow bibs to be made to put over the head and spread over the chest and back, the vivid yellow of which was bordered by a green frill—extraordinary, truly!

Then to turn to another side of Indian life; we were visited the other night by a wolf, which came to the cattle shed and carried off the kid of the goat which provides the milk for the orphan baby we have here. We sleep outside this hot weather, and in the middle of the night were awakened by hearing the bleating of the kid as it was being carried off. Next night he visited some neighbors of ours, the Wadha-

rias, and carried off a large goat. This is not the first time his lordship has visited us, but it is the first time he has run off with anything.

Our Bible women continue their daily visits, and many parts of the town are now in touch with them, morning and evening, some taking one part and others in another direction. Our Sunday morning meeting continues to be a refreshing time, and those at Tandawadi come over and join us at the Lord's table. The Sunday evening meeting, too, has been a profitable time, and it is a help in getting some of the younger members to take a little part and give forth short addresses.

The rains are sending out the forerunners, and already everybody is looking forward to a good season and plenty of fodder. This will mean much to the half-starved-looking animals about this part. May they not be disappointed. With Christian love to all, yours in his glad service—  
Eddie Strutton, Baramati, India.



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### A Month's Report from M. J. Shah.

Number of villages preached to, 49.  
Number of people who heard the gospel message, 912.  
Number of times preached in bazaar, 1.  
Number of Gospel portions sold out into the villages, 131.  
Number of debates, 2.  
Number of enquirers increasing every day, and many will follow Christ and join the church.

During the month visited 27 villages, preached to about 828 people, sold 10 books to the heathens, besides the address given in the church. I had the pleasure to be present at the Hamipur Christian Mula (revival meetings), where I delivered 8 addresses.—M. J. Shah, Harda, C.P., India.

### Two-roomed House for £10.

We would like to submit plans for living houses for Christian families to live separately in. At present most of our families are bunched together under one roof in separate rooms. This is trying to them at times, with heaps of little children knocking around, and we can supply each family with a nice little two-roomed house for £10, and I think that many of our brethren might like to have a house put up in their own name on our property at Baramati, for the permanent use of a Christian family, if the matter were placed before them. We will soon have a Christian colony at Baramati, and want to lay out the place systematically and well at the outset. Our Christians are contented and live together har-

moniously, much more so than many home folk would do if seven or eight families were bunched under one roof; but there are little frictions at times, and many of these would be avoided if they could live in separate houses. We are counting this trip to Jabal-pore as our holiday this year, and are going to try and stop on for the hot weather in Baramati, as there is a lot to see to, and extra casuals on work on account of the scarcity, and these need personal attention. We have had a glorious time of fellowship with our American brethren, and with Miss Thompson here for the past week. With fraternal greetings.—Yours sincerely, H. H. Strutton.

### NOTE RE ABOVE.

It has been decided by the Committee to lay the above matter before the brotherhood, and to invite brethren or societies or churches to contribute the £10 necessary, and erect houses in the names of the donors. For further information, please write to the Secretary.

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 Fig Tree—Security. 1 Kings 4: 25; Psa. 91: 9-16.  
 Olive—Abundance. Psalms 52: 8; Rom. 11: 16-20.  
 Palm—Victory. Lev. 23: 39-41; Rev. 7: 9-17.  
 Shittim—Usefulness. Ex. 26: 15; 27: 1; 31: 1.  
 Almond—Faithfulness. Num. 17: 8; Jer. 1: 11, 12.  
 Topic—Trees of the Bible—What they Teach.  
 Psalm 92: 12-15; Joel 1: 8-12.

Explain references, Psalm 1: 3; Isaiah 61: 3;  
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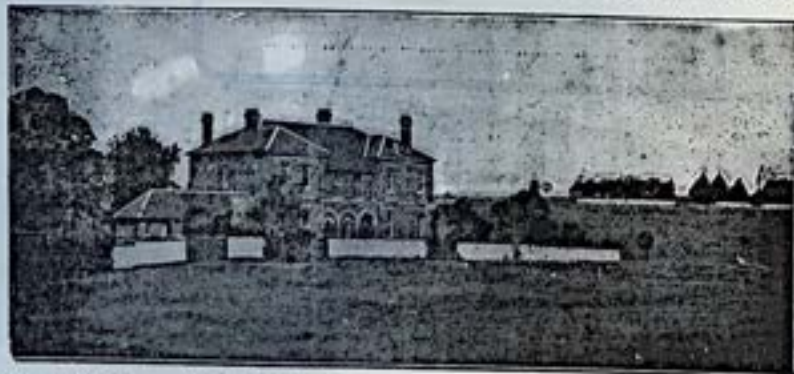
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