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Helping to Answer the Saviour's Prayer



G. H. Oldfield, M.B., B.S.

For many years the need of a missionary hospital for our Indian field has been felt. Dhond is the selected site. Dr. Oldfield will soon proceed thither. He will go out splendidly qualified for his important work.

"Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance,
And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

—Psalm 2:8

For the fulfilment of that prayer Bethlehem and Calvary were necessary. Christ's prayer meant the giving of Himself. The full answer to the petition is not yet given.



H. A. G. Clark, M.A., Dip. Ed.

Two new missionaries—Mr. H. A. G. Clark & Nurse Ludbrook—will shortly proceed to West China. The going out of workers of their calibre will be a great strength to our work. Each of them is thoroughly qualified.



Nurse D. C. Ludbrook

THE NEW MISSIONARIES ARE READY TO GO

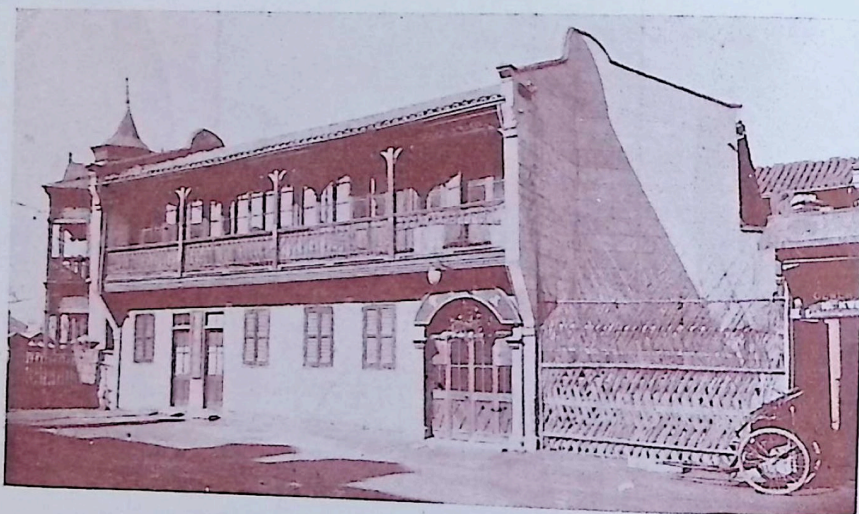
They help in the answer to the Saviour's prayer by giving themselves to the work

WE CAN ALL HELP BY A LIBERAL OFFERING ON

Foreign Mission Sunday, July 5

The Eyes of the World are on Shanghai

It is the storm centre of the East. China in recent years has suffered much from the horrors of civil war. She needs the healing influence of the Gospel of Peace.



Our Mission Chapel on Kwenming Rd., Shanghai.

The Shanghai Municipal Council propose to cut a road through our property. When this is done, compensation will be made, and a suitable site in another part of the city will be given for our mission work.

Australian Churches of Christ have increasing missionary interests in the Chinese Republic. The old work at Shanghai and the new work at Hueilichow must both be fostered. We can....

Help them by a liberal offering on July 5

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Christ and the Heathen World.

AN artist was once asked to paint a picture of a decaying church. People expected to see a tottering ruin, and were astonished to find depicted a stately edifice, with richly carved pulpit, beautiful stained glass windows and magnificent organ. Within the grand entrance was an offering-plate of costly workmanship to receive the gifts of the fashionable congregation. But—here the artist's conception of a decaying church was revealed—above the offering-plate, hanging from a nail in the wall, was a square box simply painted and bearing the inscription, "Collection for Foreign Missions," while right over the slot he had painted a huge cobweb.

Missions are the reason for the church's existence. When the supreme purpose of Christ's coming to earth is forgotten by a church, then that church languishes. To be circumscribed in our view, to settle down as a separate and self-contained community—whether for the purpose of the doctrinal arguments which some people love or for the enjoyment of goodly fellowship and religious club life—is to court disaster.

"To go is to grow;
To give is to live."

Christ loved the heathen world.

He loved and loves a Gentile as much as a Jew. He loves an Italian, or Russian, or Swede, as much as an Englishman. He loves Indians, Africans and Chinese as much as he loves Australians. Christians have yet to catch the spirit of universality which was in Christ Jesus.

Christ died for the heathen world.

"He tasted death for every man"—for the Roman soldier whose spear ran into his side as well as for John the beloved disciple who stood by the cross. For the poorest, vilest sinner in the Commonwealth as truly as for the governor in his mansion or the minister in his pulpit. Yes, and for the teeming multitudes of India and China as well as for our own people who are so dear to us. How can we as believers in the love of Jesus be indifferent to the fate of one of those for whom he died?

Christ prayed for the heathen world.

Long ere he came to earth the psalmist wrote the words of inspiration regarding him:

"Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations,
for thine inheritance
And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

This otherwise unrecorded prayer must have been offered by the obedient Son. The fact that he made the petition despite the consequences which its fulfilment involved, and the assurance

of the Father's promise, should rouse Christ's disciples to prayer and earnest endeavor to hasten the day when all the world will know of his love.

Christ provided for the evangelisation of the heathen world.

And he did it through his church. The only provision made was through obedient disciples. Yet some are antagonistic to Foreign Missions, many are apathetic, nearly all of us come short in our appreciation of the duty and privilege which are ours. "If the missionary enterprise is a mistake, it is not our mistake; it is the mistake of God," declares Robert E. Speer. But of course no believer can think there is any mistake on God's part. Therefore no believer should withhold his help and act as if he thought the Lord was wrong in giving the great commission for world evangelism.



One of the missionaries' hosts among the Tribes people, Western China.

The extent of our interest.

Christ's prayer cost him his life. What is the missionary cost to us? Churches of Christ are congratulating themselves on the splendid advance in their missionary interest and giving. Such an advance is made that some earnest brethren are wondering if we may not have reached the limits of our giving. What are the facts? Our Victorian F.M. Secretary sends to all the churches an interesting pamphlet containing a summary of our Victorian F.M. contributions (exclusive of special gifts) since 1910. There we find the following: 1913, £1,230; 1914, £1,330; 1924, £3,206. This advance is notable; enough to encourage us, but not sufficient to make us proud. Taking the average gift per member per annum, we have the following comparison: 1913, 2/9; 1914, 2/10; 1924, 5/4. It sounds good again. But the comparison is between pre-war years and now. Wages are very much higher than before the war; cost of living is not far from double what it was, and judged by that test our giving is but very little greater.

Again, the matter may be put as follows. Our Federal Secretary says that Western Australian brethren give very much more per head than do the members in any other State. W.A. statistics show that £903 was given last Conference year, or about 9/- per annum per member. Compared with what the rest of us are doing, that is excellent. All honor to W.A. But look again, that means the State which far excels the others in gifts for the evangelisation of the heathen world for which Christ died gave on the average 2d. per week per member. The price of a tram ticket, little more than the cost of a postage stamp. What does any but the poorest family amongst us spend—not on necessary food and clothing, but on superfluities? Many "in good standing and fellowship" must be paying more for a single box of chocolates than they give in a year for Foreign Missions. Numbers spend more per week on picture shows than they give in twelve months for missions. Can we call this reaching a limit in missionary giving? We know some give heroically, sacrificially. Some give nothing. We must reach all the members and seek to get every one to rise to a sense of privilege and duty. We must get a sense of proportion. It is not reasonable to think in Victoria 1½d. per week adequately represents the extent of our belief in the Great Commission as it affects the regions beyond.

Giving should never be by constraint. It should be according to our ability and an index of our love to Christ and our desire for the advancement of his cause. Church financial problems will then be settled.

The Gospel for the Chinese.

Szechuan.

What has been done.

A footing has been gained on the southern edge of a tract of unevangelised territory, which, if cut into strips a mile wide, and arranged along the Equator, would circle the earth, and leave over enough to stretch from Melbourne to Sydney. By the end of 1924, twenty-three souls had been added to the ten we found at Hueili (the city entered) on our arrival.

What is being done.

In this city your representatives are faithfully preaching—and exemplifying—the gospel, in street, market, chapel, schools and hospital.



Patients outside Dr. Killmier's Dispensary, Hueilichow, China.

What remains to be done.

Our territory supports unnumbered multitudes. There are half a dozen distinct peoples and languages. Every one here is to be won for Christ—with your help.—W. Waterman.

Opium—the Despot.

Opium is a dark brown viscous substance obtained by incising poppy pods. It looks evil and it is evil. Those graceful fields of dancing poppies have a fearful remorseless power quite inconsistent with their beautiful exterior. From them comes an oozing brown stream bringing oppression and a degraded slavery to almost every house in the city.

The law says it may not be grown or traded. But lately it is grown, sold, and smoked without shame or secrecy. The people do not want to grow it, for it displaces cereal-growing, thus increasing the price of rice. But local military officials want the taxes to pay their soldiers; hence they make growing compulsory. The growers are taxed 4 dollars to 8 dollars per acre. Those refusing to plant must pay the tax just the same. The selling and transport of opium is taxed. The smoker is taxed by collecting 2 dollars per month for each pipe and lamp in a home or in an opium den. Besides the military, the police also levy a small tax. Moreover a new army coming in collects the tax, even if paid already.

Thus produced, it is sold without difficulty. For it lives true to its viscous character, ensnaring its millions of slaves who immediately proceed to work out their inevitable doom by its diabolical aid.

The people, oppressed by rulers who force upon them this arch-destroyer of mind and body, can receive no assistance from the idols they blindly worship. But (if you will give them that privilege), "the Lord also will be a refuge for the

oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee." (Ps. 9: 9, 10).—E. R. Killmier, Hueilichow, China.

"Ching Ming"—"Clear Brightness."

The season known as "Ching Ming" (clear brightness) to the Chinese, is the time also when pilgrimages are made to the ancestral tombs, and sacrifices offered to the spirits of the dead. The rooted idea of filial piety forces the average Chinese to perform the ceremony, though to him it may be a vain rite.

He must save "face," for "face" to him is what caste is to the Indian.

The sons of the family call the relatives to "Shang fen" (go up to the graves), and the rich ask all and sundry to attend: this adds to the glamor and show of the function. Debt is often resorted to that money may be forthcoming to make an outside show; better far to be in debt and have a show, than to have no "face" or "ming sheng" (a good name).

Paper streamers are placed on the graves so that no alien spirits might appear on the scene and disturb the peace and serenity of their forebears.

Food is prepared and placed in front of the tombs, and the call is made for the spirits to come and eat. The relatives "koteo" (kneel down and bump their heads on the ground), or hire some hanger-on to perform the job for them. It does not matter much so long as the job is done.

Paper money is burnt so that the spirits in the other world might have funds and be comfortable. The food is given that they might not be hungry in the world where they have gone. Bags of paper money are also prepared, lit and thrown into the air, to appease the spirits of those who have none to do the sacrifices for them.

The rite is an ancient one, going back before the time of the great Confucius, but to many now a spent force; especially can this be said of many of the men. Outwardly they conform to the rite; "face" forbids otherwise.

In private conversation with them, many of them scoff at the idea that the ceremony has any force, and they grope for something better than these heathen rites can give them.

"The fulness of time has come," and before materialism or something equally to be feared enters, "Let us preach Christ." "Let us interpret this 'clear brightness' to them in the words of 'the Light of the World.'—A. Anderson, Hueilichow, China.



Au Kwong Hon, who leaves shortly for Canton, China, to inaugurate the Mission which is being started, and will be supported, by our Chinese Churches of Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Perth.

A Heathen Mother's Lament.

Only a little blind Chinese girl and her mother, no eyes of compassion light on them, as they sit in the Chinese village past which flow the rushing waters of a stream.

But one day two missionaries are passing through the village. The mother hears of them and has heard that the foreigner is able to help her. Her heart lightens as she leads the missionary to where the blind child sits. Can anything be done? Alas; it is too late, the sight has gone for ever!

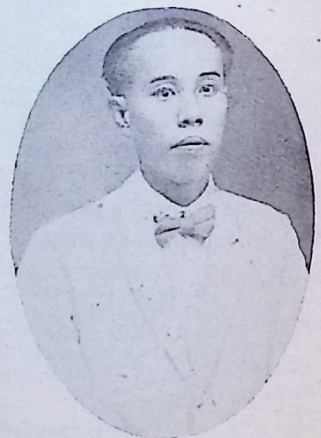
Hope gives place to despair—a despair born of poverty. Of what use is a blind girl? She can earn no money for an already poverty-stricken home, and no one later will want her in marriage yet it takes money to feed and clothe her. "Oh, I will just throw her in the river, when the next flood waters come down. It will appease the dragon's anger—for the gods must be angry with me. (The dragon, when angry, is supposed to cause the floods.) Perhaps next time I will have better luck. What else can I do?"

What else could a heathen mother do who has not heard of the love of Christ?

The question turns itself back on us, "What else can we do?" We can show what else we can do, when we are asked to give to support the work that will give this poor benighted mother the real answer to her pitiable question.—Eva Anderson, Hueilichow, China.

Chinese Ready for the Gospel.

The Bible says, study the word of God, and it will make you "wise unto salvation." The Bible is our guide. By prayerful study, the Holy Spirit will reveal to us the will of God. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." He also said to his disciples, "Follow me." I responded to the call and entered the Bible College, Canton, to fit myself for service. For twelve years I have preached the gospel in the Canton



Chin Bik Fung, Chinese Evangelist, Australia.

villages, then I had a call to this country to tell my people of the love of Jesus.

I am thankful to the Australian brethren who made it possible for me to come, and I pray God to fit me for this great work. China needs Jesus. When I first preached Jesus to my people, it was hard work, and I had much opposition. Satan was strong, and I could not convince them of the Saviour who gave his life for them. But after 10 years' service I find a great change. They are now ready for the gospel, and crowds come to hear and accept Jesus.

Once, after I preached, a man came to me and said, "I have never heard such a good story. Why didn't you come and tell me this before?" "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." We need workers there. I hope some of our brethren will go with the gospel to my needy people.

From Our Federal Board.

Attempting Great Things for God.

Our readers will agree when they read the "aims" of the States' F.M. Committees for July 5 given below that the above title is a true description.

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| Victoria's aim | £2,250 |
| South Australia's aim | 2,000 |
| New South Wales' aim | 900 |
| Queensland's aim | 600 |
| West Australia's aim | 450 |
| Tasmania's aim | 150 |

Total £6,350

How did you like the posters? As you look at the pictures of some of our missionaries, will it not be an added inspiration for a liberal offering? All of these faithful men and women are praying for July 5 to be a record day among the Australian churches' Foreign Mission giving. We can say with pride that not one church in Australia will miss sending some offering for Foreign Missions on July 5. May we not try and have it also true that every member of every church will send a gift on July 5 for Foreign Missionary work? We cannot expect every member to go, but may we not rightfully expect that every member will help those who have gone? I think it would not be an exaggeration to say that every member of the families in Australia who had a husband, father, brother or sweetheart at the front during the war did something to help the one who had gone to the front, and even when their one had passed beyond any human help they continued to help the other boys. The fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers joined in a holy enterprise to say to the soldier, "Although we could not go with you, we are helping you with our prayers, our gifts, our letters of cheer"; and if on July 5 there will be a gift from everyone of our 28,863 members in Australia, what a joy it will be to the Foreign Missionary Committees, who are working so hard to this end. It is our missionaries on the field who are longing to advance their front line, and our Lord who said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Visiting the Churches.

Our State F.M. Committees are arranging that every church in Australia shall be visited by a special deputation to lay the claims of Foreign Missions before our church members. Nothing is left undone by our faithful State secretaries to spread the light and tell out the good news of the blessedness of giving to carry the gospel to the heathen. Every preacher in Australia has

received a special letter. Bro. Len. Gole is sending a weekly message to the Victorian preachers. Miss R. L. Tonkin, our faithful pioneer missionary to the Chinese, is visiting some of the Australian churches to speak out her own experience of the needs of the work in China. Bro. Frank Filmer, our pioneer missionary of the New Hebrides, is also helping in South Australia to tell the needs of Pentecost, Oba and Maewo, and Bro. Pang is inspiring churches wherever he goes to give liberally on July 5.

4. "The Tasmanian Evangel" in Tasmania.
5. "The Christian Banner" in Queensland.
6. "The Christian Evangelist" in Western Australia.

So glorious is the news of successful work on our foreign fields; so anxious are our missionaries for our fellowship in their work; so fervently do many of our members believe that the second coming of our Lord depends upon our winning the world for him. When you read this it is no wonder that the Federal Secretary and the F.M. Board feel that this year will be our record offering for Foreign Missions.

—Geo. T. Walden.



Church of Christ School, Kwenming Rd., Shanghai. End of Term, Jan. 10, 1925 (to receive certificates).

The Federal Secretary's Word.

I never felt so sanguine of a large offering as I am this year. The arrangements of our State Committees are so complete; so many of our members are continuing earnestly in prayer and self-denial; so full of enthusiasm are our preachers for this work; so many, if not all, of our missionaries are personally known and loved by our churches; so anxious are our members to be real partners with our missionaries in their self-sacrificing labors; so devotedly are our sisters working; so keen are our young people; so interested are our children in sending help to their little brothers and sisters in India, China and the New Hebrides; such a wealth of newspaper help we now have to plead our cause—

1. Our noble weekly paper, the "Christian."
2. The "Christian Messenger" of New South Wales.
3. "The Challenge" in South Australia.

Thanks to a Generous Helper.

The Federal Board acknowledges with special thanks the kindness of Bro. T. E. Rofe, of Sydney, who has offered to pay the cost of the blocks used in this number of the "Christian." Bro. Rofe has been a generous supporter of our Foreign Mission work. Last year he sent £625 for the Ladies' Hostel at Glen Iris.

Is Your Contribution
Growing that you are Laying
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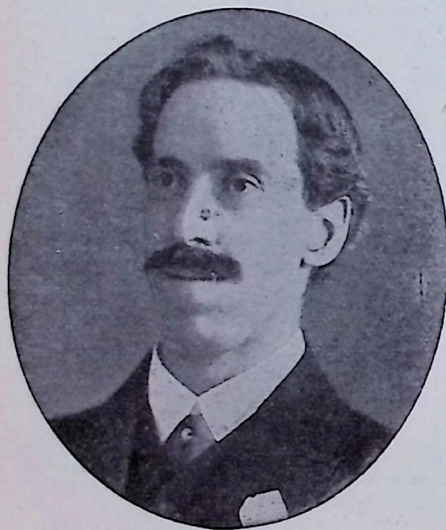


Church of Christ School, Kwen Ming Rd., Shanghai. End of Term, Jan. 10, 1925. (Students of Higher and Lower Primary School receive certificates.)

Victoria will Help. £2250 aimed at for July 5.

Our Missionary Conscience.

It is gratifying to observe the development amongst us of a missionary conscience, a missionary spirit, and of missionary sacrifice. As a people we have been soundly converted in this respect. Yet the Federal Committee has to face us with a heavy overdraft. That means that the brotherhood has not met in full the demands begotten of the need, and the situation which have grown up about us. To this extent we have defaulted. We who stay at home in comfort have not matched the sacrifice and heroism of those who have given all they have—their lives, to leave home and suffer much discomfort. We have before us the inspiration of an outpouring of young life, talented and consecrated, eagerly pressing on through years of self-denying and



F. M. Ludbrook, our first Federal Secretary, whose daughter, Dorothy, leaves for China on October 3.

laborious preparation, with the hope of setting forth at last as our messengers in our fields beyond the seas. They are adventurers, perhaps, as is the way of youth. But theirs is a holy adventure. It is conceived in the spirit of Calvary, and is for the sake of Christ and the lost whom he died to redeem. It is not "dare devil" in a spirit of bravado, but of faith. When they are ready to go, we should see that they go. Yet, as things are, too many must be told that the brotherhood is unprepared to match their sacrifice with an outpouring of our surplus gold sufficient to ensure their setting forth. Defeated at the post, therefore, they must remain here; or find other ways, often of an unsatisfactory sort, to place their lives where they believe they will count for most in the service of God and humanity. Brethren, this is a reproach to us. Then shall we not give so generously and with so genuine a spirit of sacrifice that our reproach must depart; that every life that is ready, fit and worthy may go forth unhampered; and that the gracious and holy Foreign Missionary work may go on.—A. G. Saunders.

The Christian's Need.

Augustine said, "I need a whole Christ for my salvation, a whole Bible for my study, a whole church for my fellowship, and a whole world for my parish."

Twopence per Week?

According to the Victorian statistics of last Conference, the churches' contribution to Foreign Mission work averaged about 4/- per member; that is, under a penny per week. I have often heard it said, "Charity begins at home." Sending the gospel to the foreign lands and the islands of the seas is not a charity: it is the Christian's duty and responsibility. Our Lord commands us to preach the gospel to every creature; in doing so we are paying our debt. As Paul said, we are debtors, "both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise." From a business point of view, I think it is ridiculously slow to pay our debt by giving such a small amount as above mentioned for evangelising the world. Brethren, let us try and make up an average, say 2d. per week from each member this Conference year. I am sure we can do it systematically.—H. L. Pang, Pres. Vic. F.M. Com.

The F.M. Appeal and Prayer.

The State F.M. Committee is asking the Victorian brotherhood to raise £2,250 on F.M. Day, July 5. In order to secure that amount, the committee has spent much time and thought in planning ways and means by which to stir the churches to action. Much human machinery has been employed, but it is not the *supreme method* for the raising of a *record offering*. We appeal to the church members to assist the committee by the use of the *supreme way*—the irresistible force of *intercession*. If the brotherhood will pray fervently for the cause of missions the success of the offering is assured.

Let us trust in the never-failing arm of God rather than the puny efforts of human organisation to lift the churches to a higher plane of sacrificial giving to the Lord. Brethren, pray for the 27 missionaries in India, China and the New Hebrides; for the native churches and workers; for the evangelistic, educational, medical and orphanage departments of service. Pray for the home church; for the great Australian brotherhood, for ourselves. Pray for the offering, Lord's day, July 5. *VICTORIA'S AIM, £2,250.* "Our God is a prayer answering God."—J. Ernest Allan, Vic. F.M. Secretary.

Light in the Darkness.

What a yearning tenderness there must be in the heart of the Saviour for the people who sit in darkness longing for the light.

He must long for his own children to see a little farther, a little more clearly, and help remove the darkness and send the gospel light.

The restless millions wait,

That light whose dawning maketh all things new;

Christ also waits, but men are slow and late.

HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.

O. V. Mann, our present Federal F.M. Treasurer, has the same message as that given in 1905.

Foreign Mission Fund.

The treasury is now quite empty, and we owe money! Please send along subscriptions in hand to the Treasurer—

39 Leveson St., North Melbourne, Vic.

Have we done what we could?
Have I? Have you?

Our missionaries have given their best. Let us give ours on July 5.—A. Baker, secretary, Chinese Mission, Melbourne.

Advance or Hindrance: Which?

Sir Alexander Whyte was one of the greatest Christian statesmen. His biographer records that "His last waking hour was occupied with thoughts of that great Eastern world whose travail, political and religious, holds out such unmeasured possibilities of advance or hindrance for the kingdom of God."

We may in part determine which it shall be. May we seek to grasp the significance of the situation, and then give in the light of it.

Remember that India has produced a Sadhu Sunder Singh, and China a Marshal Feng: men whose Christian attainment is rarely equalled; and then determine to send the gospel of Christ which is the secret of their greatness.—H. G. Clark.

Grace Sufficient.

"Where sin did abound there grace did much more abound." Though sin is strong it is not as strong as grace. The task of freeing the heathen from bondage is difficult, but we have the remedy. The law can't give freedom. Grace can. Let us on with the work.—W. H. Hinrichsen.

The Unfinished Task.

Jesus said unto his apostles, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Centuries have passed and the task is still unfinished. Shall present-day disciples spend their time discussing "Apostolic Succession," while men for whom Christ died are themselves dying in ignorance and sin, or will they do what they can, in their own day and generation, to make known the glorious gospel of the blessed God wherever man is found? This day is a day of good tidings. Come, let us go and tell!—Horace Kingsbury.

A Missionary's Farewell.

There is an animated scene at the ship's side. I am interested in one section of it. Variegated streamers from many people on the pier are focussed in one hand on the vessel. It is the last visible bond of affection to be broken ere the brave young missionary sails away to her chosen field of labor. She and many other noble souls surrender the joy and promise of life at home for service on the foreign fields—can we do less than provide them with adequate support?—T. H. Scambler.

June 1905.

£2000 on July 5: South Australia's Aim.

The Best.

Only "the Best" is a worthy offering to our Lord. God gave his best—his Son. Jesus gave his best—his life. Our missionaries are giving their best—their service. Then shall we not all do our best in thought, prayer and offering to give our heathen brothers the chance to hear "the best" of all news—the gospel?—Will Beiler, Pres. F.M. Com., S.A.

Forward, Ever Forward.

Again we present our appeal to the brotherhood to assist in the evangelising of the dark corners of the earth.

What a wonderful time we have had in our past service. Year by year our foreign staffs are increasing, with a corresponding increase in the spread of the gospel of salvation. Our mission-

Rest and Unrest.

My morning paper tells of riots in Shanghai, and a Government report, lying on my table, tells of the "Non-co-operation movement" of India. Order and anarchy, peaceful penetration, and offensive warfare, "white anting," and propagandist campaigns, are producing an unrest, the effect of which no thoughtful mind can forecast. Wrongs should be righted, rights should be respected, self-realisation, if not self-determination, should be permitted in every land, but how shall peace be won without the Prince of Peace? "*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,*" is an invitation to the Indian, the Chinaman, the New Hebridean, and all other peoples, but the invitation must be passed on by us. *The Foreign Mission offering is one great means of passing on the invitation.* Let us "by all means save some."—F. Collins.

Sowing and Reaping.

The Scriptures assert that we reap as we sow, and we know we reap when we sow. I want to remind the brotherhood we shall reap where we sow. There will be no spiritual harvests in heathen lands unless someone sows the seed which is the Word of God, but if the gospel sowers go forth and sow that seed the harvest will doubtless be gathered.

Paul expressed the assurance of reward of the missionaries, "In due season we shall reap if we faint not." The missionary reaps the saved souls of the heathen, the approval and gratitude of Christ, his own peace on earth and eternal joy in heaven. What a glorious harvest! We each may share in that harvest. We will "go," "help go," or "let go," and thus assist sowing the seed in heathen lands, and share in the glorious harvest that will be garnered in.

Heralds of Christ who bear the King's commands,
Immortal tidings in your mortal hands;
Pass on and carry swift the news ye bring,
Make straight, make straight the highway of the King.

—A. C. Rankine.



Girls' Lace Class, Lyall Memorial Orphanage, Shrigonda, India.

aries have rendered loyal and faithful service, and we can look with satisfaction to the results achieved.

In our contemplation of the work done we cannot fail to realise the tremendous possibilities before us. God has wonderfully sustained us, and rewarded us in our service, and our Foreign Mission enterprise is becoming more firmly established every day. We want to go on conquering and to conquer. How white the fields are! How eager are the laborers to go forth! Shall they? **YOUR RESPONSE** on July 5 will be the answer. Pray hard, work hard, think hard; give, and in your giving God will more than requite you.—H. S. Burdon, F.M. Secretary, S.A.

More Definite Prayer.

Are we satisfied with our year's work? Have we done all in our power to interest our church in the great work of evangelising the world?

We ought to have more definite prayer for our workers, the native evangelists, the Bible-women, the school-teachers and the native Christians. These need our prayers. In their letters they plead for more prayer.

A leader among the young people writes: "We esteem your prayers for us. Please pray for us, for we need God's guidance, wisdom, strength and power to do his work."

Shall we fail these dear ones in the faith? From all our fields comes the same call for help. Let us pray more, and we surely will love more, and loving more, give more.—R. L. Tonkin.



Old Clothes Market on Execution Ground, Yunnanfu, China.

Have We Too Many Volunteers?

Every year when the picture of that splendid group of students in training at our College for Foreign Missions appears in the "Christian," this question is asked. Yet we have never yet had too many volunteers. For various reasons many whose hearts are willing and who begin their training find themselves unable to go. Most of these enter service in the home field. Even the ladies who have trained but have not gone out are serving the Lord far better for their College experience. Let no one decline to volunteer or to enter training because there are many others preparing to go. Foreign Mission service ought to be the choice of the best. But what a challenge to the church it is that there are so many volunteers! When all these are willing to give their lives, who can refuse to make sacrifice of their worldly goods that the world may hear, and that the world may believe?—A. C. Garnett.

Right on for Jesus!

We have just read the editorial of this week's "Christian." It appealed to us as "one of the best." It reminds us that our best work is done by "keeping on." Surely that is what our Master is saying to us in the great work of Foreign Missions. We are often met with the question "Are missions worth while?" Even if we were to quit now, the answer must be "yes!" But we are not quitting! We are going on, on, right on for Jesus' sake.

The Australian Churches of Christ owe so much to the missionary spirit, and because of this they are steadily building a great work for God in other lands. What a glorious thing it will be when we go "over yonder" to share in these triumphs for Jesus.

When standing in the College of the Bible, Jubbulpore, speaking to the students, we rejoiced that as a student in Lexington, in response to the appeal of G. L. Wharton, now in glory, we had given a little to help make that college possible. But what will it be by-and-bye to know we have given something to help in leading men and women to Jesus Christ as Lord? Remember your gifts this year will help retain the work in hand, and make possible the reaching out after others. Do not quit giving, but do better than ever before. It comes back on your own life a hundred fold.—Ira A. Paternoster.

New South Wales: £900 Asked for on July 5.

How Much Owest Thou Unto My Lord?

It is recorded in the ages long ago, that a certain steward, for reasons of his own, called his Lord's debtors to him one by one, and said to each in turn, "How much owest thou unto my Lord?" This is a question we do well to face to-day. If the Holy Spirit will but burn it into our hearts as he burned it into the great heart of the Apostle to the Gentiles, until he had to say, "I am debtor both to Greeks and to Barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish," then for us as for him will be the readiness, as much as in us lies, to make disciples of all the nations.

"How much owest thou unto my LORD?" For material possessions? For the helpful influences of a Christian home? For the exceeding riches of the grace of God? For sins forgiven? For the hope of eternal life? Manifestly we are all hopelessly insolvent, utterly bankrupt. The

The Pull of God's Love.

Years ago there was a little blind boy in Scotland flying a kite, and a gentleman came and asked him what he was doing, and noticing that he was blind, said to him: "But you cannot see it," and the little lad made this reply: "No," he said, "I cannot see it, but I can aye feel it tuggin'." And it seems that it is just like this with the love of Jesus Christ. We cannot consider it without feeling it tugging, and it is just that tug which leads us by experience into the wonderful knowledge of his wonderful love, and that under the guidance of the Divine Spirit, which is the Spirit of Love. It is this love which becomes the motive power in our lives, and our thoughts of God's love into practical facts. Let the July offering be the best ever taken for the sake of the Master, and the expansion of his kingdom.—W. R. Avenell, Treasurer, N.S.W. F.M. Comm.

The Most Important Task.

There are many avenues for Christian service, but none so important as the evangelisation of the world. We are to do our utmost, not only in the homeland, but throughout the world. There are millions of souls perishing for the lack of knowledge of the gospel of Christ. We should remember that no matter where we are, it should be the last thing we think about at the close of the day, and the first that occupies our thoughts next morning.

If that were so we would give because it is our duty to do so, and give cheerfully so as to elevate the duty to a privilege.

Let us gladden the heart of our Heavenly Father by giving our best. He who soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.—W. H. Hall.

Building with God.

A. G. Saunders says that the mud walls of China are crumbling. Her youth are marching out from cities which have walled in her people for centuries! It may be to form their first standing army and to learn the selfishness of un-Christian Western Commerce. *It may be*—but that depends upon the church of God. We have ready fields, divinely strong building material, self-sacrificing workers waiting; what an opportunity to help in building the kingdom of God!—A. L. Haddon, N.S.W. Bible Schools Organiser.

The Appeal.

Secretaries in all the States have been busy thinking out the most earnest appeal in connection with the annual offering. But is there not a danger that we overlook the greater appeals constantly before us, stronger than any secretary can make? I mean the appeal of the nations lost in sin, and the paramount appeal of the Redeemer. The cross is, and always will be, the one great appeal for the salvation of souls. Its appeal drew us to the Saviour who hung upon it; and to-day it grips our heart strings, urging us to help save others, that Christ may see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. Our Testing Day, July 5. *Respond to the appeal of the Master.*—J. Clydesdale, N.S.W. F.M. Secretary.

"Master! Master! We Perish."

Can you in fancy hear the cry of the women and children in heathenism (it is these who suffer most) for help? Yes, for help. We have such a wonderful story of a living Saviour who can and will "save to the uttermost them that draw nigh unto God through him." We cannot all go to heathen lands to tell the story, but we can all help maintain those who are there, and make their path less difficult as they move about among the heathen, telling them the life-giving message of Jesus Christ who died upon the cross, and whose blood cleanses us from all sin. The heathen do not know that sin and death came through the serpent energised by the devil, and that there is a way of escape therefrom through belief in Jesus Christ, who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree. He had no sin in him, but was lifted up, judged for our sins, bearing the guilt and shame that we might be saved. He conquered sin on the cross, death and the devil through his wonderful resurrection. Oh, well might we sing, what a wonderful Saviour! Come then, let us help those who are perishing, let us who are witnesses of Christ extend a hand to those who are struggling in a sea of darkness. Come!—Laura V. Bull, Superintendent Foreign Mission, N.S.W. Women's Conference.



A. Anderson eating with chop-sticks, Hueilichow, China.

wealth of all of us could not pay the debt of any one of us. What are we to do? Is not the only honorable thing we can do to make an assignment, allowing our creditors to take all we have, and make the most of our estate?

A young girl on the west coast of Africa sold herself into life servitude for a few shillings, and then placed the entire sum in the hands of the missionary for the spread of the gospel. Think on that, and let the consciousness of your own debt be an urge to a deeper consecration of your thought, time and talents to missionary enterprise.

"We are living, we are dwelling in a grand and awful time,

In an age on ages telling. To be living is sublime.

Oh! let all the soul within you for the truth's sake go abroad.

Strike! let every nerve and sinew tell on ages, tell for God."

—Godfrey Fretwell, N.S.W. Conf. Pres.

The Insistent Call.

The foreign fields are calling for the gospel of salvation. The cry grows louder and louder for missionaries to go and preach Jesus. We who have realised that Jesus the Christ is our Saviour, must answer that call and either go ourselves or send others, or be held on the judgment day responsible for the loss of many souls. Brethren, we must help by our means to send missionaries to the uttermost parts of the earth, and under no consideration must any of our fields be allowed to stagnate for lack of funds.—Thos. E. Rofe.

To Err is Human.

As human beings we are frail and weak at best, our efforts even for good are misguided, and we err sadly. Our supreme object in life should be to be "remembered by what we have done" towards advancing the cause of Christ both at home and abroad. Our efforts as a people to reach out into the darkness have been increasing, but if we are to keep step with the commands of Jesus, we will need to be more zealous in his cause. We must ever remember: (1) That we can only reach the people of this our generation; (2) That Jesus is the only one that can raise these people from darkness to light; (3) That the money we handle, and which is needed for this work, belongs to God, and he will require an account of it. Let us then, in the light of these facts, on Sunday, July 5, be human and err in the cause of missions to the extent that we give even more than we can afford for the work in the regions beyond, and Jesus, who is divine, will bless us even more abundantly than we can ask or expect.—Geo. Morton, Treasurer, N.S.W. Conf.

Prayers and Pockets.

Almost every Sunday morning in our church services, we hear some brother pray for the blessing of God upon our work in foreign fields, and all the people say "Amen." Let us remember this—our prayers will never reach sky-high Baker, State Evangelist, Churches of Christ, N.S.W.

In the Islands of the Sea.

The Children of Pentecost, New Hebrides.

Our little folks are coming on fairly well at school, but we are very much handicapped in not having anything whatsoever to brighten up their lessons, and so make learning easier. A counting-frame and colored chalks and a few small blackboards would be a great help in the teaching, also some Biblical pictorial sheets are very much needed for, like white children, pictures and stories greatly appeal to the little blacks also, and to win the children means their parents also. The interest these little ones take in their lessons is very gratifying. They are often seen out of school hours with their books trying to read and spelling out the letters, or shouting out tables,



F. MacKie,
Missionary, New Hebrides.

or seen writing on the sand. How delighted they are when they are able to read a little, and to see the pleasure afforded, repays one for the time spent in teaching them, for I must say that they are not at all easy to teach, and it requires great patience. One tells the other of the school, and all want to come to learn to read, etc., and they just love singing hymns.

Some weeks ago we had a poor little half-caste boy of ten years come to us. He ran away from his home, and walked over sixteen miles through the bush to get here without a bite to eat all day. He wanted to come to school to learn, he said, and to sing. He was allowed to stay, and he is now with us, and is a fine, bright little chap. We are hoping that some day he will be brought to know Christ, and do a great work here for him.—C. MacKie, Pentecost, New Hebrides.

Modern Pentecostians.

The native Christian is inclined to take our Christian teaching and mix it with his native philosophy. It is hard for them to subject their native lore to Christ's teaching, to retain the good and reject the evil. Our teaching must be emphatic and without compromise in the gospel cause. We point out that Christ is the only standard, and that no other will do. It is hard for them to renounce all their practices, especially those in which they see no apparent evil, but the continuance of which would lead to evil. It is the forsaking all and following Christ that shows our full acceptance.

Although they are fond of singing hymns, they do not see the necessity of private prayer. They think that if they come to school and pray before the congregation that is sufficient. Though we continually urge them to private prayer, very few will do so. They candidly tell you they forget. Should they bring us some trouble or dispute to settle, we refuse to hear it until they have taken it to God in private first; most likely that will be the last we will hear of it, for the trouble is settled.—F. MacKie, Pentecost, New Hebrides.

Farewell to Oba.

Norfolk Island,

April 25, 1925.

Dear Australian Friends in Christ,—

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that we can advise you that the Oba Island native church was left in an encouraging condition, and well organised to "carry on alone," while they await our successors, whom, please God, he may provide for them.

There were added to the church, by faith and baptism, during the year (1924) exactly one for each book in the Bible (sixty-six).

Their farewell to me (I had been alone with them nearly two years, as Mrs. Waters was on Norfolk, for health reasons) was one of the happiest surprises of my life, revealing in a striking fashion their native characteristics of imagination, initiative and secrecy.

And their performance, which took me utterly at an unawares, was beautifully unique and affectionate. Expressed on the New Year's Eve in the torch-light procession, the floral and palm decorations of the broad path and church house, and the soul-singing of some two hundred men, women and children; their dark features literally shining with mental and spiritual light, as in the light of the torches and lanterns. And such singing "in the spirit" as I had never heard in the thirteen years of our life among them. "Soul singing" indeed, it was, especially of "Hosanna, blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord," oft repeated.

And this happy event was continued by themselves alone, into the New Year's midnight service of song and prayer.

We now are resident on this beautiful Norfolk Island, of healthfulness and historical romance, where we both are enjoying improved health and strength.

With our united love and deep gratitude to you, dear brethren, and to God, we remain, yours sincerely,—A. Theo. and Mrs. Waters.

A Message from Our First Missionary to the Kanakas.

I am still carrying on the preaching of the gospel to the remnant of the Kanakas remaining in the Pialba district. They are gradually decreasing in numbers, as the old ones pass away: I

have formed the few Christians amongst them into a church. They meet regularly for the breaking of bread, and other meetings. The offering taken upon the Lord's day is used to relieve any cases of distress amongst the old and infirm amongst those who attend the meetings; the balance is given to the spread of the gospel in the Islands. We have sent £22 to the F.M. Committee, after clothes, food and medicine have been supplied to any that were in need. We do not average more than six meeting for the breaking of bread.—J. Thompson.

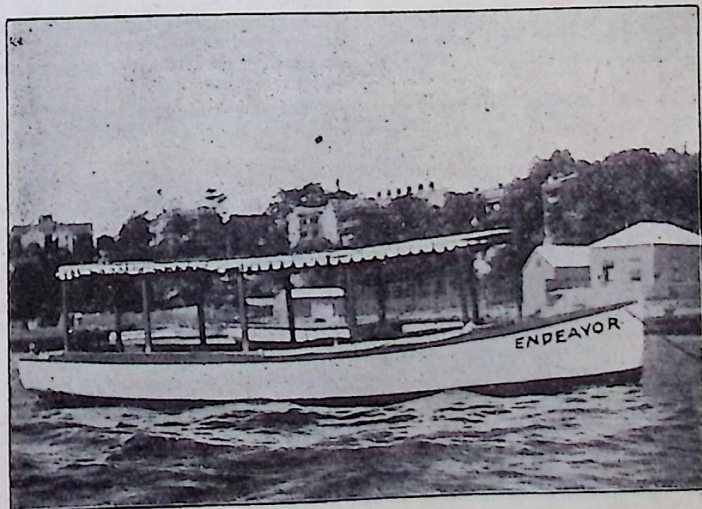
Visit to Oba.

I have just returned from a trip to Oba. I stayed there about a fortnight visiting and receiving visits from the various teachers and people. Our first Lord's day we had about 200 present, and very enthusiastic meetings everywhere. Some are preparing for baptism, and the work generally is progressing very well. The wet season is with us still. The weather is so uncertain that it is not wise to take long journeys inland, so we must content ourselves with visiting all the coast stations.—F. MacKie.

Our Big Task.

We love to feel that we are partners in a big enterprise. The Christian programme seeks to meet a world's need. Missions incarnate the spirit of Christianity. They rivet the attention, stir the emotions, and inspire the noblest service. We have planted the gospel standard in three fields. Much territory has been occupied, but the insistent call is ever "to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes."

The history of our Foreign Missionary enterprise is inspiring. All honor to the pioneers in every field. We are proud of our present workers, but we must strengthen their ranks, and enrich their equipment. No qualified volunteer must be prevented from entering this great work through a lack of funds. The whole brotherhood must be educated and inspired with missionary knowledge and enthusiasm. We must give sacrificially and unitedly to this great work. Shall we who are Christians only, give less per head, than others for world evangelisation. No! May our giving on July 5 demonstrate unmistakably our loyalty to the Master's programme.—J. Whelan.



The first launch used in our New Hebrides work, recently renovated and now used by Bro. MacKie.

Queensland's Response: £600 on July 5.

More and More.

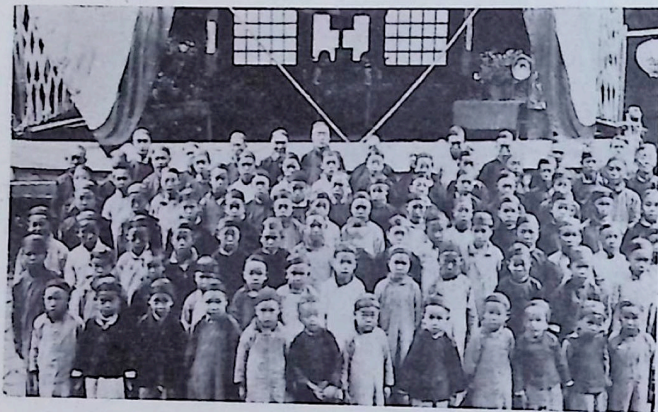
The appeal of our F.M. Board is for more and more to meet the increasing needs of our growing Foreign Mission work.

Let the sacrifice of our noble men and women in India, China and the Islands, coupled with the great sacrifice of the Christ, be a challenge to us to do more than ever for the spread of the gospel in heathen lands, as we make our offerings on Sunday, July 5.—F. E. Alcorn.

The Same Need.

Travelling during 1925 for over 11,000 miles in Southern Queensland on Home Mission work has revealed to us a tremendous need, and a great opportunity. Everywhere there are Christless souls. All around are open doors. But Queensland is supposed to be a Christian land!

What, then, must be the need of India, China and the Islands of the Seas! They are admittedly heathen. But the heathens also need the gospel



Some of our boys outside school, Hueilichow, China.

In the Spirit.

The Father's love and the Son's sacrifice gave the means of salvation. The Holy Spirit was and is the inspiring and directing force controlling the preaching of the Word; the presenting of the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

The Spirit is a centrifugal force, power proceeding from the centre—from the heart of the believer to his life; from his to other lives; from the church to the community; from Calvary to the four points of the compass.

The self-centred Christian is unfair to the church; the self-centred church is unfair to the homeland; the self-centred homeland is unfair to the world; and all these are unjust to the Father who loved, the Son who suffered, and the Spirit who seeks to save.

Shall we be "in the Spirit" on Lord's day, July 5?—H. G. Payne, Qld. F.M. Pres.

The Call from God.

When the vision appeared to Paul he immediately endeavored to go into Macedonia. He felt it was a call from God to go and preach the gospel. Every Christian must have the vision for soul-saving. If we do not put our vision into practice, it will soon vanish. Practical Christianity is what is needed in the world to-day. It is not enough that we pray for the gospel to be sent out into the far parts of the world. We must help with our substance, going forth in the strength of the Lord, bearing the message of Christ and his love. We are the agents by which this wonderful message can be carried to those who know not the story of the cross, who know not of the One who paid the great price on Calvary that we might be free. Oh, Saviour, give us love for thee, love for our fellowmen, love for a lost world. May we see Jesus as he looks to us to carry the glad tidings of salvation to those who are in darkness. Lord, accept our humble service for thee and humanity.—Mrs. Wendorf, President Qld. Women's Conference.

of Christ Surely we dare not relax our efforts to overthrow the strongholds of heathenism!

What also, must be the opportunities of the regions beyond! A soul is just as valuable in India as in Queensland. The gospel is just as powerful in Shanghai as in Brisbane. Christ's command is limitless. We must go wherever there is a need. We must enter each open door. Let us do this with a sacrificial offering.—A. J. Fisher, H.M. Organiser, Qld.

To the Women of Queensland.

When we contrast the lives of the women in Christian lands with those of heathen countries, we feel we should send the message of Christ to them.

When we see the devotion and self-sacrifice of those same dark-skinned women, when Christ has entered their hearts, we feel we cannot help but give or send.

So give and give bountifully on July 5.—M. Morton, Secretary, Qld. Women's Auxiliary.

A Universal Truth.

When our Lord spake to the Jews and told them that where their treasure was there would their hearts be also, he told them a universal truth, for so we find it to-day. But changing the place of the two principal words, we have another universal truth, which has a much greater meaning to us as Christians: Where your heart is there will your treasure be also.

Now as a people we claim to be missionary in our zeal. We know all about our mission stations. We love our missionaries, and we are enthusiastic about the spread of the gospel, which all means that our heart is in the work for the Lord Jesus.

The Psalmist David said, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed." We also claim to have

our heart fixed on the extension of the kingdom, so that in the same ratio as the heart of the man of the world flows towards his fixed deposit, so also does the treasure of the child of God flow towards his fixed heart. Therefore we have confidence that a worthy offering will be the outcome of July 5.—H. W. Hermann, Qld. F.M. Financial Secretary.

True to Our Task.

At a recent Anzac service Chaplain MacKenzie, of the Salvation Army, told a most pathetic story of a young signaller who fell at Gallipoli. He was assigned a post on a ledge of rock forty feet above the rugged beach from which he sent out signals to those who were storming the cliffs as they came toward the shore. This was the only way of communicating to the warships, and of warning them of the danger spots along the coast. Up on the heights above were Turkish snipers who fired at the lad, but for many minutes he kept on with his perilous task. Then one arm fell helpless at his side, and at last the brave soldier fell lifeless upon the beach below, where next day the chaplain gave him a Christian burial.

Jesus has asked his disciples to send out the signals to those who are as yet in the darkness. He depends on us to take our place and do our part. He has no other way of communicating his message to millions who as yet have never heard. It does not matter how difficult it is to reach men, that only calls for courageous heroism, and loyalty to our task. We must give full proof of our ministry. We are to be the messengers to tell of the love of Christ to those who as yet do not know of him.

If we fail the workers on the field, the line of communication will be broken, and the work will cease. We can never go back on our Lord. He waits for us to send out even more workers, and to tell thousands more of the message of redemption. We cannot all go, but we can do our part wherever our post may be. We can pray, and we can give. We have not done our utmost yet. We can surely do more for Christ than we have ever done. What a great privilege it is to live in these days when our opportunities are so great. On July 5 let us make a glad and worthy offering that will prove that we are true to our task.—Jas. E. Thomas.



Orphan Girl Lace-making, Lyall Orphanage, Shrigonda, India.

W.A. Hopes to Raise £450 on July 5.

Vital Relationships.

Giving by Christians in response to the annual appeal will make

Going possible by missionaries into the "utmost parts" in response to the command of Jesus Christ to preach the

Gospel to every creature. Giving, going and gospel are vitally related in the missionary movement.

As we give on July 5, so we may go all the year.—Will H. Clay, Sec., W.A. F.M. Comm.

The Age-Long Task.

If we are to "continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship," we must see, with them, the world's wide, waiting, harvest-fields, and have fellowship with them in this age-long task of reaping the harvest of souls.—Alice Jeffery, F.M. Convener, W.A.



Gungoo is a little girl sent to Shrigonda from the Criminal Tribes' Settlement, Baramati. She is a recent arrival at the Orphanage, and is an example of the far-reaching work of our Indian Orphanage. Under the influence of Miss Cameron, and by the blessing of God, she will grow into a Christian woman.

Publishing the Word.

Sisters of Western Australia, "The Lord giveth the word" (Ps. 68). Do we realise that the publishing of that word in foreign lands will depend on our efforts on July 5? "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father . . . the same is my brother and sister" (Matt. 12: 50). If we claim Christ as our elder brother, we must therefore recognise the poor sin-bound heathen women as our sisters. Shall we then, in obedience to the teaching of Christ, send unto them the means by which they can learn the truths of the pure gospel?—A. C. Elliott, President, W.A. Sisters' Conference.

A Vision of Need and Help.

I saw this great round world roll heavily on the heathen lands.

"It will crush them," I thought. But as I looked, I saw a band of missionaries standing their ground, and pushing harder and harder against the world.

They pushed it back.

"No, no," they said. "You can't crush them, for Christ died to save them."

And I wondered, till I saw, on July 5, a multitude of pray-ers and givers who made the work of the missionaries possible.

And still I wondered.—R. W. Ewers.

Foreign Missions: Why?

Because—

1. GO stands for "God's Orders." These we must "Gladly Obey." Think of the "Gates Open," and the "Golden Opportunities." We must "Get On" with our work or "Get Out."
2. YE means "You're Entrusted," and challenges "Your Earnestness" and "Your Enthusiasm."
3. Into all the WORLD. This word points to "Wide Open Roads Leading Direct" to "Where Oriental Religions Leave Despair," "When Our Redeeming Lord Delivers."
4. And PREACH. We must go on till "Preaching Reaches Every Aching Christless Heart."
5. The GOSPEL. The "Gospel Only, Secures Pardon and Eternal Life."
6. That's why!—Chas. H. Hunt.

Knowledge a Stimulus to Giving.

How can we hesitate in our giving knowing of the millions now in darkness in foreign fields? Surely this knowledge must stimulate our hearts to increased giving when opportunity affords on July 5.—M. Wilson.

Lives Invested.

We are told that "God would have all men to be saved, and come to a knowledge of the truth." Believing in this vital truth many noble men and women have left the homeland and have invested their lives in the great enterprise of Foreign Missions. They are representing us in that work. Because of this fact they have a strong claim upon us to support them with our prayers and with our means. The July offering will present the opportunity to express our willingness to support and extend the work. Let it be a record offering.—D. M. Wilson.

Give not as those who hate to give,
And meanly pinch the giving;
But give, as if for that you live,
Till the gift does pinch thy living.

Tasmania: £150 Wanted on July 5.

Foreign Mission Day, 1925.

The serious thought of Foreign Missions always brings to our mind the remembrance of the personal self-sacrifice of great possibilities in Christian men and women whom we know. Surely their willing service should create in us a similar effort for God.

Pray much, pray earnestly, that our Father will show us our definite responsibility to him, regarding the Foreign Mission effort for 1925.—A. Prichard, F.M. Superintendent, Sisters' Work, Tasmania.

Tasmania's Obligations.

Our King has given "his orders" thus:—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Until his clear and definite command has been fully carried out, every one of the members of our Tasmanian brotherhood must accept his or her share of the responsibility for its fulfilment.

We cannot slacken in our efforts for Foreign Mission enterprise without disloyalty to him. Let us show our faithful workers in the fields that this State is realising more fully each year its obligations to the "lands beyond the seas." Brethren, we did well last July, but we must and we can do better on July 5.

Our aim is £150. Some little sacrifice on the part of each one of us, and the job is done.

Let's get busy everyone, during this month, and we shall surely reach our aim.—Jas. P. Foot, jnr., Secretary Tas. F.M. Committee.

"Accepting the Challenge."

So the F.M. offering falls on July 5 this year! In fact it is, or should be, a weekly, yea, daily offering, since expenses are continuous. Hence the wisdom to "lay by in store." The need is momentarily urgent, and the method is not irksome; and what is the meaning and application of "irksome" compared with the experiences survived by missionary fidelity? The quality of our offering is also challenged by the standard of evangelistic, medical, educational and industrial preparedness being laid at the foot of the cross, and tendered to a progressive brotherhood, by talented youth of our Christian homes! We accept the challenge. We rise to the privilege, honor, and duty, and will not entrench any doubt, fear, or reason behind an economic depression. For "the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want," and we will honor (yet again) the Lord with our substance in Tasmania on July 5.—N. G. Noble, Pres. Tas. F.M. Committee.



Schoolboys who came to Farewell Dr. and Mrs. Killmier from Yunnanfu, China.

Lyall Memorial Orphanage

SHRIGONDA, INDIA.

Our Growing Orphan Girls.

The girls are all well, and the only loss for the year has been one through marriage. Lahani Waghmare is training for Bible-woman's work, and has been well reported of, and has shown herself suitable for such work. One of the criminal tribes' girls has also expressed a desire to be trained for evangelistic work, and next year she, too, will go into training. We are glad about this.

The school report for the past year was only fair. We should have a better staff, but have no accommodation for them.

The girls continue to help the work by giving one hour a day to lace and needle work, and for this, too, we need a more advanced teacher when we get room.

too, is going on well. My English studies are going on well, and my teacher is my aunty, and she encourages us.

Dear Sahib, many parts of India are coming into God's light.

Our Endeavor Society is going on well. Our Sunday School is now under the control of the church, and they see to it. English is hard to learn, but God will help me, and my wish is to speak English soon. Our lace room and verandah are finished, and the chapel is nearly finished; seeing these it seems Shrigonda has improved, and it makes us glad.

Our aunty is very fond of flowers, and she takes great care of the trees, because our Shrigonda is not a city, and it is very hard to have a garden, and there is such a little water, so pray for us.



Awunti is a girl of 12 years of age. She has very good health, and we are glad to say that her conduct is very satisfactory. She is a fairly intelligent girl, and she is now in the 4th standard at school. She is very grateful to you for becoming her supporter.



Girls at Lyall Memorial Orphanage. Groups of orphan girls with their superintendent (or, as they say, their mother), Miss Florence Cameron.

There have been several additions during the year. Two girls who were refused re-admission because it was thought that they were not sufficiently deserving, have been given over to Mohammedans. We never dreamt that this would happen, but believe many others would have shared the same fate had they not been helped.

We do see spiritual development and a real effort on the part of the girls to become better. Sita Londhi was having a reckoning-up one day, and she said, "I know I am better than I was a year ago, I know I am;" and we know she is. It was not pride that made her say it. She knew the things that with God's help she was overcoming, and she is one of many. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord," are words that seem to have been kept before us.

—Florence Cameron, Shrigonda, India.

An Indian Orphan Writes to the Federal Secretary.

Much respected Sahib,—

My loving salaams. I received your letter and, reading it, became very glad, but forgave me for not answering before. Continue to write such letters of help.

I was glad to read the news of your household. Were you in India you would come to see us; but we are very far from each other. However, if it is God's wish you even will visit us. I thank you for saying my aunty is my mother. Thank you much for sending the photo, and the pins.

No rain has fallen, and the heat is great.

My Christmas holidays passed happily, and I had a good rest, and the work of the New Year

I am glad to write this to you. Give my salaams to all.

I have no more to write. I shall watch for your letter. Be sure, sure to write; do not forget. I close with love.

Chundrililla David Peter.

The Laborers are Few.

The woman at the well; the grinding at the mill; the horse and ox unequally yoked together; the laborers standing, waiting to be hired; and similar scenes are very common to India, and immediately remind one that the Bible is a living record.

While in Bombay recently, seeing my wife and little son off to Australia, a friend showed me the labor market, where the laborers, each holding the distinctive tools of his trade, stood waiting to hire themselves out. Some had been engaged, but many were waiting in hope of employment. "Why stand ye all the day idle" seemed words very appropriate for such a setting. There were laborers galore, but labor for only a few. How different is the situation in the religious life of India to-day. Christianity has touched the merest fringe of the multitudes. Lack of faith, funds, and forces, furnish the explanation. Truly the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers so few. "Pray ye therefore the Lord into his harvest." But prayer, like faith, without works, is dead. Therefore let us pray, give and go, that India shall be worked and won for Christ.—Fred R. Killey, Baramati, India.



Sulachana is an orphan of 11 years of age. She has very good health, and her conduct is very satisfactory. She is a very intelligent girl, and is now in the 4th standard. She is very grateful to you for becoming her supporter.



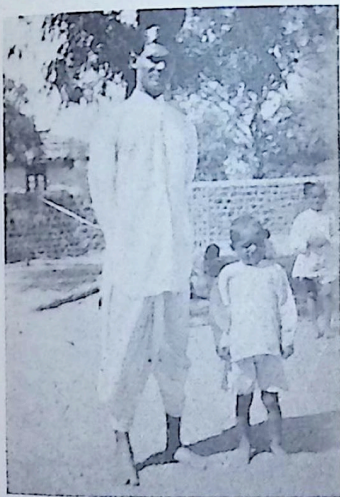
Preta is a girl of 11 years of age. Her father is dead, and her mother is too poor to support her. She has very good health, and her conduct is very satisfactory. She is a very intelligent girl, and is now in the 1st standard at school. At the end of last year she was successful in passing her yearly examination.

Our Missionaries Speak to Us.

Holi, 1925.

What a picture it brings before our minds. On this day is celebrated a most revolting and licentious Hindu festival. In the morning our settlement lads were kept away from the town by a closely contested cricket match.

About 4.30 p.m. our attention was directed to unusual noises in the settlement enclosure. A half-drunken settler! "Arrest him." Watchmen obey orders; his friends interfere; rioting ensues; manager is attacked and disobeyed; drunken man escapes but returns after dark; relatives refuse to give him up; elders try their persuasive powers without avail. At last the town police are sent for after midnight. Over 20 come armed



Dasereth and Little Sammy. The tallest and smallest boy in the Orphanage, Baramati, India.

with canes, staves, batons and rifles, headed by their inspector. They attempt to arrest the drunk. Women and children interfere, a yell is heard, the night air is full of cries, "Murderers! Murderers! you've killed a child!" Police retire alarmed, and after setting a guard return home. (Nobody was even hurt except a policeman.) Next morning drunk escapes, other settlers refuse to obey orders. Finally, two days later, four leaders are arrested in the office, and sent for trial to the Government Officer for rioting and disobedience.

We heaved a sigh of relief as we saw the party set out in charge of an armed escort. Is our life monotonous? Almost too exciting at times. We ask your prayers for these people in the settlement, and for us that we may have patience, wisdom and much grace to do the work of a reformer and an evangelist in their midst.—H. R. Coventry, Baramati, India.

One of India's Learners.

"Oh my mother! my mother! I heard you had gone to another village. I thought you had forgotten me."

She is very old, and thin, and poor. Just a bag of bones. Too weak now almost to go begging around the village. One son is a terrible cripple. He sits and begs daily in the streets. Another son has a wife and little children. They do not get enough to eat and drink, so how can they be expected to feed grandmother?

So every Thursday morning she comes up for her dole. 8d. per week! Do you think you could keep body and soul together on so much? Sometimes it finishes ere the week is out, and the poor old soul feels she is lucky if she can beg a pice or two to help out. Or she will sit on the

ground and relate just how very hungry she has been for the last two days.

Has any light penetrated into her soul? Listen! "On Christmas Day that man said he died and after three days he became alive." She has kept that thought for four months now. "He became alive again." It surprises her.

And her poor little prayer! She says it daily, she tells me. "Oh, Jesus Baba, have mercy on me, a sinner. Forgive my sins. Carry me safely away."

The story of Lazarus appeals to her. She knows his lot from her own experience. She cried last week as I tried to tell her, in language simple enough for her poor ignorant old mind, the story of the Good Samaritan. "A foreigner tore up his own clothing to bind up his wounds! A foreigner sat him on his horse, and went on foot himself!"

Is the light shining in? Will he who is all compassion, not accept this poor old woman as one of his little ones? She says she prays to no other God but Jesus.

"I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of God."—V. R. Blake, Baramati, India.

Mostly About Bhampta Babies.

During 1924 there were 40 births in the settlement. Many of the mothers were young, ignorant and inexperienced. Knowing this, we felt we should make a special effort to help and advise. We began by having a baby show; four bonny babies received prizes.

Then we endeavored to visit every baby once a fortnight, give medicine to any sick ones, and milk daily to any ill-nourished, the money for this being supplied out of funds received from fines inflicted on their own people for misbehavior, etc.

A couple of months ago we started a sewing class for the mothers. Each mother was given an article to sew for her babe, and was told when finished it was to adorn the child.

The women come along very well to this class. They are taught to sew, and are given talks on cleanliness, feeding and caring for their infants. At the same time we are able to examine each child and record progress or otherwise. We are glad to be able to report that there was only one death among them, that a wee babe of seven days.

We feel the children have been better cared for by their mothers, on account of our effort. The babe of to-day is the man of to-morrow, and we realise that each little one is a bundle of possibilities.—E. Coventry, Baramati, India.



Miss Blake's Bullock Cart.

Changed Lives.

Will you come with me to a narrow street in our town of Shrigonda? There seated on a stone floored verandah are some 16 of India's little ones, all sorts and sizes. A few with clean faces, others look as if they have not known the luxury of water for many days. At this present moment they are repeating with all the strength of their young voices, "Thou shalt have none other gods before me." A friendly widow woman allows us to have the use of her verandah, and she herself sits and listens as she works at her spinning wheel. People come and go along the street. Many stop and listen, then go on slowly, shaking their heads from side to side, and muttering, "They only teach that which is good." There are



Samuel Power.

Samuel is one of our youngest orphans, just a wee baby. His mother is dead, but he is a very healthy child. He is so bright and happy that everybody likes little Samuel, and we trust that as he adds years to his life he will like Samuel of old hear the voice of God calling him for service in his kingdom, and that he will answer, "Here am I."

a few boys whose parents object to them coming; these stand within hearing distance with a wistful look on their faces.

We look onward through the years and see (by faith) many of these little lives changed because in their childhood they learnt about the Saviour. Let your prayers reach out to these little ones for whom Christ died.—Nellie Watson, Shrigonda, India.

He who faithfully prays at home does as much for Foreign Missions as the man on the field, for the nearest way to the heart of a Hindu or Chinaman is by way of the throne of God.—Eugene Stock.

Privileges and Influences.

My dear fellow Christians, in Australia you have endless good books, hymn books, spiritual papers, prayer meetings, good sermons, C.E. and other meetings for your spiritual uplift. Now, imagine yourself cut off from all these, living in the devil's den, trying to develop saintliness, and it will give you some idea of what it means to be a new convert to Christ in India.

One young man of 20 years heard the gospel and was attracted to Christ, eventually accepting Jesus as his Saviour and friend.

When he made a public confession of Christ, the hatred of his people was shown against him. He was taken to a distant village and kept a prisoner. He was led daily to the idol, and with oaths and curses was asked by the priest to recant. One day he was bound to the idol for twenty-four hours without food or water. Another day they beat his bare back with sticks until blood was drawn. This brave soul had no church fellowship to help him, no inspiring sermons to



Mr. Watson's Evangelists ready to leave by motor to preach the gospel in the villages.

cheer him, no Bible from which to draw comfort; but in the darkness of this trial his soul leaned hard upon Jesus, and he gained victory and was let go.

In India are many young converts to Christ who are living in the devil's stronghold. Satan will not allow them easily to grow into Christ. The opposition is strong and grim.

Brethren, I ask you to pray that the tender protection of God may be around each one of these dear souls trusting in Jesus.

Let me press it upon you now to pray for the young converts in India.—H. Watson, Shrigonda, India.

Saving a Life.

MEDICAL WORK AT BARAMATI.

Life is never monotonous. There is always some opportunity of witnessing for our Master. At the close of 1924, we praise Jesus Christ for his blessings on our treatment of over 6,500 patients. We have received over 766 rupees as fees; a mere portion of the expenses for medicines, apparatus, bandages, etc. Our desire is not for fees, for we wish to give them relief for their sufferings, the message of his love, and his own written Word. Hundreds of gospels and tracts have been given free, and about 800 sold to people with whom we came in contact.

Besides daily work in the dispensary, Dr. Kolhatkar has visited numerous villages with medical help and the gospel message. Diseases of every kind have been treated—wounds and abscesses in all stages attended to, broken and sprained limbs set and bandaged. Sometimes after other doctors have failed, and holy men's advice proved futile, as a last resource we have been called. In this way they called me to one sufferer; she was an oil merchant's daughter. Having suddenly fallen down in convulsions, the spasms had followed

quick in succession for some hours. It certainly seemed hopeless. A bath tub being unprocureable in an Indian home, as she lay on the floor hot packs were resorted to, with cold applications to the head, while prayer ascended to Jesus for his healing power. This we did for an hour, then he answered prayer. The girl is now a healthy example of his help and blessings in all our work.—E. M. Caldicott.

The Call of the Unoccupied.

It was a hot sultry day as we wended our way over long stretches of uninviting stony barren country, with mere patches of cultivable land interspersed, skirting the foot of the hills. The bullocks of our conveyance toiled heavily over



Medical Work in Villages. Outdoor treatment at Diksal, India.

this rugged country, and to lighten their burden we, at intervals, did part of the journey by foot. A few hours of such travel brought us to our destination, that of a small village nestling amidst a clump of shady trees on the banks of the sacred Bhima River.

It was noised abroad that strange visitors had arrived, and soon a strange crowd of people assembled out of curiosity to view the new arrivals.

Soon the strains of a gospel hymn sounded forth, thereby increasing the number of listeners. A message followed, being listened to in silent and rapt attention.

Away back in that rough, rugged, remote corner of the Indapur District, on the banks of the Bhima River, men and women listened perhaps for the first time to the strange sweet story of grace.

Sitting with the group of listeners was a man that attracted special attention by the marked manner and interest he evinced in the message given.

At the close of the preaching, he took part in a conversation of further enquiry concerning the great theme of salvation.

Touching was indeed the story he unfolded, revealing his spiritual struggles, and search for true peace. He had heard the message once while

on a visit to a remote part of the country, which impressed him so much that ever since he had given up the worship of idolatry, and striven as best he could to live up to what little light he had received. As he told of his struggles, his fears, and his prayers, tears ran down his face, indicating what emotions swept through his soul.

With words of loving council, we sought further strengthen his faith, and to cheer and encourage this lonely soul ere we parted. One felt oppressed with the thought that it might be a considerable time ere we would have the privilege of again ministering to him. This is but one example of many such cases that come as a great challenge to us to answer the call of these needy souls of the great unoccupied.—Thos. Escott, Diksal, India.

Foreign Missionaries.

Jesus was a foreign missionary; the Holy Spirit is a foreign missionary; and God the Father is a foreign missionary in that he gave what was dearest of all to him, his only begotten Son, and "was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself." What an exhibition of love and sacrifice! And what do we who have so richly benefited, whose ancestors were taught by foreign missionaries, what do we? What will we do on July 5? The very best possible is but to reduce a little the great debt owed.—H. J. Patterson.

"A Little Bit of Love."

Down before their idols falling for a little bit of love,
Many souls in vain are calling for a little bit of love.

Stand no longer idly by,
You can help them if you try.
Go there saying, "Here am I,"
With a little bit of love.

—Marjorie Benjamin, s.s. "Ballarat,"
en route to Bulawayo, Sth. Africa.



T. Escott (x) preaching in the Indapur Bazaar, India.

Here and There.

Foreign Missions have right of way this week. Some church reports were unavoidably held over.

Some material intended for this issue of the "Christian" had to be held over. This will appear in later Foreign Mission columns.

Our readers will sympathise with Bro. F. Filmer, formerly our missionary in the New Hebrides, whose second daughter, Winnie, was recently called home.

Bro. W. Gale, preacher of Moreland church, Vic., is leaving this week for Cairns, Qld. Bro. Gale has been feeling the stress of his work, and a month's rest has been advised.

The Victorian Home Missionary Committee has arranged that for the time being the churches at Chelsea and Ormond will be cared for by Bren. W. J. Thomson and A. W. Ladbroke.

The following telegram reached us on Tuesday:—"Baker-Clay mission still attracting good audiences; seven confessions Monday night; grand total, fifty.—Davis" (Mosman, N.S.W.).

There have been ten confessions, two restorations, and one baptised believer, since Conference at Bundaberg, Qld. The prospects of a very strong church being built up are good. Bro. J. R. Combridge is the preacher.

Victorian churches, mission bands, societies, etc., are advised that missionary boxes will be despatched to India and China early in October. All boxes must be ready by the middle of September. A complete record of contents and value must accompany each parcel.

Bro. S. H. Goldsworthy writes: "Please correct what might be a misleading report from the Milang church in your issue of June 4. Nine were added to the church by faith and obedience during Bro. Mason's ministry; the others were from Pt. Sturt and Strathalbyn."

Bro. and Sister Hindle, of Sydney, are now on their way to the British annual meeting to be held in Manchester, England, early in August. They take with them two F.M. posters, and will have them pasted somewhere in the building for all to see what Australia is doing for Foreign Missions, and to see the faces of some of our beloved missionaries.

Bro. D. A. Cockroft has done most excellent service during the past month at Pyramid Hill, Vic. Following upon the mission it was necessary to have a brother located there, pending the arrival of the new circuit preacher. The Home Missionary Committee is deeply grateful to Bro. Cockroft for his very timely help, and rejoices with him in the sowing and reaping he was able to do.

We would remind our readers possessing literary gifts that the Austral Co. wishes to print a pamphlet suitable for use amongst those who love the Lord Jesus and yet have never been enlightened regarding the Scriptural teaching on baptism. If brethren will send in manuscripts containing not more than 1900 words by July 15, we shall be greatly obliged. We hope that our writers will respond and so help others to the truth.

Last month five were welcomed to membership at Northcote, Vic. Anniversary services on June 7 and 10 were crowded. About 60 men listened on June 11. Last Sunday four were welcomed by letter. After much prayer and preparation the church members invaded the 217 streets of Northcote and delivered 10,500 invitations to the tent mission. On June 14 the Hinrichsen-Pratt tent began a five weeks' campaign. In spite of the dense fog, the crowd at the gospel service was tremendous. Standing room could not be gained in the tent, and the front was let down. After a forcible address by Bro. E. C. Hinrichsen, five adults made the good confession.

The Victorian Home Mission Committee felt that something should be done for the new suburb of Ormond. They purchased a suitable block of land. The Church Extension Committee provided the money which made possible a fine building. The results of the venture have been encouraging. Five weeks ago we had no church meeting in Ormond. The tent was pitched in this new field. Baptised believers in the district gathered around, and nearly forty others were baptised. There is now a church of almost seventy members, and a Sunday School of over sixty. For the thankoffering £150 was given, which more than covers expenses of the mission. This in inspiring for a church only one month old.

At Claremont, W.A., Sister Mrs. Ida Prior passed away on May 25, after a long illness. A memorial service was conducted on May 31 by Bren. Lucraft and Leach. On June 8, a farewell social was tendered to Bro. Tom Marsden, who has been transferred from the coast to the country. He was a worker in practically all auxiliaries, and has filled the offices of deacon, secretary and treasurer of church building fund. He was a foundation member of the Christian Endeavor, and president at the time of leaving. He has also done great work in the Sunday School. Several speakers testified to the love and esteem in which he was held. Presentations were made from church, Sunday School and Christian Endeavor.

Eighteen years ago Bro. John T. Mahony, who is now secretary of Balwyn church, and a member of our Victorian H.M. Committee, was largely instrumental in forming a union church at Belgrave. The church practises immersion, and observes the Lord's Supper as is done by our own brotherhood, and the work has grown to such an extent that other churches have been formed at Upwey, Lockwood and South Saxafrax. Bro. Mahony has been treasurer at Belgrave all these years, and has now resigned through pressure of business. On Friday last he was presented with a handsome framed photograph of the past and present ministers of the united churches, and the officers that have served with him. Jas. E. Thomas and C. H. Frey represented the Balwyn church at the function. It was a pleasing tribute to a worthy brother.

In the presence of a very large company, representative of city and suburban churches, the new church building at Ormond was officially opened on Saturday last by Bro. Robert Lyall, President of the Victorian Conference. Messages of greeting were given by neighboring preachers, and other representative brethren. There were many expressions of pleasure and approval at the opening of this commodious and useful building. A thankoffering was made amounting to £42/11/-. On Sunday there were excellent attendances. The Home Mission organiser addressed the church at the morning meeting. In the afternoon Bro. L. C. McCallum interested the young people. At the evening service Bro. W. J. Thomson was the preacher. On Monday evening the Conference President and secretary conducted a business meeting of the church, at which officers were appointed. At the close a married man, husband of a former convert, confessed the name of Christ.

The tent mission conducted by Bro. P. R. Baker at Surrey Hills, Vic., has been in progress for a fortnight. The average attendance at week-night meetings has been over 100, whilst that of the Sunday evening has been about 250. Six girls, three young women and a married man have confessed Christ. The question-box is being freely used, and Bro. Baker is making good use of this opportunity of presenting the truth. The early morning prayer meeting is proving of great help to the members. The presence of

visiting members has been appreciated. Balwyn and Hawthorn have attended in large numbers, whilst a fine party journeyed from Boronia. All who can thus help will be welcomed. The tent is situated in Union-rd., near the station. Bro. G. Murray is proving himself a most capable song-leader, and under his baton the singing has become an attractive feature of the mission. Bro. Baker preached a splendid sermon on June 14, when 97 broke bread. Two were received into the church. The church is looking forward to and working for a large ingathering as a result of the faithful presentation of the gospel by Bro. Baker and the house-to-house visitation of Bro. Edwards. The Bible School is showing increased attendances, and expects to reach the rally aim of 150 in regular attendance.

COMING EVENTS.

JUNE 21 (Sunday, 3 p.m.).—Men's Meeting in the mission tent, Union-rd., near Surrey Hills station. "The Coming World's Crisis," P. R. Baker. Male quartette. Come.

JUNE 24.—Church of Christ Sunshine workers. Grand entertainment, Lygon-st. chapel. Chairman, Bro. R. Lyall, Conf. Pres. Proceeds in aid of machine for Glen Iris Hostel. Good programme. Admission, 1/-; children, 6d.—O. L. Sear, Supt.

JUNE 27 (Saturday).—The Ladies' Aid of Balwyn Church of Christ will hold a Sale of Work. It will be opened by Mrs. C. Gill, of Box Hill, at 7 p.m., in the kindergarten hall. Clothing, fancy goods, cakes and confectionery. Musical programme. All churches invited to attend.—Mrs. Pope, secretary.

JUNE 28.—Bro. Horace Kingsbury, who leaves Melbourne on July 4 en route to U.S.A., preaches his farewell sermons at Gardiner on June 28 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Come and hear these messages.

JUNE 28.—Bren. Baker and Clay will commence an evangelistic mission at Paddington, June 28, continuing throughout July. Prayers and co-operation of past members and friends earnestly solicited. Location, corner of Elizabeth and Paddington-sts.—Robt. Benzie, secretary, 87 John-st., Woollahra.

ADELAIDE TOWN HALL.

SHOW WEEK. — SHOW WEEK. Sane, Sensible and Stirring Messages on the Return of our Lord, by Bro. Graham McKie.

IN MEMORIAM.

NANKERVIS.—In ever loving memory of my dear father, who died June 18, 1917; also dear mother, died June 15, 1905. Beloved grandparents of Laurel, of India, and Ralph, of Blackburn.

Gone to thy rest, and while thy memory we deplore,

One thought our sorrow will beguile,

That soon with a celestial smile,

We'll meet to part no more.

—Never will be forgotten by their loving daughter, Harriett Redman, Wolseley cres., Blackburn.

STREADER.—In sad and loving remembrance of my dear husband and our dear father, who was suddenly called home on June 21, 1912.

STREADER.—In loving memory of Alfred John Streader, who was suddenly called to higher service on June 21, 1912.

"Looking this way;

Loved ones are waiting and looking this way."

—Inserted by his loved ones.

WANTED.

The church at North Sydney, N.S.W., desirous of making a forward move, would be pleased to hear from an experienced evangelist seeking engagement. Large population, central position. Splendid opportunity for a leader. Further information from F. A. Horsey, Ashmore-ave., Pymble, N.S.W.

BIRTH.

BROUGH.—On May 29, to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Brough, of Britten-st., Glen Iris, Vic., a daughter (Winifred Mary).

Just a Little Letter.

Dear Uncle,—

The little girls here that I play with are nice little girls. My best friends are Tara and Malin. One of my friends went away two or three weeks ago; her name was Anandi.

All the little girls gave me a party because I am going away to boarding school.

One day I went with Auntie Blake to see the girls in Shrigonda orphanage.

Love to all Australian Sunday School children.

Just a little letter from Margaret Coventry.



A Pretty Picture taken at Christmas-time. Margaret Coventry, six years and three months; Vera Coventry, one year and seven months; and their old nurse, a Bhampta woman.

An Indian Girl's Hard Life.

About fifty little Hindu girls come from the Criminal Tribes Settlement to our school at Baramati every day. At first the parents did not want to send them, and still some say, "Just teach the boys, why worry about the girls? They are only dirt." Many of their fathers have been in gaol, and some are still there. Most of these girls are married when they are about eight years of age but they generally live with their mothers until they are about twelve. At first the parents are always disappointed, for they all prefer sons to daughters, but they soon love the little girls too. The mothers often spoil them, but when they go to live with their mothers-in-law they have a much harder time. The mothers-in-law are not at all pleased about the school, for five or six hours in school is a big piece out of a girl's

working day, and "what is the use of a daughter-in-law if she cannot be a little drudge for all in the house?" The girls are often perplexed, for the things they are taught at school are very different from what they learn at home. They believe that there is only one God, and that Jesus came to save them, but they are only little girls, and their relatives can still force them to keep Hindu festivals, and even worship idols. Still the gospel is gradually winning its way into the hearts and lives of these girls.—Mrs. F. Killey.

A Missionary's Encouragements.

As I was teaching some women lately, several male relatives came in and the women disappeared. One of the men asked me to sing a hymn, and afterwards asked me how old I was. He said he had seen me 25 years ago, and that I looked just the same now. Another answered and said, "It was the energy of God that kept me still working."

Am so thankful that Sarubai has been raised up again. Dr. Rambo said her recovery was a miracle.

We have seen great changes in the condition of some of the women here. The daughter of the member of Parliament for this district said to me lately, "I've noticed that those who study English are not observing a number of the old customs. They see that nothing terrible happens to them, so they are becoming more independent."

Our last magistrate is a Brahmin, and he has a Christian cook. Last month a number of influential Indian women met in Bombay to consider how they could influence the people to raise the age of marriage to thirteen years.

Have been invited to two well-to-do homes this month to dine. Several women of different castes have prepared meals for Sarubai and me, and we have eaten with non-Christian men, but never until this month have the women eaten with us. So we labor on in hope.—Mary Thompson, Harda, India.

Living-Stones.

When David Livingstone was warned of the danger of a certain road in Central Africa, he wrote in his diary, January 14, 1856, "I read that Jesus came and said, 'All power is given unto me, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' It is the word of a gentleman of the most sacred and strictest honor, and there's an end o't."

If we take the name Livingstone and hyphenate it, and add the letter S to the last syllable, we have the chief good of all our missionary activity.

We must build into the superstructure of the spiritual walls of the Church of Christ in all lands living-stones, who will offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. What shall we of the homeland put into the building on Lord's day, July 5?—J. E. Shipway.



Farewell Group, Mrs. Killey and Malcolm. Malcolm wears the topee and garlands presented to him by the boys. Mrs. Killey is wearing garlands and necklace presented by the boys and orphanage staff, i.e., housemaster and cook-bai.

Prayer Meeting Topic.

July 1.

Evangelising the World.

(John 17.)

F. J. SIVYER, B.A.

The contemplation of this subject in the light of this illustrious chapter surely provides a fitting preparation for our Foreign Mission Sunday. Dr. Campbell Morgan, on being asked if he prepared beforehand his public prayers, tersely replied, "No, but I prepare myself." We need to prepare ourselves not only to pray, but to follow such an hallowed prayer as is recorded in John 17. As we read the introductory words, we feel we are in the Holy of Holies, and are privileged to listen with awe and reverence to the Son of Man, as he tells the Father of the concerns that burden his heart before he suffers on the cross.

After a brief petition for himself in which "he is reaching out his hand, as it were, to draw his sufferings nearer," so that God may be further glorified by him, Jesus reveals his deep concern for his immediate disciples, and for all who would afterwards believe on his name through their testimony. For them he makes four requests: (1) that they would be kept from evil; (2) that they would be consecrated in the truth; (3) that they would be perfectly united; (4) that they would ultimately be glorified with him.

It is remarkable that Jesus did not at that time directly pray for the salvation of the world. If ever there was a time when we might reasonably have expected our Lord to have made such a prayer, it was then. In Psalm II. God is represented as saying: "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me and I shall give thee the heathen for thy possession." Why, then, we might ask, did not Jesus make that petition? The answer is to be found in the way in which he prayed for his disciples. The salvation of the whole world was what his heart yearned for—it was "the joy that was set before him." But to accomplish this end, it was necessary not only that Christ should suffer, but that his followers also should share a part. His plan was to depend upon his church to preach the gospel and evangelise the world. It was for that purpose he prayed that in all ages the church might be kept from the evil of the world, would be consecrated to its divine mission, and would ultimately so manifest perfect unity that the world would be inevitably convicted of his divine mission.

The subsequent history of the church shows that it was weakest in its influence when most possessed by the spirit of the world. Speaking of the condition of the church prior to the Lutheran Reformation, Prof. T. M. Lindsay said, "The church set such store on external things that the inward spiritual life lay buried under them, and the common speech of the times had changed the very meaning of the words 'spiritual' and 'holy.' A man was 'spiritual' if he had been ordained to office in the church; an estate, with its roads, woodland, and fields was called 'spiritual' or 'holy' if it belonged to a bishop or abbot."

On the other hand, the Christian church when steadfastly devoting itself to missionary effort at its home and abroad has been most effective in its influence upon the world. It is safe to say that no aspect of the Christian religion has impressed the minds of unbelievers more than the success of missionary enterprise in heathen lands. The story of Charles Darwin's becoming a subscriber to the South American Missionary Society is a case in point. Mankind has yet to witness, however, the impressive spectacle of the world, church purified in her relations to the world, consecrated in the one absorbing task of preaching the gospel, and united in the holy bond of brotherhood. The church purified, consecrated, and united will mean the convincing of the world that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

TOPIC FOR JULY 8.—BAPTISM.—Romans 6: 1-13.

The Family Altar.

J.C.F.P.

SUNDAY.

But Peter and the apostles answered and said, We must obey God rather than men.—Acts 5: 29. We have here suggested "the principle on which Christians act. It is to lay their safety, reputation, and life out of view, and to bring everything to this test, *whether it will please God.* If it will, it is right; if it will not, it is wrong." Reading—Acts 5: 22-42.

MONDAY.

And Stephen, full of grace and power, wrought great wonders and signs among the people.—Acts 6: 8. The proto-martyr was "full of grace," ever being receptive of divine truths and blessings, and full of spiritual power, as evidenced not only by his works but his words. Reading—Acts 6.

TUESDAY.

And the patriarchs, moved with jealousy against Joseph, sold him into Egypt: and God was with him.—Acts 7: 9. "We will not despair, though storms our bark may sever, Knowing everywhere, Jehovah *can* deliver. Oh, let come what will, we'll trust our faithful Giver, And our song is still, Jehovah *will* deliver." Reading—Acts 7: 1-21.

WEDNESDAY.

And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and he was mighty in his words and works.—Acts 7: 22. Moses was mighty in deeds, performing miracles. He was also mighty in words, though he said that he was "slow of speech, and of a slow tongue" (Ex. 4: 10). Still, he was mighty in the words spoken through Aaron to Pharaoh. Reading—Acts 7: 22-43.

THURSDAY.

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon the Lord, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.—Acts 7: 59. From this "it follows that the Lord Jesus is an object of worship; that in most solemn circumstances it is proper to call upon him, to worship him, and to commit our dearest interests to his hands. If this may be done, he is divine." Reading—Acts 7: 44-60.

FRIDAY.

They therefore that were scattered abroad went about preaching the word.—Acts 8: 4. "Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king; Tell it out! Tell it out! Tell it out among the nations, bid them shout and sing; Tell it out! Tell it out! Tell it out with adoration that he shall increase, That the mighty King of Glory is the King of 'Peace; Tell it out with jubilation, let the song ne'er cease; Tell it out! Tell it out!" Reading—Acts 8: 1-25.

SATURDAY.

And he commanded the chariot to stand still; and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptised him.—Acts 8: 38. "Nothing can be more graphic than the simple narrative of this interesting and important baptism. Surely Luke must have heard it from Philip's own mouth!" Reading—Acts 8: 26-40.

Buried Treasure.

Banks are not popular in India. The Indian distrusts them. It is rather, however, suspicion of mankind in general than of banks in particular that is responsible. The Indian prefers to keep his money in his own charge. So he commonly buries it—in the place, of course, where he thinks it is least likely to be found. As a result, there is probably a vast amount of forgotten treasure buried in India. Hoping to recover, and not trusting his relatives, the dying man holds on till the very last to the secret of where his treasure is buried. But many die without ever revealing the secret. The spectacle of the relatives of a dead man digging frantically in search of his treasure is not uncommon. Considering the enormous wealth of the richer classes, and the almost universal habit of burying their treasure, and the number who have died without revealing its whereabouts, we cannot help thinking there must be many big fortunes hidden away beneath the ground.

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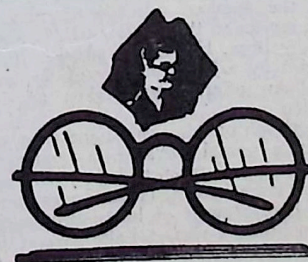
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News of the Churches.

Tasmania.

Launceston meetings have been keeping up well. On May 31 visitors included Bro. Les. Mitchell, from Swanston-st., and Bro. and Sister Len. Warmbrunn, of Surrey Hills, Vic. The sympathy of the church is extended to Sisters Mrs. W. Stevens and Mrs. Weymouth in their bereavements. The men's brotherhood recently held an open evening, when our Lord's return was the theme. Bro. J. C. Stanley, of Semaphore, S.A., was a welcome visitor on June 3. He gave a fine message at the midweek prayer service.

New Zealand.

At Gisborne on May 17, a special evening service was held for men; Bro. Riches preached on "Christianity and Men." On May 24, Bro. H. Bacon spoke in the morning and Bro. Riches at night. A lady made the good confession. Attendance of Bible School is steadily increasing. A men's training class is held at the home of Bro. Riches on Monday evenings. All branches of the work are progressing.

The coming of Bro. Bowen has wonderfully helped Orehunga church. A few weeks ago the church met to make to Bro. and Sister Bowen a presentation on the occasion of their wedding. A. W. Hall (chairman) spoke words of welcome. There have been five additions and three baptisms. A Sunday School aeroplane competition has commenced; in four weeks 18 have been enrolled. The K.S.P. club is doing well; attendance, 17. Bro. Bowen is chaplain; Bro. Beasley, chancellor; and Bro. A. W. Hall, scribe.

Western Australia.

At Bassendean on Saturday, June 6, the men put the final touches to the ceiling of the chapel, thus completing a very fine building. On morning of June 7, Bro. W. H. Clay gave a splendid address on "Cross Bearing." In the evening a memorial service was held to the memory of Bro. Clay, a highly esteemed citizen and faithful Christian, and chairman of the committee for removing and rebuilding the chapel. 180 were present. Bro. Hughes spoke on "The Eventide of Life." At the close of the impressive service the son of our late brother confessed Christ.

Kalgoorlie reports the launching of a strong J.C.E., with 28 members, on May 31. Mrs. Fox is superintendent, and Miss Irene Hunt secretary. After Bro. Hunt's gospel address, a lady over 60 years of age made the good confession. On June 7 two were received into fellowship. Bro. Garland gave a most helpful address on "A Definite Purpose in Life." The men of the church met on June 8, and were briefly addressed by the chairman of the board of officers, Bro. Geo. Banks; secretary, Bro. C. J. Garland; treasurer, Bro. J. Maloney; evangelist, Bro. C. H. Hunt, each speaking of their office. It was resolved to form a men's brotherhood. The executive will be C. H. Hunt, president; A. Nelson, sen., vice-president; Bert Nelson, secretary.

Queensland.

On June 7, Sunnybank had its record meeting for the breaking of bread. New organ was in use. At night to a full house Bro. C. Young preached a masterly sermon on baptism. Three young people confessed Christ.

Ipswich Bible School held a successful picnic on King's Birthday. On June 7, Bro. Larsen spoke morning and night. The evening theme was "Modernism: Is it of God or the Devil?" Two young men confessed Jesus as Lord. In the morning Bro. Alcorn, jnr., was received into fellowship.

Good meetings at Fernvale. Bro. Schultz addressed the church on May 24 on "The Voyage of Life." On May 31, Bro. Bassard gave a good

exhortation, when Bren. Kickbusch (2) were given the right hand of fellowship. On Thursday night, June 4, gospel meeting, Bro. Bassard spoke powerfully on "Pentecost," when a young woman and a young lad confessed Christ.

Toowoomba reports progress and good attendances. Two good gospel meetings were held at Harlaxton. Two new scholars were enrolled on June 7. The school is preparing for the examination. A splendid feature is the teachers' prayer meetings. The library is going well. There was a splendid opening meeting of the Y.P.S. on June 2. With regret the passing away on 5th inst. of our Bro. Alcorn, a greatly respected elder in the church, is reported. The deepest sympathy of the church is extended to the bereaved.

The church at Maryborough is in a very healthy condition, and some progressive steps have been taken, including the engagement of an evangelist. Increasing attendance at the gospel meetings results from the thoughtful addresses of Bro. Alan Price, and a number of faithful brethren exhort. On May 31, Bro. Green, of Auburn, spoke powerfully both morning and night. The Bible School is gaining new scholars weekly, and sisters' guild continues good work. The church regrets to lose by transfer Sister Ruhle and family, who have moved to Manly, N.S.W.

Victoria.

At Chelsea on Sunday Bro. Ladbrook gave an encouraging message in the morning, and Bro. L. C. McCallum delivered an inspiring address at night.

A young lady made the confession on Sunday night, 7th inst., at Red Hill. L. R. H. Beaumont is continuing the preaching for the church, and his service is faithful and earnest.

Hawthorn services were largely attended on Sunday. Bro. Scambler continued the studies on the history of the Bible, dealing specially with "The World Before the Flood," and "The Days of Noah." A young lady was received into membership.

Meetings at East Kew were enjoyable on Lord's day. Amongst visitors were Bro. and Sister Downes, Hindmarsh, S.A. Bro. A. R. Main gave an excellent message in the morning. At night Bro. R. Lamphire delivered a powerful address. Two young lads from the Bible School made the good confession.

Swan Hill meetings are well attended. Over 100 at morning service, when Sister Blake was received by letter from Kyneton. Memorial Hall comfortably filled at gospel service. Bro. Cameron gave a special address to young people. Bible School well attended since the mission; 94 present on Sunday—only four short of the record.

At Cheltenham on Sunday the meetings were of a very high order. In the morning Bro. H. Earl was the speaker. In the evening an in memoriam service to the late Mrs. R. L. Judd was conducted by Bren. Hinrichsen and W. Judd, and relatives. An offering was taken up for the City Mission work.

At Shepparton on May 24, at the close of Bro. W. Bolduan's gospel message, a young woman made the good confession, and was, with another, baptised the same hour. These sisters were welcomed by Bro. Stewart at his return on June 7. While Bro. Stewart was at Lake Rowan on May 31, the church had a visit from Bro. J. Mortimer, whose fellowship and addresses were appreciated, sage. All meetings were given to the gospel message. The evening a company of boy scouts was present in uniform, with the scoutmasters. Bro. Stewart gave the second of a series of four addresses on "The Church."

Ballarat (Peel-st.), on June 7, had a number of C.E. Convention visitors from Footscray, East Camberwell and elsewhere. A young ladies' guild has been organised, with Miss J. Cameron as leader, and Miss M. Robson secretary. On Sunday, 14th, four were received by letter. Fine meeting at night, R. G. Cameron preaching on "Confessing Christ."

Boronia is having nice meetings and good addresses from Bro. Sparks. An enjoyable social was given by the K.S.P., which also held a profitable impromptu evening last Saturday. The last meeting of the women's mission band was conducted by local sisters. The tennis club held a successful concert on June 6 to raise funds for courts in the church grounds.

Meetings at Warracknabeal are good. A baptismal service was held last Thursday evening, and a brother was welcomed into the church on Sunday morning. Bro. Cornelius is giving a series of talks each Sunday morning and evening, in the morning on "The Fruits of the Spirit," and the evening "The Seven Cries from the Cross." 103 present at Bible School last Lord's day.

At Swanston-st. last Lord's day morning, Bro. J. E. Allan, Victorian F.M. Secretary, told the very interesting story of our work and workers at our F.M. stations. In the evening, Bro. Shipway delivered a very fine sermon. The choir, under direction of Bro. J. Harold Barrett, with Bro. C. H. Mitchell at organ, rendered an anthem, and Mrs. Vernon Walker sang the solo part, also an extra solo, beautifully.

Interest is growing in the effort to clear off the Dunolly church building debt. Two socials have been successfully held in aid of the forthcoming sale of work. On June 4 Sister P. Scott was presented with a travelling rug in recognition of her service with the church and Bible School. She has been transferred to teach at Bronzewing. Meetings are generally well attended, especially by young folk in the evening.

Lake Rowan church reports having concluded a short mission in the Pelluebla South school, with Bro. Stewart, of Shepparton, as missionary. The messages of Bro. Stewart both in word and song were splendid, full of power and earnestness. The members have been strengthened, and seed has been faithfully sown. The brethren are grateful to the Shepparton church for loaning their preacher, and also to Mr. Stewart for his clear presentation of the truth.

On King's birthday, Oakleigh church held a "second advent" convention. During the afternoon session, Dr. Wilkin, of the Baptist College; Bro. Johnston, North Williamstown, and Bro. Sutton, gave addresses, dealing with the different phases of our Lord's return. The sisters provided tea for all, and a very pleasant time was spent. The evening addresses were given by Bro. H. B. Robbins, of East Camberwell; and Mr. A. D. Shaw, Auburn Baptist church.

At Bamba-rd. gospel service on June 7, a young lady who confessed her Lord at Ormond mission was baptised and received into fellowship. Bro. Schwab preaching. Interest is being shown in the midweek service; 33 being present on June 10. Bro. Waterman spoke at worship meeting on June 14, recounting experiences as a missionary in China. In the evening Bro. Schwab spoke to a large audience on "Missing the Mark." Members of Bamba-rd. football club attended in a body.

Meetings at Middle Park last Lord's day were well attended. In the morning Bro. Shaw gave a Scriptural and sacred poetry recital, which was much appreciated. Sister Mrs. Aghan, recently returned from New Zealand, was present. In the evening Bro. Robinson spoke powerfully on "Christian Baptism," and a little girl was baptised. Miss Vawser, from the College, rendered a beautiful solo. Last Tuesday evening the members of the young women's club visited the Ormond mission. The young boys' club is enjoying many happy evenings, under the leadership of Bro. Williams. The sisters' prayer meeting committee visited the local Dorcas Society on Wednesday last, on the occasion of its anniversary.

Two were baptised at Gardiner on June 3—Mrs. Thos. Skyrme, and a Bible School lad, Ted Cantwell. One was received into fellowship on 7th. The other, with three adults commended by letter, was received on Sunday morning in the presence of a good meeting at worship. Bro. Kingsbury spoke well at each service. At night an offering of £5/10/- was taken for the Melbourne City Mission appeal. Mrs. S. McCann is the new president of the women's mission band. At Sutton Grange the meetings are being nicely attended. Bro. J. F. Gibbins goes once a month. At Harcourt the morning meeting is very well attended. The school, though small, is most interesting. The evening meetings in consequence of the winter weather are to be discontinued for the winter, and an afternoon service substituted. Bro. Gibbins travels from Bendigo. This entails over 50 miles in the car every Sunday, very often, of late, going after school to the hospital at Castlemaine.

Helpful meetings and good attendances at Lygon-st. on Sunday. A. G. Saunders gave two splendid addresses. The soloists in a well rendered anthem were Miss Edna Bagley and Colin Walsh. The prayer service on Tuesday was the largest since Bro. Saunders took up the work, many taking part. The Junior Christian Endeavor Society held a successful social on Saturday evening to raise funds for the "cot fund." A. G. Saunders leaves this week to take part in the home-coming meetings of Hindmarsh church, S.A. At Preston excellent meetings assemble at the Lord's table. During the past three weeks Bren. Wm. Lang, Huntsman and Schwab acceptably exhorted. Bro. McKean preached one evening, when two made the good confession. Ten were received by baptism and transfer during the past three weeks, and two were baptised last Sunday. Bro. Waterman is preaching soundly, and making his presence felt in the district. All auxiliaries are doing well. The ladies' mission band paid an appreciated visit to the local women's guild. A successful concert was held under the auspices of the K.S.P. cricket club.

At Fairfield Bren. Way and Raisbeck have exhorted. Bro. Fitzgerald preached on both Lord's day evenings. A youth came forward on the 7th. His sister was welcomed into the church at the morning service with a married sister. Another young girl was welcomed last Lord's day morning, after baptism the previous Sunday. Bro. and Sister Boyd have been called upon to part with a brother by death—the third family bereavement in a few months. The prayers of the church are with them. All were pleased to have Sister Miss Phillips present last Sunday, after her visit to New Zealand, where her brother had died. She nursed him for a few weeks before he fell asleep. The church is giving all help possible to Northcote mission, and is foregoing the mid-week services to allow members to attend.

At Balwyn Stanley Eaton, of the China Inland Mission, with Mrs. Eaton, spent June 7 with the church. He spoke to the Junior Endeavorers, gave a fine address to the church, spoke to the school in the afternoon, and gave the children's talk at night. Mrs. Eaton spoke to the ladies' mission band on Wednesday. Mrs. Trudinger, of the C.I.M., spoke to 65 ladies at the Sunshine circle on Thursday, 4th. Jas. E. Thomas preached and the choir rendered a fine anthem on June 7. June 14 was men's day. Splendid meeting in the morning. In the afternoon, Geo. W. B. Hughes, secretary of the Y.M.C.A., gave a great address on "Power" to 80 men, in the Balwyn Hall. At night the centre seats were nearly filled with men. A fine men's choir under Stanley Wilson led the singing. The quartette sang splendidly, and Jas. E. Thomas spoke on "A Royal Failure." There were two confessions. 186 broke bread during the day. An offering for Melbourne City Mission appeal was over £5.

At Brighton on June 7, the church appreciated the stirring messages of Bro. W. Waterman in the morning, who spoke of our missionary work in S.W. China, and Dr. A. McKenzie Meldrum in the evening, who delivered a scholarly address

on "The Bible." On Saturday, June 13, the members were invited to a church tea. There was a splendid attendance. After the tea, Bro. T. R. Morris presented the annual report for the building fund. It showed how well the members had responded to the appeal to meet not only the interest, but also to reduce the principal of the building indebtedness. The church is depending on straightout giving, and the members readily subscribed to the "shares system" of a shilling a week per share. The opportunity was taken of saying good-bye, for the present, to Bro. and Sister J. Sharp, who have been most faithful and helpful members of the church for many years. Bro. Sharp, having retired from the Education Department, is taking an extended holiday in Queensland and other parts. They will be greatly missed from Brighton. On behalf of the church, Bro. Morris presented Bro. Sharp with a travelling rug, and Sister Sharp a lady's handbag.

South Australia.

Large attendances at Pt. Pirie on May 31. At night, after an eloquent address by Bro. Bowes, two young men made the good confession, and were baptised. Fair attendances at mid-week services.

Nailsworth church is making good progress. Souls are being won. Last week four young people confessed Jesus. Work in the Sunday School as well as in the church is having a telling effect on the young lives.

The church at Fullarton is making good progress. Week-night prayer meetings are a great benefit to the church. At a meeting held at Bro. D. Thorpes' home on June 11, a boys' club was formed, and fifteen were present.

At Grote-st., June 14, Bro. A. C. Rankine addressed both morning and evening meetings. Subject in the evening, "The Supremacy of the Bible." The new church building is in course of construction. Bro. Wiltshire addressed the S.S. teachers.

Prospect church members have purchased a piano, and this is proving of great help to the various auxiliaries. On June 7, Bro. E. L. Stevens addressed the church. Bro. C. Brown, of Lygon-st., Melbourne, was received by letter. Bro. Beiler's messages on 14th inst. were very helpful.

Murray Bridge church has been helped by visits and addresses from Bren. Horsell, Jones, Train, Hudd, E. J. Paternoster and Jackson. Attendances at church and school have been affected by sickness and rain, but the last two Sundays they have much improved. The brethren are anxiously awaiting a permanent preacher.

On June 5 a welcome social was given to Bro. and Sister Mason in the Long Plains chapel. There was a fine gathering, and a pleasant time was spent. Bro. Jenkins presided, and several speeches and songs were given. Bro. Mason pleased all with his response. On June 7, Bro. Mason gave two fine addresses to very fair audiences.

Queenstown had a good Band of Hope meeting on June 1, Bro. Brooker speaking. On morning of June 7 Bro. A. G. Hinde exhorted the church. Good Sunday School attendance; scholars are preparing for union examination. Evening service was well attended. On June 14 Bro. Brooker spoke morning and evening. Attendances were good all day.

Anniversary services of Semaphore junior and senior Endeavor Societies were held on Sunday with good attendances. Bro. A. E. Forbes spoke in the afternoon and Bro. Roptes in the evening. The singing by the Endeavorers and a solo by Mrs. L. V. Mathews were enjoyed. A young ladies' gymnasium class has been formed with an enrolment of 25. The K.S.P. club is accomplishing good work.

Strathalbyn on June 7 enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. and Sister C. Caldicott, of Adelaide. The messages of Bro. Caldicott were inspiring. On June 14 Bro. and Sister Ira Durdin, late of Geelong, Tasmania, had fellowship with the church. Bro. Durdin gave a very fine exhortation in the morning service, and spoke at night on "The

Vision of Christ." The C.E. Society, with Sister Miss Alice Cross as president, is doing a fine work.

Good meetings at Kadina on June 7. On June 8 some 14 brethren and sisters took part at the evening service. There was a male choir, and Bro. Webb commenced his mission. Meetings during the week were well attended. On Thursday three made the good confession. On June 14 the church was saddened by the news that Bro. Filmer's second daughter, Winnie, had passed away. Sympathy from far and near is extended to our brother and his family. The meetings throughout the day were good in attendance and interest. Bro. Webb preached the gospel, and two confessed Christ.

Services at Norwood were bright and helpful on June 14. In the morning Bro. Paternoster was present after his holiday, and there was a good meeting. At night the choir and Sunday School gave a Children's Day exercise prepared by Bro. Paternoster, the children having been trained by Bren. Will Watson and Mathews. An appeal was made for volunteers. Bro. Paternoster's son came to offer for work in the foreign field. He expects later to enter Glen Iris with that end in view. On Saturday the intermediate department of the Sunday School gave a kitchen evening to Miss Bessie Lawrie, who is to be married shortly to Bro. James Barr, of Long Plains.

Midweek anniversary services were continued on the Monday with a tea and public meeting in Thebarton town hall. A fine programme was rendered by the young people. Mr. F. Collins gave an interesting address. On Wednesday evening there were six baptisms. Sunday morning, June 14, these were received into fellowship with Bro. Biggs, who came by letter from Cummins. At night the building was packed, when there were five more confessions. Two men came forward and were baptised the same hour of the night; another man was also baptised. The roof of the new building is now on, and opening services are planned for August.

New South Wales.

At Enmore on morning of June 14, Bro. Thos. Porter, who was baptised 67 years ago, gave a loving address from Phil. 3: 2, 3. The church is much encouraged by the results of the financial appeal.

At Dumbleton on June 7, Bro. E. Sainty, from Rockdale, gave an appreciated talk to the J.C.E., and a good exhortation to the church. At night Mrs. Long, of the A.I.M., gave a missionary talk. A good congregation was present.

At South Kensington special efforts are being made in Bible School for an attendance campaign. Canvassing will be included in plan. Meetings have continued as usual during past week. A young sister from the Bible School confessed Christ.

Bro. J. Saxby gave a fine discourse at Sydney City Temple on morning of June 14. At night a young sister was baptised. An excellent gospel address was delivered by Bro. Southgate on the subject, "What is There in Religion?" The choir gave a splendid anthem. Sister Mrs. J. Taylor is now progressing satisfactorily, after an operation. Bro. E. Roberts has recovered from his illness.

At Lismore on June 7, Bro. C. Byrnes spoke in the morning. At night Bro. P. J. Pond preached on "A United Christian Church." Annual convention of C.E. districts was held in the building. Bro. S. McDonald is district C.E. secretary, and Bro. C. Byrnes is district C.E. treasurer. The ladies of Dorcas and aid society last week made a successful effort in aid of funds for Lismore district hospital.

At Rockdale on June 14 P. E. Thomas, of Belmore, delivered an excellent morning address. At night Bro. Clydesdale preached powerfully, and a fine young woman confessed Christ. On June 8 the church held a business meeting. It was decided to offer Bro. and Sister Clydesdale a further two years' engagement, which they have accepted. Sister E. M. Waring was appointed platform secretary. The Bible School reports steady progress.

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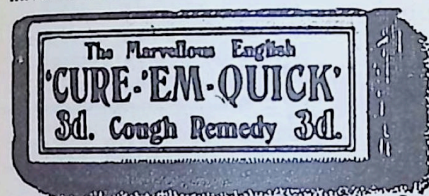
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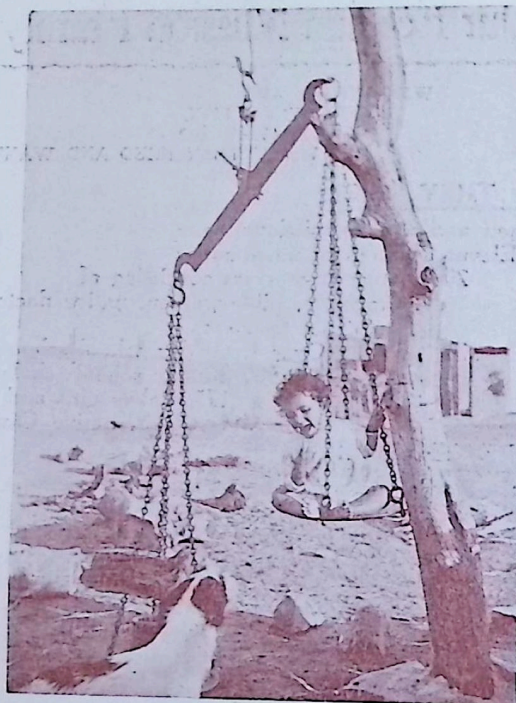
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