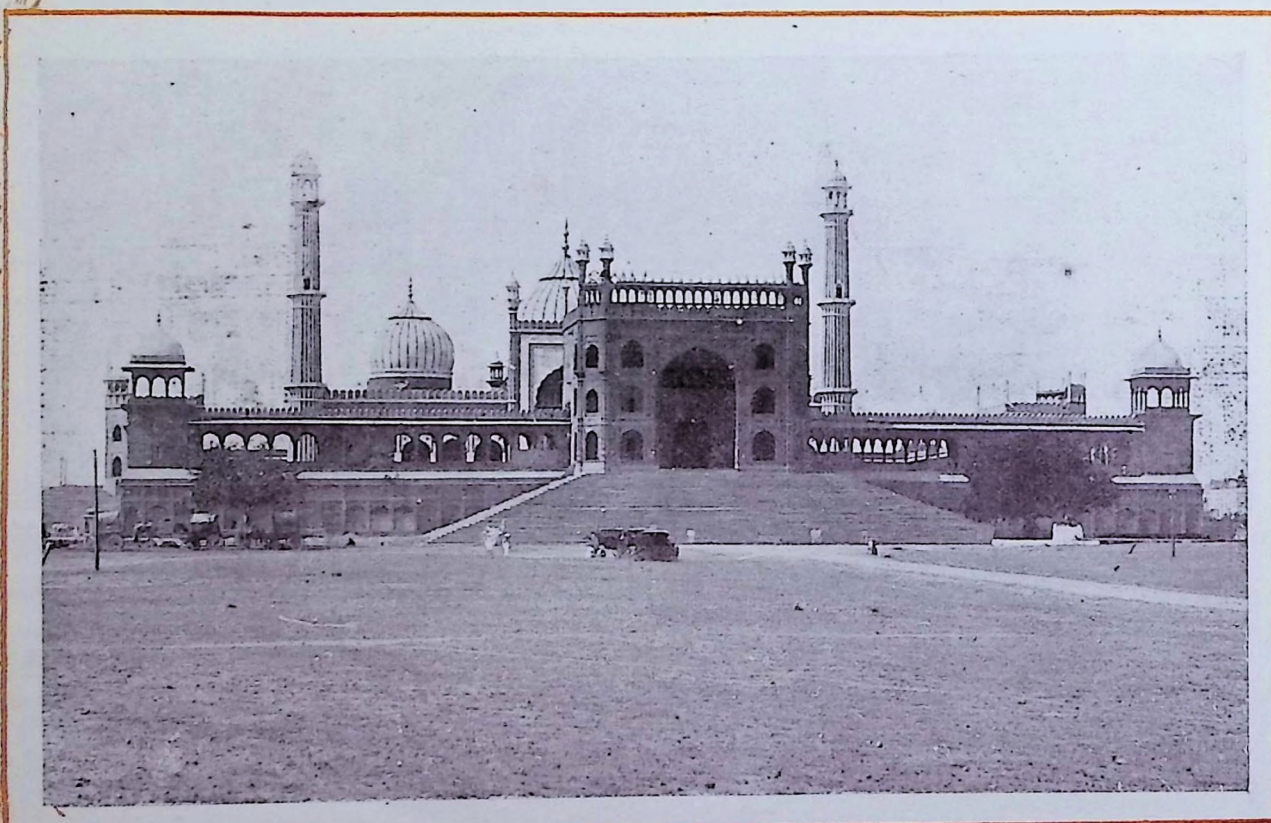


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"Thou shalt govern the nations upon earth."

OUR MISSION FIELDS

1. Japan:

More than 80 per cent. of the population of Japan have still to be evangelised.
400 additional Missionaries are needed for evangelistic work alone.

OUR WORKERS: Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Davey, Tokyo.



Boys' and Girls' School, Yangstzpoo Road, Shanghai, China.
(Miss Tonkin is seen at the rear of the picture.)

2. China:

Of every 1000 of China's People, 999 have no Bible.
Every third person in the world is a Chinese.

Our Solitary Representative: Miss R. L. Tonkin, Shanghai.

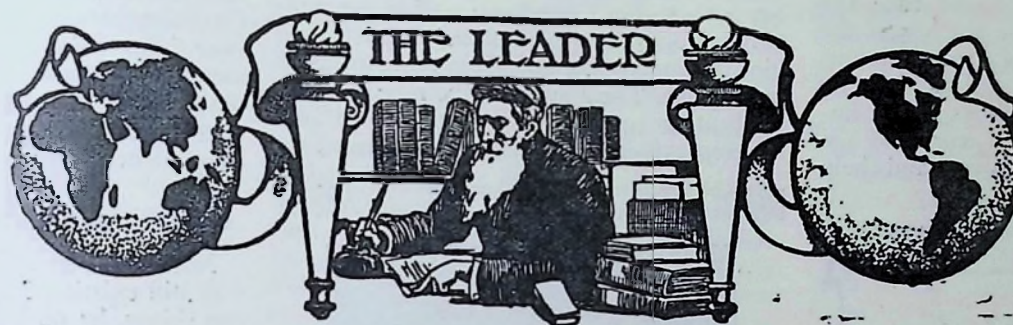
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EVANGELISTS:
Mr. William Jame.
Mr. A. John Sing.

Answer the Call of China and Japan on

July 5

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THE NEW ERA IN ASIA.

Recent travellers have been powerfully impressed with the wonderful changes which have of late come over Asia. One of these travellers, in the person of G. S. Eddy, has given his impressions in a book entitled "The New Era in Asia." "It is written," says *Public Opinion*, "by a man who knows at first hand all the lands from Constantinople to Peking, and who is specially in touch with its young intellectual life." He is at the present time Foreign Secretary for Asia of the International Committees of Y.M.C.A.s, and has for fifteen years been at work among the educated classes in all parts of India. From what he tells us, it is quite clear that it is no longer correct to speak of the "unchanging East." Every year, he says, changes are taking place in the Orient, but on no preceding trip were these visible transformations so vast and far-reaching as during this past year. And this is just what we should expect to hear, judging from the news cabled to us across the seas almost daily.

The renaissance of Asia.

Our author speaks of the awakening as nothing less than a renaissance of Asia, and already there are signs of a moral and religious reformation that is to follow. And this change that is going on is not something that can be treated with indifference by Christian people, but is something that demands immediate attention. "When taken together," says Mr. Eddy, "in their inner significance, and with their cumulative force, the facts present a compelling challenge to the Christian church." Asia is passing through a period of reconstruction, and whatever forces are brought to bear upon her now will determine her future life. Now is the opportunity of the church to save Asia from a hardened materialism into which she is bound to pass, if no mighty effort is made to save her from the evil forces now at work. Dr. John Mott, who travelled with

Mr. Eddy, also gives a brief statement in reference to the great world changes that are taking place. He says: "The vast continent of Asia, with its multitudinous population, is in the midst of stupendous changes—changes political, educational, economic, social and religious. From the Near East to the Far East, one feels the thrill of a new life. The situation thus presented to the Christian church is unprecedented in opportunity, in danger, and in urgency. This is the greatest single fact to be pressed upon the mind and conscience and will of Christendom."

Mighty changes.

History gives no record of such vast and swift changes as are taking place in India, Burma, China, Korea, and Japan. It is a combination of intellectual, religious, scientific, and industrial awakening. "Greater in volume," says Mr. Eddy, "in depth, and in power than the Renaissance in Europe four centuries ago, it may prove to be even greater in its significance also. The population in the fifteenth century was less than one hundred millions, while that of Asia to-day is over nine hundred millions. Greater in rapidity than the awakening in the West, this combined renaissance and reformation is crowding into decades in Asia what was the slow growth of centuries in Europe." The political awakening in the East is manifesting itself in the vigorous development of a national spirit and a patriotism that is becoming more articulate every day. It also expresses itself in a more ardent desire for constitutional self-government. This is especially noticeable in the student life of India. The intellectual awakening is even more marked than the political. "The students of India," says Mr. Eddy, "are not reading the Vedas or the musings of the ancient Rishis, or speculative philosophy, but they are reading Mill and Mazzini on liberty, and they are interested in the American and French revolutions, and in England's strug-

gles for liberty." The Japanese claim to have more than ninety-seven per cent. of their children of school-going age in their public schools. Japan published more new books last year than did either England or America.

Awakening in China.

In the opinion of Mr. Eddy, the awakening in China has been even more startling than that of Japan. Temples in many of the cities, we are told, have been confiscated to accommodate the colleges or schools, which are being founded more rapidly than buildings can be erected for them. The ancient examination halls of the classic system are being torn down to build the new universities and parliament buildings. The number of Government students in Peking rose in a decade from three hundred to seventeen thousand, and the pupils in the surrounding provinces from two thousand to two hundred thousand. And not less remarkable is the development of the use of the printing press, the record of which sounds like a fairy tale. The economic development is also marvellous. "During the latter half of the nineteenth century," says Mr. Eddy, "the trade of India increased fourfold, and that of China sixfold, while that of Japan has increased sevenfold in twenty years. But the twentieth century will see far greater developments in the East than in the nineteenth." It is also stated that China has the greatest coalfields in the world. Shansi province has enough to supply for a thousand years. American magnates say they cannot compete with Chinese iron on the Pacific coast.

Religious awakening.

It is claimed, however, by Mr. Eddy, that the awakening is primarily and profoundly religious. During the tour of Dr. Mott and himself, he says, this new attitude towards religion was unmistakably evident in the hearing given to the Christian message.

Student audiences averaged about eight hundred a night in Japan, a thousand a night during the two months spent in India, and over two thousand a night in China—Mukden in the north and Foochow in the south—the attendance rose to five thousand a day. More than fifty thousand different men in China, chiefly Government students, attended these meetings. And, finally, the appeal is, "Think of the significance of this mighty movement which is sweeping Asia to-day—Asia, the cradle of the race, the birthplace of civilisation, the teacher of the West, the mother of all the great religions of the world, is awakening. Asia, with its more than nine hundred millions of the human race, calls to-day in the words of the man of Macedonia, 'Come over and help us.'"

Editorial Notes

Christianity the Missionary Religion.

Christianity is the one great missionary religion of the world. Judaism is not a missionary force, and yet it was a Jew, brought up amongst the intolerant of his own people, who originated the propaganda of world-wide evangelism. Confucius affirmed that "If a philosopher has any great truth he need not go to the people. They will come to him." Buddha is represented as seated in a lotus flower in a state of perpetual slumber. The Brahmin holds aloof from the common people, who are graciously permitted to drink the water with which he washes his holy feet. Jesus said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation." But we fear that some of his professed disciples more nearly resemble Buddha in their state of somnolence with reference to missionary work, than the Master they acknowledge. It is high time that we awakened out of sleep.

Responsibility of Preachers.

The success of the F.M. offering will very largely depend on the evangelists and other public speakers of our churches. If they are men of large vision, they will lead the congregations to also see the needs and opportunities in the great world fields. "Like preachers, like people." If they have no interest themselves in the salvation of the whole world, they will not enthuse their audiences to sacrificial liberality. Of course none of our leading brethren are opposed to Foreign Missions, but other interests may so occupy their attention as to lead them to ignore the greatest of all calls upon their sympathy and help. They really hold the key of the situation, and where they unlock the doors of knowledge concerning the true state of heathendom and the instructions of Christ to his disciples, the interest will be roused and the offerings will be correspondingly large.

Judson's Work in India.

It is a little over one hundred years ago since Adoniram Judson left America for India as a Congregational missionary. On the voyage with his wife he studied the question of baptism, with a view to his intercourse with Baptist missionaries, and the result of their study was that they felt compelled to abandon the sprinkling of infants for the immersion of believers. This, of course, meant a sacrifice, as he could no longer look to the Congregationalists for support. However, the American Baptists took him up and he became their representative in Burmah. The Baptists have recently been celebrating the Judson centenary. It is a striking evidence of the success of missions



Maidenhood.

Not yet crushed under Islam's heel.

"Islam (Mohammedanism) stands today like a towering mountain range whose summits are gilded with the light of the great truths of God's existence and unity, and whose foothills run down into the sloughs of polygamy and oppression, and degradation of women." So writes H. H. Jessup, a veteran missionary in Syria.

S. M. Zwemer, for 15 years a missionary in Arabia, where Mohammedanism was born, and where it still grows "with wild freedom," says of that land, "Slavery and concubinage exist everywhere; while polygamy and divorce are fearfully common." Wherever Islam is supreme, woman is oppressed and degraded.

"Which shall Africa be—Christian, or Mohammedan?" This, as stated elsewhere in this issue, is still an open question. Such missions as the Sudan United Mission and C. T. Studd's "Heart of Africa" mission are endeavoring to stem the tide of Mohammedanism, which is slowly but surely flowing southward into the interior of this Dark Continent.

that there is to-day a Christian community of a quarter of a million in the land that threw Judson in the dungeon. India is not the most productive of mission fields, and the early years of missions there as a rule show but small numerical results. But in the course of years the work tells, and it is only a matter of time to achieve great victories. The whole country is now being honey-combed with missions; caste is slowly but surely losing its influence; hundreds of thousands of children are being educated on Christian lines, and within the comparatively near future we may reasonably expect tremendous developments. Heathenism in India is surely doomed, and we must take our part in the work of replacing it with the simple Christianity of the New Testament.

Unprecedented Missionary Progress.

Not more than fifty years ago an edict was still existing in Japan: "As long as the sun shines, let no Christian be so bold as to enter Japan." There are now nearly 100,000 Protestant Christians in that country. Morrison labored in China for seven years before he gained one convert. There are now, according to latest figures available, 4299 missionaries, 11,661 Chinese preachers, and 278,628 members of Protestant churches. One hundred years ago there were only about 100 foreign missionaries in all the heathen countries of the world, and most of the foreign countries would not allow the preaching of the gospel. There are now about 25,000 missionaries scattered through the world, and every land on the globe is open to the preaching of the Word of God. One hundred years ago the Bible was translated into but 57 languages, and only about one eighth of the people of the world could read it, in their own tongue. It is now printed in 547 different languages, and millions of copies are sold and distributed in heathen lands every year. It is but a few years since the Boxer uprising took place in the Shansi province of China, when so many native Christians were massacred. And now, just recently, the Chinese Government has asked the Congregational Board to take entire charge of the public school system of that section. The Government will build and equip the school houses and pay the Chinese teachers' salaries. The progress and prospects of Christianity in heathen lands were never so encouraging, and the progress is at an ever accelerating growth. Shall we take advantage of these unprecedented opportunities, or neglect them?

Three Farthings a Week.

We may reasonably look for a record offering on the 5th of next month throughout the Commonwealth of Australia and Dominion of New Zealand for the great work of world-wide evangelisation. Our churches have grown in numbers, and we trust also in the grace of liberality. The development of the work in the New Hebrides and the proposed developments in India will necessitate a greatly increased income. Would it be unreasonable to suggest that the nearly

30,000 disciples in Australia and New Zealand should raise this Conference year fully £5000? Is three farthings a week too heavy a sacrifice to make for the sake of those for whom our Saviour sacrificed his life? A penny stamp every week would mean £6500 in the year, while a threepenny tram ticket would amount to nearly £20,000. Surely no one will contend that we have yet reached the limit of our F.M. offerings. The sacrifice of Christ, the world-wide commission he gave, the example of the apostles and other primitive missionaries, the appalling needs of the heathen fields, the fact that our own forefathers were rescued from heathenism by the missionary zeal of others, the comforts of Christianity which we enjoy—all conduce to constrain us not merely to give what we can easily afford, but to make real sacrifices commensurate with the call of the occasion and the reality of the religion we profess.

T. B. Fischer.

F. M. Ludbrook, Australian F.M. President.



The late
T. B. Fischer.

We are looking forward to our July offering. In making preparation for it we are conscious of the great blank left by the passing hence of our dear brother, Secretary T. B. Fischer. Like the great general that he was, he seemed to be everywhere at once—at least his influence

made itself felt in every direction. This in recent years in no small degree contributed to the success of the July offering.

Just a short twelve months ago Bro. Fischer was busy upon the Foreign Mission number of the "Australian Christian," ardently desiring that it might equal or even surpass the fine similar issues of earlier years. Little did our brother dream that that which would be his best would also be his last production. For it may be truly said that having seen his "copy" safely through the press he laid down his pen, his work, and his life together. His memory is blessed, fragrant and inspiring. May we not slacken now that he is gone, but the rather press forward, for the Great Missionary—his Master and ours—still lives and calls. It is for us to respond, and for his dear sake we must do better and bigger things for the world he died to save.

The mantle of our Bro. Fischer has fallen upon the shoulders of Bro. Mudford. In thus taking over the main burden of the executive work, we are quite sure our brother will command the appreciation of the brethren in all the States. His hand and heart will be discerned in this F.M. issue. God bless us all in the reading of its pages. May all hearts be stirred so that our response to the appeal for a generous July offering shall be one entirely worthy of a great and growing brotherhood.

A Call to South Australians.

D. A. Ewers

(President, S.A. F.M. Committee).

South Australian disciples have been well to the front in Foreign Mission work, supplying both money and missionaries. Bro. and Sister Strutton and Sister Mary Thompson in India, Rosa Tonkin in China, and Bro. and Sister Filmer in the New Hebrides, are our representatives, while Miss Cameron will shortly leave for India. Miss Terrill, who is still doing good service in India, though no longer directly connected with our mission, and Bro. and Sister Goodwin, who had to retire owing to the failing health of the former, are also South Australians. Then we feel a special interest in Bro. and Sister P. Pittman, now of Dalton-ganj, who spent so many years in Adelaide. In contributions we have also done fairly well, compared with other States, but there is decided need for an advance. With so many links binding us to the great heathen fields, and with the purposed immediate additions to our general staff of workers, involving a largely increased expenditure, we need this year to make a special effort on July 5. The S.A. Foreign Mission Committee confidently appeals to every congregation and isolated disciple, for an offering commensurate with the importance of the occasion and the position we occupy in this State, the home of so many of our missionaries.

The Missionary Call: Its Urgency.

Ira A. Paternoster,

Pres. S.A. Conference; Sec. S.A. F.M. Com.

Once more we are coming to the churches with an appeal for Foreign Missions. We do it this year with added interest in the work, because during the past year the work has extended so successfully. We have now fourteen workers in the field and this year two others go to join them. We have one new station, and several out-stations. Several have been added to the church during the year, and a great deal of work has been accomplished. We are doing things with the money you give us, and the plans laid down speak of greater work to be done this coming year.

The call was never more certain than now. These lands are surely turning from their darkness and are seeking something better. Education, commerce and science are bringing them in touch with other worlds and helping them to see that if they are to become truly great nations, they must leave their dead past, and turn to something better. We must help them in their search for the secret of successful government and better conditions. We must show them that "Righteousness exalts a nation." The gospel that has made us is able to make others also. If we have needed this power in our lives, and found it to be the only power capable of making the change, let us feel for our brothers across the seas who stand in need of this same power to transform their

lives. "Tell it, that others around you may know."

We in South Australia are going this year to make a new record. Let it be this year an offering from every member of every church. What a glad thing it is that every church has fellowship in this matter! What a greater joy it would be if every member of every church gave! We are asking again for £1350. We did not reach it last year. So far we have over £1100. Let us not forget that the work is growing. Some of our churches are using the duplex envelope. Let us not forget the special offering, July 5. Let every member have the opportunity to give. Some do not use the envelope. Present the claims for a large offering. Do not be afraid to ask the members to give. This is the Lord's work we are doing, and we should go about it in a way worthy of the office we hold. We appeal with confidence to the brethren of South Australia, knowing they will be on time Sunday, July 5, at 11 a.m., with a liberal offering for this great work.

A Situation in China which Words Can Not Describe.

Cornelius H. Patton,

Secretary of Congregational Board of Foreign Missions, U.S.A.

We are confronted with a religious situation before which all words fail. There never has been anything of the kind in the history of the human race, and by the nature of the case there never can be anything of the sort again. It should be clearly understood that not only is China changing her government and her education, but also her religion. Amazing news is reaching all the Mission Boards, and coming from nearly all sections of China, telling of the general abandonment of idolatry and of temple worship.

In Contrast to Hawaii.

When the American Board missionaries went out to the Sandwich Islands in 1819, upon landing they found to their surprise that the people, having thrown away their idols, were waiting for instruction as to the true God. When the news of this situation, affecting a population variously estimated from 150,000 to 300,000, reached America, it created a sensation. The Foreign Missionary cause received a new impetus; money came pouring in, workers offered their services, and a movement was started looking to the rapid evangelisation of the islands. To-day the Christian world is confronted with a similar situation in China, affecting a population of 400,000,000 souls. One would think that the churches in America would be stirred to their very depths and that money in adequate sums would be coming to the treasuries of all the Boards working in that land. But nothing in the nature of a sensation has been discovered. Only here and there are Christian people aroused. Once again we fall back upon the conclusion that this lethargy can only be accounted for on the ground of ignorance.

Need of Imagination and Discernment.

The facts in regard to China's religious condition should be presented with a good deal of vividness of detail. It will not be sufficient to say to an intelligent audience that China is throwing away her idols. It must be shown where and how China is throwing away her idols. Each Board working in this country has its own special story to tell, but here are some concrete cases which are quotable and reliable.

Temples Changing into School-houses.

Ever since Yuan Shih-kai came into power, first as governor of the capital province of Chioli, and later as President of the Republic, he has bent his energies toward establishing a public school system in place of the old learning based upon the memorising of the Chinese classics. It is stated on reliable authority that not less than 4000 public schools have been established in the province of Chioli alone. Considering the desperate poverty of the Chinese Government, it is pertinent to ask where Yuan Shih-kai secured his school buildings for such a large number of places. The answer is that he secured them in most instances by calmly taking possession of idol temples and converting them into schools. Finding the Buddhist temples largely in disrepair and attracting few worshippers, it occurred to him that these ancient edifices might be rendering a better public service if he should claim them for the cause of public education. At first he would place the idols in some closet or side room, or put them behind a partition in order that the religious prejudices of the people might not be unduly disturbed. Finding that no difficulty arose through this procedure, his agents went much further and boldly thrust the idols out of doors. In one city the idols were put in the market-place and set on fire, while the people stood around, nobody objecting. In still another city, finding the people zealous for education, the idols were

actually dumped into the river and went sailing down to the sea, while the people lined the banks and cheered as their deities went out, so glad were they to have the public school. All over China this thing has happened, and where the Buddhist priests used to perform their rites before the grotesque images the school teacher has been installed, and where the worshippers used to kneel in superstitious reverence and awe are thousands of Chinese boys and girls receiving a modern education.

The Idols Ground for Mortar.

There are many instances where communities have offered their temples to the missionaries for the establishment of distinctly Christian schools. Mr. Sherwood Eddy informs us that in the province of Yunnan the governor handed over a Buddhist temple for Christian work. The Christian young men ground their idols to powder to make brick to repair the walls, and are using the temple to-day as a Christian Association building. In Taiyuanfu in Shansi, Mr. Eddy found the Y.M.C.A. secretary living in a deserted Buddhist temple. The American Board has several schools in villages, which are actually supported by endowments which were formerly used to maintain Buddhist temples. The temples having gone out of business, the people have insisted that the funds should be used for supporting Christian schools. In Foochow the walls of the American Board hospital are constructed of mortar made from grinding up the idols of a former Buddhist temple, and excellent mortar it is, too. The idols were publicly burned in Canton, the largest city in China, after the revolution by the reformers. Another large city in China has publicly abolished all idolatry, leaving only one temple as a sort of historical memorial to indicate how the people worshipped in former days. In Peking, where the emperor once a year ascended the High Altar of the Temple of Heaven with the exclusive

right of approaching God on behalf of the people, to-day the National Government is asking the prayers of Christians on behalf of the State. When this request for prayer was sent out from the Government, a meeting for prayer was held on the steps of this same Altar of Heaven with the permission and desire of the Government. The grounds of this temple have been handed over for the purpose of an agricultural experiment farm. One writer says, "The very keystone of the arch of Confucianism as the prop of the State has been broken down."

These are amazing facts, and our pulpits should ring with them from one end of our land to the other. The prayers of the churches should abound in expressions of gratitude to God for the breaking down of idolatry in China and for the quickening of the home church that the great opportunity may be seized.

My Impressions of China.

H. L. Pang.

[Bro. Pang recently paid a short visit to his native land, and while there called on Miss Tonkin in Shanghai, and saw the work being carried on.]

My impression of China at present is that she needs the gospel more urgently than ever. Since the establishment of the Republic of China, the people are gradually leaving the worship of idols. I have noticed some of its temples turned into school-halls, and for the use of debating and Red Cross Societies. Those that remain are very slack or deserted. This sign indicates that China's millions are seeking for something better than that they have had.

Most of the missionaries and native evangelists who are working in China, are in the seaports and large cities. In South China, two-thirds of the population are living in villages which have not yet heard the preaching of the gospel of Christ. They are perishing, and hungering for something to save them. Think of the privileges we have under the Christian civilisation, and, receiving the blessing of God, let us remember those still living in darkness, to whom we owe the gospel.

We have only one Australian representative in Shanghai, Miss Tonkin, who is doing a grand work in a district having a population of over 80,000 people. Can a disciple of Christ conscientiously say that this is all we can do for China at present? If not, then you will have an opportunity to do more for the perishing millions on the first Lord's day in July.

The Korean church in many respects approaches nearest of all the churches to the apostolic church. It has suffered the fiery ordeal of persecution. Its members are apostolic in their evangelistic fervor and zeal and in their implicit faith in the power of prayer. They consecrate their property and their talents and their time in much the same way that the early Christians did. And now the latest evidence of apostolic zeal is the sending of a Korean missionary to China, Pastor Pak.—*Missionary Review*.



Stoop and Drink!

"I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
The living water—thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.'

"I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him."

A Modern Chinese Wedding.

"Since the revolution in China," says Miss Tonkin, "the marriage customs have changed, and now it is possible for young people to become acquainted and attached to one another before their wedding day."

The picture herewith is that of a young Christian couple in Shanghai. Hannah, the



bride, was the eldest of Miss Tonkin's "family." She has been supported by Mrs. Batt's class at Paddington, N.S.W. Her husband, a young business man, sought and won her as his bride. She is still teaching in the Girls' School at Shanghai, besides preparing herself for greater usefulness in Christian service.

The young people at Paddington have reason to be gratified at the result of the assistance rendered by them in the training of this fine young woman.

Miss Tonkin's Report

for 1913.

Bro. Ware's health necessitating his going away left many more duties for me, as Mr. Barcus, who had only been in China a few months, was busy with his studies in the language. The helpers we had were reliable, so that things went comparatively smoothly.

Mr. Ware asked me during his absence to overlook his colporteurs for the American Bible Society. Since then the Society have asked me to continue this work. There are six men. I settle accounts with them, take out their books and pay their salaries for the Society.

Then last summer the strain of the revolution was great. Several nights could not sleep on account of the fighting, yet could see nothing.

In the beginning of the year we had fine crowds to hear the preachers during the Chinese New Year holiday. Both boys' and girls' schools opened well. Three of the girls were baptised by Mr. Barcus, and also

three women and three men; two of the former are school servants, and one of the young men was a teacher in the boys' school.

The attendances at all the meetings have been good. The chapel has been opened for preaching every night. The students in the Bible School did well, and give promise of becoming good evangelists. Our teacher, Mr. Woo, is one of the finest men you will find. A man who means to win some, if not all of his students to Christ. He is a thorough all round man, and proved himself during this last year a great help, both in school work and in conducting services. He preaches a fine sermon, though he has only been a Christian a few years. It has been a source of joy to have been privileged to help lead such a man to Christ, and watch his growth. He endured much persecution from his own people.

There were about 460 regular meetings held, besides other meetings, and hundreds of tracts distributed.

A Word of Cheer.

F. M. Rains,
Sec. F.C.M.S., Cincinnati, U.S.A.

Pardon a word of cheer to the splendid brotherhood of Australia. You are soon to make the usual annual offering in all your congregations for Foreign Missions. You are looking forward to this event in prayer, in the spirit of greatest expectancy. May it be a gracious service in every church!

How we ought to rejoice that we can have fellowship with Christ, our reigning Lord, in making known his gospel among all the nations of the earth!

Remember Paul's great statement to the church at Thessalonica: "So that ye became an example to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you hath sounded forth the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place: your faith toward God is gone forth."

The churches that "sound forth" are the growing, prosperous, happy churches. It has always been so, and will be to the end. In America we have some churches that only "sound in." They are all the time planning for big preaching for *themselves* only. They are looking for some great evangelist for *themselves*. Their elegant houses of worship are for *themselves*. Their enchanting choirs are for *themselves*. About all their interest centres in *themselves*. A New Testament church is a "sounding forth" church. The church that *goes* is the church that *grows*. Like a bicycle it must go to stand. It must go to the *lost* or go to *oblivion*. *Send or end* is the fixed law of the gospel.

Give is a great new Christian word. It is not a word of the world. It is a word of the spirit. Christ poured into it a volume of meaning and sanctified it by giving his life. It stands for the best things. It is the mark of the new man in Christ Jesus.

Get represents animalism. The child is born with a clinched fist, and it requires a lifetime of teaching and service for some to learn the art of the open hand. We must

come empty-handed to the Lord if we expect to receive a blessing. *Get* is animalism. The lion goes forth to *get*. The dog snatches the largest bone and bounds away; he lives to *get*. The pig puts all four feet into the trough that he may *get*. What we give, we have; what we keep we lose. To *give* is God-like and Christ-like.

May your churches give in this offering as never before, and may their liberality be spoken of everywhere!

A Distinguished Visitor

Expected at Next Federal Conference.

Several months ago the possibility of Dr. Macklin, of Nankin, China, being present at the forthcoming Federal Conference (Adelaide, September, 1914) was announced in the columns of the "Australian Christian."

While family considerations may even yet make the trip impossible for Dr. Macklin, yet the prospects of the visit are now much brighter than they were three months ago. All being well, Dr. and Mrs. Macklin and family will leave China for Australia about June 17. They should thus be with us for several months prior to the Federal Conference.

In view of this anticipated visit, the following paragraphs from an appreciation in a recent number of the *Intelligencer* are of more than ordinary interest:—

"Dr. Macklin is one of the best known and one of the most favorably known men in the whole empire. His name is a house-



Dr. Wm. E. Macklin.

hold word, especially among all missionaries and all official classes. He has stood unflinchingly for the best things in life. He has preached a full, all-round gospel with tremendous power, and has rebuked official

corruption and condemned wrong everywhere.

"Dr. Macklin is really one of the great preachers of the Far East. Officials look to him for guidance, and missionaries lean on him for counsel and helpfulness. He is the friend of all, and especially the poor and the man who is down and out.

"This faithful man was born in Middlesex County, Ontario, Canada, a little more than fifty years ago, and was baptised in June, 1880. The schools of Toronto afforded him the opportunity of an excellent education, and to this day he is a careful and painstaking student. He was trained to think, and he thinks easily and accurately and in new moulds. Precedents and grooves and conventionalities and formalities are of small moment in his thinking. He is original and daring, but always Christian and courteous. Provincialism and sectarianism and Phariseism and race prejudice are foreign to his feelings. He sees the kingdom of God in large outline, and interprets it by a life free from the very taint of selfishness. When you think of moral heroes and intellectual giants, always include Dr. Wm. E. Macklin. He makes friends and holds them with an unyielding grasp of genuine affection. All his living and all his relationships are guided by the Golden Rule. The impress of this philosopher and Christian statesman upon the life of China is a permanent quantity. The contribution he has made for the national welfare is recognised and abiding."

India for Christ.

Horace Kingsbury.

Recently, as many of the brethren know, I paid a flying visit to India. One may read many books, and get some idea of heathen conditions, but nothing is so informing as actual observation on the fields themselves. Since Christian faith dawned upon me, I have believed in Christian missions. The command of Jesus has always been enough for me, but after passing through sad India, I can see the wisdom of Jesus too. Now there is an added sense of need, and a deeper heart-beat of sympathy; now, as well as a Great Commission, there is a great passion.

The vast population of India is almost too vast for our comprehension. The debasing worship and the multiplicity of gods,—three hundred millions of them,—we can scarcely imagine. The gross superstition of the ignorant masses, the undemocratic division of the people into castes, the dull monotony of life,—the "day-after-dayness" of living,—the lack of ambition, the want of ideals; all these things, and many others existing in India, enlightened Australians can hardly appreciate and understand. But there they are, and they constitute a mighty problem, and there is but one solution—Jesus! The gospel of Jesus Christ alone will meet India's needs.

Our American brethren and sisters have done, and are doing, a great work in India. The body of G. L. Wharton rests in India's soil, but his Christlike influence lives on.

Our English brethren are helping to spread the glad tidings in a needy Indian field, and we ourselves are having some fellowship in the furtherance of the gospel in this same land of sorrow. Our missionaries are worthy of our love and prayers and cheerful support. They are men and women of God. Against great odds they labor on, seeing him who is invisible, and keeping the bright reward in view. If their hearts do ache for the sin-cursed people they love; and if they do grow discouraged with the paucity of results from their arduous toil; sometime, somewhere,—like the Master who was despised and rejected by the men whom he came to save,—they shall see of the travail of their souls and they shall be satisfied. May God bless our faithful missionaries.

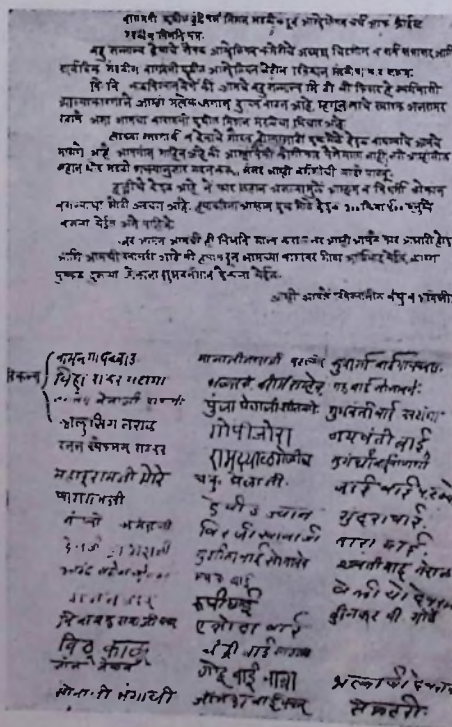
There are many encouragements even in India. Thanks to a dawning civilisation the car of Juggernaut no longer rolls over the prostrate forms of misguided devotees. Thanks to the British Government the widow no longer immolates herself upon the funeral pyre of her dead husband. Thanks to the missionary of the Cross, souls are being saved, and men are being turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. News is coming of mass movements towards the religion of Jesus Christ. Surely our God is marching on, and dark India, like many another land, is coming into the light.

"Out of the shadows of night
The world rolls into light,
It is daybreak everywhere."

Oh, brethren, may God "deliver us from dawdling at daybreak."

A Unique Petition.

(Written in Marathi.)



TRANSLATION.

A letter from the members of the Baramati Indian Mission to the Australasian Churches of Christ congregations.

We the native Christians of the Baramati

Mission send our compliments to the Chairman and Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee, and to all the rest of the members of the congregation of the Australasian Churches of Christ.

We would again let you know that all of us are very much grieved in losing our most honored and beloved Mr. T. B. Fischer, and therefore we, the members of this Baramati Mission, wish to erect a lasting memorial to his memory.

We request that a large church should be erected here to the glory of God, and in his remembrance. All of you know that none of us are wealthy, yet every one of us (old and young) will try to help as much as we can, and will later send a list of promised contributions. The present church building is hardly large enough to hold the Christian congregation and the Hindus who regularly attend, we therefore require a building large enough to hold about 300 to 400 people.

If you can grant us this our desire, we shall ever be grateful to you, and feel sure that greater blessing will attend our work here, as increased opportunities for reaching many other people in gospel services will result.

We are, Your Indian fellow laborers in the gospel,

Deacons—

Wamanrao Gaekawad.
Viha Shankar Khatana.
Tarsing Welaji Papani.
Bhalloosing Taral.

Other signatures follow these.

A False Impression Corrected.

G. P. Pittman.

It will soon be five years since we left Melbourne, and it has been a varied and interesting experience for us. The conditions are different from anything one imagines, not merely the external conditions, but the spiritual ones. The old idea of the heathen waiting with outstretched arms to welcome the missionary and his message is far from true in India. The religious ideal here is a filthy fakir, a naked beggar who does nothing but endure poverty and (supposed) separation from the world. Our bungalows, schools, chapels, bicycles, bullock-carts, and all the machinery of a well-equipped mission, entirely put us out of court as far as a reputation for religiousness is concerned. The average Indian says, "This is all very nice, and by your hospital and school work you are no doubt heaping up for yourselves much merit in the life to come, but this is not religion." The statement of James as to pure religion is inconceivable to these people, unless it should be interpreted to mean—1st, Merit, the lower plane. 2nd, Asceticism, the highest plane. Then again it is a fact that the educated and well-to-do people all over India say "Show us the respectable, educated people who have become Christians. Show us some Christian Brahmins or Babus or Rajahs." To become a Christian is to take a step far down in the social scale, all except to the outcasts and

pariahs. The great influential intelligent class of tradespeople, shopkeepers, clerks, and so on, have not yet been touched, and at present it seems impossible to touch them. The low-castes are coming in by the thousand, and it is a matter for great rejoicing that as in the early days, so here, the



Municipal Offices, Baramati, India.

Designed by Mrs. Strutton.

poor hear the word gladly. Those who have an inheritance of scorn such as Christian lands cannot conceive of, are beginning to lift up their heads. Great changes are sweeping over the land, and we all believe that another ten years will see signs and wonders. So we plod along in faith and hope.

It would be a mistake to suppose that those poor outcasts embrace Christianity from a pure spiritual motive. It is almost always first of all the temporal advantages that lure them on. After the second and third generation, the spiritual begins to come to the surface. And yet, of course, there are many bright examples of spirituality among all classes.

I think the work here in Palamau is distinctly promising. One learns to depend very much on prayer and trust. What little can be done is so out of proportion to the awful need, that we are thrown very much on to these "first principles." We have had many very remarkable answers to prayer, some of them quite startling in their directness. Without the consciousness of a higher Power working with us, we should shrink from the task. But day by day the manna falls.

'Tis not by deeds that win the praise of men,
Or glitter with the glory of this world,
That I may magnify my Master best;
Or hasten on the coming of the day
When he shall reign as King and Lord of all.
All that he asks is, that with all my heart
I will to do his will in everything;
That he may have his way in me, for me,
With me, through me, until at last there come
Such perfect union and such sweet accord
Between the glorious Lord of all the worlds
And me, his willing servant here below,
That in all things he has pre-eminence.

—Sel.

Moving from Diksal to Shrigonda.

H. Watson.

I have handed over the Diksal station to Bro. Strutton's care. He has placed a native Christian compounder to carry on this

any work in the town or district which may show signs of opening up. We thank you, dear brethren, for your prayers and help in this work. Still continue in prayer for us, that God will bless his own word in Shrigonda.—April 2, 1914.

Diksal's Welcome to Bro. Kingsbury.

The following address was made to Bro. Horace Kingsbury in Marathi, during his recent visit to India, and was afterwards carefully copied in English:—

Mr. Kingsbury.

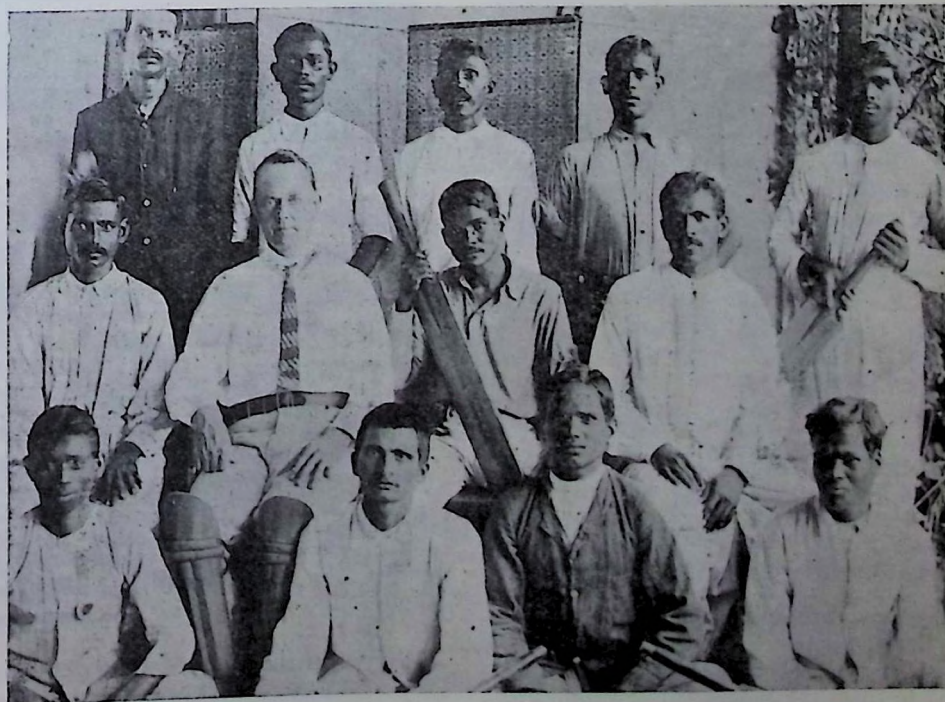
Dear Christian Brother:

We are delighted to meet you, also God has brought you across the seas safely to us, therefore we praise him.

You have gone through much to meet us, therefore I thank you on behalf of the Diksal Christian church members, and we welcome you, dear brother, to our dark and needy land of India. You have prayed for us when we were in darkness, and you and the dear Christian brethren in Australia still pray for us and help us in many ways, so that we might be true witnesses for Jesus Christ in India. Therefore our hearts are full of gratitude to you and your countrymen for helping us to see the great Light.

We were deeply sorry to hear of dear Bro. Fischer's death. He took so much trouble over us that we will never forget his cheering messages to us, and hope to meet him in heaven. Give our best salaams to Mrs. Fischer, and tell her we mourn with her over the great loss.

When you return to Australia please thank all the brethren for their prayers, and



The Mission Cricket Team, Baramati, India.

Back Row: Deekshu, Mahadoo, Wamanrao, John, Fyard. Middle Row: Chuku, H. H. Strutton, Rutton, Anandrao. Front Row: Alaraki, Bagtio, Poonjio, Ramdal.

Bro. Strutton writes that the "boys" have attained a good degree of proficiency in the cricket field, often proving victorious over their opponents.



Group of Native Christians and Children, Baramati, India.

Top Row: Nanjio, Dinker, Manaji and child, Poonjio, Waylio, Chuku and child, David, Pyara, Wamanrao, Tersingh and child, Rutton, Viriji and child.
Second Row: Vittu, John Jacob, Wamanrao's John, Alaraki, John Vazier, Bagtio, Ramdal, Anandrao and child, Vinayek, Gopi, Sonyio, Bulla and child.
Third Row: H. H. Strutton (almost cut out), Ziabai, Savikabai and child, Gobai, Sagundabai and child, Jewantibai and child, Shantabai, Shushilabai and child, Sarabai, Yesubai and Daniel (only partly visible), Rupibai and child, Jankibai and Shanti, Godibai, Mrs. Strutton and Nira, Jacob, Shundabai, Manikbai, Soondabai.
Front Row (children): Rutton, Gooniwanti, Abraham, Malau, Paulus, Joshua, Leah, Chundi, Gracie, Abram, Gracie, Ayra, Daniel, Awantika.
Absent: Mahadoo (on holiday), Devaji, (working), Bhagusha, wife and child.

tell them to pray on because many souls are near the kingdom. The day is coming when the Light of the world will shine brightly in this dark land of our birth.

We thank you, and will pray that God will carry you safely over your long journey. God bless you.

Christian Brethren.

Diksal, Aug. 20, 1913.

Our work has grown. The outlay necessary to keep the flag flying at our various stations increases with the years. In this Foreign Mission number the story of the work is told. With our larger membership let us go on, lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our work for the Master in the "regions beyond," and may the present year be our brightest, best and largest. —Robert Lyall, Federal Treasurer.

Concerning the Offering.

Targets for 1914-1915.

Victoria	£1400
South Australia . . .	1350
New South Wales . .	1150
Queensland	260
Western Australia . .	250
Tasmania	75

Total £4485

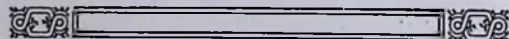
From the Federal Treasurer.

The Federal Foreign Missionary Committee desire to vefy gratefully and cordially acknowledge the liberal support given by the Brotherhood in the Commonwealth to the Foreign Mission work. The various State Committees with their secretaries and treasurers have all given their very best service to the cause cheerfully and continuously. This splendid co-operation has achieved success. Note the offerings from the States as the years have gone by.

	New South Wales	South Australia	Tasmania	Queensland	Western Australia	Victoria
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1893	37	52	5	8	—	54
1898	67	63	7	27	3	158
1901	117	165	14	80	32	340
1906	144	250	12	67	176	503
1911	759	1064	36	202	207	905
1913	759	1172	55	187	137	1111
1914	875	*1130	69	183	218	1373

*Received up to present. Year ends June 30.

The above are splendid records, and denote that while great attention and much money in ever increasing totals has been raised to meet the needs of our Home Missionary enterprises, the members of our churches have remembered their duty and heeded the call from the needy people in the dark places of the earth.



**The Observations
of Uncle Barak.**

**Vun lone tater
out of ten! Vy
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can a man
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THE LORD'S

A man in the light of the twentieth century ought to give more for the uplift of his fellows than the men of the dark ages.

A man who gives one-tenth will be richer with nine-tenths than with the ten-tenths. —Missionary Intelligencer.

Ambassadors.

They hold the lamp from day to day,
So low that none can miss the way,
And yet so high to bring in sight
That picture fair of Christ the Light,
That gazing up, the lamp between,
The hand that holds it is not seen.

They hold the pitcher, stooping low,
To lips of little ones below;
Then raise it to the weary saint,
And bid him drink when sick and faint,
They drink; the pitcher them between,
The hand that holds it is not seen.

They blew the trumpet, soft and clear,
That trembling sinners need not fear,
And then with louder note and bold,
They storm the walls of Satan's hold;
The trumpet coming thus between,
The hand that holds it is not seen.

And when our Captain says, "Well done!
Thou good and faithful servant, come!
Lay down the pitcher and the lamp;
Lay down the trumpet, leave the camp,"
The weary hands will then be seen
Clasped in his pierced ones naught between. —Adapted.

A Greeting from New Zealand.

On behalf of the Foreign Mission Union of Associated Churches of Christ in New Zealand, I gladly respond to your kind invitation to write a few lines of sympathetic greeting for the annual Foreign Mission number of the "Australian Christian." We rejoice with you in the progress and expansion of the work in heathen lands carried out so efficiently and enthusiastically by the Federal Foreign Mission Committee, and in the further extensions which have been undertaken during the past year in India and the New Hebrides. The reaction of this work in the home land is evidenced by the increasing prosperity of the churches in the States of Australia, where the effort abroad has proved an incentive to more vigorous labor at home.

The power of God has indeed abounded in all your "labors of love," and may his divine blessing crown your every effort with glorious success.

During the past year it has been our lot to mingle our sorrows—you have lost a rare, enthusiastic spirit in Bro. T. B. Fischer, while we were called upon to part with a devoted and beloved missionary, Bro. W. W. Mansill,—but, they are not "lost," just gone before. May it be ours to meet them in the presence of our Lord in the great Hereafter.

God give us all that measure of faith which we need, to glorify our Lord and Saviour by the continued and still wider preaching of the gospel message in the dark lands of the earth.—J. Inglis Wright, Gen. Secretary.

A Marvellous Contrast.

In 1806 a group of five students of Williams College, Massachusetts, met for prayer under the shelter of a haystack. They had intended holding their little prayer-meeting in the woods near by, but a shower of rain prevented. These young men were Samuel J. Mills, James Richards, Francis L. Robbins, Harvey Loomis, and Bryam Green. These young men while being sheltered under the haystack talked and prayed about the heathen world, and longed to go to the mission fields with the gospel. They were America's first student volunteers, and that prayer-meeting was the birthplace of American Foreign Missions. Their prayer and interest led two years later to the organization of the American or Congregational Board, the first Foreign Mission Board in that country.

In January, 1914, in Kansas City, Mo., was held the great Student Volunteer Convention for the colleges of the American continent. Four thousand students were in attendance from over eight hundred American and Canadian colleges and theological seminaries. For a week these earnest students heard the appeals of the world field, and a great host of them went back to their

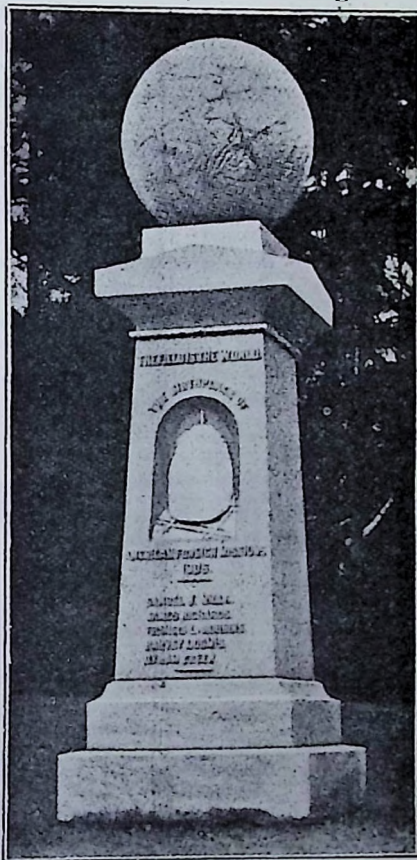
colleges to prepare themselves for foreign missionary work.

What a marvellous contrast! In the first Student Volunteer meeting, one hundred years ago, *five students*; in the last one, *four thousand students*!

Eyes to the Front: "Forward"!

A. E. Illingworth.

Words to this effect were spoken once by J. R. Miller in an eloquent sermon on Phil. 3: 13, 14: "Forgetting those things which are behind. . . I press on." Yes, "On, ever onward," is the cry of our great com-



"Haystack" Monument, Williamstown, Mass.

mander-in-chief. My brethren in Christ, we cannot do justice to our plea unless we keep up continually that "Forward step." Hear it, in regard to our Foreign Mission work, "Eyes to the front, forward." What inspiration comes from "the front." At a recent public meeting held in Sydney, G. Harvard Cranswick, missionary from Khammamett, India, said he "no longer doubted whether their great missionary efforts were justified. They most undoubtedly were, and he now believed it imperative that the church should give of her best in men and money. Most of his audience were familiar with the movement in the East, which might be referred to as the renaissance. And it was a movement, but how many of them could judge of what the effect of the awakening would be. He had seen it in the jungle, in the schools. A great longing was in the hearts of the people—aspirations for a new freedom and new privileges. It was natural that there should be unrest, for the Indian

was only aspiring after the things other people already had. Unrest was increasing, and the missionaries' prayer was that it would be moulded into the right channels. Missionary enterprise had been rewarded very highly, and the Christian religion was making great comparative progress."

Yes, India is on the eve of wondrous changes. In 160 years it is anticipated by those on the fields that its teeming millions will be Christianised. Think of it—160 years!

At another meeting the Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. Wright, said: "The secular press all over the world has been saying that the white man possesses what the black man needs. It is saying that if the white man is hindering the passing on to the black man what the black man needs, he is adding to the great burden of the dark races. It is a most singular witness that the public press, speaking from the great centres of the universe, is saying, 'The world has discovered not only that missionary effort is good, the Christian missionary is the true rejuvenator of the human race.' The latest statistics are full of the greatest encouragement. It is really wonderful that in a comparatively short time there should be 100,000 Christians with missionaries and Scripture readers living in the centre of Africa from whom Christian truth would radiate to the darker regions beyond. It is so the whole world over. No less than 80 per cent. of the population is in some respect under the domination of the Christian nations."

We get inspiration not only from India and Africa, but news from the front in all parts of the world fills us with eager expectancy. The kingdom cometh! Church of Christ—Forward! Forward! On the one side are the victories, on the other side are the lands to be possessed. Take up "The Missionary Enterprise," by Edwin M. Bliss; turn to page 369. Read, "What has been done." "With very few exceptions. . . every section of the world is open to Christian missionaries. The great empires of China, India, Japan are not merely welcoming them, but urging them to come."

What remains to be done? Take up Dr. J. Barton's book, "The Unfinished Task." Listen: "In East Africa there are two sections, one of 100,000, and the other of 150,000 square miles without a missionary, and in the very heart of the continent is one of 720,000 square miles with no laborers. Turn to China. Here the present missionary force, estimating the population at 400,000,000, allows one foreign worker to every 1,120 square miles, or every 104,000 Chinese."

Eyes to the front! Yes, eyes to the north, south, east and west, and everywhere. Look at whole continents of great opportunity. Forward! Forward!!

Brethren, I often ponder over the words of a good old Christian, "God's blessing comes through the East window of divine surprise. Look that way." If we will only consecrate lives, talents, means, to this work, it will surely surprise us what the

Lord will do. "I looked behind to find my past, and lo! it had gone before."

This is my word in support of the F.M. July offering, and may the Lord whom we love and serve enlarge our hearts.

Our Opportunity.

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

The time is drawing near when we all may have a part in helping our Saviour to redeem mankind—a part in bringing about the glorious consummation of his kingdom, when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of his Christ.

We pray for that glorious time. We profess to be looking forward with eager, longing eyes for its fulfilment, and I believe we are sincere in our desires.

Think! Every blessing we enjoy, of home, church, and country, we owe to Jesus Christ our Lord. But there are millions who have none of these blessings, who pass their lives in fear, who dwell in the valley of the shadow of death, and who must soon fill Christless graves. They must be cared for, and it is our privilege to care for them.

Brethren, may we be loyal to Jesus, earnest in our prayers, liberal in our giving, so that the Master may be able to say to us: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The Other Side.

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

Foreign Missions make many appeals to Christians. The righteousness of missions is established in the simple command, "Go ye." The appeal of heathen need awakens the compassion and sympathy of the cared-for people of Christian lands. The commerce resulting from missionary enterprise appeals to the common sense of Christian business men. The results in soul-winning more than justify the expenditure. On these lines of thought we frequently travel. We have also emphasised the gain spiritually in the enthusiasm generated by missions. But missions are saving the church in more ways than one, and there are some other spiritual gains we cannot afford to ignore. Consider

1. How missions are teaching the churches to believe. "Faith is a principle of power." We agree to that, but fail to make the power do anything. On the other hand, faith becomes mighty on the mission field. Men won from heathendom believe literally God's Word. They take hold of his promises and prove them. Do we realise that the wonders of faith recorded in the Book of Acts are being repeated to-day? We do not share in them because we do not believe. Mr. F. H. L. Paton tells of Lomai going unarmed into a hostile village and rescuing some people. Would your faith make you trust like that hero? Faith to-day is dem-

onstrated on the mission fields—faith like that of little children.

2. How missions are forcing unity on the home church. Jesus prayed "That they all may be one... that the world may believe." With that prayer as a people we are familiar. But many people never think of it. Some missionaries have gone out never having heard it. Very little experience has convinced them that the first petition of the prayer must be answered by men before God can answer the second and main petition. Mohammedans point to Christian divisions and say, "You have many gods—we have one, and Mahomet is his prophet." Heathens used to "gods many" refuse to leave one system of polytheism for a similar one, thinking that when two missionaries declare different things to be God's word that they must have different gods. To-day unity is coming by way of Foreign Missions.

3. How missions are teaching the churches consecration. The literal faith of the converts from heathendom leads to literal consecration. A Chinese woman who seemed "almost persuaded" recently startled a missionary by declaring she would have no more to do with it. He pressed for a reason and she said, "That Book says Jesus said, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,' and I am 76 years old and cannot get all over the world now. If I became a Christian I would have to do that." How many at home read God's commands like that? Do you? Think of a native Christian in Papua rebuking a Scotchman for building his house on the Lord's day! The time is well past for sneers at "rice Christians." Honestly, if any set of Christians can fling that jibe at another, it is not Christians at home to those on the foreign fields. It would come with better grace from them.

Righteousness, sentiment, economics, and common sense commerce endorse missions, and self-preservation demands them. Thus, for God's sake, for the heathen's sake, and for our own sake let us make a large offering on July 5.

Clear New Testament Teaching.

W. H. Hall,
Ex-Treasurer, N.S.W. Committee.

I believe that if anything is taught in the New Testament, it is that the duty of the church is to preach the gospel throughout the world. It is necessary for the life of the individual Christian and also for the life of the church that this matter be not overlooked. May everyone feel the responsibility of the command, "Go ye." A Christian must go, or he must send. Let each one do the best he or she can so that the offering may be one worthy of the work.

Last year over 160,000 patients were treated through the agency of the Foreign Society of our American brethren.

A Triple Wedding on Oba, New Hebrides.

A. T. Waters.

My strength is quite restored, and Mrs. Waters is well. I enjoyed a pleasant, and I trust profitable, ten-days' mission in the Lavutilosa district, with Peter Pentecost, the "leader," and his eight teachers and 147 Christians. We visited eight of the ten schools, and held morning and night meetings in the big (civilised) church; and that big church, with iron roof, is a big mistake, being oppressively hot; but the people just fan and sweat contentedly, for, being a "tamatani" affair, it must, of course, be the proper thing! Yes, anything "white man" in this district is good enough for them. Three couples were to be married. They came asking what they might throw upon the happies—rice or paper, etc. "Oh, you make me sick," I said, "with your apeing the tamatani!" (Peter had been to Queensland, and had seen a thing or two which laid hold upon him.) Some one suggested flowers ("avira"), to which I freely consented, thinking it a pretty idea. But upon going to the front door of the church—after each "happie" had received from his or her friends the silver coin presents, as they stood in a line, wooden-soldier-like, I found one bridegroom with his face and head striped black and white, as he mopped a perfumed handkerchief over his ebony top piece,—and a bride in hot wrath, and crying because they had smothered her kinky hair with tamatani flour instead of flowers!

However, they survived it nicely, and each couple gave me a pound as a free-will "marriage fee"—three pounds cold silver, which goes into the collections to help the teachers.

The church, on a high hill-top, was decorated with flowers and brilliant flowering shrubs and cocoa-nut palms; and so uni-



A Man of Oba, New Hebrides.

formly even must the decorations be that a cocoanut palm was nailed up in front of the pulpit—to make a “balance.”

Some 200 neat and clean and tastily dressed people filled the building. A pretty scene—so different from heathenism. This district, through Peter’s influence and leadership, is considerably more and better Christianised and civilised than even Nduindui, our headquarters. The choir sang in the “choir loft,” and the bridegrooms placed brass rings on their ladies’ fingers.

Eleven pigs were killed and cut up in their hair and dirt—no water being used, but fire instead—and cooked in leaves and hot stones. Besides, of course, were the yams, taro and bananas. Portions were sent to near and distant friends. I got my portion—which was passed on, for they had already well supplied me with chickens, yams, and cocoanuts and fruit in abundance.

A Plea for Missionary Education.

W. H. Nightingale,
President, Queensland F.M. Committee.

Education looms large as a factor in the development of most systems to-day, Christianity included. Its dawn has aroused the Oriental peoples from the slumbers of the long dark night. Its lack inevitably tends to the decadence of power and loss of opportunity. It is the people who know that are interested in missionary enterprise, and giving to advance the cause. The basis of intelligent interest in missions will ever be found in a thorough knowledge of the New Testament where Christ has revealed the true motive, plan, and purpose of all missionary enterprise. “Where the Book Speaks,” by A. McLean, is a valuable help in the fore-mentioned study. “Epoch Makers of Modern Missions,” by the same author, is a rich work. It was the mass of knowledge accumulated at Edinburgh by the commissions appointed that stirred the World Missionary Convention to its depths, and led J. R. Mott to write “The Decisive Hour of Christian Missions.” This book throws a flood of light upon the present critical situation, fields and forces, problems and requirements. Only in proportion as we know the purpose, and catch the spirit of Christ, combined with a definite knowledge of the world’s need and the opportunities thrust upon us, shall we do great things for God in saving the world.

Queensland’s Preparations.

L. Gole,
Secretary, Queensland Committee.

We are sending out local matter (in addition to that sent out by the Federal Executive) to stir up for the appeal.

We are holding rallies in most churches in town and country by a special team of workers during June.

We have put our aim at £260. We are challenging W.A. on the year’s total, seeing that they headed us, for the first time I think, last year.

The Meaning of the July Offering

1. It is an expression of the faith of the churches in Jesus Christ as the Divine Saviour of the world.

2. It testifies to the faith of the churches in the gospel and its power to save all men.

3. It is an expression of the sympathy of the churches with the missionaries in their great sacrifices. They have endured hardness, they have faced death. They have planted the banner of the Cross on the grave of hoary paganism.

4. The July offering is an expression of the desire of our churches in Australia to have fellowship with the infant congregations in Japan, China, India, and the New Hebrides. These new-born disciples cry for fellowship and fraternity. They long for the touch of a friendly hand. Our help in July is a recognition of their faith and Christian heroism. It is the strong rejoicing in helping the weak.

5. The offering testifies as to our confidence in the final triumph of the truth in all the earth. Our Lord is to reign supreme among all men in every clime. The glorious day is rapidly approaching.

6. The offering testifies as to the life and usefulness of the local churches here at home. It speaks of a church’s purity and intelligent appreciation of all the highest

and best things in Christian living. The church that is interested in a man in Asia will be interested in the man on the other side of the street.

We hope every church will be in line with an offering the first Sunday in July.

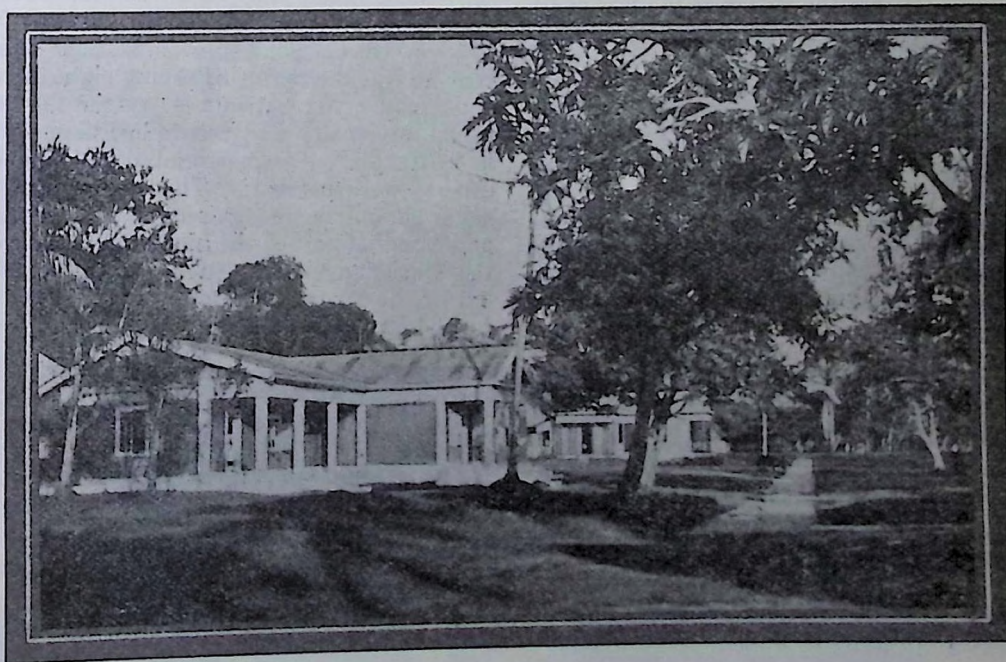
A Possible Menace.

C. A. G. Payne,
Treasurer, W.A. Committee.

The national spirit which is surely permeating the millions in the great heathen countries may become a menace to the advancement of Christianity. Love of our country and loyalty to the King of our lives demand that the gospel—the laws of the King—shall be preached. Thus and thus only can those nations be saved, and our own preserved.

A certain millionaire did not approve of Foreign Missions. One Sunday at church, when the collection was being taken up for these missions, the collector approached the millionaire and held out the collection bag. The millionaire shook his head.

“I never give to missions,” he whispered. “Then take something out of the bag, sir,” whispered the collector. “The money is for the heathen.”



The Late Mission and General Hospital, Ambrym, New Hebrides.

The above picture represents the splendid mission property of the Presbyterian Churches of New Zealand, all of which was destroyed in a great volcanic outburst on December 7 of last year.

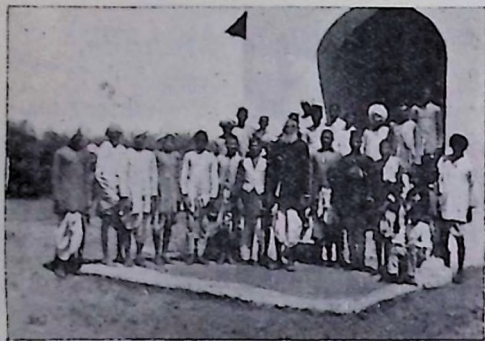
Of several fine mission hospitals in the New Hebrides, this was the nearest to Pentecost, Oba and Maewo—the islands on which our stations are situated. No little kindness has been shown by Dr. Bowie and his staff to our missionaries and native Christians. On August 21, 1913, a son—Harold Pentecost Filmer—was born in this hospital to our missionaries on Pentecost.

On numerous occasions natives under our missionaries’ care were treated here. Recognising these kindnesses, the Federal Committee have voted £25 towards the erection of a new hospital.

The heroic part played by the missionaries in the disaster referred to is now common knowledge. Conspicuous among these was our own representative, Bro. F. G. Filmer. The whole brotherhood of Australia, and especially Grote-st., Adelaide, who support Bro. Filmer as their “living link,” have reason to be proud of our pioneer missionary to the New Hebrides.

Our Missionary Activities

A. R. MAIN, M.A.



Men Leaving Church at Dudhi.

Which of us considers as he ought the multiform work of a missionary? Our home preachers are busy men, but their work has not the variety and scope of that of the foreign missionary. The latter preaches, teaches, trains men, translates, prints; founds churches, schools, and orphanages. Let us consider a few of the many duties of our own beloved workers.

On evangelistic work I need not dwell. Our noble missionaries are full of zeal. They realise that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Whether at church, home, or bazaar, they preach Christ. Visitation is attended to. Native teachers and evangelists supplement this work. Bible women, tract distributors and Scripture sellers effectively help. We have fourteen European workers, with two others to be sent out soon; and about one hundred native teachers, evangelists, Bible women, etc. Two Chinese evangelists are supported in Australia. Evangelism is the keynote of all our work.

The work of the medical missionary is perhaps the nearest modern approach to the ministry of the Lord Jesus. He gave as proof of his Messiahship the fact "the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear." It is almost impossible to overestimate the value of the services of Christian doctors and nurses in the heathen field. "Every non-Christian land is a land of pain." Barbarities and cruelties pass for medical treatment. A Korean native fell and bruised his foot. A native doctor told him to smear it with oil and set it on fire. Dirt and flies then aggravated the sore, and by the time he reached the missionary, the whole foot was literally rotting away. In India half a million towns and villages have no resident educated physician. Even in Calcutta, best supplied of all Indian cities, a few years ago three out of every five died unattended by any physician. While we have no doctor representing us in the regions beyond, nearly all our missionaries help greatly to alleviate the bodily ailments of the people. At all our island stations, at Baramati and Diksal, India, much has been accomplished. People come fifty miles to be treated by Bro. Watson, who has had splendid results. Last year he was the means of saving eight lives, and treated 793 patients. At the great world missionary Conference in Edinburgh, in 1910, the following resolutions, among others, were carried: "That medical missions should be recognised as an integral and essential part of the missionary work of the Christian church, (a) because we are led by the example and command of Christ to make use of the ministry of healing as

a means of revealing God to man; and (b) because the efficacy and necessity of such work as an evangelistic agency have been proved in many lands again and again, and



Miss Soonderbai Powar and Ten of our Orphans.

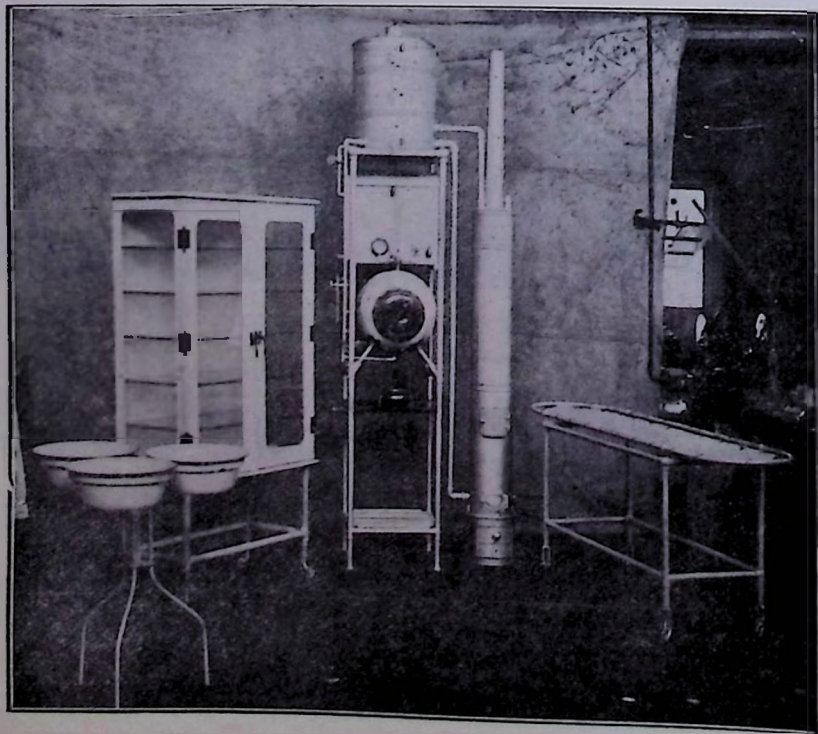
such work has been sealed by the blessing of God." Again: "That all the societies should send fully qualified medical missionaries to every district where missionaries are located, when other qualified medical assistance is not available." These words constitute a challenge to us. Would that we had the men and the means to establish a properly equipped hospital. Meantime, we are sending out brethren able to help in minor ailments, and lady missionaries who can nurse and help their sisters in the hour of need. Also, as our illustration shows, we have helped others in their medical work.

Huri iGod u langwa hamburu ma n-a varamana, hinea u hokoki mba nona babanatu kwakehe iNgwera, hinea te haronga ne faihuri lu n-a ne he sala tea, likoki ne hango mauriana faki tuai.

John 3: 16 in Language of Nduindui.

Missionaries in new fields have to engage in literary work, particularly that of translation. In most fields to-day this work is already done; the Bible Societies providing the Scriptures in the vernacular. It is frequently a matter of extraordinary difficulty to translate the Scriptures. An alphabet has to be provided. Laborious efforts are necessary to catch the proper sounds and register them. Where people are unfamiliar with Bible virtues and graces, it becomes a puzzle to get words which will convey the notion of them. A. T. Waters, our missionary on Oba, has translated portions of the Scripture into the language of Nduindui. Whether at home or abroad, a strong church will be a Bible-loving church.

Could Australian fathers and mothers know of the sorrows of heathen childhood, they would rally to save the children. Read Crawford's "Thinking Black," and consider the poor, shivering little mortals, "the dew-driers," depicted there. Peruse the tragic story of India's orphans and child widows. Oh, that another Elizabeth Barrett Browning would thrill the world with a new "Cry of the Children!" Thousands of boys and girls in India have never once known what it was to have enough to eat. Your heart would ache if your child once went to bed crying for food you could not supply.



Surgical Outfit sent to Harda Hospital from Australian Brotherhood. Prepared by John Fischer, Adelaide.

Thousands, as valuable in God's sight as your own boy, lie down in hunger every night. Infanticide is not now common as before; but in India poor, unwanted girl babies either die of neglect, are married in tender years to men old enough to be their fathers and grandfathers, or are devoted to a life of shame. Look at the basketful of babies on this page—babies as bright and bonny as any in our land. Whose shall they be—Christ's or Satan's? The answer largely lies with us. These children's faces make their own appeal. Our missionaries save the children. Orphans are cared for and trained to be Christians and workers. Mrs. Strutton and Miss Tonkin have specially interested themselves, and have saved some whose souls are of value sufficient to repay us for all we give. An extension of work amongst the orphans is now being made. We are supporting twelve girls in the home of Miss Soonderbai Powar, in Poona. These girls will later become Bible women or will provide wives for our native Christian men. God may use them as an object lesson to show the people what he would have a home to be. Some young people's societies are undertaking the support of an orphan each, at a cost of about £5 per annum. Until we can have an orphanage of our own, this seems to be a capital arrangement.

The church at home is awakening to the importance of Bible School work amongst the young. No one can doubt the transcendent value of work amidst the children of heathenism. It will be easier to train a little child to love and serve Jesus than it will be to turn an old idolater. In the latter case we save a soul; in the former, a life as well as a soul. In the latter case we gain a unit; in the former, a multiplication table. In India, China and the New Hebrides our missionaries are engaging in educational work among the young. At Diksal we have a school with 25 scholars in regular attendance. We should have more, larger, and better equipped schools. Commission III. of the Edinburgh Conference said of Christian schools: "It is the deliberate judgment of the Commission that such schools and colleges constitute an indispensable agency for the achievement of the purpose of Christian missions." Such schools are a means of evangelism. In India caste has largely



A Basketful of Babies.
Photo., Wiele and Klein.



F. G. Filmer and his Students, Pentecost.

been broken down by means of Christian schools. We should be able to do more in this direction.

It will be perceived that we have an institution for the training of workers in Pentecost. Bro. Filmer's Bible College of 28 students is, we hope, but the pioneer of many. May the work grow so that we shall need and be glad to provide education for many native preachers and teachers in every land.

There are in India many thousands, indeed millions, of women who are kept in seclusion in the zenana, to which men other than the nearest of kin are never admitted. This fact renders essential the work of our women missionaries and their Bible women. These go where men cannot, and carry the message of life. They get a ready hearing and win the hearts of their sisters. At Bar-amati, Diksal and Shrigonda, this will be a leading feature of the work. Our first missionary, our beloved Mary Thompson, has devoted her life largely to this work. Women workers have taken medical relief to those for whom there was no proper medical help before their arrival.

Time would fail to tell of industrial work for the sustenance of our native Christians whose conversion has deprived them of their usual means of livelihood. At Bar-amati, weaving and brickmaking are in full swing. On Pentecost we have a cocoanut plantation which will later bring in a fair amount of money. Missionaries act as architects and supervise the natives as they build native dwellings, bungalows and chapels. In some places, missionaries teach men how to sew and how to sow—to make clothes and to cultivate the soil. Missionaries' wives act as "architects" too, teaching women how to sew and cook, to care for children and make a decent home.

This rudest of outlines may cause us to think and evoke our sympathy. What a varied plea missionary work makes! All tastes and all dispositions are suited and appealed to. The other-worldly—men of evangelistic fervor—will wish to help spread the gospel by means of the sermon and printed page. The worldly, or humanitarian, will be moved as he reads of bodily ail-

ments cured and present troubles relieved. The educationalists will try to further a cause which dispels intellectual darkness. Womanhood's needs will win the support of some. The cry of the children would melt the heart of a Stoic and loose the purse-strings of a miser. We can all be suited with a motive. All can take their choice of appeal; let us each see that for some motive, to meet some needy case, we make a glad response on July 5.

Anni Domini.

O wondrous, weary years,
That since the Saviour came,
Roughened with strife and dark with tears,
Have borne his name!

Years of the Lord are these,
But of a Lord away;
Therefore temptation and the Cross
Have had the sway.

When shall the mystery end,
And storm disperse the gloom,
That earth may see the sun, and like
A garden bloom?

Then wondrous, happy years,
From that triumphant hour,
Too calm for strife, too bright for tears,
Shall speak his power.

—T. T. Lynch.



The Gospel in the Zenana.



Correspondents are requested to condense their reports as much as possible.

Tasmania.

LAUNCESTON.—Splendid and beautiful meetings all day, May 31. Fine congregation at the morning service. W. F. Peters presided, and Bro. Swain gave a spirited address. Afternoon Bible School constituted about a record attendance; there were some 200 present. This department grows. Sunday night saw a packed house as usual. Bro. Swain delivered a most impressive address on "The Faith that Saves." One conversion followed the sermon. The singing by the children was much appreciated, also a solo by Mr. H. Stevens. Children are to have a tea on Tuesday night.—A. W. Heron, June 1.

West Australia.

PERTH.—We had at our prayer meeting last Wednesday evening William Jame, our Chinese evangelist. He gave a nice little talk upon our duty to the heathen world, and spoke about his successful work amongst the Chinese of Australia. The meeting was in sympathy with the difficult task our brother had to face, and his appeal for assistance was successful. Our meeting this morning was well attended, and our visitors were Bro. Norris, Lochiel, S.A., and Bro. Temple, Northam. Bro. Blakemore's exhortation upon 1 Cor. 15: 46 was preceded by a helpful talk to the Juniors upon the duty of keeping their hearts right before God. At night Sister Netta Wright rendered a solo, and our evangelist spoke to a good attendance upon the existing unrest in the industrial world.—W.A., May 31.

CHINESE MISSION, PERTH.—Our ninth anniversary celebrated on May 26 was a splendid success. An interested audience filled the Lake-st. chapel to its utmost capacity. T. H. Scambler, President of the Conference, presided, and in a short address he congratulated the teachers upon their adherence to the task they had set themselves. Addresses were also delivered by E. G. Warren and Mr. A. S. J. Fry, the organising secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, who asked their hearers to do all they could to help on the Chinese work in Perth. Mr. Fry was delighted with the manner in which the scholars had rendered their contributions to an excellent programme. The secretary's report was encouraging. It mentioned an increase in the scholars' subscriptions to the Foreign Missionary Committee, and promises made of regular weekly offerings to the Home Mission work of the State. A new painting by Joseph Tieghan, one of the scholars, entitled "Peter's Visit to Cornelius," was unveiled, and an opportunity was taken to publicly welcome W. Jame, who gave a short address. A most enjoyable evening closed after refreshments had been handed round.—W.A., May 31.

Queensland.

ANNERLEY.—Lord's day, May 24, W. Trudgian gave a splendid exhortation at the morning meeting. S. Trudgian conducted the gospel service. Bro. Nightingale conducted the mid-week meeting, a good number being present. At the close an hour was spent in social intercourse. The sisters kindly provided refreshments. Opportunity was taken to present Sister G. Moffat with a suitable token on the eve of her approaching marriage. Bro. Nightingale made the presentation on behalf of Annerley members. Mr. Bailey responded on behalf of the recipient. Sister Miss Coward and Bro. Watkins, of Ann-st., met with us yesterday morning.

H. U. Rodger gave a very impressive address in the interests of Foreign Mission work. W. McCallum gave a splendid address at the gospel meetings.—A. R., June 1.

BRISBANE.—Last Lord's day, W. Trudgian exhorted very acceptably, taking as his theme, "Grow." Visitors, Bro. and Sister Weir (Norwood), Sister Sharpe (Petersham). Another member of the Adult Bible Class made the decision, and prior to the gospel service he and a young woman who had previously confessed Christ were baptised. G. Cane, supt. of the Bible School, in consequence of having bought a business in the country, has resigned. Bro. Cane for years has specialised in school work. His place will be hard to fill.—H.C.S.

WEST MORTON CIRCUIT.—Meetings during the past month were not so encouraging, owing to inclement weather and sickness. Promises for the future are very bright. Interest in this district is growing rapidly, and we hope ere long to report great things being done in revival work. June 7 to 12, special rally services will be held at Vernor. Sisters' Conference, June 12, at Vernor also. During the month one of our most valuable workers of Rosewood, Mr. Bade, passed to the land beyond. We deeply sympathise with the bereaved wife and family.—C.P.

ZILLMERE.—Meetings continue good. May 24, good number at the meeting for worship, when H. U. Rodger delivered a very helpful exhortation. Bro. Morton preached in the evening to a very good and attentive audience. May 31, good morning meeting, when we had the pleasure of listening to a splendid missionary address by Bro. Nightingale. At night Bro. Morton took for his subject "The Mustard Seed." Bro. Morton has accepted a further engagement with the Zillmere church. Our quarterly H.M. contribution amounted to £1/15/7. On Saturday, June 6, the City and Suburban Conference Rally will be held. Pleased to report that Sisters Robinson and Bruce are both improving.—J. Bruce, June 3.

New Zealand.

INVERCARGILL.—An effort is being made for the Church of Christ in this the fifth city in the Dominion to secure a more central meeting place. With that end in view, the sisters have enthusiastically entered into the work of paying off the debt on our Bowmont-st. building by means of a Sewing Guild, which meets every Thursday afternoon. The Guild in conjunction with the church officers is holding a social and gift evening on June 10.—T. Pryde, May 30.

WELLINGTON (Vivian-st.).—Meetings to-day fairly well attended. M. O. Johnston spoke morning and evening. Bro. Hay, from Pahiatua, was present. We are planning to have every member present on the last Lord's day in June, when we conclude the present increased attendance campaign. The Bible School attendance is well maintained. On Wednesday, June 3, the supt., Bro. Hall, is giving a tea and social to scholars, parents and friends to celebrate the conclusion of the recent Sunday School rally.—A.H.E., May 31.

GORE.—The work here is going along steadily. Last week we held our annual business meeting. The new envelope system, recommended by Bull explained the idea of the new system, and it was decided to make a canvass of the members. June 11. During the year there were 16 baptisms.—Joseph Smith, June 1.

WANGANUI.—Meetings have been very fair, considering the rough weather. To-day was quite a change, the elements being ideal. A very enjoyable combined tea was held by the school teachers and officers and Bible Class last week. We had very pleasant meetings to-day. Good attendance in the morning. Bro. Nattrass, of Ohakune, was present. His wife is in the Hospital preparatory to undergoing an operation. Bible School, splendid attendance to-day. Gospel meeting also very profitable. Bro. Chas. Downey (of Stratford) was the speaker. Distance and sickness keep quite a number away from our meetings. Especially do we miss the regular attendance of Sisters Connelly and Wilson. We pray God will bless them, and all such, in their declining years, and may their faith grow with their years.—H.S., May 24.

PETONE.—Morning meetings are keeping up fairly well. Bro. Grinstead speaks for us every other Sunday. Bro. Callam has been preaching alternately with Bro. Grinstead at the gospel meetings. Meetings are growing in numbers and interest. Bro. Grinstead is publishing the *Christian Messenger*, which is distributed freely to the general public. Bro. Tom Ashby, of Britannia-st., has been appointed church secretary. With regret we record the death of Sister Stanton, wife of our Bro. John Stanton, which took place on April 26. Our sister was buried by Bro. Grinstead in the Taita Cemetery. Bro. and Sister Stanton were associated with the Church of Christ in Nelson many years ago, our sister being a convert of the late Bro. Maston. Subsequently they attended the Dixon-st. church, and finally took membership with the Petone church. Very great sympathy is felt for our brother and family.

NELSON.—Attendances continue good at all meetings. A visiting brother, Mr. King, spoke to us on last Lord's day morning, and was much appreciated. Bro. Mathieson's subject in the evening was "The stone cut out of the mountain without hands." Large attendance again at this service. 150 present at Bible School. June 3, half-yearly Conference of Nelson District Churches.—H.E.A., May 27.

KILBIRNIE.—Work progressing steadily here. Fine meeting last night. At a special business meeting held last week, various plans for the pushing on of the work were adopted. *Inter alia* a sisters' visiting committee and a brethren's visiting committee were appointed. A girls' club has been formed and a boys' club is being organised. Thanks are due to Bro. Laing of Newtown church for erection of cupboards and new notice board.—G.P., May 25.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.—Two young ladies previously reported to have confessed Christ were last Tuesday evening baptised. Interest is gradually increasing, and the meetings continue to improve. This evening one youth made the good confession before many witnesses. Bro. Phillips based his sermon on Esther 4: 16.—A.L., May 24.

South Australia.

TUMBY BAY.—Fairly good meetings have been held lately. On Sunday, May 24, we had a special Empire Day service. We had a letter from Bro. Harkness, intimating that he had a splendid trip as far as South Africa, and felt much better. J. W. Caines, of Goolwa, has been with us and at our club and Bible School, beside exhorting the church and preaching the gospel. We have enjoyed his fellowship.—A.J.F.

GLENELG.—Tuesday evening, June 2, was a "sisters' evening," at the Young Men's Club. In response to the club's invitation a very representative gathering of men assembled. At 8 p.m. the President, Mr. Chas. Ferris, took the chair, and, after an opening prayer, gave a very hearty welcome to all, reported on the progress of the club, and concluded by congratulating Messrs. R. Morris and K. Wright upon their winning the senior and junior contests respectively. K. Wright was also presented with a silver medal. The balance of the time was pleasantly passed by old and young indulging in the various games provided. At the close we were pleased to add names to our roll, which now shows a membership of 43. The

JUNEE.—Last Friday evening the church celebrated the fourth anniversary of the appointment of a preacher to the Junee-Marrar district. Bro. Woolnough was in the chair, and a good programme of music and recitations, with a dialogue by the Misses Mowser and Bro. S. Wilson, was rendered by members of the Wagga, Marrar and Junee churches. The Bible School prizes were presented during the evening by Bro. Woolnough. The secretary (S. Wilson) in the course of his report remarked that although no numerical progress could be noted, the church is better organised than it has ever been, and preacher and congregation are working harmoniously together. We are also in possession of a good block of ground well fenced, and are awaiting plans and specifications, when we shall commence something definite building a church home. Last Lord's day morning Jas. Wilson extended the right hand of fellowship to Sister Miss Nankervis, who was immersed the previous Wednesday evening, and at

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Our Chinese Work in Australia.

Joseph Pittman,
Superintendent Melbourne Chinese Mission.

Not long after the Foreign Mission enterprise was started in Australia, the brethren interested in that work realised that to send missionaries to the heathen abroad and at the same time neglect those at their own door were a grave inconsistency. There were hundreds of Chinese in all the States for whose salvation we were doing next to nothing. Our ordinary gospel work scarcely touched them. The difficulty of imparting truth to them, not knowing each others' language, was almost insurmountable. Hence the idea of starting a school in which they could be taught the rudiments of English, and at the same time the elements of the gospel, was suggested as the best way to overcome the difficulty. I believe the suggestion was first made to Bro. F. McClean by W. Hing, our first Chinese convert in Melbourne, if I mistake not, who is now a preacher and teacher in the Chinese church in this city. Bro. McClean very enthusiastically caught up the proposition, and in a very little time after opened his own house for the use of the school. Workers and scholars came along, and the school soon became a flourishing institution, with Bro. McClean as its superintendent.

As the scholars learned the language, they were taught to read the Bible; and the light of the joyful message soon began to chase away the heathen darkness from their minds. The teachers were delighted and encouraged by some of their scholars declaring their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and desire to follow him in baptism. The rooms in Bro. McClean's house were insufficient to accommodate the number of teachers and scholars that attended; and so it came to pass that the F.M. Committee, who had taken the work under their wing, caused a nice commodious building to be erected in Queensberry-st. for the better accommodation of the school.

The Chinese converts then desired to form themselves into a church, so that they might edify one another in love. They commenced meeting as a church soon after the new school house was opened. Since then 50 Chinese scholars have been added to the church. These, with 30 foundation members, make a total of 80. Both school and church are in a flourishing condition at the present date. Following the example of Melbourne, the brethren of the City Temple, Sydney, commenced a similar work in the year 1899. Members of Enmore church joined in the movement. Bro. Jame, our Chinese missionary, was one of the first converts. A church was formed in the year 1906. Brethren Wong and Pang, of Melbourne, rendered helpful assistance at the beginning. At the present date there are 53 members on the church roll. 32 scholars attend the night school. About 130 converts have been made as the direct result of the mission.

Adelaide was the next to move in the work. The mission was established in 1900,

with the veteran H. D. Smith as its first superintendent. No church has been formed; the converts commune with the Grote-st. church. Gospel meetings are held specially for the Chinese. During the fourteen years of the mission's life, about 25 converts have been added to the church.

The last State to enter upon this work was West Australia. The work was established in Perth, in 1905, by Miss Lacey, now Mrs. Hancock. A church was formed after a few converts were made, the membership at the present date being eleven; 15 converts have been made since the start.

It is estimated that about 280 converts have been won to Christ from the Chinese inhabitants of our Commonwealth by the agency of these mission. Surely this is a glorious result. Two Chinese missionaries, our own converts, are wholly engaged in the work of evangelising among their own countrymen in our midst. Their names are W. Jame and A. John Sing. They are doing a splendid work.

The Chinese are a warm-hearted, generous people. The missions are free to the scholars, no charge being made for instruction. The scholars, however, delight to show their gratitude whenever they have an opportunity. In Melbourne they give a tea and public "speech night" once a year, usually in Lygon-st. chapel, to four or five hundred people. This costs them about £22; but they would be willing to double that amount if need be. The converts, too, will bear favorable comparison with those of the white races. The heart is the same, whatever the color of the face. A little incident will show that they have a conscience; and that Christianity can control it. A Chinese called at a house with his wares. The lady asked him a few questions, some on his religion. He said, "Me's Christian." "How do you know?" asked the lady. "O, me no

stetch 'lastic now." This showed that at least his Christianity made him an honest man. A religion that will do that is worth having, and worth imparting to others. God bless our Chinese missions in Australia!

Missionary Impulse.

W. C. McCallum, M.A.,
President, Tasmanian F.M. Committee.

A missionary religion is one whose believers find in it a supreme good, not only for themselves, but for all men, and feel an inward compulsion, which amounts to a necessity, to go forth as its heralds to all the world.

The world has had many religions, but only three religions that have engaged in deliberate and organised missionary effort. The oldest missionary faith is Buddhism. It can no longer be called missionary, and is occupied with strenuous efforts, largely in the direction of modelling after Christianity, so as to hold what ground it has. Mohammedanism, the youngest of the three great missionary religions, while stationary in part, is still characterised by some intense missionary zeal, and it is still an open question whether Africa is to be Christian or Mohammedan.

What the Mohammedan is ready to attempt for the sake of the inferior good his faith offers, surely the Christian should be far more willing to attempt for the sake of the supreme good of the gospel of Christ.

Loyalty to Christ must inevitably awaken missionary impulse. Loyalty must lead the Christian into sympathy with the purpose of Christ. This purpose was missionary; it was "to seek and to save that which was lost." The Lord's vision went beyond the narrow limits of the Jewish people. "Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold; them also I must bring." The Jewish contemporary of Jesus expected the speedy coming of Messiah with a dependent hope, born out of despair, of the situation of the chosen people. Salvation lay for them in this ending of things. Jesus became for his disciples the interpretation and realisation of the Messianic hope, and at the same time he saved them from the fatal dependence on the last day, act of God. "Sav not ye, 'There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest'? behold, I say unto you, 'Lift up your eyes and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest.'" The disciples caught the vision because they were loyal to their Lord. The degree of the Christian's missionary impulse is the measure of his intimacy and sympathy with the purpose of his Lord. Loyalty brings the thought—the Lord's purpose must be my purpose, therefore the missionary task is my task.

This same loyalty brings the understanding of the meaning of the Cross. In fact, its meaning can only be plain to the missionary soul. The cross was a local form of death, but the cross of Christ was nothing local. Jesus did not say "Come unto me, all ye who are Jews," nor yet "Every Israelite that confesseth me before men." Je-

New Chinese Workers.



Mr. and Mrs. A. John Sing.

Since the issue of the last Foreign Mission number of the "Christian" Bro. A. John Sing commenced his labors as evangelist among his fellow countrymen in Sydney. His efforts have already been blessed, and his work is appreciated by his co-workers.

Early in the present year Mrs. John Sing arrived in Australia from China to assist her husband in his work.

us dealt with men, not with Jews. No one can see the cross and think of its blessing for him as an individual, without also thinking of its universal aspect. He cannot say, "He gave himself up for me," without remembering that all men have the right to say the same words. We dare not take the blessing of the cross without seeking to carry it to others.

Benefit is the law of nature, but for every benefit you receive a tax is levied. He is great who confers the most benefits. The benefit we receive must be rendered again, line for line, deed for deed, cent for cent, to somebody.—*R. W. Emerson.*



Miss F. M. Cameron.

Miss Cameron is a member of the church at Maylands, South Australia. She has been accepted by the Federal Foreign Mission Committee for service in India, and will most probably leave for that land about October next.

Miss Cameron has taken a course of training in the Queen Victoria Maternity Home, and holds the diploma of this institution. She is now studying in the Ladies' Missionary College, Adelaide. She has done well in her work, and is spoken of in the highest terms by Mr. Morton, Principal of the College.

The South Australian brethren hold Miss Cameron in high esteem. Bro. H. R. Taylor speaks of her as "a quiet, helpful servant of her Master," and says, "Her faith in God and devotion to his will alone is splendid." The brethren who heard our sister at the recent Victorian Conference were most favorably impressed by her.

Let prayers of the whole brotherhood follow Miss Cameron as she enters on her projected life-work in India.

As Faithful Stewards.

A. E. Gourlay.
Secretary, Tasmanian F.M. Committee.

To know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent is life eternal, and this knowledge has come to us to save and bless us. Now the Lord is depending upon us, as workers together with him, to hold the cup of his salvation to the lips of others, and to make his name known unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

"Until the earth is filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord"—what a grand vision! The tragedy of the Jewish nation was that they as a people failed to catch this vision, and to realise that they were blessed with the light of truth in order that they might give it to others. So they came to possess only the husks and empty shells; and so with us; the condition on which we hold that which we have, and upon which the blessing of God is multiplied to us, is that we as faithful stewards give out to others that truth which has been committed to us.

Our Saviour's command is, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Let us be thankful for the good work that is being done by our faithful missionaries, and let us show by our offering that we are determined not only to maintain the work, but to increase and extend it.

Forgetting South America.

I remember (writes Henry W. Frost, of Philadelphia) an address by J. Hudson Taylor, in which he spoke of his prayer life. He said that he once made a discovery which awakened and startled him. He had been interested in China, and he used to begin praying for that land, and he would pray for it so long that he had little time to give to other countries. As a result he determined that he would reverse the process of praying, beginning with the forgotten lands and ending with China. On thinking the matter over, he discovered that South America was the country most frequently left out, and from that time on he generally began his prayer by remembering that country. Then he added—and I well remember the smile which came upon his face as he spoke the words—"You may be sure that *I never forgot China.*" In other words, he had become a true intercessor in the sense of amplification. God had set him free, had given him a broad outlook, and had wrought into his soul a large sympathy.

The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else, are comparatively easy to give away; but, when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice; it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has taken possession of him.—*Lowell.*



Miss F. R. Tole.

Believing that the foreign field offered an opportunity for investing one's life to the best advantage, Miss F. E. Tole volunteered for service in India. She has been accepted by the Federal F.M. Committee.

Miss Tole became a member of the Church of Christ in Launceston, Tasmania, in which church both her father and her grandfather are honored members. "Her father," S. G. Griffith writes, "was one of the most faithful in the years of discouragement that paved the way for the recent splendid development in Launceston."

Sister Tole is now in fellowship with the church at Lygon-st., Carlton. Bro. Griffith writes further, "Sister Tole has already won some trophies for her Master.... Lygon-st. church and ministers hold our new representative in highest esteem."

Miss Tole is splendidly qualified for work in the needy field of India. She has had some eight years' experience in hospital and district nursing, and in addition to the general nursing certificate, holds a special eye-and-ear certificate. She is at present sister in charge of a ward at the Eye and Ear Hospital, Melbourne.



Surgery on the Mission Field.

"The list of operations performed in a mission hospital reads like a compendium on surgery. It is safe to say that nowhere in the wide world can such a variety of aggravated cases needing surgical interference be found. The patients have passed through all the stages of neglect and maltreatment by native doctors, and frequently come to the foreign physicians as a last resort. A successful operation under such conditions usually meets with proper marks of gratitude and prepares favorable soil for the reception of the gospel through subsequent convalescence."—*Dr. E. I. Osgood.*

From the Field—Continued.

night Bro. Woolnough preached to a good audience, including a number of young men, his subject being "The Broad and Narrow Ways," illustrated by a chart. To-morrow night he intends giving an address on "The Furniture and Fittings of Solomon's Temple."—W.L.C., June 6.

MEREWETHER.—Lord's day, Bro. Nesbet exhorted from Matt. 5: 13, and brought out some good thoughts on the value of souls. Bro. Fretwell preached at night on "The Three Revelations of Jesus," Matt. 16. At the close a fine young girl who has been one of our Bible School scholars from her childhood, and who with her brother holds the highest records for attendance, made the good confession, and will be immersed on Lord's day.—Joseph Fraser, June 7.

BROKEN HILL.—Last Lord's day, whilst Bro. A. E. Chapman was conveying his brother William to the hospital in Bro. James's motor for operation to the throat, he passed away in his arms. We commend the widow and fatherless ones to God. On Thursday morning Bro. and Sister Eaton were awakened to the shock of finding their dear little one cold in death, in the mother's arms. Whilst she slept the Good Shepherd had folded the lamb to his bosom. We pray for them in the childless loneliness of their home, that God may comfort and sustain them. Bro. Skewes spoke at Wolfram-st. this morning, and the writer at Railway Town. Fair attendance at both places.—E. J. Tuck, June 7.

LIDCOMBE.—Bright and enthusiastic meetings were held by the Tramway Mission Party on May 24 to 27, resulting in two decisions. Four of the younger scholars responded to the invitation at the children's service. J. Clydesdale, who succeeds W. J. Williams as evangelist, preached his first gospel sermon here last Lord's day evening. A welcome social will be tendered to our new evangelist and his wife on the 18th inst. Good meetings this morning and evening, the latter being preceded by a bright open-air meeting conducted by Bro. Breech.—M.A., June 7.

HORNSBY (Albert-st.).—The writer presided. Elder Crosthwaite by special request continued his last Lord's day address on "Heaven." On Lord's day the church received Bro. Reddin, who was baptised last Thursday, into the fellowship. Lord's day School rally is now in full swing; 81 scholars enrolled to date. The gospel service was finely exhorted by our evangelist, Bro. Payne, on "Samuel." The officers have decided to enlarge the vestries, making them 34 by 25, to meet the needs of the kindergarten classes and the K.S.P., who will next meeting number 30.—Thos. E. Rofe.

ENMORE.—Bro. Illingworth's address at the morning meeting took the form of an appeal on behalf of Foreign Missions and Christian giving. We were pleased to welcome Sister Mrs. Williams back among us, after a long absence in the hospital. We rejoice with her in her recovery. Bro. Illingworth's text in the evening was Matt. 16: 23. Our brother's earnest and impressive address must have touched many deeply. The debate mentioned in last report between the Loyal Sons and Loyal Daughters was decided in favor of the ladies.—E.L.

HAMILTON.—On last Saturday a Sunday School examination, under the supervision of A. W. Jinks, was held, and the percentages were as follows: Alice Creek, 100; Maggie Murray, 95; Eric Sharpe, 75; Jack Goodridge, 70; and Iris Sharpe, 65. This school has not more than 20 scholars, but it is a live one. Bro. Jinks instructs the scholar on the lines of "question and answer." Bro. Burrows is the superintendent. On last Lord's day afternoon Bro. Gale, Fretwell and Northey visited the school, and their visit was appreciated.

CHATSWOOD.—Record meeting on Sunday morning. Splendid interest. Among our visitors were Bro. Hare, Swanston-st.; Bro. and Sister S. Whatley; Sisters Clark, Hall, McPherson and Price. Bro. Robbins delivered a very helpful message. Bro. and Sister Goddard were received by letter from Paddington. Large meeting at night. Bright song service, led by Bro. Robbins. Deep interest prevails in the building of our chapel. We

are very grateful for an amount of voluntary service. We greatly appreciate the following further donations toward the building fund: Bro. S. Goddard, £5; Bro. Verco, of Bordertown, S.A., 10/-; Bro. E. J. Mantova, £5; Bro. J. F. Ashwood, £20. The prospect of building up a strong self-supporting church in this rapidly growing centre is exceedingly bright. Brethren who can help provide the church with a home will find their money well invested. Kindly forward to T. Bagley, "Allan-Brae," Nelson-st., Chatswood, Sydney.

Victoria.

ASCOT VALE.—Since last report three have been received into the fellowship of the church by faith and obedience, and at the close of the gospel address on May 24, one young woman made the good confession. The We Mean Business (Adult Bible) Class has now 115 enrolled, with an average attendance for the past two weeks of 108. Increased attendances at our morning and mid-week meetings. Gospel services are packed by most attentive audiences who listen with rapt attention to the gospel message.—J.Y.P., June 3.

CARNEGIE.—Splendid attendances on June 7. Four immersions at night. All departments in good condition.

DUNMUNKLE.—Bro. Combridge was with us yesterday. Best morning meeting held for some time past. Nineteen members broke bread. Evening meeting, chapel nicely full. One young lad made the good confession. The local brethren have decided to renovate the chapel.—W.G.S., May 31.

SHEPPARTON.—Good meeting to-night. Bro. Clipstone gave an earnest address on "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Two stepped forward to accept Christ, one a married woman, the other a boy from our Bible School. At the close of the meeting members remained behind, and have decided on a forward move.—Florrie Knight, June 7.

HAWTHORN.—Good meetings last Lord's day. Visitors included Mrs. Johnstone, of Williams-town; Miss Smedley, and Miss Crouch, of Doncaster; Mr. and Mrs. Brown and daughters, of Cosgrove. We have commenced a song service before the gospel meeting. A fine young man confessed Christ.—A. C. Rankine.

BRUNSWICK.—We have been helped with talks at the worship meetings by Bro. L. H. Shirt, L. Williams, and M. Wood Green. The mid-week (Wednesday) prayer meeting is now led by Bro. Green, whose fine exposition of the Word is much appreciated. The gospel is proclaimed by Bro. Green. One received in on letter. A concert is to be held early next week to replenish the school library.—W.T., June 7.

BURNLEY.—We received one sister into fellowship this morning through faith and baptism. Good attendance at the school and Adult Bible Class. We are taking a series of studies in Bible characters in the Bible Class. We had a further increase in the attendance at our mid-week prayer meeting. This service promises to be of great good to the church.—A.S., June 7.

NORTH FITZROY.—The church here celebrated the 41st anniversary and 11th year of Bro. Baker's ministry on Wednesday, June 3, by tea and public meeting, our theme for the evening being "The Christian Life." The speakers were Bro. Day, Griffith, Knott, and Franklyn, whose addresses were much appreciated. The choir, under the leadership of Bro. Hickling, rendered some fine music, which did them great credit. Good meetings to-day, morning and evening. One confession at close of gospel service. Our Junior Endeavor Society are negotiating with Bro. Sherhiff in South Africa as to the best way of helping him in his work.—A.J.H., June 7.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.).—Since last report we had Bro. Rankine with us one Sunday morning. He presided and gave a helpful message to the church. Our meetings continue good, and splendid interest is shown. Bro. Allen's morning addresses on "The Hebrews" are very fine. We had a crowded meeting on Sunday night, when we celebrated the second anniversary of the Scoville mission. The singing was a feature of

the meeting, the choir being a great help in this service. At the close of Bro. Allen's address there was one confession. Steady additions are being made to the membership of the church almost weekly, and a number of inquiries for a visit from the preacher from people interested. We hold a public meeting in the chapel on Monday, July 6, to wish *bon voyage* to Bro. and Sister Allen, and welcome Bro. Franklyn. There will be representative speakers. We invite all friends to keep the evening free.

MARYBOROUGH.—We have recently lost by death one of our deacons, G. J. Letts, who passed away after a short illness, leaving a sorrowing wife and family. Bro. Larsen conducted a memorial service on May 24. E. M. Poole, who is leaving shortly for Petersham, N.S.W., was publicly farewelled last Thursday, when a large gathering was presided over by the Presbyterian minister, Mr. Erskine, who presented to Bro. Poole a purse of sovereigns on behalf of his numerous friends in the town. To-night our brother preached a farewell sermon in the chapel, which was filled to its utmost capacity. A young girl was received in this morning, having been immersed during the week.

WEDDERBURN.—Fifty years ago to-day—June 7—the plea for primitive Christianity was proclaimed by Bren. Goudie and Wilder for the first time in Wedderburn. Thos. Cosh was the first convert, and was baptised on the following night. Bro. Cosh exhorted this morning, taking for his theme "The Parable of the Talents." Bro. Cosh was congratulated on attaining his jubilee in the service of Christ. Good meeting to-night, Bro. Bulgin taking for his subject "The Plea of the Churches of Christ." All old Wedderburnites are expected home for the jubilee celebrations.

NEWMARKET.—A man "confessed Jesus as Lord" at the close of to-night's meeting. The church enjoyed greatly the fellowship of Bro. Alfred Morris, of City Temple, Sydney, though regretting the occasion of his visit to Melbourne. Our aged Sister Morris passed peacefully away on Saturday evening, June 6, at the ripe age of 84 years. She and her husband, Bro. John Morris, who predeceased her, were pioneers, and very prominent workers in Newmarket church, and prior to their coming to Australia, were connected with the church in Dundee, Scotland. Two sons (Messrs. A. and E. Morris, of Sydney) and two daughters (Mrs. Winsor and Mrs. Miller, of Melbourne) mourn her loss.—J. I. Mudford, June 8.

PRESTON.—Splendid meeting for worship in the morning. A. J. Willmore and daughter, from Subiaco, W.A., received into fellowship. Fine address by Bro. Binney on "Child Life." In the afternoon the Bible School celebrated its 11th anniversary. The scholars, under the leadership of D. Lang, sang a number of songs from the Sunday School Hymnary. W. Beiler interested the children and adults with an address. Full house at night, when the scholars again took a prominent part in the service. Bro. Binney delivered a powerful discourse to an attentive audience. An offering was taken up for the Talbot Colony for Epileptics.—G.A.D., June 8.

WILLIAMSTOWN.—The morning meetings are keeping up well. Bro. Bennett is giving stirring addresses. This morning he spoke upon "The World's Need" and did not forget to emphasise the Foreign Mission offering. The gospel meetings are improving, and we are looking forward for a reaping soon, as the message is faithfully and earnestly proclaimed. We had the pleasure of hearing a splendid Empire address by Bro. Mudford last Sunday week. A collection for the Talbot Epileptic Colony amounting to £1/18/- was forwarded. We are sorry to announce the death of Sister Knuckey, senr., who fell on sleep on 3rd inst. The church deeply sympathises with the bereaved.—E.M.H.

BERWICK.—During the month Bro. Smedley has been with us, and has exhorted the church acceptably. Last Sunday Bro. Smith, from the College, addressed the church, and was much appreciated. Bro. Ingham preached in the evening to a good audience. He has got permission to give Scripture instruction in the local State school every Monday afternoon. A question box has recently been put at the door. Bro. Coventry has

charge of the J.C.E. Sunday mornings, which is well attended. The church has decided to erect an up-to-date Sunday School in the near future.—E.E.H., June 7.

FRENCH ISLAND (Western Port).—Bro. and Sister Clay visited us on Sunday, May 31. It was raining hard in the morning; nevertheless 13 members assembled to break the loaf. A gospel service was held in the public hall in the afternoon, when about 30 persons met together. Mrs. Clay accompanied the singing, and sang several duets with her husband, which were much appreciated.

Here and There

The church at Warracknabeal, Vic., has purchased a fine quarter of an acre site for a church building.

Thos. Hagger spent last Lord's day with the church at Bendigo, Vic., and addressed good congregations.

The Victorian Year Book is now on sale; price, 6d. per copy. Send orders to Thos. Hagger, 15 Walsh-st., Coburg.

R. G. Cameron preached last Lord's day in St. Arnaud, Vic., D. M. McCrackett spending that day in the Mildura district.

In the year 1909 the church at Mildura, Vic., gave £150 for all purposes, while during the past year she has given £455. Good!

The Victorian Women's Conference Prayer Meeting Committee will visit Lygon-st. on June 23, at 3 o'clock.

Inaugural meeting of the Mission Band in City Temple, Sydney, Monday, June 15, 8 p.m. All who can assist are urgently requested to attend.

The Federal F.M. Committee are indebted to Bro. Ross Graham, of the Bible College, for preparing the attractive front page cover design.

Victorian Women's Temperance Committee will hold a meeting at Preston on Monday, June 15, at 8 p.m., and at Lygon-st. on July 14, at 3 p.m.

Don't miss J. J. Franklyn's presentation of the important theme of Church Discipline at the quarterly officers' meeting in Swanston-st. lecture hall on Monday, June 15, at 8 p.m.

Bro. Hugh Gray, evangelist at Mildura and Merbein, Vic., after some two months' absence through illness, is now back at his post, and the brethren are delighted to have him there.

"Some necessary repairs to our movement—notably church discipline," will be the theme for the Victorian church officers' quarterly meeting in Swanston-st. lecture hall on Monday, June 15.

The N.S.W. Bible Schools' Committee has arranged for a General Conference on Bible School work in the City Temple on June 25, at 7.30 sharp. Speakers, A. H. Webber, Chas. Rush, and Wm. Gale.

The monthly Council meeting of the Victorian Christian Endeavor Union will be held on Monday evening, 15th inst., in the Swanston-st. lecture hall. There will be a discussion on Junior Endeavor work.

The papers of E. Griffiths and R. G. Cameron at the Mildura, Vic., district Conference on June 4 were well received—the former striking a most optimistic, yet sane note about extending the work in that district.

The Victorian Women's Executive calls a special meeting of sisters, to be held in the hall, Swanston-st., on Friday afternoon, June 19, at 3 o'clock, to consider a notice of motion *re* Constitution. All sisters invited.

Grand United Districts Missionary Rallies will be held by the Federal F.M. Committee, assisted by prominent speakers, at Hawthorn and Prahran Churches of Christ on June 17, at 8 p.m. All Christians living in the neighborhood of Hawthorn or Prahran are asked to be present at either of these meetings.

The Victorian Women's Home Mission Committee will hold meetings at Box Hill on July 9, and at Moreland on July 29.

In 1909 there were 87 members in the Mildura, Vic., church; to-day there are 167, and the church at Merbein has been called into existence, which now has a membership of 41. Thus there are 208 members now in that district.

The churches at Mildura and Merbein, Vic., are fortunate in that they have some seven brethren who can preach acceptably in addition to the evangelist. They conduct three gospel services in the district each Lord's day evening, and are talking of more.

The brethren in the Mildura district are alive to the importance of getting into new places first. Thus they commenced preaching services and a school at The Lake. J. Halliday is superintendent of this school of 36 scholars, and is aided in the work by Bro. and Sister Faulkner and Sister Miss Dowley, of Mildura. Other openings are likely to be entered shortly.

The Queensland Home Mission Committee decided to institute a quarterly "silver offering" in order to raise £100 over and above present sources of revenue. The offering was taken on May 4, and has proved highly successful, as the first quota has been easily exceeded. Following so soon on the annual offering, the indication is that the churches throughout the State have grasped the vision of the Saviour's command, "Go."

The Federal Foreign Missionary Committee is arranging for a series of meetings to be held in various centres during the months of June and July for the purpose of acquainting those interested in missionary activities of the work which the Committee is doing in various parts of the world. These meetings, while educational in character, are designed to stimulate interest in the great work of the extension of the kingdom of God in all parts of the world. Meetings are to be held in Swanston-st., Lygon-st., Hawthorn, Prahran, Footscray, Middle Park, North Fitzroy and Moreland.

"In Business for the Lord."—An American who had become a Christian and joined a church, was told by a steward that the board of stewards had assessed him to contribute 12½ dollars. "For how long a time?" he asked. "For a whole year," was the reply. "Why," he said, "I often spent more than that in a single night, when I was serving the devil." He talked the matter over with his wife. They read the Bible, their new guide, to learn how much they ought to pay, and concluded that "Mal. 3: 8, 10 settled it." So they began paying a tenth of their income. "In the first six months," said the steward, "they gave more than twenty-five times as much as was asked for the whole year."

Secrets of Success at Panama.—An English visitor to Panama gives some instructive words on the humane and sensible attitude of America towards the men employed in constructing the canal: "They set the world an example in their treatment of the workpeople. They have not only insisted upon the negro laborers living under healthy and sanitary conditions, but they have also, through their cold storage depot at Colon, on the Atlantic side, provided all their workers with first-class food at exceedingly low prices—the best beef at 6d. per lb. and other prices in proportion. Another point they have been very strong upon is that there should be virtually no importation of strong liquor. In fact, it is a teetotaler's paradise."

The Freethinker's Little Prayer.—A Freethinker—the story is told by Mr. Van der Behen, of the McAll Mission—was lamenting the sad condition of friends of his who were given to strong drink. "All that comes (he said) from the fact that the law of Christ has been forgotten, a law that is magnificent, and that will always be true." That is magnificent, and that will always be true. I replied that he was a strange kind of Freethinker thus to speak of Christ. "I desire to be quite frank with you," he said. "Unfortunately I do not believe in much, but in the morning I cannot begin my rounds (I am a traveller for a manufacturing chemist) without saying a bit of a prayer in my heart!" As I expressed my increasing astonishment, he continued: "I have seen con-

tinually that what we lack, call it what you will, is an ideal, a God of some kind, and without that our people are lost." I spoke to him of the gospel. He said: "Is it possible that there exists in France a religion without cures, and that one can have Christ without the priest? I count on you, monsieur, to send me at once, I beg you, a copy of the New Testament, of which you have told me."

Foreign Mission offerings should be forwarded promptly after July 5. Following is a list of State secretaries and treasurers:—

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Sec., A. E. Gurlay, Moonah, Hobart.

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COMING EVENTS.

JUNE 14-18.—North Melbourne Sunday School anniversary, June 14, 16, and 18. Sunday, 14th, 11 a.m., T. J. Cook, from Bendigo; 3 p.m., T. J. Cook; evening at 7, A. Hutson. Tuesday at 8 p.m., entertainment by the scholars. Admission, silver coin. Chairman, A. Hutson. Splendid programme. Thursday, 6.30, tea meeting; tickets, 1/-; 8 p.m., entertainment.

JUNE 16.—Grand Concert in the Brunswick chapel, Glenlyon-road, at 8, in aid of the Sunday School library. Artists: Miss Hilda Anderson, A.L.C.M.; Miss Eva Young, Miss Nellie Gray, Miss Clara Sidwell, Messrs. E. and A. Butler and W. E. Wheatland, assisted by local talent. Admission, 6d.

JUNE 21.—Newmarket Bible School anniversary. 11 a.m. (in chapel), Pastor S. M. Potter (Newmarket Baptist); 3 p.m. (in Town Hall), Mr. W. D. More; 7 p.m. (Town Hall), Mr. J. I. Mudford. Special singing by scholars. Tuesday, June 23, in chapel, demonstration by scholars and distribution of prizes by Mr. W. Beiler. Silver coin admission. All friends welcome.

JULY 5 and 8.—Anniversary services, Moonta Bible School, Sunday, July 5, and Wednesday, July 8. Combined singing by the school members (assisted by friends), action songs, and recitations. Sister Bice, of Adelaide, will assist with the singing. D. A. Ewers, of Mile End, will also be present. Public tea in the hall on Wednesday, 5 to 7 p.m.; public meeting in the chapel, 7.30.

JULY 5-10.—Church of Christ, Wedderburn, Jubilee Celebrations, July 5 to 10. Prominent speakers. All past members invited.

JULY 6.—Monday evening, July 6, at 8 o'clock, Swanston-st. Church. Public meeting to say goodbye to Bro. W. H. Allen and welcome J. J. Franklyn. Representative speakers. Choir selections. All welcome.

WANTED.

Wanted, convenient to city, furnished sitting-room and bedroom, with use of kitchen. Moderate terms. Address, Beslie, G.P.O., Melbourne.

IN MEMORIAM.

ANDREWS.—A tribute of love to the memory of our dear father, Edwin Andrews, who fell asleep in Jesus on June 13, 1910, at his late residence, Railway-st., Rookwood, N.S.W. Not forgotten. "He being dead yet speaketh."

The Supreme Need of Japan.

Percival A. Davey.

It is religion. "From a religious point of view Japan is in a starving condition," said Count Okuma, and he knows whereof he speaks. Some of his countrymen may think differently, but the fact that they do only emphasises the need.

It is true Japan has a native religion among the ignorant, which still persists in the worship of the fox. It is true that Japan has an engine to encourage loyalty in official Shinto, declared by the Home Department to be *not* a religion.

It is true Japan has a religious Shinto based on the worship of ancestors, but without God, Bible or preachers. It is true Japan has many sects of Buddhism with the worship of almost anything from imaginary gods to mud, and also a worship of Amida, an imaginary creation representing boundless light and life, and connected with teaching from Christian services, and furnishing a means of approach for the Christian teacher of to-day who goes to put new wine into new bottles, and not to sew new cloth on to an old garment.

It is true Japan has the teachings of Confucius, which have had some good effects, but have come between man and his Maker.

It is true Japan has the wisdom of its sages, but their vision and power were limited. They have shone like stars in the darkness, until the Light of the World should come to fill up the measure of their need.

And so Japan's need is religion—a religion of one God, one Maker, one Upholder of all, one fulfilling his high and holy purposes, one supreme moral Governor, to whom all men everywhere are accountable, one Father of all, with whom men have the relation of children, and in that relation the filial obligation to do his will, and thus fall into line with his plans and purposes.

Japan needs a religion of the Holy Spirit, which convicts of sin, righteousness and judgment to come. It needs the Word which is sharper than any two-edged sword. It needs to be saved by the foolishness of preaching whereby men are led to believe.

Japan needs the Christian conscience, Christian consciousness, and salvation in and by Christ from the guilt, pollution, power, practice and punishment of sin. Japan needs a religion which honors the child, protects the girl, teaches the young to be pure, leads men to be honest in business and politics, purifies the marriage relation, strengthens the foundations of the home, exalts the State, honors the Emperor, and values the sacredness of the individual life of his subjects, even the poorest and most degraded.

Japan needs the Scriptures inspired of God, with their uplifting influence, their exceeding great and precious promises, and their hopes for the world that now is, and the life beyond. The Japanese need the love of God for them, and their love for God, the life of trust in our Father, the companionship of Jesus Christ, and the Christian

fellowship and Christian activities of the church which is his body.

Japan.



In a Field of Irises.

Bro. and Sister P. A. Davey represent the Australian brotherhood in the Japanese work. Their field of labor is Tokyo, the capital city of the Empire. They are among the most efficient missionaries in the whole of Japan.

Bro. Davey is now the "Living Link" of the church at Enmore, Sydney. Both parties are to be congratulated—Bro. Davey, on this assurance of confidence in, and sympathy with him in his work; the Enmore church, on having so talented and consecrated a representative in the foreign field.

Bro. and Sister Davey will soon be in Australia again after their voyage to Europe, and will most probably return to Japan in September or October.

"One of the most inspiring evidences of the widening sovereignty of Christ is that he has passed over the control of the territory of the world to the Christian nations. In 1600 seven per cent. of the territory of the world was controlled by Christian nations, but to-day eighty-two per cent., so that the growth of the Christian control has passed in three hundred years from seven per cent. to eighty-two per cent., while the control of non-Christian nations has decreased from ninety-three per cent. to eighteen per cent."

Spiritual Darkness.

Charles Inwood says:—"South America is cursed with a baptised paganism which has hung like a millstone round its neck for four centuries. Romanism—with its hatred and open hostility to the circulation of the Scriptures; with Mariolatry of the most debased character; with its traffic in indulgences, and its exorbitant charges for baptisms and confessions, for the marriage of the living, and the burial of the dead; with the gross and general immorality of its priesthood—has reached a depth which can find no parallel in any other continent."

Africa has long been called the Dark Continent. A study of the religious conditions of her 130,000,000 population would seem to justify this pathetic appellation. More than 80,000,000 of her inhabitants are pagan, 40,000,000 are Mohammedan, while less than 10,000,000 are followers of our Lord. This condition ought to excite our compassion and be a compelling motive for us to send the gospel to that unfortunate continent.

Dr. Grenfell says that hundreds of young men from colleges, universities, and wealthy homes have paid their own expenses and have gone to Labrador to do anything, even dig drains, when that was helpful. More than half his colleagues are volunteers. Men are eager to accept a gospel so satisfying and that gives such zest to life. Why should it not be so? Why should not this be considered the normal and not the exceptional thing? Why should not young men go out from our prosperous homes to China and India and Japan and Africa and the New Hebrides at their own charges? The day will come when they will do that if the Restoration Movement is to be all that the Lord wishes it to be.

The day will come, it is believed, when every church among us and every member of every church will have a share in all that the Lord is doing to redeem the world. Until that time comes it can not be said that we are living up to our privileges and doing our full duty. Every one who has been buried with his Lord in baptism and has risen to walk in newness of life must engage with his Lord in the work that he is doing if he would be true to his confession of faith. Every one who comes to the Lord's table and partakes of the bread and the wine in memory of his Lord must give as the Lord has prospered him, or be recreant to his Lord. Wherever the table is spread, no matter how small or how large the audience, or how poor or how rich, there the offering for missions is in order and must not be neglected.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 14.

Gems of Thought.—"God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us" (Psalm 67: 1).

Once I was pure as the snow, but I fell—
Fell like the snowflake from heaven to hell.

Is there mercy for me? Will he heed my weak prayer?

O God, in the stream that for sinners did flow,
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

—I. W. Watson.

Among the attributes of God, although they are all equal, mercy shines with even more brilliancy than justice.—*Cervantes*.

Bible Reading.—Psalm 67: 1-7: Our merciful Father.

MONDAY, JUNE 15.

Gems of Thought.—"At midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God" (Acts 16: 25).

A little bird I am,
Shut from the fields of air;
And in my songs I sit and sing
To him who placed me there;
Well pleased a prisoner thus to be
Because, my God, it pleaseth thee.

My cage confines me round,
Abroad I cannot fly;
But though my wing is closely bound,
My heart's at liberty.
My prison walls can not control
The flight, the freedom of the soul.

—*Madame Guyon, written during her imprisonment.*

Life springs from calamity, and death from ease.—*Mencius*.

Bible Reading.—Acts 16: 25-34: Songs in the night.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16.

Gems of Thought.—"O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (2 Sam. 18: 33).

There is no far nor near,
There is neither there nor here,
There is neither soon nor late,
In that Chamber over the Gate,
Ner any long ago
To that cry of human woe,
"O Absalom, my son!"

That 'tis a common grief
Bringeth but slight relief;
Ours is the bitterest loss,
Ours is the heaviest cross;
And forever the cry will be,
"Would God I had died for thee,
O Absalom, my son!"

—*Longfellow*.

To take a ship through Hell Gate of a dark night when the tide is ugly, and everything for-

bidding, is a perilous undertaking. But to take the helm of a child, of a full nature, made up of contrary feelings, and steer it through the hell gate of life—which comes between fifteen and twenty years of age—there is no such pilotage as that.—*Beccher*.

Bible Reading.—2 Sam. 18: 24-33: A broken-hearted father.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17.

Gems of Thought.—"Give thy servant an understanding heart that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy great people?" (1 Kings 3: 9).

I knelt before thy gracious throne,
And asked for peace with suppliant knee;
And peace was given; not peace alone,
But love and joy and ecstasy.

—*Wordsworth*.

The Lord is never displeased with large asking—so that it be proper asking—and he delights to surpass the largest requests and most audacious hopes of the petitioner.—*Kitto*.

Bible Reading.—1 Kings 3: 4-15: Prayer abundantly answered.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18.

Gems of Thought.—"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor. 16: 13).

One blast upon his bugle horn
Were worth a thousand men. —*Anon.*

What is wanted in the world to-day is not more men, but more man.—*Anon.*

Bible Reading.—Acts 4: 13-20: Two old-time heroes.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19.

Gems of Thought.—"The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Rom. 8: 2).

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole;
I want thee forever to live in my soul;
Break down every idol, cast out every foe;
Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

—*James Nicholson*.

When a bit of soil is taken up into a plant, it is lifted from under the law of the mineral into the law of the vegetable kingdom. So the soul is delivered from the law of sin and death by being brought under the law of life in Christ Jesus.—*Abbott*.

Bible Reading.—Rom. 8: 1-10: Spiritual life.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20.

Gems of Thought.—"Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in strife and envying" (Rom. 13: 13).

"It was not on the field of battle,
It was not with a ship at sea,
But a fate far worse than either,
That stole him away from me.
'Twas the death in the ruby wine-cup,
That the reason and senses drown;
He drank the alluring poison,
And thus my boy went down.

"Down from the heights of manhood
To the depths of disgrace and sin;
Down to a worthless being,
From the hope of what might have been.
For the brand of a beast besotted
He bartered his manhood's crown;
Through the gate of a sinful pleasure
My poor, weak boy went down."

I find alcohol to be an agent that gives no strength, that reduces the tone of the blood vessels and heart, that reduces the nervous power, that builds up no tissue, can be of no use to me

or any other animal as a substitute for good.—*Dr. B. W. Richardson*.

Bible Reading.—Rom. 13: 10-14: The danger of drink.

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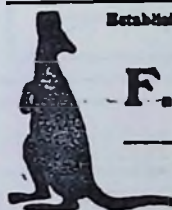
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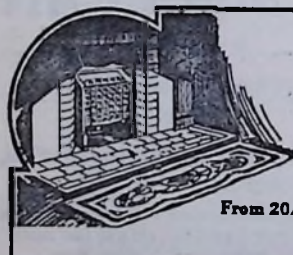
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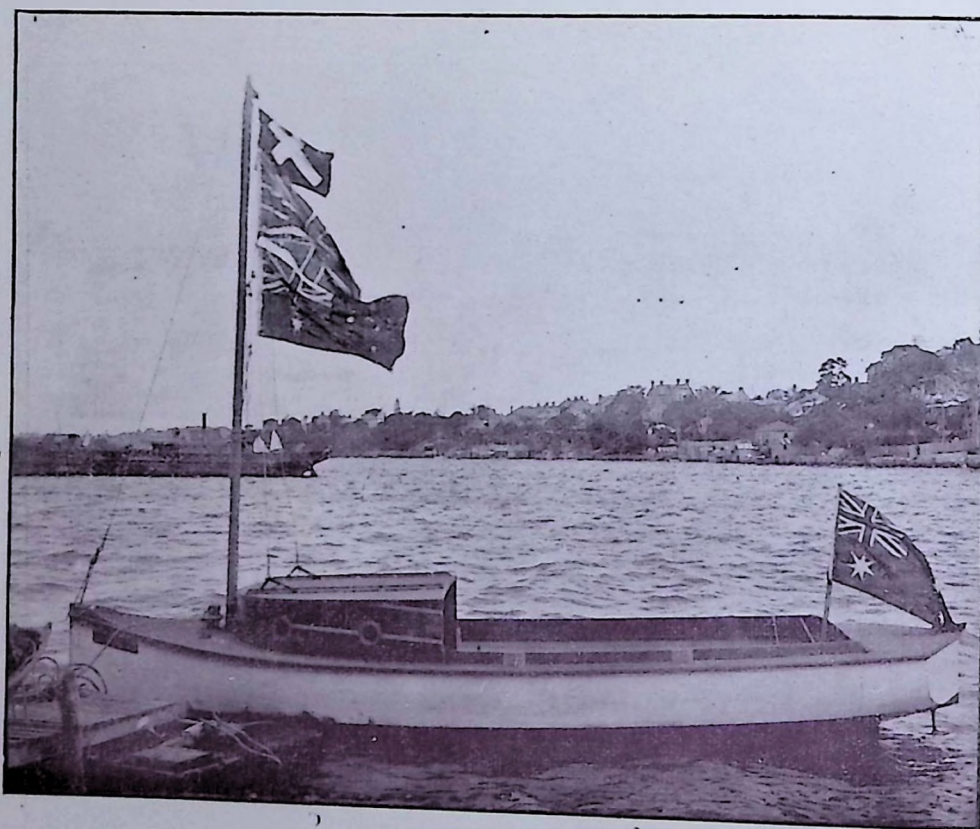
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