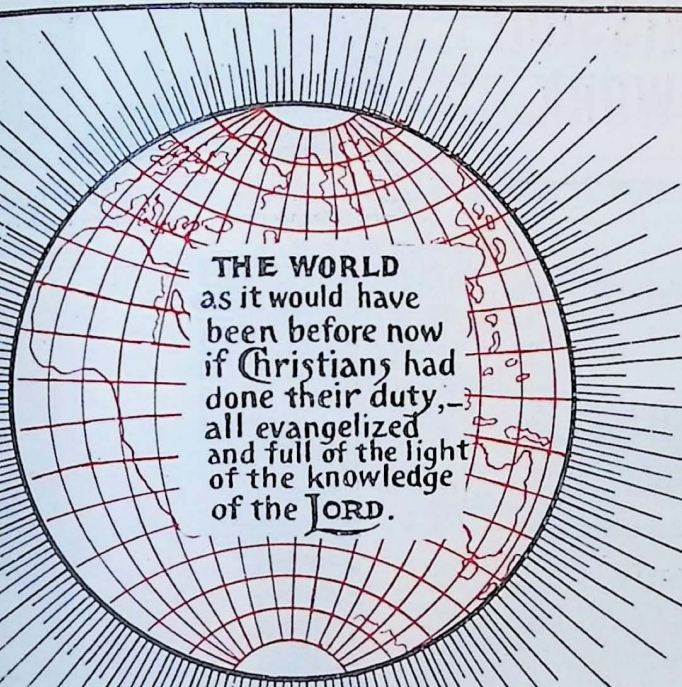


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THE WORLD
as it would have
been before now
if Christians had
done their duty,—
all evangelized
and full of the light
of the knowledge
of the LORD.

THE ROYAL
PROCLAMATION
was clear enough,—
"All the World!"
"Every Creature!"
"All nations!"

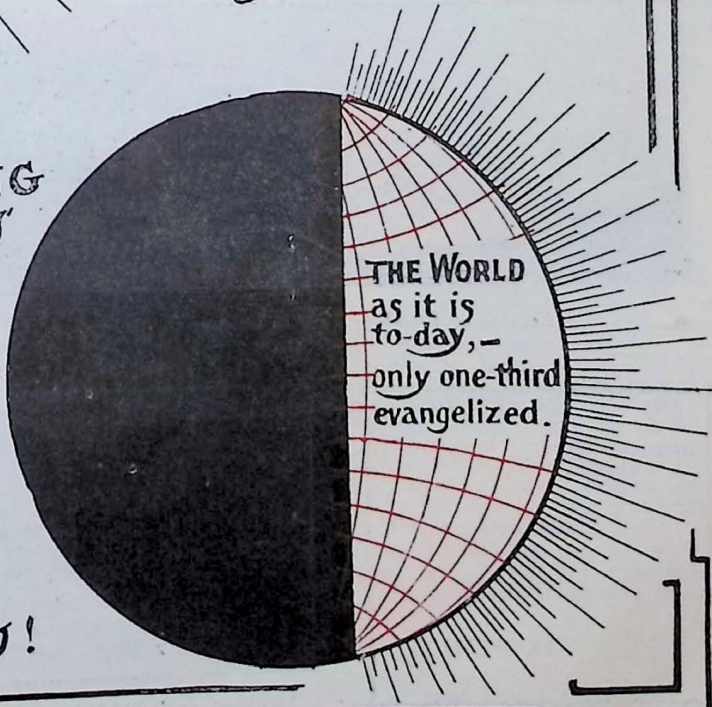
A THOUSAND MILLIONS
have not heard the
Gospel yet!
Put these two things
side by side,—

Then give your
Offering in the
light of them.

THE ANNUAL OFFERING
FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS
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ON

**SUNDAY
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Remember our waiting
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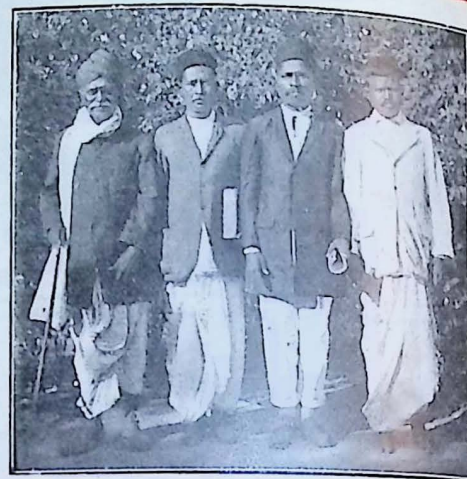


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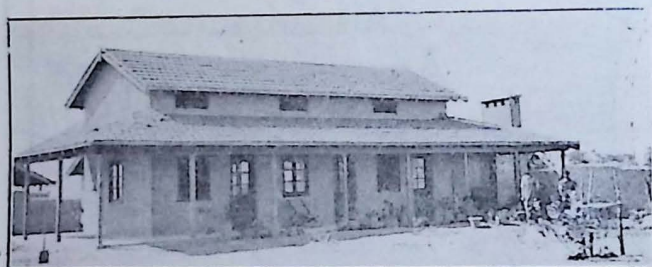


The first two girls admitted into Shrigonda Orphanage eight years ago—Preetha and Sooloochund.

Side-lights on OUR MISSION WORK.



Salve (supported by Baramati church), Patole, Rathod, Tersingh (supported by Mr. Frank Petty, Doncaster, Vic)



Miss Cameron's Bungalow. Lyall Memorial, Shrigonda, Girls' Orphanage.



Leaving on Preaching Tour to Indapur District.



Dr. Kolhatker, an efficient, willing, faithful Christian Doctor; immersed on March 23, 1924.

Preaching,
Teaching,
Healing,
Rescuing.



Mrs. Anderson's Girls' Class, Hueilichow, China. These are all high school girls, and the majority can read and write.
Mrs. Anderson
Nurse Masters

What share will
You have
in this Work on
July 6th?

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The President's Word.

Jesus said, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God." We have put our hands to the plow of Christian Missions, and we are earnestly looking forward to greater progress than has yet been achieved. The success of the work of our splendid sisters and brethren who have left home and kindred to serve our Lord in the proclamation of the gospel of love in the regions beyond, encourages us to press forward; it also brings new obligations to every member of the church, for they are our representatives, we are the rope-holders, and we must see that their needs are met to the uttermost. Our financial needs to satisfactorily carry on the work at present undertaken on the fields are very great, and the Executive Committee very earnestly appeal to every member of the church to give liberally as unto the Lord on July 6. Requests for more workers are constantly being received; and although there are a number of brave souls who have prepared themselves for this special service, they are waiting for the giving of the brotherhood to make it possible for them to go out. May we in truth catch the words of the prophet, "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof"; we are but tenants. "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord," and may we with thankful hearts render unto the Lord his dues.

Let us pray and work that the giving on July 6 shall be the largest yet made, for there never was a time when the need was greater.—J. Warren Cosh, Pres. Federal F.M. Committee.

The World the Home of Christ.

N.S.W. Churches of Christ have this year made their slogan, "Each one win one, each one keep one for Christ." As President, a position which the brethren have honored me with, I am particularly anxious to see the cause of Christ, our Redeemer, progress this year more than it has ever done before, not only in sunny New South Wales, but throughout all Australia; yea, and in the foreign fields of the world. We must as home missionaries further the work of our Federal Foreign Missionary Committee. Our vision must extend beyond our own shores, into the uttermost parts of the world. The world is the home of the Christ. He not only died for us, but for the foreigner and the heathen, no matter where he may be. It is our bounden duty to give, yea, give, give, until we sacrifice something and feel the sacrifice to help the spread of the gospel in foreign fields. The Committee not only needs your prayers but your financial assistance. Give liberally to the Committee, and God will bless you in the giving. Try it, brethren. I have tried it, and know that God blesses a willing and liberal giver. God bless the work, and bless you who help forward his work.—Thomas E. Rofe.

Triumphant Leadership.

"Thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ Jesus." These words have come into my mind many times lately as I have realised how our Father is taking care of and guiding his faithful children. There is much that is perplexing and discouraging in the work these days; but we are thankful to be able to testify in a perfect Saviour who can keep us in peace under all conditions. Encouraging evidence indicates the esteem in which some of our Christians are held. Last week one of our young evangelists was transferred from an outstation to Hurda, and a few days after I met a prominent man from the village. He said to me, "Do send another Christian out soon, as all the villagers are mourning." When I was out there last month, several spoke very highly of the evangelist and his wife. On another visitation last month a young man told me that he looked upon the aged evangelist and his wife as a father and mother. He has eaten with them secretly, and like many others seems to be near to the kingdom. This aged brother is so earnest that two weeks ago he started off, after having a cup of tea, worked in three villages, and returned about dusk without having eaten anything all day. Many of the young people are buying hymn-books and portions of Scripture and enjoy visiting us in the home.—Mary Thompson.



Miss Mary Thompson, known in India as the "Beloved Mary," has continued her work in Hurda, visiting the villages for many miles around the city, as well as working in the schools and homes of the city itself. We are thankful to say that she enjoys very good health. All will unite in prayer that she may long be spared and richly blessed as she adds years to her thirty-three years of sacrificial service for the Lord!

A Triple Appeal.

July 6 is a day of sacred significance in the service of our Australian brotherhood. It expresses our congregational interdependence in the furtherance of the gospel. The offerings we bring to the Lord on that day will have tremendous meaning as the practical demonstration of our faith in the great cause of Foreign Missions. A three-fold appeal should move us all to maximum generosity.

1. The Commission of the Master.

The Lord said, "Go," "All nations." "The uttermost parts of the earth." He has not withdrawn this charge. It is still imperative. Until he bids us "stay," it is the extreme of disloyalty to repudiate his authority, or limit the operation of this commission. Our Lord looks to his church to continually extend the outposts of its service for him. July 6 is roll-call day of loyal supporters of the Master's plan for world-wide evangelism.

2. The Challenge of the Multitude.

We need to visualise the millions in heathen lands—the mass of untouched people surrounding our own missionaries in India and China. We have bread enough and to spare, while they perish with hunger. They challenge our faith in the gospel's power to save; our sympathy with their need; and our willingness to give to them of that which has so marvellously enriched our own lives. July 6 will express our response to the challenge from other lands and peoples.

3. The Claims of the Missionaries.

These are indisputable. Our missionaries are in India, China, and the Islands, because we wanted them there. Their going expressed loyalty to the Lord—but also to us who sent them out to represent the simple church of the New Testament. They have every claim upon our fervent prayer, our deepest affection, and our most liberal gifts. Under God, we are the rope-holders upon whom they are depending for support as they go down into the depths. To give less than sacrificially cannot meet these claims upon us. They need the encouragement of continued reinforcements, and added equipment. July 6 will proclaim our appreciation of the Christ-like sacrifice our missionaries are making to continue in their work abroad.

This Federal work demands our best. Let no church, and no individual, give less.—H. G. Harward, Federal President, Churches of Christ in Australia.

Fulfil the Prophecy.

"To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see; and they that have not heard shall understand." This is the prophecy; we must seek to fulfil it.—Louis Anderson, M.A.

Khrisnie: One of India's Little Ones.

Khrisnie was her name. As her parents came to the door of the dispensary, the mother carrying her in an open basket on her head, I wondered what was the matter. They lifted the basket carefully to the ground, and there was the familiar sight of a poor skeleton-like little girl, her face old and drawn with pain, lying on a dirty bag covered with some dirty rags. We carefully removed the rags, and what a sight met our eyes! From the elbow of one arm right down her side,



Little Khrisnie's parents. Her mother is holding her in the basket she was first brought to the dispensary in. At that time she was lying in the basket, which was more than big enough for the poor little suffering skeleton.

reaching half-way across her back and chest, nearly down to the knee of her leg, was a terrible burn wound. Burnt to the fourth degree, the poor little sufferer lay thus exposed to air and dirt.

Such a little skeleton, only five years old, with so much pain to bear, could she possibly get better without hospital treatment? This is the thought that troubled us. As the wound fortunately had not been smeared with red lead, castor oil and soot mixed together, or any other repulsive mixture, we felt there might be a chance of her recovery.

After cleansing away vermin which had gone into the wound under her arm, we washed the wound clean with warm boric lotion, and dressed it with boric ointment spread on some of the clean, soft, white linen sent to us by the good folks in Australia. But they must come every day for treatment, and the village they lived in was 24 miles away; how could they possibly do it? Could we not give them ointment to apply at home? How could they in their home get sterilised water to wash the wound? Did they have clean white linen to spread the ointment on? Would the little sufferer, who kicked and screamed while the painful dressing was being done, allow them to do the dressing at home? These were the questions asked and answered. So much depended on those wounds being dressed properly daily. So much depended on the child receiving proper nourishment and mixtures to build her up, so that complications would not set in.

Faithful little mother! She listened to us, and agreed to come every day. So they moved to a nearer village, one which was only six miles

away. Daily that mother walked twelve miles carrying the little girl on her head all the way for eight weeks, until Khrisnie was able to stand and walk about again.

Truly she was slightly bent, one leg was a wee bit shorter than the other, and the scar tissue looked an ugly patch on her side. But was that bright, fat, healthy-looking little girl Khrisnie who had been brought to us last January? Yes, they were too poor to pay for any treatment, or even to buy milk for the little sufferer, so we provided it all. Every day we gave her money for milk, also provided all treatment and drugs free. After building up her digestive system, we gave her a cod-liver oil mixture, etc. To help such little sufferers, brethren and sisters, we ask you to remember, on July 6, the work we are trying to do in the Baramati dispensary.—E. M. Caldicott.

The Tragedy of Tragedies.

"That there should one man die ignorant who had capacity for knowledge, this I call a tragedy." If Carlyle could say this of secular education, what shall be said of the millions in heathen lands who have a capacity for the knowledge of God, but are dying at the rate of 50,000 a day ignorant of the way of salvation? Is it not the tragedy of tragedies?

Those who come back from the foreign field to the homeland are struck with the great disparity between the numbers of Christian workers here and there. Here, we find eight or nine churches, each with a band of devoted workers, in one small town of a few thousand inhabitants. There, a million people may still be found in many parts of the field with no Christian workers among them. Often a population as great as that of Sydney or Melbourne will have just one young woman to witness for Christ in their midst.

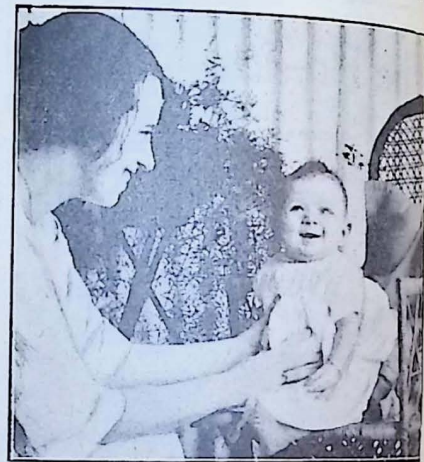
The need of the hour is more and yet more missionaries. Consecrated candidates are waiting to be sent out, but the Federal Treasurer is burdened with a heavy overdraft. We must all give more liberally than ever before. Let us practise a little self-denial, and do without something, so that these earnest young volunteers may all be sent out without delay.—G. P. Pittman.



Little Khrisnie and the three who helped to do her medical dressing daily. Centre, Dr. Kolhatker; besides going to school daily; right, Nurse Caldicott.

India's Money-Lenders.

Money-lenders are one of India's greatest curses. They cause far more misery and destruction than even drink. With the short-sightedness characteristic of his race, the Indian is glad to avail himself of every possible opportunity, no matter how trifling, for an extravagant display of feasting and pomp. A religious festival, a wedding, even a death becomes the occasion for a feast, involving the needless expenditure of hard-earned cash. To-day's revelry may be followed by a hungry to-morrow; but that's an unpleasant thought, and should not be entertained. And, in any case, are there not money-lenders in abundance? So eat, drink, and be merry; and, when starvation threatens, mortgage house and land, and borrow! When the means for making a display are not already at hand, the money-lender must be resorted to in advance; and it is often known that, in order to provide a pompous wel-



Baby Leach, six months old.

ding, a man will borrow to an extent that will leave him in debt for the rest of his life.

The Indian money-lender is an arch-forger and arch-robber. He has no conscience, never pities, never relents. He starves his victims, empties whole villages, robs the poor of their inheritance. Probably nine-tenths of the whole population are in his power. But India has other money-lenders who are going to prove her salvation. They are scattered throughout the earth; and they lend of their money that the gospel may go forth and proclaim the forgiveness of her debt of sin. And, on a day to come, what they have lent will come back to them again—not in kind, but in the form of satisfaction and joy unspeakable.—J. Leach.

India Needs Christ.

Before I went to India, someone said, "India does not need you or your religion. She has religions of her own, and her people are a more religious people than we are." While I was on my way to India, another said, "Going to India as missionaries! How foolish! If you would concentrate on educational work—secular education—there would be sense in your going, but to try to convert a people more religious than yourselves is, to say the least, presumption." A religious people? Yes, a religious people; all are. Not only some Indians are religious; all are. Not only on one day of the week does religion receive special attention, but on every day. Indian every moment of every day is religious. His eating, cooking, washing, dressing, and even the cleaning of his teeth and the cut of his hair are all defined by religious rule. There are more gods than people. But what gods! Gods of licentiousness and of every evil imaginable. Truly what India needs is neither education nor her own religion. She needs Christ.—M. Leach.

The Commission and China.

"Feed My Sheep."

(John 21: 15-18.)

In effect Christ said to Peter, "If you love, its proof is found in service." "Feed my sheep," three words, but what a wealth of meaning. A message for us to-day just as much as it was to Peter then, and probably our profession of love would fall as readily as did his. "Love?" "Yes, we love," but do we serve? Serve with our time, talents, money, opportunities, sympathy, with anything at all that God has given into our hands, inasmuch that whatever the strain, part is ours, whatever the service we are included.

We read with horror of the man who, when climbing the Alps with three companions, finds the strain on the rope that binds him to his friends suddenly tighten. Fearful for himself, he deliberately cuts the rope, thus freeing himself, but helping in the destruction of the others. It was the easy way out, but he was a base deserter. When he was most needed he failed.

We as brethren are bound together by invisible ropes, but let us not cut the rope when we feel the strain tighten.

A missionary friend relates the following: When last home on furlough he visited Westminster Abbey, and gazed with wonder at the beautiful Biblical pictures on the glass windows. One burned into his mind, that of Christ seeking the lost sheep. Back again in the heart of Western China he is standing in a small mud hut, one small hole in mud wall for window, and straw thatched serving for roof. He is preaching to the ragged group, and his mind goes back to the day in the Abbey, Christ seeking the lost, and tries to tell them of that wonderful Christ. Suddenly the portal of light is shut off, and on looking up to see the cause, he sees in the frame of the window the small form of a ragged Miao (wild) boy.

The contrast is complete, for in the Abbey is but the beautiful picture, here the living reality—the lost sheep itself.

Yes, brethren, the lost sheep are here, the lambs too!—Let us feed them.—A. Anderson, Hueilichow.

"Will You Help to Win Them?"

The long-looked-for time has arrived! We are on our field—the field "white already to harvest." One thinks not of possible future difficulties or disappointments, but, with optimistic eye, sees but souls groping for light.

We were very warmly welcomed, and have been much encouraged by the numbers of women and girls attending the meetings.

Soon after our arrival, I was awakened, from what I considered a well-earned rest, to interview some thirteen or fourteen school girls. After greeting, they said, "Si-muh (teacher), will you tell us all about the Christ?" What an opportunity! The joy of speaking to these girls of the Christ more than fully repaid for the disturbed rest. Being students, these girls can read, so we



"Meeting of Spring" Festival, Hueilichow. These are actual girls set up high and carried through the streets.

have started a Bible class for them. We hope, ere long, they will enter the service of the "King of kings."

A service has been started for women, all of whom we hope will find in Christ the Saviour they need.

Can you see in these women and girls souls worth saving? Answer by your gifts, and remember Christ's words: "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."—Eva Anderson, Hueilichow.

Need for More Workers.

Dr. Ray Killmier's Difficulties.

We have had three weeks' experience of outpatient work under new and strange conditions. The first day about 100 were waiting for the gate to open. That crowd, every one with a physical infirmity, was reminiscent of the numbers who came with divers pains to Jesus at even, ere the sun was set. It was not hard to understand that the Saviour was looking in compassion upon them here as they waited expectantly for treatment. For his sake we ministered to them and considered it a high privilege.

But we cannot deal with the numbers who come. If we did, no time would be left for anything else—such important matters as learning the language and having meals would necessarily be omitted.

So we have tried limiting the days, then the hours, but are still kept from morning till night, for at all hours there are urgent cases to be seen. We charge a little fee to those who can afford it for medicine that is taken away, but the very poor we treat free. Even this does not keep down the numbers. We want to assist the needy without being over-run by the less needy. Pray for us, that the way into the needy hearts of these unfortunate multitudes may be made clear for Christ's gospel, and that his love may be made real to them by this physical and spiritual service.—E. R. Killmier.



Dr. E. R. Killmier.

Chinese Atrocities.

During the three months spent in Yunnanfu we lived next door to a girls' reformatory, and had many glimpses into the unhappy lives of these girls. Many of the inmates have not committed offences, but are there because they are orphans, and, being unable to find employment in homes, are sent there and become slaves. The life of the slave-girl is one of the hardest in China. She is at everybody's beck and call, and receives severe punishment for the most trivial mistakes. Could you imagine one of these girls being suspended from the ceiling by her wrists and flogged till unconsciousness relieved her suffering, and left in this condition till one hand became severed, and later death mercifully released her? Again, could you imagine another girl, for a minor offence, being held over a fire while her eyes were burned out with hot irons? It is hard to believe that such terrible things could happen in these days, yet both instances occurred during our stay in Yunnanfu, and are but two of the horrible tragedies which occur daily in China. The things which we see and hear make us long to be able to do more to help these people. Such cruel oppression cannot exist where the gospel is known, and the Foreign Mission offerings, by assisting to spread the gospel, help to free these people.—Gladys R. Killmier.

"Whose is the Blame?"

What opportunities are ours! In India the villages all round our stations are calling for preachers. Our orphanages are full: a sacred trust. From the thieves settlement souls are being won. In China our schools and chapel are filled and the tribes around are calling for the message. In the islands the native Christians are nobly supporting the work. Trained men and women from the College are ready to go. But the treasury is empty. Yet what enormous sums we Christians at home are lavishing on our comforts and luxuries! If the opportunities are lost who is the unfaithful servant that the Lord must call to account?—A. C. Garnett, M.A.



Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

A Command. A Test. A Commendation.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." A command to every believer. "Why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" A question to every shirker. "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful." . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." A commendation for all who will make it theirs.—Reg. Enniss.

The Shrigonda Orphanage.

Miss Cameron's Message.

My first words I feel should be those of appreciation to all our friends and supporters of this work amongst our girls.

We cannot report any very remarkable happenings, but the children have gone on steadily with their studies. There is, I'm sure, a real desire to be good, and some of the older girls have asked



The first four of these girls have asked for baptism.

for baptism. We know that this is the result you wish to see for your offering of money and prayer, and that you rejoice with us in its realisation, especially so as those who have expressed this desire are the girls who came from the criminal tribes at the time when Miss Blake was in charge of the orphanage.

I am thankful for good Indian Christian helpers, a provision that means so much to the work. Some of our own girls, too, have begun to help us, to repay for what has been done for them.

The girls have £13 profit in hand, made on their lace work, and this is going towards providing them with a nice work-room. At present they use a dormitory.

None have been seriously sick, and we are thankful that there are no deaths to report. The girls join in sending greetings, and pray that you may be blessed for your faithfulness to this work for Christ.—Florence Cameron.

Letters from Orphan Girls.

Australian Mission, Lyall Orphanage, Shrigonda.

Dear Brethren of our Churches of Christ of Australia,—

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of our girls and mistresses, and I am very glad to give you little message from us all.

Till now, by the grace of God, we are all doing well. Our studies and all our work is going on all right. Our girls seem to be attentive in their work. We are newly promoted in our new standards, and so we like very much to learn some of our new subjects like geography of the world, and we know so many things of the world. Our auntie, Miss Cameron, teaches us English.

More than all we are very glad to let you know about our Christian Endeavor meeting, which started in June, 1923. Our Auntie is the president of the same, and all our teachers help us in it. We have got five committees: Devotional, lookout, willing workers, letter-writing, visiting. We have no good flag for our meeting, but soon we hope we will get one. From this week in our almanac we have got topics on the suffering and crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and we humbly pray that may these lessons be profitable for us and to all the world around. C.E. members and people as well.

In the winter season some of our girls were sick by cold, cough and fever, but our auntie tried very hard and treated us very properly, and now

we are glad that all of us are all well. The quilts that you presented us in Christmas time are of great use to us, and we are indeed very much grateful to them who help us in such a way, and who remember us in their prayers.

May God the Almighty bless your work is our humble prayer.

With many salaams from us all,

I remain, on behalf of our staff,

Yours obediently,

Anandibai Salve.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,—

I, one of the Lyall orphanage girls, am very glad to write to you about some of our work.

Firstly, we all thank very much for the things and clothings that you send us all the time so very kindly, and we are very much grateful to you for the same.

We have got our C.E. meeting here. We, the girls of the six standard, learn geography of the world, and we are very much interested to learn so many curious and new things from it.

We are thankful that you all pray for us. Please pray our heathen people of this land of India, who are in darkness still, and that may the day come very soon that India may come and stand in one flag.



Miss F. Cameron.

There are many girls in our school who are orphans. All of them learn in the school.

Please write to us always, and let us know something of you all. We are very much anxious to hear for you. We enclose this letter with many loving salaams to you all.

Your affectionate child,
Lai Pawar.

Dear Sisters,—

I am very glad to write to you few lines about us in the hope that you will be glad to read it.

We always pray for you. We are very thankful for the presents that were sent to us in Christmas time. May God bless you more to work for him. Our girls try to study very hard. Some of our girls do lace work and embroidery work very nicely.

We have got our Christian Endeavor meeting here. We all big girls try to read our address in the meetings. We are orphan girls, and so we trust upon our Almighty Father that he will keep us under his wings, and we also will try very much when we go amongst our Hindoo people to show them the "Light" of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please pray for us that we all should be good girls. Please remember us to all other people there.

With many salaams from us all,

Yours affectionately,

Ahila Londhe.

Notes of a Missionary Journey.

There are in every Indian village those who can find nothing much to do but idle about waiting for something to turn up. Well, on this occasion we turned up, and halted for three hours. We saw and examined the school. We are giving primary education to the village children up to the 4th standard in Marathi. We found on questioning the children that they are getting an intelligent grip of the N.T. stories, such as the birth of Christ; Jesus working miracles; the atoning death, and resurrection. These stories are carried to the parents' homes and repeated there, so that the parents also hear the gospel from the mouths of their own babes. While we were busy with the school, our band of preachers divided into two parties and worked the village and surrounding hamlets. They had good numbers listening to the gospel. A number of sick folk gathered near the motor. We had a nice service with them, and then proceeded to treat the sufferers. There were 15 patients to be treated. They were suffering from various ailments. We did what we could to relieve the sufferers. Now it was 6.30 p.m., so we left Kasthi and arrived home at 8 p.m. feeling tired and hot. We thanked God for this day's privileges, and asked him to bless the Word given this day to these people.—Hy. Watson.

Our Privileges and Responsibility.

How great are our privileges, having been born in a land of gospel light and liberty. But we must ever remember that "privilege involves responsibility." It is ours to make Christ known to those who have not heard of him, to give the light to those who sit in darkness, and to give the bread of life to the perishing millions. We must not, year, dare not

"To men benighted,
The lamp of life deny."

We must not forget the millions groping in the darkness of heathenism, and waiting for the light that maketh all things new. Wherever the darkness reigns you find superstition, fear, death; but where the light of the gospel shines you see confidence and joy in the Lord. Be it ours to make a liberal offering so that Jesus may be increasingly glorified among the heathen.—A. C. Rankine.

No Not Fail Them.

Ours is the opportunity to send the gospel to the heathen. Let us not fail them, but let us have the joy of knowing that many have been brought out of darkness into the glorious light of the gospel by our liberal offerings on July 6.—M. Wilson. Sec. Sisters' Conference, W.A.



Unjini, aged about 14 years.

From Our Workers in China.

Early Days in the Dispensary.

"K'ai men; K'ai men." The call comes floating across the compound. It is ten o'clock on a beautiful winter's morning, and by that call I know that some of my patients are at the outer gate awaiting admission. What a contrast between those who used to await me in the out-patient department at home, and these poor, ragged, dirty folk who come crowding into the outer yard! They are not *all* poor and ill-clad, for some are the business men and gentry of Hueili; but even



Hueilichow Official's Wife with Nurse Masters and Mrs. Anderson.

Note official's wife in Mrs. Anderson's hat and furs.

these are often only clean "on top." So anxious are these patients to tell me of their complaints that they can scarcely await their "turn," and once that "turn" comes, it is difficult to stay their eloquence, for they like to describe, with much detail, their particular trouble. This tall dignified man assures me, very seriously, that he has six lumps in his stomach. This bright-looking woman has come enquiring for medicine that will make someone open their heart to Christ, while that dear old lady sitting quietly in the corner has been brought along by her two daughters-in-law, for medicine to take away the tired feeling from her body. There are many with terrible eye trouble, many for whom little can be done with an operation, and still a larger number covered in "scabies." With the assistance of my interpreter (Mrs. Anderson), I do what I can for them, but as yet is all so new to them, especially the "cleanliness" part of the treatment. So the morning hours pass, until a fifteen minutes "li pai" (worship) closes the dispensary work for the day; and as the last of my day's patients file slowly out through the gates, I wish with all my heart that those in the homeland who are interested in the advance of the medical work here, could get a glimpse of these poor ignorant souls waiting so patiently until we have the means at hand for more effective treatment.—Adelaide G. Masters, Hueilichow.



Schoolboys and Teachers, Hueilichow.

"Hath not God Made Foolish the Wisdom of the World?"

Last year was our first year of work at Hueilichow. The school-work consisted of one school attended by less than ninety boys. This year opens with a two-grade boys' school and a girls' school. In all we will have over 200 scholars.

We asked the Lord for blessing and he heard us. But we need a greater blessing than numbers. God has not given us this great company of children that they may be merely intellectually or even morally improved. He wants them *saved*. Let us do our share to save them.

Everyone should do his or her best, for nothing is so awful—to one who believes that salvation comes, not as a result of one's own efforts at right living, but through Christ alone—as the calm self-sufficiency of an educated Chinaman who has no intention of being brought to believe "foreign superstitions." Let us take advantage of our wonderful opportunities—no, let us *extend* our opportunities and *redouble* our efforts, that as many as possible of the educated inhabitants of this part of the Lord's vineyard (they are *our* responsibility) may, thanks to our efforts, be saved from the uncertain depths of Chinese materialism.—W. Waterman.

"Suffer . . . to Come."

This is the first time in the history of Hueilichow that so many foreigners have been in the city simultaneously. Never before have the people seen seven foreigners walking out together. The result is that whenever we go out we are followed by a number of them, principally children. These follow us into the chapel but do not appear to be very interested in the message. They attend the meetings mainly out of curiosity; but



Mr. W. Waterman.

we are hopeful that we will ultimately interest them in the gospel. We hold a class for the children each Sunday, and by telling them the simple story of Jesus we are attracting more attention.

In appearance these children are very different to our homeland children. Their skins, language and clothing are all very different, and many of them are dirty and ragged in the extreme. But essentially they are the same as our Australian children—each has a little soul to be saved. In God's sight their souls are as precious as the souls of our own little ones.

There are great opportunities for work among

these children. It is the work that will pay best in the end. From among them we hope to get our future evangelists and Bible-women—and members for a church that will be a glory to God.—G. Waterman.



Chene and his Wife, Hueilichow. A brand from the burning.

Have You Any Choice?

The Christian who wilfully remains ignorant of the marvellous doings of God among the nations is cutting himself off from the greatest possible stimulus to his personal trust in a prayer-answering God. Get to know what is happening in Brazil, in Uganda and the Congo, in Korea, in districts of China and India, and you will realise that the mighty Spirit of God is surely calling you and every other Christian to a vital fellowship of sacrificial love and holy adventure. When the Holy Spirit of God so manifestly leads forward, have we any choice—but to gladly follow? —J. A. Wilkie.

"To the Uttermost Part of the Earth."

Jesus said it, and for the most of us that settles the matter. Had Alexander Campbell said it, or Martin Luther, or Origen, or any other of the church fathers, we might have passed it by without suffering any loss. But "Jesus said it and we know 'tis true." If we disciples of Christ would only heed the words of our Captain, what a glorious life we would live. The faith of a little child is what we need. The missionary programme is simple obedience to the wishes of our Captain. This obedience may be expressed in terms of money if not in terms of service. Just now your money is needed. The workers have gone forth in the power of the Most High! It is our privilege to see they are at least fed and clothed. It is through us the Lord proposes to work. Let July 6 be a great day!—Ira A. Pater-noster.



Mrs. W. Waterman.

India Needs the Gospel.

The Dawn of Christ's Day.

It is the Hindu festival Holi. Away in the village we can hear the rattle of drums and the "bomb, bomb, bomb" of the men and youths. We know that there is a bonfire in the street. Dancing, licentious singing, obscene language, color throwing are its accompaniments.

Four years ago our Bhampta settlement was small, but the lads kept "bomb, bomb, bomb" all day, although we had them playing football. To-day as I listen I hear no sound other than distant chatting. Over 400 people are there to-day; there is no bonfire, no "bomb, bomb, bomb," no color throwing. All is quiet and orderly.

Whence this change? Who can point to any one thing and say—it? Merely for one to say a thing is bad does not stop the Bhampta. Surely the Lord is preparing the hearts of these people for the reception of his Word.

We find honest toil in place of thieving; temperate weddings instead of drunken orgies; quiet rest at home rather than obscene holiday making. And so—onward, upward! It is still night in their souls. Pray that it may soon dawn and the Sun of Righteousness come in.—H. R. Coventry.

Villages of India.

India is a country where the majority of the people live in small villages, i.e., villages with a population of perhaps 300 to 1,000 people. At first sight such a village seems very unattractive to a foreigner. The houses are built of mud bricks or stones and mud, and their flat roofs help to give them a dilapidated appearance. Here may be found too a few faithful oxen, some goats, fowls, and perhaps monkeys. But such a village cannot really be unattractive, for here are people, hundreds of them—men who work all day in the field, and who, after eating their evening meal of bread and chutney, "all night sleep in Elysium;" women who say they have not time to think of anything except working and getting something to eat; and children, happy little children, perhaps twenty or thirty of them in a tiny little school, and another hundred roaming about the village, minding the goats or driving the birds away from the crops.

In South India there are many such villages where nearly all the inhabitants have become Christians; but this is not the case in the Deccan. Often one teacher or preacher and his wife are



Baramati Boys' Orphanage Picnic.
All the boys are not here; some were home for Christmas holidays.

The Cry of Suffering Children.

As I took Margaret and Vera for their walk along the canal one evening, we were greeted by several passers-by. One, a Brahmin (high-caste) gentleman, showed himself very interested in the baby, and wanted to know sex, age, etc. He then told us he had a little grand-daughter who was very ill. After questioning him we found the child through its parents' ignorance had been starved. This man could read English, and on the "Glaxo" tin he read, "For a baby over nine months give nine teaspoonsful." He reasoned thus: That means nine feeds a day, one teaspoonful of glaxo in each feed. This is the way this poor child had been fed for months.

We were glad to be able to explain, and asked him to bring the child along for medical treatment, as it had become very weak.

As we continued our walk, we noticed all the aloes along the bank were being cut and prepared for rope by the Mangs (lowest caste). We came to their huts. Two of the women and several naked children rushed out to see the baby. Again the same questions were asked.

One of the women rushed back to bring her poor, sick, ill-nourished child, a boy of four years. He was too thin and weak to stand. They asked for medicine and clothing, and were told to come along in the morning to the dispensary (five minutes' walk), where they would receive both. They promised, and we returned home with those poor wee lambs upon our hearts and minds. But what did the parents do? Neither the Brahmin or the Mang came near for medical aid.

The Brahmin is so indifferent, the Mang so callous; both are bound by fetters of custom, caste and superstition which Christ alone can sever.—Ethel Coventry.

the only Christians, more often still there will be no preacher or teacher either, and the village will just be visited by the evangelists once a week, and there are also many villages where the gospel message is never taken at all. Jesus is just as anxious about these people in India's villages as about those in the flourishing cities of civilised lands. Pray and give that the gospel may be taken to them.—L. Redman.

Prove Your Interest in India's
Welfare by a Self-Denial Offering
On July 6.



Malegaon Bible School.

Money Co-extensive With Men.

Let our giving of money be co-extensive with our giving of men and women.

During the past days we have called with a real passion in our appeal for men and women. The call was heard and responded to, and we have sent both men and women: there are others in training to go.

To-day we call with just as real passion for money. Our fields have grown, the demands have grown rapidly.

The secret of our past success on the fields has been that in the home lands there has been a willingness to enlist our money. Let July 6 be the real gift day.—E. J. Paternoster, Pres. S.A. Conf.

Retrench or Entrench.

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations." The church is waging a warfare against sin and wickedness. Let each one of us ask ourselves what is our position to-day in that army. Can the Lord depend on us? If he can we can entrench (dig in) in the enemies' land and score victories all along the line; if he cannot depend on us we must retrench (draw in) and fall back. Are we going to give up our positions on the mission fields that have been won by the splendid sacrifice of our noble band of missionaries? During the year word was sent to all our mission fields that expenses had to be cut and all work in course of preparation stopped as far as possible on account of lack of funds. Brethren, is our interest in the "regions beyond" on the wane, or do we fail to recognise our responsibility in this matter? Those who sit in darkness are demanding more and more that we send them the light. Must we retrench in our work and thus dishonor the name of Jesus, or will we entrench and from our present positions endeavor to push forward with a bigger offensive than ever during this coming year. The call from abroad is a never-ceasing one. Let us by our big gifts on special occasions, and regularly through our duplex envelope system or special collections, give freely that our position may be sustained, the name of our Lord honored, and the people of this generation won for Christ.—Geo. Morton, N.S.W. Treasurer F.M. Committee.

Our Heritage to the Future.

A Christian or Heathen World—Which?

There are reasonable grounds for thinking that the domination of the white races will cease in the no-distant future, unless divine and natural laws are more generally observed. At the present comparative birthrates, it is only a matter of arithmetic to determine when the dark races may confidently assert their right to majority rule. The destinies of humanity would then be in the hands of Christian or heathen nationalities, according as we do or do not our duty with respect to foreign missions. This, however, is but one view of the matter. The visions of heathen millions eternally won for Christ is a greater and nobler stimulus to missionary activity.—Alan Pine, nobler stimulus to missionary activity.—Alan Price, B.A.

The Work at Shanghai.

Christmas, 1923, at Kwen Ming Road.

Christmas proved a very happy as well as a highly interesting time for the young people here. The knowledge that some help was promised by the Australian Committee on behalf of the boys and girls of that more highly favored land enabled Mr. Hu Siu Wu, the headmaster of the

ive, from the outsiders' point of view, was the depicting of the history of a man determined to find the right path. He was seen sitting reading a copy of the Bible. In succession a number of persons approached him and tried to get him to give up his search and follow them. He resisted all until a priest came along who, showing him

Our First Missionary to China Testifies.

That the native Christians appreciate and value the prayers and financial assistance of the churches in other lands is amply expressed in the letters received from them from time to time.

One young man in Shanghai, China, in each of his letters expresses the thanks of all his fellow-workers in the Sunday school work, for prayers and sympathy of the friends here, and adds "Keep on praying for us for we are young and inexperienced; we need more wisdom, tact and love to win the children of our dear country (China) for Jesus." "And also for more workers to be raised up to carry the gospel to their own countrymen." These requests for prayer from these dear friends should inspire us all to greater efforts.—R. L. Tonkin.



The Inaugural Meeting of the Old Boys' Society of the Christian School, Kwen Ming Rd., Shanghai, New Year's Day, 1924.

school, to secure a small present for each one in attendance. The Chinese, being born actors, prefer to give expression to their ideas in a way that the eye can see and enjoy, hence the school children, guided by one of the teachers, planned a presentation of the Christmas idea and gave the same in a few well-worked-out scenes.

As with everything we do in this work, so now the Scriptures were read, hymns sung and prayer offered. Also, we had a fine address by a Chinese friend which went to explain clearly the idea underlying the Christmas holidays and festivities. The hall was packed, and even the passages were full of on-lookers; there must have been over three hundred persons present. Under this method of presenting the story of Jesus, impressions would be made on many minds not usually or easily reached.

The scenes represented took in the outstanding events in the early life of the Master, and also depicted the effects of our contact with him.

Boys and girls took part in setting forth the shepherds, the angels telling of his birth, and several other events. Then the whole story was recited by one pupil, and the listeners took it all in. This was followed by view of a Bible-woman visiting a heathen home and explaining to the inmates the gospel. Christmas eve in a Christian home was wonderfully portrayed—the family gathered to read the old story, the Christmas tree with presents for the family, all happiness except for the fact that outside a little girl was discovered who was homeless and crying bitterly! The Christian family took the girl in and gave her a share of what they had, leading her to understand the difference Christmas had made in China. Father Christmas was seen on the platform distributing the presents. This brightened the whole audience, as they knew that there were real presents for all the children, to be distributed later.

Other scenes followed in which question and answer regarding the Christian faith prevailed. One of the most effective,

that he, too, was going to heaven, got the old fellow to go with him to the temple. The priest's success was short-lived, as the old seeker soon began to examine the offer of heathenism in the light of the Bible he carried, only to find it insufficient. Finally, the priest, realising the emptiness of the religion he had been following, went off to join the Christians.

And so the evening wore away. Many had heard the gospel in a new way. When the Chinese come into the full possession of the Gospel, they will certainly be able to present it. We thank the home friends.—W. M. Cameron.

Have we not rather enjoyed our comforts, even luxuries with hardly a thought for those others, less favored, for whom Christ denied himself so much, even unto death.

May the month of June be a month of self-denial, proportionate to our wish to follow Christ; then will our Foreign Mission offering be more adequate to the great work waiting our response.—Mrs. A. E. Messent, Supt. F.M. Committee Sisters' Conference, S.A.



Church of Christ Day School, Kwen Ming Rd., Shanghai.

End of Term, Jan. 22, 1924. Students of Lower Primary School Receive Certificates.

Front Row.—Mr. and Mrs. Hu Siu Wu and Three Teachers. Miss Ing (on Mr. Hu's right) has since been married.

Back Row.—Pupils including Mr. Hu's son, the little fellow on the right. He is a fine singer, and knows lots of Scripture.

Our Hospital in Our India.

WHAT IT WILL MEAN.

Dr. G. H. Oldfield.

To the Natives of our Provinces.

1. *Relief from curable complaints.* We have frequently been told by our missionaries of cases which would speedily respond to treatment if a hospital were available. These cases will get the same chance that you would have in the homeland.

2. *A refuge in time of bodily need.* A case which principally needs rest and nursing cannot get these things in the average Indian home, while it is almost impossible to treat severe ob-



Dr. G. H. Oldfield.

stetric cases amid the profusion of dirt and discomfort usually found. These cases may find the refuge they need in our hospital.

3. *A realisation that folk overseas do care.* Think what this means to the outcaste whose injuries his own countrymen have ignored!

4. *A concrete example of what Christianity means.* The spirit of Christianity is that of service. Our missionaries tell the Indians this fact, but our hospital will afford another illustration of it. What the eye sees is often remembered better than what is merely heard.

To the Christians in the Home Land.

1. *The realisation of a long-talked-of dream.* For many years the establishment of our hospital has been talked of as one of the most necessary in connection with our Indian station. The time has now come to show that the idea is no longer a dream but a reality.

2. *An added responsibility.* It would be a terrible thing to establish a hospital and then let it fail for want of support. First count the cost—and then determine to meet it.

3. *A bigger financial need.* Our hospital must not only be built and opened; it must also be kept going. Nurses and doctor, bedding and bandages, drugs and dressings, instruments and sterilisers—not to speak of food and special garments, will form a continuous call.

4. *A wonderful opportunity of further expressing what Christianity means.* Much has been done already by the efforts of our missionaries to express what our religion means to us. The spirit of Christianity is that of helpfulness to the needy of every class or creed. Our hospital will give us a wider opportunity of expressing this aspect of Christianity.

Are you in earnest when you say you want medical missions in our India? Men and women have prepared by arduous training to answer the call that has been given—and still others are preparing.

You will answer the question by your response to the Committee's call for funds.

Bakshesh.

Beggars, smells and heat, were the three things that impressed me most when I landed in Bombay just two years ago to-day. Certainly it is these that lend color to the East, and so long as East is East these things will be.

Jesus said, "Ye have the poor always with you," but not all poor are beggars, and not all beggars are poor. In India the beggars are always with us—blind, lame, diseased, lazy, filthy, depraved, destitute, genuine or imposters. The Government does much to prevent this state of affairs, but begging is a very profitable occupation, and the religious systems of India lend themselves to it rather than discourage it. To give to a beggar, is to gain merit, so the Hindoo believes.

Indiscriminate giving has created an indescribable legion of beggars. Mothers have wilfully deformed their babies so that later on in life they might become profitable sources of income for the family. The more hideous the deformity, the greater the begging ability, hence the more lucrative the returns.

"Bakshesh," "Bakshesh, Sahib," "Bakshesh Memsahib," is a cry that is constantly in one's ears. At first the appeal finds a ready response, but as one's knowledge of the people grows, one comes to realise that to give to beggars is to be guilty of practising false charity. The begging caste of India casts its dark shadow over the entire land. But all castes are open to receive Bakshesh, and it can work wonders in any sphere of Indian life. The highest brahmin and the lowest outcaste are ever open to accept it, and having accepted it, take it as a natural happening of fate, and there ends their gratitude.

Nevertheless, the greatest Bakshesh ever offered to man they refuse. The greatest gift of the greatest Giver they spurn. Why? Because they know not the true sense of values. John 3: 16 has no meaning for them. We thank God for those few who have yielded to the light; who have accepted him; but we yearn for the masses who continue to grope in darkness because the eyes are blinded by sin, ignorance and superstition. Their



Mr. F. Killey.

false gods have hidden the great Sun of Righteousness from their lives. They need help. They need light. They need Christ. Let us pray, give and go, that these, our Indian brothers, shall have the light, shall know the truth, and the truth shall make them free.—F. R. Killey, Baramati.

"For His Sake."

One day we visited villages some miles distant from Shrigonda. We went by car, taking preachers and Bible-women. When we arrived at a convenient place for work the sahib and preachers went on foot to a large village still further away across the fields. The women and I visited a village by the roadside. We walked through some of the alleys, and then sat down on some stones under a tree. Presently curiosity prompted men, women and children to gather around us. We talked a while on every-day matters, and then we sang a hymn. This led to more singing.



Mrs. Watson with her Bible-women, Shrigonda, ready to start out to the village homes.

and the explanation of the hymns, and we preached unto them "Jesus," the one and only way of salvation. Some asked questions and seemed interested. When we finished one old woman, after some fumbling about in her sardee, brought out a farthing and offered it to us. She thought we surely did not come all that distance to sing and talk to them for nothing. Another woman sitting beside her said, "They don't want that. Don't you know the reason they come and tell us this story is, that some light might fall into our souls." We left them with the prayer that the true light might indeed shine in and dispel the darkness of superstitious heathen ideas. We then walked across the fields to some mullas (gardeners) and had a chat with some more of India's women.

On the way home we visited another large village. As we sat on the doorstep of a house and sang the praises of Jesus we heard a voice from within the house joining in with us. At the finish we looked up into the smiling face of the dear old Marwari woman. She had learnt the words of the hymn, and was not afraid to sing it with us before the people. We found the women here ready listeners of the gospel of hope and salvation. We ask for your continued prayers for those who hear his Word, also that the portions of Scripture distributed may be used to point many a soul to Christ our Saviour.

(A friend in Bombay recently sent us a gift of 500 portions of Scripture for distribution.)—H. M. Watson.

Our Alternative: Go or Give.

Arising out of our Master's "Go ye," is the obligation to carry the gospel to the whole heathen world. There are only two ways in which we, as individuals, can discharge that obligation. The first is to go ourselves. The second is to give. The fact that we cannot go does not release us from responsibility. Being unable to go, we must give or be disloyal to our Lord.—Ethelbert Davis.

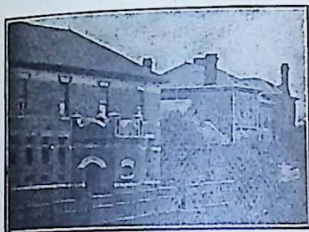
From Those who will Answer the Call.

"Shall we whose souls are lighted,
With wisdom from on high—
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?"

—Miss R. Batch.

Christians! awake! and lift up your eyes,
And look on the distant strands,
And pray that the Light of life may arise
In those far off, foreign lands.

—Miss V. Brooks.



College of the Bible, Glen Iris, Vic.

"Going forth at Christ's command,
Going forth to every land
Full salvation making known
Through the blood of God's dear Son."

—Miss L. Bryant.

"Whom the heart of man shuts out,
Sometimes the heart of God takes in."

—Miss M. Cole.

"The restless millions wait
That Light whose dawning maketh all things
new.
Christ also waits, but men are slow and late,
Have we done what we could? Have I? Have
you?"

—Miss D. Ludbrook.

"Pray! and work will be complete;
Work! and prayer will be the sweeter;
Love! and prayer and work the fleetest
Will ascend upon their way."

—Miss E. W. Morris.

"Not my own!" my time, my talent,
Freely all to Christ I bring,
To be used in joyful service
For the glory of my King.

—Miss E. M. Osborne.

A vision of a multitude of black faces, reproach-
ful, appealing rises before me. Have you had a
vision of them?—Miss H. J. Patterson.

"Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In loving echoes of thy tone;
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone."

—Miss A. N. D. Watson.

A Chinese convert came to a missionary and
said, "How long have you known about this
Jesus?" "Nineteen hundred years," sadly admitted
the missionary. "Nineteen hundred years? and
you have only just come to tell us? My old
father died looking for just this. Oh why didn't
you tell us sooner?"

—C. A. Bowen.

To follow as best we can in the footsteps of
the Master, to hope on and trust when the way
is dark and uncertain, to keep the Vision Splendid
before our eyes and those among whom we live
and work—this is the task that calls for the best
efforts and noblest sacrifices, and which, by the
grace of God, we hope to fulfil.

—H. Cave

O God, help us before it is too late, to be in-
strumental in saving some of these struggling
souls, sinking into a hopeless death, while we are
helpless except in thy strength.

—R. C. Bolduan.

After a time of trying to find what will best
please oneself, it is splendid to realise that what
best pleases him will also please us, and do the
greatest amount of good for our fellowmen.

—E. H. Gray.

"We lose what on ourselves we spend;
We have, as treasure without end,
Whatever, Lord, to thee we lend,
Who givest all."

—A. A. Hughes.

We would extend religious teaching to all, in
such form, that conscience is developed, and duty
to one's neighbor and to God is understood and
fulfilled.

—F. J. Swain.

"The question whether the heathen really need
Christ may be answered by the counter question:
Do we need him? and the intensity of our desire
to tell them of Christ will be in exact proportion
to the intensity of our own sense of need."

—S. E. Riches.

"How many sheep are straying,
Lost from the Saviour's fold;
Upon the lonely mountain
They shiver with the cold:
Within the tangled thickets,
Where poisoned vines do creep,
And over rocky ledges
Wander the poor lost sheep."

"Say, will you seek to find them
From pleasant bowers of ease?
Will you go forth determined
To find the least of these?
For still the Saviour calls them
And looks across the world,
And still he holds wide open
The door into his fold."

"Oh, come let us go and find them,
In the paths of death they roam;
At the close of day 'twill be sweet to say,
'I have brought some lost one home.'"

—Miss M. Benjamin.



Crossing the Yangtze River.
Our missionaries had an exciting time. Some of
the horses jumped into the boat and over the other
side into the river.

Au Kwong Hon's Message.

I came to Australia 14 months ago, and the
first place visited was Melbourne; second, Sydney;
and the next Adelaide. Nine Chinese have con-
fessed Jesus, for which I thank our dear Lord,
but I am sorry because I can spend only so short
a time in one place. I know the brethren need
the food of the Bible. The great apostle, Paul,
continued in one place, Ephesus, for three years
(see Acts 20: 31). I think against my word I



Mr. Au Kwong Hon.

believe someone said, "Why, Dr. Kellems and
Bro. Richards have good time for Jesus in one
month." "Yes," I say, "but others have sown the
seed on good ground for long time waiting for
Dr. Kellems and Bro. Richards to come and cut
down the crop." But, brethren, we must push
ahead for Jesus and trust in God. Jesus said,
"Except my word abide in you, and except you
abide in me, you can do nothing."—Au Kwong
Hon.

A Big Family.

Our staff in the foreign fields now consists of
a family of nearly thirty members. To some of
these our Federal Secretary is "brother," to others
"uncle," to others "Sahib," but whatever the
names they call him by, he "fathers" them all. The
Scriptures say that if a man provide not for his
household he is worse than —.

Do we realise the burden on our Federal Sec-
retary particularly, and the Federal Committee
as a whole? The weight of this burden for the
coming year is greatly influenced by your con-
tribution on July 6.—J. Fisher.

Our Answer at the Crisis.

We have come to a great crisis
in our F.M. work. The Lord has
opened up more doors for us and
he has led more workers to pre-
pare for service in our College
than ever before. Are we going
to send these workers into the
open doors? God has given us
this challenge. It is for us to an-
swer on July 6. We have the
means—God has given the field
and the men. Will we send these
faithful workers on in answer to
the call of those that wait the
message? If all will do their best
and make a sacrificial offering we
will have the greatest advance
that we have ever made in the
great harvest field. We can do it
if we will.—Jas. E. Thomas.

White Already to Harvest.

In taking a survey of a little over a century of Christian effort in India, one cannot but be impressed with the progress and triumphs of the gospel.

The great national and political awaking, which at present is stirring this great country to its depths; old deep-seated customs, caste with its deadening influence, are found to be barriers to all true advancement and liberty. These are dropping off, like the old leaves of a tree, before the bursting forth of a new life that heralds the dawn of a brighter day. In this great awakening and transformation that is at present taking place, mission-

great crisis and day of opportunity. "There is no discharge in this war." In the evangelisation of India, notwithstanding what has been accomplished, the striking fact remains that a mere fringe of the work has been touched. Large tracts of country, studded with towns and villages, lie unoccupied, where millions of the population live out their brief lives, without hearing the blessed news of salvation. The same must be said of the large tract of country for which we are responsible as a mission.

Recently we went on an evangelistic tour in the Indapur district, and broke new ground by visit-



Mr. Escott's Medical Work in the Villages.

ary effort can rightly claim to have been a powerful factor in the creation of these various changes.

A new situation as regards mission effort is being created, in that there is a letting go of a faith in a hoary past, and a reaching out for something to take its place. Here, then, is a great opportunity and challenge to the church of to-day to meet this new situation, and great issues quiver in the balance as to what response is given to this challenge. In summing up the results of the past generation of mission labor in this country, it presents an amazing record of noble achievement, for which the church might well be proud. Past successes, and work accomplished, however, will not suffice for the urgent, pressing needs of the present hour. The church cannot afford to rest on its laurels in face of a

ing some villages for the first time. There is still a large area studded with villages that as yet have never been visited by our missionaries. This constitutes a direct challenge to us as a church, a responsibility we dare not shirk, a privilege we must embrace, in reaching these people with the bread of life. The inspiring record of missionary effort as we see it to-day is the result of the free-will poured out, sacrifice of lives and wealth, given without stint by the church. That record can only be maintained in so far as God's people continue this spirit of self-sacrifice, and may God's people be found not wanting in the present great day of opportunity, but prove their great devotion to him in responding nobly to his command, "Freely ye have received, freely give."—T. Escott.

How Much Owest Thou?

"Mother, not that name—not that name, mother. Since I came home, only the name of Jesus do I hear—how is this? Mother, leave that name, take the name of Ram and our other gods; don't take that other name."

"No, daughter, for a long life have I looked to, and taken the names of idols, but no peace or rest came to me. But since I have heard about Jesus, Jesus Christ, and believing have taken his name, peace and rest have come to me." And truly taking only his name she died.

A young high-caste woman, visiting her mother a few days before she passed away, told how her mother died trusting in the Lord Jesus, and as this young woman clasped her hands, pleaded for the same story to be told her.

"Won't you come to my village and tell us? No one ever comes to tell us this story. Won't you come?"

We found that her village was nearer Indapur than Diksal, so we promised, if possible, when we went to Indapur to visit her village also. But alas! although we spent eight days, taking the gospel message to many homes in and around Indapur, we did not visit the woman's village. Why? Well, the sad fact is that while at Indapur we received our Australian mail with the message, "Be careful with cash—working on overdraft—no money," and later, "Overdraft all spent."

Working these distant villages (all in our district) always means extra rupees, and when we reckoned up the extra rupees spent through the itinerating, we felt sad. Owing to last monsoon rains failing, fodder for horses and bullocks is very very dear. Although we hired a cart to carry only fodder, still we also had to buy. But something else, or someone else, seems to have failed too, or why these messages, "No money—be careful?" "How much owest thou?" We cannot itinerate these outside villages (with their men, women and children who are not learning because we cannot go) and save the rupees. We would have liked to stay longer—or go out again later, and tell out the Story of the Cross to those who will never hear if we do not tell them; but this news—this request from the treasurer—"take care of the money"—comes to us. What can we do? How much owest thou?

One bazaar day a man listened earnestly to the message. Afterwards he asked, "Have you any book about this story?" Yes, we had. He bought one. Then, "Won't you come to our village? I have heard in the bazaar, but with the business of buying grain and vegetables, etc., I do not remember much, and no one ever comes to our village to tell us this story." We ask the name, distance, etc., of his village, but it is too far for us to go and return in one day. To be able to

spend only one whole day amongst the people of that village means three days away from Diksal, which means extra expense—fodder, etc., will need be bought. The treasurer sends the message, "Be careful—no money." What does this all mean? Is it that some of us have failed? Has the Lord's portion been tendered to him? If not, how much owest thou?

And so we can tell of very very many invitations to go to villages, all inside our district, but needing time and travel to get there. The people want to hear; we long to tell. It is the salvation story." He, our Saviour, said "Go." We have come, but we are blocked. What peace, rest, joy, What vast privilege we have (and are enjoying) in Christ Jesus. Shall we withhold these blessings from others? "How much owest thou?"—P. Escott.

Don't Come Over to Help Us.

The Apostle Paul seems to have been lucky. He had a vision, "A man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'" Where did the man come from? Modern missionaries never meet him. However, when Paul went to Macedonia they made life hot for him. They flogged him and flung him into prison. Few seemed glad he came. When he was on the ground most folk seemed to say, "We don't want you to come to Macedonia to help us."

Then, what about it? Shall we abandon foreign missions and stay at home? God forbid! Paul's experience in Macedonia was cruel and it seemed to contradict his vision about Macedonia. But he did not retreat. He battled on. He found some who would listen. He found some to believe, to be baptised—to follow Christ. Some loved him and clung to him and finally he presented a continent to Christ. He had no right to refuse the gospel to those willing to have it. In the light of Calvary how dastardly heathenish that refusal would be. Human indifference never cancelled a divine command. And Christ said "Go." Human ingratitude cannot invalidate divine mercy, and Jesus said, "I am with you always." Brethren, we must be unafrighted at the frowning countenance of racial animosity. We must go over and help them. We need to be more loving, more brotherly, more neighborly. Somehow, in Christ we must demonstrate a democracy of national life. A new democracy, a democracy on a larger scale with nations as the units in its larger freedom, is the supreme modern imperative. But in Christ's holy name, we must go over and help them.—George Saunders, Manila, Philippine Islands.

Our Fields, Forces, and Finance.

To adequately control our growing missionary work in India, China, and the islands of the Southern Sea is no small task. To wisely invest the funds and forces for the largest possible return for the kingdom requires not the work of a committee alone, but a co-operative effort of all the churches.

But who has really visualised its immensity, who has measured its extent? That we must enlarge our outlook upon our commitment is the large our outlook upon our commitment is the crying plea of our representatives in other lands.

There is no work being carried on needlessly—simply because it has been started—and it would be unpardonable to continue any line of activity not vitally necessary. The existence of every mission station has been the careful and prayerful study of those who first established them. It is the hope of the Federal Committee, who are now faced with a large deficit, paying 7 per cent. on an overdraft, that the whole brotherhood unite to adequately finance our missionary administration.

Our inescapable obligations and challenging opportunities that await us will make our difficulties our invitations to "go forward."

Christian hero, grasp the shield,
Truth's bright sword to wield;
Death and hell are in the field,
Fight for victory.

—W. R. Avenell.

Kindling Missionary Fires.

A Growing Work.

We all rejoice that our Foreign Missionary work is growing. A comparison of ten years ago and now shows up well to the advantage of the present. But a growing work makes increasing demands upon us; when the work does not do this you will know that it is dead. In Western Australia there has been an increasing response to the demands, for at the Conference of 1914 the F.M. report showed £217 given during the year, while at the Conference this year the amount reported was £802, and there are only 502 more members now than then. This year we hope to reach £1,000, and look for a big increase in the July offering to this end.—Thos. Hagger, Treasurer, W.A. Committee.

Victoria's Slogan.

"Better than Ever. £2,000 on July 6."

The Victorian F.M. Committee confidently relies upon the 11,750 members in the State to support our Federal F.M. work in India, China, New Hebrides, and among the Chinese in Australia, by raising a "Better than ever" offering of £2,000 on July 6.

The big tasks, big opportunities, big responsibilities, big prospects, and big victories abroad challenge us to make a big response to the appeal. We can do it, and we will.

On behalf of the committee, —J. Ernest Allan, Secretary.

"Is William Mad?"

When, in 1793, William Carey, the consecrated cobbler, saw India's teeming millions, heard the cry of souls in darkness, and made known his desire to carry the light of the gospel to them, the Christian world wondered at him. His father said, "Is William mad?"

Brethren, it is not madness to send the gospel to India's millions. It is not madness to help those 200,000 widows under 14 years of age; to prevent millions more from becoming wives at that age. It is not madness to help the outcast of any country. No! it is not madness to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Then let every follower of Jesus think of, pray for, and give to, Foreign Missions on July 6.—L. Larsen, Pres. Qld. Conference.

Love Finding Expression.

There are, from amongst us, men and women with hearts aflame for Christ, whose love is finding expression in terms of sacrificial service on the Foreign Mission field. Are there not, here amongst us, men and women with hearts aflame for Christ whose love will find expression in terms of sacrificial giving on the day of the Foreign Mission offering?—Miss H. C. Ludbrook.

The Whole Gospel for the Whole World.

Jesus said to his apostles, "Go ye . . . disciple all the nations." In this statement of the Great Commission we have Christ's programme for his church. It is a programme for the evangelisation, not of a country, nor of a continent, but of the whole world. Nothing less than this will satisfy the Christ. It was the vision of a lost world which led the Saviour to a sacrificial death. It was "that the world might believe" that Christ so ardently desired the unity of believers. This being so, is it possible to conceive of his church being satisfied with anything less? "Go ye into all the world" is still the mandate of Christ to the church; and will ever remain such until "the gospel of the kingdom is preached to all nations for a witness unto him." Then in the name of our Great Leader the F.M. Committee appeals to every member in every church for a record offering for Foreign Missions on July 6. Let our offering demonstrate our faith in Christ and in our plea for the whole gospel for the whole world.—F. E. Alcorn, Pres. Qld. F.M. Committee.

Success of the Work.

Your committee are happy to represent you in Foreign Mission interests and needs. We would urge upon your memories the remarkably rapid success in our foreign fields. A greater sum than ever is sought in the July 6 offering. That is a sure index of healthy growth. Please note that the increased giving is sought not to cover a debit through decadence, but as a further investment in prepared lives ready to enter waiting fields. We commend a June Self-denial month unto a great Tasmanian Foreign Mission offering on the first Lord's day in July. "Good" in the years by, "better" last year, but "best" this year, 1924.—N. G. Noble, Pres. Tasmanian F.M. Com.



The god that guards the mountain pass on the exact boundary of Yunnan and Szechuan. This god sits in a little shrine.

Tasmania and Foreign Missions.

It is appropriate that the churches in this State should be associated most intimately with a great world enterprise that is set for the redemption of the non-Christian millions. God has blessed the churches with wonderful progress since the last Foreign Mission appeal. The records on July 6 should reveal something bigger and better than ever. With a month of self-denial, a clarified vision of the world's need, and the larger purpose that is born of faith and nurtured by love may the growing Tasmanian Brotherhood be associated with Foreign Missions more definitely and effectively than ever.—W. H. Nightingale, State Secretary.

This Side of the Question.

The devotion of our foreign missionaries to the Lord Jesus and their ability in discharging the responsibilities of their service move us to profound thankfulness. We have prayed for them. We need that they pray for us. May the church at home come in the unity of the Spirit to that place where God can have his way with us. Then, seeking first the interests of his kingdom, and being filled with his grace, none could resist the wisdom and power with which we would speak, nor any national boundaries mark the limit of our influence. The field is the world. To the work!—R. K. Whately, B.A.

Spiritual Reproductiveness.

"Be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth" was the first command given to mankind. History shows that every nation which neglected, set aside, or defied the Divine Law has been punished by their destruction, and to-day, whether so-called Christian or heathen, we cannot defy God's primary law and live as a nation. Israel is punished for sins as surely as Sodom and Gomorrah.

In the spiritual world the law is the same, "Be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth;" or the same thing in Christ's words, "Go, make disciples of all nations," and is the first law given first because it is vital. We cannot neglect or defy it and live as a Christian church. If for our own profit, comfort, or indolence we fail to maintain the birthrate into the Christian church we are just as surely marked for destruction by God's eternal law.

Foreign missions give promise of added nations to the family of God, but he has only provided one law of increase. The responsibility is on us and the issues are tremendous. "Go, make disciples," reproduce your spiritual life and live; refuse, and die.—Albany Bell.

There is—

ONE God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

ONE world with many lands and many people having no hope and without Christ.

ONE thing wrong with the world—sin—from which it must be saved.

ONE remedy—the gospel of Christ—but many "patent medicines."

ONE Saviour—Christ, the Son of the Living God—but many substitutes.

ONE plan—others—"every creature"—"all the world"—"the uttermost parts."

ONE church only according to the New Testament, and it is the business of that one body with one mind and one accord to give such a witness that the world might believe.

ONE day every year—the first Lord's day of July—when the Foreign Mission Committee challenge all to measure themselves by the world's need and the Great Commission.

ONE thing we must do on July 6—give and give and give until our offering is red, blood-red with sacrifice as did our Master when he gave himself to save us.—W. R. Hibburt.

What Shall We Offer Jesus?

The Lord's Offering. He gave up his heavenly glory, he humbled himself, he suffered and bled and died. He gave all he had, nothing did he withhold. A true self-denial.

The Missionary's Offering. They have given up the things we all prize so highly—Mother, father, children, lands—for his sake and the gospel's. They have given their all. God bless them for it. A true self-denial.

Our Offering. What have we done? We are too ashamed to even begin to compare it with the offering of our consecrated missionaries. We have every comfort we want and a lot we don't need. Ours is not a self-denial, for we think far more of how we want to spend our time and money, than of how the Lord wants us to spend it. If we would make a true self-denial then let us talk with him about it each day in June, and then ours also will be a worthy offering.—W. L. Ewers.

The World Calls for Christ.

The whole world calls for the good news of Christ. Unfortunately kingdom advance is inseparably linked with financial faithfulness. It would not be unfortunate if we remembered that Christian giving is a glad worship not an irksome encumbrance. Jesus spoke to men more of their attitude to money than of any other subject. He thought of giving not as a science to be studied, but as an art to be practised. Remember A. McLean's motto: "Go. Let go. Help go. Never stop at a tenth."—A. L. Haddon, B.A.

The Response of the Home-Land.

Prayers and Pounds.

Foreign Missionary work is a warfare. The church is an army engaged in a campaign, and against it are opposed the forces of heathen religions with their attendant vices and superstitions, idolatry and wickedness, holding captive millions of God-created men and women.

The Christian church has been commissioned to carry the battle into the very heart of these strongholds, and to win the whole world for the kingdom of God's Son.

An army on campaign is not confined to those who are in the front ranks—those face to face with the enemy. There have to be those at the base directing the whole position; others to encourage and instruct the recruits; the task of some is to direct the preparation of supplies, weapons and munitions. Every man has his individual work to do in order that success may come to the enterprise. Without support from the base those on the front line will fail and the ground already won be speedily lost; unless supplies are kept going to the front it will not be possible to take advantage of possibilities to go forward.

The warfare of the church is identically the same when applied to our foreign work. The complete success of the enterprise depends wholly on the fidelity of every unit of the great army of the church. It is not alone those on the front rank who are to do the fighting; everyone must help.

Victoria is asked for £2,000 on July 6. This is a great advance on any previous year, but we honor the churches in putting this aim before them. Our new advance in China means a bigger responsibility; but we are looking for a signal victory on this field. Will we jeopardise success by withholding supplies, or strengthen the advance by a record offering?

Let our answer be, "With our prayers and pounds—go forward."—Len Gole.

Wanted.

Wanted: Men and money for the kingdom! "The need of the world is appalling," says a Christian statesman. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," says Jesus. Truly this is a challenging hour. We dare not advocate a policy of retrenchment. Doors are opening to us as a people, and we must enter in. Now is the time for the consecration of life and of means in order to the furtherance of the gospel, the exaltation of Christ, the salvation of men, and the glory of God.—Horace Kingsbury.

Remember!

Remember the promise.—"Lo, I am with you always."

Remember the prophecy.—"All nations shall bow down before him."

Remember the warning.—"Where there is no vision the people perish."

Remember the pressing need.—"Whitened fields—more workers—more prayer—more money."

Remember Christ and our brothers of other lands, and give till it hurts.—S. J. Southgate.

A Triple Urge.

We are disciples of Christ. Such has been our boast. We are Christians, and such a name carries its own implications as to our missionary duty.

1. Christ is our Lord. We are not left in doubt as to our duty. "Go into all the world," is his imperative. Ours only to obey.

2. Christ is our Saviour. Saved! and at such a cost. Love for him who first loved us will find a way to help make him known.

3. Christ is the only Saviour. The world may not want Christ but it needs him more than anything else. Then let us through our F.M. Committee press on to do our part in the great task.—A. W. Connor.

Sinews of War.

Once again the brotherhood of Tasmania is asked to do its part to assist in the great task of carrying the "glad tidings of great joy to all people."

The news from the fields during the year has been most encouraging—new workers have been sent out, and others are nearly ready to go. Buildings also are urgently required to accommodate these workers. What, then, is now needed is the "sinews of war," without which it is impossible to advance.

Brethren, we must go forward. Stagnation means decay, and decay spells death. We are asked to make the month of June a self-denial month. Our brave missionaries are living lives of self-denial year in and year out. Let us do without some of the luxuries this month, and thus increase our gifts on July 6.

Our aim is £200. We can reach it if each member will do his and her part. Let us get busy right now.—Jas. P. Foot, junr., Tas. F.M. Sec.



Official and Staff, Hueilichow.

"Our World Task."

The task of the church is a world task. She is commissioned of Jesus to such an objective. This is a great task, but not too great when the Master leads, and when each individual church decides to do something in the evangelisation of a part of the task. If the ramparts of error are to be successfully stormed the church must have an uplook as well as an outlook. Dr. Kitchen well says, "After looking round on the depressing world conditions, it is a relief to turn our eyes in another direction. The outlook may be dark but the uplook is bright; the outlook fills the mind with dismay, the uplook with rapture; the more hopeless the outlook the more delightful the uplook."

Miss Kidd, of Yunnan, says of some girls she was teaching, "It was a joy to watch their earnest little faces as they sang their favorite chorus—"

"I truly love Jesus,
I deeply love Jesus,
I fully love Jesus,
Because he first loved me."

Then let the great united Church of Christ in Australasia show how much it loves these little ones, for whom Christ died, by a consecrated offering on July 6.—J. E. Shipway.

Meeting the Challenge.

Once more we are being reminded of our obligation and privilege of helping to win all the people of all the world for Jesus Christ. To bring this appeal before our brotherhood I feel that I cannot do better than quote some soul-stirring lines from a sermon by the late Dr. J. H. Jowett, on "The Exploits of the Faith," in which he says, "The Acts of the Apostles is still being written, and dazzling chapters are being added in the shining record of the missionary life of to-day. Christ has heroic men and women at the front, soldiers of the Cross who are exhibiting as cool a nerve, and as noble a courage, and as tenacious a patience, and as gloriously extrav-

gant a sacrifice, as any which you could have found in battle-trenches and hospitals of Europe. But what about ourselves? Are we in the field or out of it? Are we soldiers or only spectators? Nay, are we really less than spectators, not sufficiently interested even to turn our eyes upon the glorious war? How much do we care for the salvation of the world? . . . In this stricken and appallingly war-swept world the blessed Saviour is calling. He is calling for the blessed women and munitions and money. Shall we refuse him? I appeal to every reader, young and old, nay, the Master himself appeals to us to have a share in his holy and glorious campaign. Let us give ourselves to our Lord in the uttermost consecration. Let us give him our spirits in ceaseless intercession. Let us give him our strength in the readiness of exultant service. Let us give him our money in most joyous and bountiful beneficence. Let us give to the point of blood and let us know the joys of sacrifice. Let the angels in glory be constrained to whisper to one another 'They bear the marks of the Lord Jesus.'"

These words should be taken to heart. We have young men and women almost ready to go out in obedience to this divine call. They are earnest, devoted, and willing to serve in the far-flung borders of the Empire of Christ. The question which our churches must face is: Shall we rise to this opportunity and give of our means abundantly so as to send forth these consecrated workers who have answered the challenge of Christ, and said, "Here am I, send me"?—B. W. Huntsman.

"Letting our Light Shine."

The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest nearer home, is true of individual Christians as well as of congregations of Christians. We at home have the light and are walking in that light, but let us remember it was passed on to us by others who faithfully preached, worked, and gave time and money (much time and money) to pass on to us the glorious light of the gospel which has brought us out of darkness into the glorious light of liberty and made us the children of God. Shall we deny to others that which has been freely given to us? We are stewards of the grace of God, that is to pass on the story of his love and salvation until all have heard the glad news. This requires the absolute surrender of self, time, money. The Lord will require an account as to the interest we have taken in the salvation of others.—D. R. Stirling.

"I'm Your Man."

In "Thinking Black," Dan Crawford, missionary in Africa, declares that it is a constant source of joy to missionaries to hear in a foreign dialect of the simple truths of the gospel expressed in a new way "by one twist of the negro tongue." He pictures an African chief boldly claiming that if the good news is for everybody it follows that his own abandoned people have as much right as others to an offer of salvation. Mr. Crawford presents himself as endeavoring to meet the chief's challenge by reading the account of the impotent man at the pool Bethesda (Jn. 5: 1-15). He ventures the assertion that here is one who had the same complaint as the African—"Sir, I have no man." Then he tells the story of the cure of the healing of the man who was deprived of the cure which so many others experienced, and asks the aggrieved chief if he can understand the lesson of the incident as applied to the Africans.

"Oh," answers the chief, "that is very simple: the thirty-eight years sick man is like our abandoned Africa; the man said, 'I have no man.' Christ said, 'I'm your man.'"

And to all, Africans, Hindoos, Chinese, Japanese, South Sea Islanders, Christ says to-day, "I'm your man." But he speaks only through his Word and messengers, "How shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" May God help all of us to do our part to send the news of the peerless spotless man to the benighted heathen, for he says to-day, as of old, "I'm your man."—J. C. F. Pittman.

Here and There.

A few messages sent for this number had to be held over. They will be used in later issues.

The following telegram from Barmera, S.A., reached us on Tuesday:—"Hunt-Mudford mission commenced second week Sunday; two decisions; attendance and interest increasing nightly."

The N.S.W. Conference President, Bro. T. E. Rolfe, is devoting much time and energy to the duties of his office. His cheery optimism and practical interest are giving a healthy stimulus to the work.

A large number from York St. attended at Dawson St., Ballarat, on last Wednesday, when Bro. Connor baptised nine who had confessed Christ in the mission. It was a service of great joy to all.

Over 100 of the young people of Dawson St. and Peel St., Ballarat, met on a week night at the Dawson St. hall for a social evening. It was a time of happy social fellowship. At both churches meetings are good, and the work is full of promise.

Our Federal Foreign Mission Secretary, Bro. G. T. Walden, has collected the material and provided the blocks for this special number. We are indebted to him for his valuable service. To the kindness of Bro. G. P. Pittman we owe the design of our first cover page.

Bro. R. Conning, who is conducting a Bible school on Sunday afternoons at the Burwood Boys' Home, desires the help of two willing workers (preferably from Eastern suburbs). Any who are ready to assist should write to Bro. Conning at 197 Elizabeth St., Melbourne.

Bro. F. T. Saunders concludes his work with the church at Carnegie, Vic., on June 29. For a time Bro. P. A. Dickson will preach there. Bro. Saunders who is serving as organising secretary for the "Save the Children Fund" and "Armenian Relief Fund," will, for a while, be free to help churches with speaking and preaching. His address is 4 Tranmere Av., Murrumbidgee, Vic.

The 12th Federal Conference of the Churches of Christ will assemble in Sydney on Oct. 18 to 22 of this year. A comprehensive programme is being prepared, dealing with the great brotherhood activities such as our Foreign Missions, Bible College, Federal evangelism, and Preachers' Provident Fund interests. Already a large number of brethren from the different States have signified their intention of being present. Further information will be supplied later.

Meetings at Cowandilla, S.A., on June 1 were exceptionally good. At night the tent was full, and eleven confessed Christ. The meetings were continued in the chapel for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, concluding with a social and thankoffering on Thursday evening. Altogether 11 confessed Christ, and almost all will be baptised. Much praise is due to Bro. Tease for his forceful presentation of the truth; also to Bro. B. W. Manning for conducting the singing on the week-nights. All through the four weeks' mission the meetings were well attended.

In compliance with the resolutions of last Conference, brethren throughout Victoria are urged to take an earnest interest in the forth-coming State elections and endeavor to secure the return of only those candidates who are most likely to stand for social reform, especially on the liquor question, irrespective of party. It is felt that the indifference of the churches in the past is responsible for the passing of the "Brewer's Bill" (abolition of Local Option, etc.), during the last Parliament. If members are not prepared to vote outright for the candidate suggested, perhaps the second preference vote could be given to him. The Department of Social Service does not desire to dictate the ticket to be voted by members of our brotherhood; but as the matter is important, the secretary, Mr. C. Burdeu, 15 Mackay St., Prahran, will be prepared to furnish any with the name of the candidate considered most favorable in their district to social reform.

The Austral would be grateful if agents would remit all money in hand before June 30.

Fifteen delegates attended the monthly executive of the S.A. Churches of Christ C.E. Union, on June 6, presided over by Bro. C. Hogben. Encouraging reports were received from 6 Y.P., 2 Int., 6 Jnr. Societies. The "get together" social on June 30 will be held at Hindmarsh Church of Christ instead of Grote St. as previously arranged. It was decided to ask Bro. J. E. Thomas (Union's first president) to be the speaker at the Town Hall rally on Sept. 13. A rally is being arranged for July 28. All societies are asked to help visiting delegates by trying to induce large numbers to attend at special meetings. The following motion was carried:—"That we, as a Union, pledge ourselves to a wholehearted support of the forth-coming Australasian C.E. Convention, Oct. 9 to 16, and we ask our societies to do so." Next executive, July 4, at 7.45, in Grote St., when officers for the ensuing year will be elected.—Gertie Spurr, Hon. Sec., 60 Sea View Rd., Henley Beach.



Evangelist Tsing and Wife, Hueilichow.

The Hinrichsen-Brooker mission at Lygon St. has been well attended during the past week. Seven confessions to date. Each night the tent has been almost filled, and another and larger tent, erected on Saturday afternoon to provide for the Sunday night audience, did not accommodate all who came. There must have been 450 to 500 present. Members of the various churches and also several of the evangelists have been present to show their interest in the mission. On Sunday morning Bro. Hinrichsen spoke upon "Home-made Clothing," when there was a good attendance of members. A good number of strangers are attending the mission. On Sunday night Bro. Hinrichsen delivered a powerful discourse upon "The Supreme Question." The song service led by Bro. Brooker is helping the missioner. Bro. A. Hinrichsen reads the message each night. On Monday evening a large number of questions were ably answered by the preacher.

Bro. H. H. Ball has now arrived at Brisbane, at the invitation of the Qld. H.M. Committee. He will be conducting an extended series of missions in many of the country church districts, and also in new localities where isolated members reside. His first mission will probably be at Marburg, and soon after there will be a long tour throughout the great Western District. This is a venture of faith. A special mission fund is being opened. At present there is nothing in the fund. But the opportunities are great, the need is tremendous, and we are prayerfully confident that the harvest will be plentiful. Brethren throughout the Commonwealth who can help in this work are urged to send a contribution along immediately. Some of the districts which will be entered have never yet had any religious services regularly conducted. Many others have never heard the simple gospel message. Address all donations and requests for missions to A. J. Fisher, Clara St., Annerley, Qld.

Fine addresses have been given at North Fitzroy morning services this month by Bren. B. W. Huntsman, Andrews and J. W. Baker bearing on the F.M. offering. Last Wednesday evening eight members of the student mission band from the College took the mid-week meeting, and rendered a fine programme of addresses, duets and songs. The objective for July 6 is £100, an increase of 25 per cent. on last year's offering.

Splendid meetings at Sydney City Temple on June 8, S. J. Southgate speaking morning and evening. The gospel theme was "The Spiritual Element in Christian Baptism." Two were baptised, and three more decided for Christ. A big improvement is evidenced in the choir since reorganisation, anthems at gospel service being splendidly rendered. Sister Potter has recovered from illness, and is recuperating in the country. Good meetings were enjoyed on June 15. Bro. Southgate spoke in the morning on "The Call of the Mountain," and at night on "The Folly of Unbelief." One responded to the invitation. All auxiliaries are in a fairly progressive state. The men's monthly meeting has come to stay, the fellowship being much appreciated by those attending.

Merbein, Vic., reports two confessions on June 1; Bro. P. C. Bennett conducting both services. The Christian Endeavor Society has been reorganised, and the young people are showing keen interest in the meetings. Last Friday evening a very enjoyable social was held. Bro. Bennett has commenced a series of lectures during the week-night meetings, entitled, "The Bible as a Book: Its Language, Credentials and Interpretation." One young man was baptised at the conclusion of the gospel service on Sunday. The Bible school has started an aeroplane campaign, and already a number of new scholars have been added. The tone of the work generally is improved. A lot of sickness has prevailed. Bro. and Sister Bennett have had an anxious time owing to the severe illness of their little daughter Lois, but she is almost recovered.

At Brighton, Vic., on Sunday evening Bro. B. W. Huntsman spoke on "Yet There is Room," and a young man made the confession. Prof. Smythe, of Melbourne University, gave a valuable address on Tuesday to young men. The meeting was arranged by the K.S.P. Society. Several new lines of activity have been started lately. In connection with the girls' Phi Beta Society, a gymnasium has been formed under the direction of Miss Seedsman. A first aid class has secured a good membership of ladies and girls, who are being instructed by Dr. McLean. A tennis club has been organised, and preparations are being made for two asphalt courts on an allotment facing the chapel. The Kappa Club is doing good work. A debate on "Capital Punishment" created interest. The church is preparing for the annual Foreign Mission offering. The Wednesday evening meetings are devoted to this theme. Helpful addresses have recently been given by Bren. H. Kingsbury and J. E. Allan.

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Prayer Meeting Topic

July 2.

Our Marching Orders.

(Matthew 28: 16-20.)
Horace Kingsbury.

Our Prayer Meeting leaders are asked to keep in mind that July 6 is Foreign Mission Sunday throughout our churches. A good Bible study on "Our Marching Orders," in the week immediately preceding, with plenty of prayer, should do much to prepare minds and hearts for the Lord's day, and to secure a liberal and cheerful offering for the furtherance of the gospel.

Archibald McLean characterised the several divisions of the New Testament as follows: "The gospels culminate in the Great Commission. All that goes before leads up to this and prepares for it. All that follows in the New Testament is a result of the carrying out of the commission by the apostles and their associates. . . . The Acts is first of all and last of all and most of all an inspired record of the missionary activity of the church in the first decades of its existence. . . . The Epistles, what are they? For the most part they are letters written by missionaries to missions which they had founded. . . . The book of Revelation is a forecast of the final victory, when all rule, and all authority, and all power opposed to Christ shall be abolished, and when he shall reign from pole to pole with undivided and undisputed sway."

In his chapter on "The Commission According to Matthew," in "The Primacy of the Missionary," Brother McLean gives ringing emphasis to "All authority," "All nations," "All commandments" and "Always." "We are not at liberty to select the easy and agreeable things; we are to do whatsoever he has directed us to do."

"It is not enough that we understand his commandments and meditate upon them, or even admire them; we are to observe and do them." Maltbie D. Babcock wrote: "Remember, fellow Christians, how wide was the horizon of Jesus. Our horizon widens from cradle to home, school, city, county, and with some, perhaps, to the last man. But to Jesus the outside rim of the earth was the first horizon that he saw, and the last. When he was born good tidings came unto whom—the Jews? 'Unto all people,' 'among all nations,' 'throughout the whole world,' 'to every creature,' 'to the uttermost part of the earth,' are Christ's words. 'Go ye into all the world' is his limitless command, his boundless expectation."

The first missionary our Australian churches sent to the foreign field was Miss Mary Thompson, and she is still at her work in India. The experiment proved a great success. Our churches developed a missionary conscience, and as a result reinforcements were sent to India, and representatives were sent out to China and the New Hebrides. Brethren and sisters undertook Christian work among the Chinese in Australia. The brotherhood in New Zealand became vitally interested in evangelistic work in South Africa. And the end is not yet!

Choice young men and women have consecrated themselves to the missionary enterprise, and have gone through years of strenuous preparation for efficient service. They are asking God to thrust them forth into the harvest field, and are looking to their brethren to help answer their earnest prayer. The doors of the heathen world are not only wide open, they are off their hinges, and this is the time of times for entering in.

If the church wants the presence of Jesus, the church must be obedient to his revealed will. Alexander MacLaren wrote: "Mark that the promise comes after a command, and is contingent, for all its blessedness and power, upon our obedience to the prescribed duty." And somebody else well said: "You cannot have the 'Lo' without the 'Go.'"

Suggested Hymns—Sankey's Collection,
706—Onward, Christian Soldiers!
357—Wonderful Words of Life!
1079—Jesus Saves!
1090—Go Ye into All the World!

Sacrifice.

Jesus Christ sacrificed himself that the world might be redeemed and saved.

Our beloved missionaries are following the Master in this, and are sacrificing themselves that the heathen may know of the Saviour who loved them and gave himself for them. Shall we allow the missionaries to make all the sacrifices to carry on this work? We must not! On July 6, we will bring a sacrificial offering that still others may hear the story of love.—L. L. Hagger, President Western Australian Women's Auxiliary Conference.

The Missionary of the Universe.

The great-hearted love of the Great Missionary of the universe is what we need in our work to-day; and along with his love, also his gentleness and denial of self. A bearing of superiority, a spirit of selfishness—these repel and hinder. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, love as he loved, live as he lived—for others. By presenting to the world such a life, we shall have greater hope of winning souls for Christ. Our sympathies should be world-wide as his are world-wide. Australia talks of "color." Jesus does not know color; he does know and love souls. The Saviour's love embraced humanity. As his followers we, too, must be world lovers. Love world wide and so be interested in world mission work.—F. M. Fischer, President S.A. Sisters' Auxiliary.

A Thankful Offering.

As we think of the millions of heathendom for whom Jesus shed his blood and gave his life, that Jesus to whom we also owe everything, shall we not, I say, be glad and thankful to give of our means that that which is behind in the offering of Christ may be made up of our offerings on this Lord's day of great financial opportunity in the church year, July 6? "Let all the people say Amen."—A. R. Benn.

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The Family Altar.

SUNDAY.

All of you gird yourselves with humility.—1 Peter 5: 5.
 "If one hath served thee, tell the deed to many:
 Hast thou served many? tell it not to any."
 Reading—1 Peter 5: 1-6.

MONDAY.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God.—1 Peter 5: 6.
 "Reverence the highest, have patience with the lowest. Are the stars too distant? Pick up the pebble that lies at thy feet."—Margaret Fuller.
 "He who goes the lowest, builds the safest."
 Reading—Acts 20: 17-27.

TUESDAY.

Casting all your care upon him, because he careth for you.—1 Peter 5: 7.
 "When Florence Nightingale had reached the age of ninety, and could no longer follow sustained reading, she still liked to hear familiar hymns. Her biographer says: 'A favorite, if one may judge by the frequency with which verses from it appear in her latest meditations, was—
 'Oh Lord, how happy should we be
 If we could cast our care on thee,
 If we from self could rest.'
 Once, the expression of an aspiration; now, perhaps, of attainment."
 Reading—Isaiah 12.

WEDNESDAY.

Commit thy way unto Jehovah: trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass.—Psalm 37: 5.
 In "The Fair Maid of Perth," Sir Walter Scott "describes a service at the church which was attended, under circumstances of grave anxiety, by Simon Glover and his daughter. Simon 'knelt down with the air of a man who had something burdensome on his mind; but when the service ended he seemed free from all anxiety as one who had referred himself and his troubles to the disposal of heaven.'
 Reading—Psalm 20.

THURSDAY.

Rest in Jehovah, and wait patiently for him.—Psalm 37: 7.
 A good prescription (Psalm 37: 1-7).—"In seven verses a prescription for each one. Fill it; take it, and life will no longer be to you the grievous way it is now. There are six ingredients: Fret not; trust; delight thyself; commit thy way; rest and wait patiently. Then as a double measure was needed, fret not is repeated. Try it, and note how it will tone the spirits."
 Reading—Psalm 37: 1-7.

FRIDAY.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.—Philippians 4: 4.
 "A Christian in full possession of his privileges is a man whose very step ought to have in it all the elasticity of triumph, and whose very look ought to have in it all the brightness of victory."
 —F. W. Robertson.
 Reading—Philippians 4: 1-7.

SATURDAY.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.—James 1: 27.
 "To comfort and to bless,
 To find a balm for woe,
 To tend the lone and fatherless
 Is angels' work below."
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 Reading—James 1: 21-27.

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mised to provide, but every promise is conditional. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. We want thousands of Christian men and women to pray, and do (faith without works is dead), pray that our needs for foreign missions will be supplied, and may we all rejoice and give thanks after our July offering.—Laura V. Bull, Superintendent Foreign Missions, Women's Conference, N.S.W.

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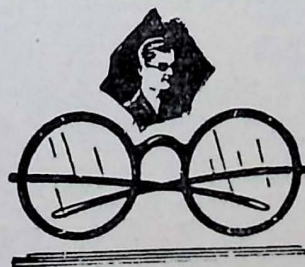
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News of the Churches.

New Zealand.

At Palmerston North on June 9 an in memoriam service to William Phillips, one of the former evangelists, was held. Bro. Phillips, who ministered in Palmerston just over three years ago, died at St. John's, New Brunswick. The platform was draped. A very large congregation attended. Mr. Rodger conducted the meeting and spoke from Psalm 23: 9, "The Valley where the Shadows Gather."

Tasmania.

Good services on June 8 at Hobart. Bro. H. B. Hurburgh delivered an inspiring exhortation. Bren. P. McNeish and R. Schuldt were received by letter from Footscray.

Work at Devonport still progresses. On June 8 three confessed Christ, and a baptised believer also decided to link up with the church. Bible school continues to grow. On 9th a social evening (the first held) in connection with the Senior C.E. was held. Bro. Warren presided, an enjoyable programme of vocal, elocutionary and musical items was contributed, and supper was provided. On 12th Bro. W. H. Nightingale addressed the meeting on Home Missions, and also made an appeal for financial help. The response was good.

Western Australia.

Excellent-attended services at Lake St. on June 8. Two made the good confession. One of these, together with two who confessed Christ the previous week, were baptised at the close of the evening service.

Bro. Hibburt has been visiting the churches at Bunbury and Harvey, and took charge of the services at Bunbury on May 25. Loving sympathy is extended to Bro. Sherman and family who have been called to part with Sister Sherman. Sisters House and King have also sustained the loss of a sister. Bro. Wakefield is delivering a series of addresses on "The Holy Spirit," at the mid-week meetings.

Queensland.

On May 18 Bro. F. E. Alcorn addressed Zillmere church. On June 1 Bro. C. Young spoke at worship meeting. The addresses of both these brethren were much enjoyed. At Boondall it was definitely decided to enlarge chapel to accommodate Bible school and evening meetings.

Toowoomba attendances are encouraging. On Lord's day morning, June 8, Bro. and Sister Alcorn, senr., met with the church, also several other visitors. Bro. H. C. Stitt exhorted acceptably. The gospel service was conducted by Bro. R. J. Browning, his message being "The Law of the Gospel." The mid-week prayer and Bible study is showing improvement in attendance. An earnest spiritual tone is manifest.

At Hawthorne work is steadily moving on. The church was sorry to part with Bro. Adermann after four years' faithful and strenuous labor. During Bro. Adermann's stay many improvements were made to the building. The sisters' guild held a sale of work on May 31 to help pay off the debt. Bro. J. Larsen is now preacher; his addresses are heart-searching. It is hoped to arrange for a mission soon, with Bro. H. Ball as preacher.

Gympie reports good meetings on June 1. Bro. E. Trudgian gave a forceful message. A married lady made the good confession. She was baptised on 3rd. The gospel was also preached at Enterprize. On 8th Bro. C. Trudgian spoke, and a scholar from the Bible school confessed Christ. The school rally is doing fine. Starting with 14 reds and 14 blues, it now stands at 20 reds and 18 blues. Enthusiasm is running high. The picnic on June 3 was a great success; 115 children and adults being present. The work is healthier than it has been for many years.

At Brisbane on June 8 Bro. S. Trudgian exhorted. Six young men who were baptised the previous Lord's day evening were received into fellowship. A special baptismal service was held during the afternoon, when seven girls were immersed by Bro. Alcorn. These young people decided for Christ during the recent S.S. anniversary services. Bro. Alcorn preached at night to a large audience, his subject being "The Bible." Sister Wissman (Bundaberg) and Bro. F. Keable (Tannymorel) were welcome visitors all day. The Christian Endeavor Society has decided to emulate the example of the Sunday school and support an orphan in India.

South Australia.

At Unley, in the absence of Bro. Webb, Bro. Harkness is conducting the Sunday evening services. Prof. Harvey Johnston gave an interesting talk on Buddhism to a combined meeting on Sunday afternoon. Bro. Bennett is recovering from his recent accident. Bro. Wm. Manning met with a motor accident on Saturday, and is confined to his room.

Meetings at Ungarra are well attended, and much interest is taken in the work. On May 18 Bro. Russell conducted a baptismal service by the water's edge, when seven fine young men put on Christ in baptism. Six of these were from Butler and one from Ungarra. A large gathering assembled, and Bro. Russell gave a fine address on baptism. The church was uplifted by Bro. Manning's visit.

At Kadina interest and attendances are increasing. At the Christian Endeavor on June 3 Mr. E. W. Smith, of Congregational church, gave a splendid address. On June 8, one sister was received by letter. Splendid gospel meeting. June 11, girls' guild held a successful basket social. June 15, good meetings, especially at night. A duet by Masters J. Paterson and R. Hauber (Bible school scholars) was enjoyed. Bro. Filmer's subject was "The Bible."

The half-yearly church business meeting of the Gawler church was held on May 21. Reports from all departments spoke of good progress. Bro. Raymond is preaching and working faithfully. Words of appreciation were expressed to him and others who are working in the various departments. The church looks hopefully forward to the time when the building will be available. The gospel services have never been better attended, and a good interest is manifest.

At Hindmarsh Bro. Paternoster is doing good work. On Monday, June 9, a combined social of Sunday school scholars and teachers and the Endeavorers was held. A presentation from the Sunday school teachers was made to the secretary, Bro. S. Brooker. On June 11 the quarterly meeting of the Foreign Missionary Committee was held. Bro. Taylor, from Glenelg, gave an address. Jellies to the value of 18/6 were forwarded from the Endeavorers to the Consumptive Home. On Sunday, June 15, the church's 69th anniversary was held, with good attendances. Bright singing was rendered by the choir. Bro. I. A. Paternoster spoke in the morning and Bro. F. Collins at night. A grand spirit pervaded the meetings.

Croydon had splendid attendances on Sunday. Both services were conducted by Bro. A. E. Forbes. Nine confessions at the evening gathering, five by adults, three by young men, and one by a boy. Between 20 and 30 workers helped on June 9 in excavating a cellar and preparing for the building of two additional rooms at the rear of the chapel to cope with the Sunday school demands. The work of enlarging the church building will be taken in hand at once, and many volunteers have promised to give help on Saturday afternoons. To bring church members and other attendants into closer touch, a social gathering was held on June 7. It was largely attended, and was an unqualified success.

Mrs. John Inverarity, senr., who has been a member of the Glenelg church for 31 years, passed away on April 29. She was an active worker in her earlier association with the church. Of recent years, owing to being an invalid, she had been unable to attend the meetings, but still took a very keen interest in the welfare of the church. The roll of the church was called on May 25, and 140 members responded or sent membership by letter from Subiaco, W.A.

On June 8, at the morning meeting of Nalaworth church, three lads from Bible school were welcomed into the fellowship. In the interests of the church, during last month, 16 new scholars were enrolled in the Bible school. An additional classroom has been completed, rendering the work among the junior classes more comfortable, and ensuring room for scholars yet to come. In the evening Bro. Garnett gave an interesting address on our Saviour's conversation with the women of Samaria at Jacob's well.

At Henley on June 8, there was a good morning attendance. One young lady, a convert of the Cowandilla mission, was received into fellowship. At the gospel service Bro. Ross Graham began a series of addresses on the second coming of Christ. The choir rendered the anthem, "Come, thou Fount." The young worshippers' league is making good progress under the leadership of Sister Miss Spurr. There is a splendid attendance of these young people at the morning meetings. The Bible school reports one more new scholar. Recently a social was held in the kindergarten room.

Mile End church began its "Year of Service" on June 8 with Sunday school anniversary services in the Thebarton Town Hall. Afternoon and evening the hall was crowded. A presentation of an inscribed silver-mounted baton was made to Mr. Glen Welsh at the opening of the afternoon service. The singing was of a high order, and greatly appreciated. A husband and wife made the good confession in the morning, and two young ladies and a girl confessed Christ at night. Bro. A. E. Forbes told a fine story to the children, and preached a forceful message at night. Underdale commenced its Sunday school in the home of Bro. Arthur.

On morning of June 8 Bro. Rankine addressed Grote St. church on "World-wide Evangelisation," and in the evening he gave a splendid address on "Profit and Loss." At a social meeting given by the building fund committee the sum of £60 was raised, and a good social time was spent. Bro. Collins, from Maylands, spoke on morning of June 15. Bro. Rankine's evening subject was "The Divine Magnet." The sisters held their first mothers' meeting in connection with the Dorcas, on 12th June; it was well attended. Bro. O. Finlayson has commenced his duties as choir master in succession to Bro. Reg. Maddox, who, after giving five years of efficient service as leader, has induced Bro. Finlayson to act as leader and will henceforth be a singer in the choir.

At the all-day meetings at Wallaroo on June 9, Bro. Filmer presided in the morning and Mr. Wood (Congregational) and Ensign Gardiner gave good addresses. In the afternoon (Presbyterian) presided, and Mr. Richardson (Presbyterian) spoke. Bren. Filmer and A. C. Rankine delivered stirring addresses. In the evening Bro. Warren presided. Bro. Oram gave an earnest message. Bro. Rankine dealt in a masterly way with the second coming of Christ. On Tuesday night a farewell social was given to Bro. and Sister Rees. Trowbridge. He was a delightful worker, president J.C.E., one of the church organists, deacon, vice-president of school. Bro. E. O. transferred to Owen railway station. Bro. E. O. Warren preached on Sunday night on the second coming of Christ.

Prospect church held its quarterly business meeting in May. Good reports were presented from the various auxiliaries. It was decided that the church property become incorporated. An increase was also made in the preacher's salary. Miss Lorna Thompson was appointed organist for Sunday evening services. On June 4 the Bible

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school teachers and scholars held a social, when a presentation was made to Mr. J. Haines, who recently resigned as superintendent, after serving in this office for several years. On June 8 Bro. A. E. Forbes addressed the church, and Bro. Beiler gave the gospel address in the evening. A temperance meeting was held on June 11, when the address was given by Mr. Brown. Fathers' day was observed at the J.C.E. on June 15, when a number of fathers delighted the juniors with their messages. Bro. Beiler delivered good addresses during the day.

Victoria.

Good meetings at Bayswater on Sunday, June 1st. Riches is doing well as preacher.

15. Bro. Riches is doing well as preacher.
 16. Ascot Vale had good attendances on Sunday.
 17. Bro. Patterson delivered fine sermons. Week-
 18. night prayer meetings are very helpful. The C.E.
 19. Society is flourishing, and the young people are
 20. gaining experience. Bro. Siver gave an uplifting
 21. sermon on Sunday week.

Ararat has had much improved meetings of late. Forty-seven at prayer meeting on Wednesday last. Meetings on Sunday mornings are keeping up well. Nearly 100 present last Sunday morning. At the evening service, after a fine sermon on "Seeking the Lost," a young lady confessed Christ. Last Lord's day morning there

At Swanston St. last Lord's day morning there was a large attendance and a very good service. Amongst visitors was Bro. Perkins, from Auckland, N.Z. Excellent attendances in the evening also, and Bro. Shipway preached a very interesting sermon. The young people's society is doing good work.

Cheltenham had good meetings on Sunday. In the morning a special F.M. address was given. At the school session there were more new scholars. The library has been put in order by Bro. Fred Gillespie, and will be managed by him. Evening, good address on "The Rich Man and Lazarus." Many visitors during the day.

Thornbury brought its anniversary to a close with a demonstration by the scholars. Many requests have come to repeat it. A presentation was made to the superintendent, Bro. H. Swain, from officers, teachers and scholars for valuable help given. Last Sunday meetings were well attended, the Sunday school scholars numbering 273.

The Sunday school scholars numbering 273, Hawthorn had very good meetings on Sunday. T. H. Scambler speaking morning and evening. There were three baptisms during the week. On Sunday evening prizes and certificates were presented to the members of the young people's church attendance league on the completion of a six months' course. The league now numbers over fifty.

Nice meetings at Boronia on June 15. One young sister, baptised the previous Sunday night, was received into fellowship. Bro. Waterman spoke morning and evening. His addresses are greatly appreciated. The school has a fine library; many books having been given by friends. Women's mission band enjoyed a visit from Sister Mrs. Blakemore.

Bro. W. Huntsman addressed the morning meeting on Foreign Missions. At night Bro. Tinkler conducted an enjoyable hymn service. The help of Bro. and Sister V. Woff, of Cheltenham, and local singers, was appreciated. On Monday evening the ladies' guild held a gift social, the proceeds being given to the building fund.

Fairfield has experienced much sickness amongst its members. Bren. Way, Everett, Raisbeck, Book and Andrew have acceptably addressed the church in recent Lord's day mornings. Several members received by letter since last report. The I.C.E. is a very live society; flowers and words of cheer are regularly sent to the sick, also the Fairfield Hospital. A fine message of appreciation was received from the matron. A Dorcas class has been formed.

North Richmond church is indebted to the brethren who occupied the platform during Bro. Payne's absence. Bro. Payne has recovered from his accident. Meetings are maintaining usual standard. After Bro. Payne's address last Lord's day, a young lady took her stand for the Master. A pretty wedding took place in the chapel on Saturday, June 14; Sister C. Brodie, one of the Bible school workers, was united in marriage with Mr. T. Wilkinson; Bro. R. W. Payne officiating.

At South Melbourne on June 8 Bro. Andrew gave an acceptable exhortation. Bro. McCallum had charge of the gospel meeting. On June 10 the girls' club gave an enjoyable concert, the proceeds being in aid of Bible school funds. Bro. McCallum had charge of all meetings on June 15, and gave helpful messages. Sister Olsen was soloist at the gospel meeting. Miss H. Good was organist.

Good work is being done at East Kew. Mid-week services on Thursdays are growing. One B.S. scholar was recently baptised. On morning of June 15 Bro. Stevenson, of Burnley, exhorted. Bro. Combridge welcomed one B.S. scholar into the church. In the evening the chapel was full to hear Bro. A. Baker's address on "Baptism, Our Lord's Command." A fine young man made the good confession. A solo by Bro. F. Elliott was much appreciated.

Inspiring meeting under the presidency of Bro. J. W. Enniss at Gardiner, on Sunday morning; 123 broke the loaf, after which Bro. W. Gale delivered a timely F.M. message. In the afternoon the Bible school had its largest attendance to date (117). The school music is helped by an orchestra. The evening service was well attended. Bro. Kingsbury was given a good hearing to his message from Jude 20, 21. During the week a chaff-sack full of parcels of partly-used clothing was sent to Sister Grace's mission in the city.

Shepparton's first week after the mission was one of great blessing. On two evenings a gospel meeting was held, followed by a baptismal service. On each occasion, over 100 were present. Two confessions on Tuesday. On Friday, Bro. Stewart's address was an effective reply to an address given on "Christian Baptism" the previous Sunday. Splendid meetings all day on Sunday, 15th; 23 received into the church at morning service; a Bible class of 22 in the afternoon, and two confessions for the day, making 138 since May 11.

At North Melbourne on June 1 two young ladies made the good confession. Sister Ethel McCrackett, who has recovered from an operation, received a welcome. On June 8 the Bible school celebrated its anniversary. Bro. W. Easton ably directed the children's singing. Bro. R. P. Clark spoke in the afternoon. In the evening Bro. C. C. Dawson preached a forceful address to a large audience. The school demonstration was held on Tuesday evening, when a most interesting programme brought the anniversary services to a conclusion.

During the past four weeks Preston has had good meetings and maintained interest. Bren. W. Hinrichsen, H. A. G. Clark and Clay have, during this period, given helpful exhortations. One sister was received by letter. The evening meetings show increased attendances with fine gospel messages by Bro. Clay. Prayer meetings are well attended; one night there was an attendance of men only. Bible school shows steady progress. K.S.P. and girls' club are doing good work. The work on the school hall is progressing slowly; the laborers are few.

At Brunswick on King's birthday, the J.C.E. visited the Children's Hospital, taking a large quantity of oranges, etc. The boys of the J.C.E. delivered 5,000 leaflets advertising the kindergarten. On Sunday Mr. Mann addressed over 100 in the morning. Mr. Way spoke to a fair audience in the evening. The girls' gymnasium has a membership of 20. The kinder school reports 25 additions in the first few weeks of the increase campaign. Other auxiliaries are working well. Bro. Way is active in all departments, and his Bible talks are much appreciated.

During the past month, changes have taken place at Doncaster East. The resignation of Bro. J. G. Shain, of Box Hill, after two years' good work was accepted; and Bro. Grafham, of Box Hill, has been appointed evangelist. A social was held on May 24 to welcome him and Sister Grafham (about 100 being present). During the quarter a red and blue rally was held for the school, with the result that 12 new scholars were added, making a total of 60 children. A social afternoon and evening was held on June 7 by the scholars. It was a great success; attendance over 100. On June 8 Bro. and Sister Crouch, of Lygon St., Carlton, were received into the church.

At Northcote on Wednesday, June 4, at the prayer service, Sister Gwen Wilkens gave a nice address. Bible school anniversary services commenced on June 8. Bro. Jos Collings presided, and Bro. Abercrombie exhorted. In the afternoon Bro. A. T. Eaton gave a message to the young people on a watch. At the gospel service Bro. W. H. Hinrichsen preached. On the Wednesday night at the prayer service, Sister Gwen Wilkens read a paper, and Sister I. Parker gave a short address. Bro. Edwards presided last Sunday morning, and Bro. W. H. Hinrichsen spoke at both meetings. At the afternoon session Bro. Jos Collings presided and presented the prizes to the successful scholars. Bro. L. Long, as secretary, gave a splendid report of the Bible school work. The church was tastefully decorated for the anniversary. The scholars rendered their pieces splendidly under the leadership of Bro. R. Pearl.

New South Wales.

Meetings at Canterbury are fair. The loss of Bro. Dixon is felt; his voice is improving, but he is still weak. Bible school is increasing in numbers, and prospects are bright. On Sunday, June 8, Sister Davis decided to be baptised.

On June 1 Bro. Crossman addressed Tarce church in the morning. At night the service was led by young men, Bro. Crossman giving his monthly address to young people. Fair attendances on June 8; Bro. Edwards spoke in the morning, and Bro. Crossman in the evening. On June 10 a social and presentation was given to Bro. and Sister Amos Saxby as a token of love from the church. Bro. and Sister Saxby are members of long standing, and their faithful services will long be remembered.

Elder F. R. Furlonger was in charge at City Temple, Lismore, on June 8. Bro. E. Newton was present after a long period in hospital, also Sister V. M. Gardner, after a long absence in the south. More new scholars in Bible school. Fifty have enrolled for annual examinations. At night Bro. P. J. Pond delivered the first of a series of addresses on the prophecies of the Book of Revelation. The speakers' and readers' training class is doing good work under the direction of Bren. P. J. Pond, F. R. Furlonger, and C. Byrnes.

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Bro. T. E. Rofo, in his first visit to Enmore in his presidential capacity recently, stressed the motto for the year, "Each one, win one." On Tuesday last the "Loyal Daughters" entertained their parents and the officers and their wives at a most delightful evening. The physical and social welfare of the congregation are well cared for on Saturday afternoons. The tennis club has three dozen members and three courts at Undercliffe, while a team is fielded by the football club each week-end, in the Protestant churches soccer football association.

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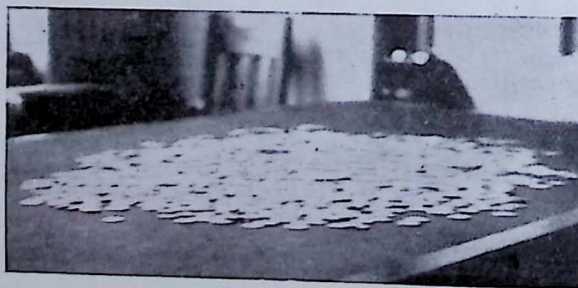
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