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*How Much of This is My Fair Share?*

ANSWER ON

Foreign Mission Sunday, July 1.

PERCY BAGNALL

## The Late Mrs. Rosa Filmer

*First Missionary working under the direction  
of Australian Churches of Christ to die on  
the Foreign Field.*

Prof. Loos, who succeeded Isaac Errett as president of our Foreign Christian Missionary Society in America, said once in a general Convention, "We shall never fully understand the sacrifices of our Foreign Mission work until we have more graves on the foreign field." It is a sad sequel to that remark that his own beloved daughter, Carrie Loos Williams, was the next Foreign Missionary to die.

The hearts of our Australian Brotherhood have grown very tender as they heard of the death of Rosa Filmer. For fourteen years she lived and labored in the New Hebrides group, for ten years as an official missionary, and for four years she labored



among the Kanakas on the Island of Ambrim, trying by means of a Sunday School and in other ways to lead them into the straight and narrow way that leads to eternal life.

Our hearts are full of sympathy with the husband and five little children that she has left to live their motherless lives, yet enriched by the memory of the good mother who lived and died in the service of Jesus whom she loved and faithfully served, and with whom she is now enjoying the rest and joy of the believer in Christ.

*"Asleep in Jesus, far from thee  
Thy kindred and their graves may be:  
But thine is still a blessed sleep,  
From which none ever wakes to weep."*

**O**UR heroic missionaries give themselves in full sacrifice for the work's sake, counting not life itself dear unto them.

**THEIR SPIRIT SHOULD BE OURS.**

**What will YOU sacrifice for Christ's Sake?**

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## Does Half the Church Believe in Missions?

Let no hasty reader charge us with libel or even levity in our use of the question. It is Archbishop Lees, of Melbourne, who is responsible. He was recently reported as saying, at the opening of the Pan-Pacific Missionary Exhibition, that "at least fifty per cent. of the church people did not believe that missions were necessary. Although they believed the creed and said the prayers, they would stop missionary work if they could."

If the Archbishop were giving an enlightened judgment regarding the church over which he rules, then it constitutes one of the gravest indictments of the Anglican Church which we have read.

We feel like hastily saying that if a church member does not believe in the necessity of missions, then his Christianity is merely a nominal one. Yet we reflect that it is not long since, in the early days of the modern missionary movement, the men of God who sought the evangelisation of the regions beyond were hindered and rebuked by noted leaders and men who in other respects showed a genuine faith. Sometimes antagonism to the Spirit of Christ, sometimes opportunities of lucrative trade and ill-gotten gains, sometimes a gross misunderstanding of the methods which God uses in human redemption, sometimes colossal ignorance regarding the urgency and permanence of the obligations of the Great Commission, sometimes sheer apathy and indifference have been responsible for the neglect of the missionary commands of the Lord Jesus to his church.

### How dare a Christian disbelieve in missions?

The authority of our Lord is behind the work. His command is explicit. Disobedience or neglect is tantamount to disloyalty. He has asked, "Why call ye me Lord, and do not the things which I say?" The profession of the lips will not suffice: to enter the kingdom we must do the will of his Father as well as call him Lord. The

Father's will is the world's salvation; so anxious was he that he delivered up his well-beloved Son.

*We owe our all to missions.* The devotion of others to Christ has resulted in our receiving the inestimable privileges we enjoy. Their obedience has brought to us salvation. We should be churlish indeed, if, having received, we withheld from others. All that Christ has done for us, all the joy and happiness he has brought into our lives, he can do for and give to others. He wishes to use us as his messengers of grace and help. Dare we refuse?

*Sacrifice and service for others are the rule in the kingdom.* It has sometimes been said, in relation to those who know not the full requirements of the gospel, We may be saved without an ordinance, but we cannot be saved without a spirit of obedience. So might we say in truth that a Christian may in ignorance of his duty come short of the



Medical work is one of the most effective forms of missionary service in China. This picture shows an operation in progress. The young man is a well-qualified physician, and the young woman is an efficient nurse.

divine requirements,—as were those who a few generations ago thought they could honor God and yet ignore the wretchedness and hopelessness of the heathen world,—but we cannot be saved if we have not the spirit of service and sacrifice. On humanitarian grounds alone the appeal for Foreign Missions could justify itself. Were there no souls to be saved, no judgment day to be faced, Christians who are beneficiaries of grace, whose daily life has been brightened, whose temporal requirements have been met, should seek to help their needy fellowmen. But when we supplement this by the consideration of the conditions of the great mass of humanity—without God and hope in the world—we may ask with reason: How dare a professed Christian disbelieve in missions?

### How much do WE believe in missions?

Thank God, no one can truthfully say of members of churches called simply Churches of Christ that half of them disbelieve in missions, or that many of them would stop the work. Our people are a missionary people. The missionary fires are burning ever brighter. We are coming to a realisation of our responsibility. We believe that the gospel is God's power unto salvation to the Kanakas of the islands, to the Chinese coolie, to our dark-skinned fellow-subjects of India, as well as to the people of our favored land. We believe in relieving the distress of our brothers and sisters wherever found; we would minister to their temporal needs, and heal their physical ailments, and so are sending out our first medical missionary, and are planning for great work. This number of the "Christian" specially emphasises the importance of work in this direction.

Yet some one among us may be either anti-missionary or at least o-missionary. Some one may profess to believe in missions and yet neglect to help. How much do we believe in missions? Let us give evidence on July 1.

# Evangelistic, Medical Mission Work.

Miss E. Caldicott.

Come, spend a day with me and see the everyday life of an evangelistic medical mission worker in India. In order to get spiritual nourishment and preparation for the work of the day, we rise early, have our quiet hour before chota (early morning tea). Hastening away to the dispensary we find many people have already gathered, although it is only 8.30 a.m. Outside the dispensary, seated on the verandah, the people listen to Sarlu Bai (the Bible woman) as she tells them of the Healer of souls. We enter the dispensary and find that Gopal (one of our orphan boys, whose desire it is to become a doctor some day), before he went to school, has sterilised water, bowls, instruments, etc., all ready for our use. Our attention is next directed to the patients who, two or three at a time, come into the dispensary for treatment. The others continue listening to the gospel message.

One poor man has a terrible tubercular abscess near his hip; it needs opening, but it is too painful to be done without anæsthetic. I am alone. It is impossible to do it. But the man is so poor. How can I tell him to go to a hospital in Poona? The only way we can help him is to give him money for the expenses of travelling to Poona, and staying in a hospital for treatment. This we arranged to do. Our attention is next given to a high caste man, who has brought his little girl for treatment. Her leg was run over by a bullock cart three weeks ago,

leaving a terrible wound on it, "which will not heal, although I have taken her to several other doctors." So we hear him telling the other patients. The other Indian assures the man after treatment it will surely get better at the Christian dispensary. While dressing the wound, we take the opportunity of telling this man that God blesses the work because daily prayer is made for each of the patients, and if he will pray to Jesus Christ also, his little girl will soon be quite well. In this way we hastily treat some twenty to thirty patients, and find by 11.30 a.m., we are quite ready for breakfast, happy to have been able to relieve a few sufferers. In the afternoon we go out with Sarlu Bai on evangelistic work. First we walk to a mulla (farm) not very far away. It is harvest time, and we find a number of women beating out the grain. We ask if we may sing to them while they work. Receiving permission, we sit in the hot sun and dust raised by the work in progress, yet praise God for this privilege of First we walk to a mulla (farm) not very mouth of the love of Jesus Christ, who is their seeking Saviour. From this group we pass on to other women sitting outside their houses, cleaning the grain, and again enjoy the privilege of sowing the seed which we continue to do daily, looking to you at home to join with us in praying the Lord of the harvest to give the increase.



Patients gathered outside the Dispensary (which also serves for a chapel) waiting for treatment. Miss Elsie Caldicott stands in the picture, also Dinker Garde in the act of pouring medicine, and before treatment is given the gospel story is told. These scenes are repeated twice daily, and

## Translating the Gospel by Medical Missions.

E. R. Killmier.

A medical mission aims to save souls. The needy heathen can understand the Christ who heals the soul, through the Christian who heals the body. The Great Physician so dealt with men's bodies, that he led them to know they had souls.

It is a misconception to think that the physical healing is only to advertise the mission. It certainly does attract those in deepest need; but the reason for such work



Dr. Ray Killmier,  
Our First Medical Missionary.

lies in this—that it is a direct outcome of the Christian spirit. It is sought to win followers not to a human organisation, but to a living person—Jesus the Saviour—who went about doing good, and whose followers must do the same. Medical service affords an object lesson of the outworking of the love of God. It is an outward, visible sign of the inner beneficent heart of the gospel. It is a universal language. Robert Morrison, China's first great missionary, spent years translating the Bible into Chinese. Dr. Arthur Jackson translated the Gospel to an audience of hundreds of thousands, though only in Manchuria for a few months, and not able to speak the native language. He did it by working night and day to stay the ravages of pneumonic plague, until he himself became infected, and died as a result. Thus he so eloquently and fervently interpreted the Gospel of Jesus Christ that the following tribute appeared in a Chinese newspaper: "His death in laboring for our country was actually carrying out the Christian principle of giving up one's own life to save the world."

The most efficiently equipped medical service we can obtain is needed. That this work is done with a view to evangelisation can never, never be an excuse for bad surgery, for wrong medicine, for sepsis, or for imperfect knowledge. The evangelistic aim, rather than lowering our standard, ought to raise it. It is for the Lord Jesus Christ, and he should have the best possible.

Christianity came into the world to unite the human family. This is the burden of the music of Christ's heart. He always goes out after that which is lost until he finds it. He will not have any man stand outside who is really anxious to come in. His marching orders to his church are, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Joseph Parker.

# Glimpses of What Happens.

F. K. Killey.

1. Some months ago a man with a badly broken leg was brought to our Baramati dispensary. The village doctor, a Brahmin, had refused to treat him further. He was left to die because he was an outcaste, and had no money. After several weeks with us, the man recovered, and went off, we hope, with some seeds of the love of Christ in his heart that would one day bear fruit.



F. K. Killey.

2. Another man, not long since, reached the dispensary in a state of collapse. He had no friend to give him a helping hand, and by the time he reached us, the struggle had been too much for him. We were without a doctor at the time, but Miss Blake did all that was possible to do for him. However, he was too far gone when he arrived, and a few hours later he died.

3. About Christmas time a poor fellow was left on the roadside, near our chapel. He had been on a long pilgrimage in search of joy and life, but had found sorrow and disease instead. He was helpless, friendless, penniless, and almost naked. We were still without a doctor, but again Miss Blake took charge. She dressed his wounds and supplied his needs. He had lost one toe, and others seemed about to drop off. There was a gaping sore about the size of a man's hand in his leg, and so deep that the tendons were exposed. Even the Christians warned Miss Blake not to touch him. They said he was a leper. But she bravely kept on treating him, and after a few months he was able to walk again. He was then given a ticket to his village, and was sent rejoicing on his way, having at least learned a little of the love of God as it is in Christ Jesus.

4. A few weeks ago I was returning from a nearby village, when a group of people on the road hailed me. I got off the bicycle, and going over to them, found in their midst a poor woman holding on her lap a bleeding and unconscious child, aged about seven. The little one had been run over by a bullock cart. Because I was a Sahib, these poor people thought I certainly

would do something for her child. But what could I do? I was no doctor; and even then the child was beyond human aid. My heart was filled with sorrow for them all. To be so anxious to help, and yet so helpless to do so, is one of the depressing things constantly experienced in this land. Only the Great Physician himself: he who became an outcaste to save outcastes; he who became friendless to become a friend to all; he who cured the lepers, raised the dead, and suffered the little children to come unto him, even Christ, alone, can supply India's needs.

Brethren at home, we need a doctor out here, and a hospital.

The medical work offers an unlimited opportunity of presenting Christ to these people. Shall we not avail ourselves of it?

We hope and pray your July offering will enable us to do so.

## Practical Christianity.

G. H. Oldfield.

Real Christianity is described by the Apostle James as the practical helping of our neighbors. "If a brother or a sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not these things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?"

Our missionaries constantly have people with terrible bodily ailments coming to them for aid. If our mission work is to express real Christianity, we must give these people the practical medical help they need. Medical missions are not merely an adjunct to, but a very definite part of Christian missions.

Let your offering be such that more extensive, practical medical work can be done—that medical work shall have its rightful place in our mission stations.

## India's Need of Medical Help.

Hy. Watson.

In non-Christian India people are physically afflicted. This is a disease-smitten country. Immorality spreads its pitiful scars across the human race here. Accidents and resulting infection are more common than with us. Village quackery and superstition add to the horror.

'Tis in India where the evil smelling penitential pill, made of the five products of the cow, is swallowed in order to be rid of caste sins.

Here some of the vilest concoctions are swallowed in order to drive out the demon from possessing the person.

'Tis here where filthy instruments are used by village quacks, causing untold suffering and even death. One obstetric case in Shrigonda lately was conducted by a Mo-

ammedan, who used a butcher's knife and a pair of blacksmith's tongs. Septic poisoning set in, and we were called in, and were just able, after a hard battle for the woman's life, to save her. God answered prayer in this case.

Taking into account the lack of nourishing food, the harmful diet, the over-crowded houses, some of which are mere hovels, child marriages, inherited diseases, can we wonder that none but the strongest of infants survive?

It is recorded that one out of every five infants dies before it reaches the age of one year.

The sufferings of the women in these non-Christian lands are intense.

India's women are recorded to have souls that are not worth caring for. They are supposed to be born into this world as women in order to expiate sins committed against the gods in a former birth. Women are unwelcome at birth, cursed when living, and when she is old, hustled out of this world as a thing to be well rid of. Think of the multitudes of Indians, heirs to all kinds of tropical diseases.

Think of the thousands in our own mission districts here, waiting for us to help them. They sorely need our help, and many are dying without proper hospital treatment.

Think of the thousands of dear little children here with unattended, putrifying sores, and various other ailments, battling for dear life, but are under the curse of demonology and superstition.

Who will help us to erect the long-looked-for hospital at Dhond? Government has seen the great need, and granted us free of cost about four acres of land at Dhond, for a hospital site. This was granted to us five years ago. When are we going to do our part in this great cause?

We need men and women who will help us financially.

We need a doctor to come out and supervise. We need a hospital equipment, as furniture, etc., for a 24-bed hospital. We need intercessors at the throne of grace for the suffering peoples of India.

Brethren, let us be practical, and show by word, and also by deed, that we care for the soul of the Indian. Our Lord Jesus Christ shall be glorified in this great work.



"We all have had whooping-cough."  
(Some of our Indian orphans.)

# Prayer and Missions.

J. Warren Cosh, President, Federal F.M. Committee.

By God's grace we are about to enter on another year in the history of our Foreign Mission work, and it is a time of retrospect as well as prospect. Records cannot tabulate the results of the magnificent service that has been and is being rendered by our representatives in the fields overseas, but we are sure that as ambassadors of the King of kings every one is achieving, as far as lies in their power, the great purpose for which they have gone forth, whether it is in the medical, educational or social spheres amongst the people with whom they serve. These men and women have gone out as pioneers in the greatest enterprise ever committed to men, "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister," and they desire only that Jesus Christ shall be revealed as the "Sun of Righteousness," "with healing in his wings," bringing into the hearts of the people salvation from sin, with all its attendant blessings of love, joy and peace.

Let us never forget that we are the rope-holders, and we have our responsibilities in the work. One zealous for the work has fittingly written, "If those who send missionaries forth more fully realised the nature of the battle to which they go," as Dr. C. Morris Ferguson rightly says, "No one would ever suppose that his Christian duty were done when he contributed for the outfit, the passage money, and the salary, for sending the ambassador abroad and maintaining him upon the field. The real purpose of the missionary and the whole mis-

sionary enterprise calls for something even more valuable than money—sympathy, desire, heart burden—finding their expression in intercessory prayer." Dr. J. R. Mott says, "Everything vital in the missionary enterprise hinges on prayer: in not praying for missionaries we reduce their power."

I am sure that we shall practically endorse the thought of Max Muller when he wrote: "The very soul of our religion is missionary, progressive, world embracing; it should cease to exist if it disregarded the parting words of its Founder."

## Foreign Missions and Home Calls.

Geo. T. Walden,

Secretary, Federal F.M. Committee.

We often hear it said that Home Missions is the foundation of all other enterprises—Foreign Missions, College, Church Extension, Bible Schools, etc. I am not controverting this when I say that Foreign Missions gives an impulse to all our Home Mission enterprises. Before our American churches began Foreign Mission work in Jerusalem, Jamaica, and Liberia, they did nothing worthy of mention in organised Home Mission work, but the starting of Foreign Missions gave all their Home Mission work a magnificent filip. They never did so much to plant the gospel in the destitute home regions as during those years when they sustained those Foreign Missions. The records show that those years

when the American brotherhood sustained those Foreign Missions, were years of unparalleled success in raising money, and of unparalleled prosperity in Home Missionary work.

Isaac Errett says, "In an evil hour, under the pressure of adversities to which our faith was not equal, we abandoned our Foreign Missions, and from that day to this we have been smitten with confusion and faced with barrenness in our home work. I do not mean that nothing has been done, but that nothing has been done to fulfil the promise of those years in which we were stretching out our hands to the need of other lands. Some of the strongest States report less than 1000 dollars this year for mission work in their own borders. It is not true that if we do nothing abroad we shall do more at home. On the contrary, we shall do less at home; for in refusing to do anything abroad, we dwarf our sympathies, we blunt our consciences, we paralyse our faith, we smother heroism, we enervate our philanthropic impulses, we gratify our selfishness, and we have less faith, less sympathy, less conscience, less heroism, less benevolence, to draw upon for home work. We bring to it a weakened moral nature and a strengthened selfishness, and the home yield is lessened. For ever and ever it is true, that 'there is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, and it tendeth to poverty.'"

Let us lay to heart these weighty words of Isaac Errett, one of the ablest and most trusted leaders of our American brotherhood. If we want success in the homeland, we shall find it by travelling wholeheartedly along the road marked with the King's marching orders, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

## For All I Am Worth.

W. Morrow.

"I am in the business for all I am worth" was the crisp and cogent reply I received from a business friend whom I had consulted respecting a commercial venture in which I was invited to take an interest. Confident, as I was, in his business acumen, what better recommendation could I have? There was no mistaking his meaning. His faith in it as a commercial proposition was such as to justify him putting into it, not all he could spare, but all he possessed. These words have frequently recurred to my mind since, not so much in terms of commerce, as Christian service, and now as I turn my thoughts towards the regions beyond, they come to me again in the form of a fitting Foreign Missionary slogan. Judged by the highest standard of values, we should be in the business for all we are worth. Our faith in its supreme importance should justify us putting into it, not all we can spare, but all we possess—our best gifts of heart, mind, and means; by such shall our faith be made perfect.



Federal Foreign Missionary Committee, 1921.  
Some changes in the personnel have taken place since 1921.

# Pandita Ramabai.

Pandita Ramabai died a few months ago. She was one of the most consecrated and gifted of Indian women. Her father was a Brahmin priest, and, contrary to the usual custom, she was educated in "Sanskrit" and all "holy" Hindu learning.

Ramabai, led of God in various ways, became an earnest follower of the Lord Jesus, and was immersed into him, and those who



Pandita Ramabai with some of her Orphans and Women.

accept Jesus in her mission are immersed. Bro. Escott has conducted many services at Mukti Mission, which was founded by Ramabai. At the time of Bro. Theo. Fischer's visit to this home there were 1364 girls and women resident, of whom 1300 were immersed believers. About the time of Bro. Fischer's visit, the Secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society visited the home in order to interest the girls in the work of the Society, not expecting a donation. These girls for most part own absolutely nothing, and therefore have nothing to give. The girls, however, wanted to do something, and consulted together and decided to ask Ramabai to allow them to give one-fifteenth of all the grain they received as their allowance of food, and give this portion for the whole year. Ramabai was only too glad to allow this to be done, and called the fund "Elijah's Little Cake," and to the everlasting credit of these girls, when at the end of the first month the amount was reckoned up, the value of the one-fifteenth which they had given amounted to Rs. 100, or £6/13/4. We might talk about sacrifice in the home-land, but this is an example of self-sacrifice well worth mentioning, for these girls and women do not receive a super-abundance of food, but they willingly gave one-fifteenth of it to help the Lord's work.

The name Mukti means salvation. Ramabai's dispensary is called the Samaritan department, the place where the blind are is called the Bartimeus department; every department has some scriptural name. Ramabai has rescued thousands of girls from lives of sin, having at one time 250 at Mukti.

She realised the power of the press, and established a printing department, where one hundred compositors, all of them girls,

were turning out Scriptures, hymn books, and tracts in Hebrew, English, Greek and Marathi. Ramabai translated "The Life of Christ" into the everyday language of the people, and to ensure its accuracy, she sent advanced copies to leading missionaries for their revision. It was her desire to send out thirty million copies of this "Life of Christ," to be printed entirely in her own mission, and to be given free to all.

Ramabai has helped our missions by sending us consecrated Bible women, who have greatly helped Sister Escott in the work of evangelisation. One of our sister missionaries went out one day with these women, and was struck with their wonderful fearlessness and consecration. They give themselves up wholly to the work of the Lord.

## "There Remaineth Yet Very Much Land to be Possessed."

Horace Kingsbury.

Once, when the disciples of Jesus found him praying in a solitary place, they said, "Every one is looking for you." "Let us go elsewhere, to the neighboring country towns," he replied, "that I may proclaim my message there also; because for that purpose I came from God."

"If Christ had started on the day of his baptism to preach in the villages of India, and had continued since then up to the present, visiting one village each day, he would still have 30,000 villages to visit."

Only about 5,000,000 of the 325,000,000 people of India are Christians. "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." "Go ye into all the world," said Jesus, "and preach the gospel to the whole creation."



Four Generations.  
Roy Coventry, his mother, grandmother, and daughter Margaret.



A Group of Missionaries.

Top Row (left to right).—R. H. Coventry (India), A. C. Garnett, M.A. (China), G. P. Pittman (India).

Middle Row.—Miss Elsie Caldicott (India), Mrs. Laura Black (New Hebrides), Mrs. McKie (New Hebrides), Miss Bache, Miss Metzenthin (China).

Front Row.—Mrs. A. C. Garnett (China), Miss R. L. Tonkin (China), Miss Mary Thompson (India), Mrs. R. H. Coventry (India), Mrs. G. P. Pittman (India).

## An Impossible Task.

Ira A. Paternoster.

To say what one would like to say in gratitude to God for the way he has led us as a people in our Foreign Mission work is an impossible task. To express our joy at the thought of a doctor for China and a hospital for India is an impossible task. To indicate even the possibilities of the work among the boys at Baramati and the girls at Shrigonda is an impossible task. To show our full appreciation of the splendid band of workers in all our Foreign Mission fields is an impossible task. To sufficiently stress the need in this our day, for more workers, more prayers, more interest, and more consecrated giving, is an impossible task. But the task is ours to face, and faith in God and in his Son Jesus Christ has made it possible on more than one occasion for people to accomplish the impossible. Let us do the impossible!

## Love's Question.

Love, such as Christ's law speaks of, never asks the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Love's question, if love asks questions at all, is, "How can I show myself neighborly?" Love does not inquire, "Whom ought I to help?"—it inquires, "How can I best be a helper?" It does not look narrowly and grudgingly and fearfully round, trying to find out who are the others who may have claims on it. Its eyes are turned inward upon itself, saying, "What will make me more fit to serve?"—R. W. Barbour.

# Missionary Facts

Concerning the Work of the Churches of Christ in Foreign Lands.

## INDIA—

Population of our District, 1,000,000, for whose evangelisation we are responsible.

Missionaries, 15. Indian workers, 26.

Mission Stations, 3—Baramati, Shrigonda, Diksal. Out-stations—Indapur, Tandalwadi, Shirsuphal, Gonowdi, Malagaon, Pargaon, Loni, Limpangow, Kashti, Nimbgaon.

In addition to these stations, Miss Mary Thompson has labored for over thirty years at Harda, and has many out-stations which she visits regularly.

Criminal Tribes Settlement, 1. Sub-settlement, 1.

Total men, women and children of Criminal Tribes under our charge, 442.

Churches, 3. Members, 124. Attending church,



Miss Thompson's Bible Gari, in which she rides hundreds of miles each year visiting in the city of Harda and the villages round about, and in which the Federal Secretary had several rides visiting the scenes of Miss Mary's ministry.

Photo. taken January, 1920.

but not members, 49. Children of members, 238.

Day and Sunday Schools, 14. Scholars, 446. In addition to these schools, classes are held for instruction in carpentry, motor-driving, motor-mechanics, laundry work, lace-making, weaving, dispensing, and teaching.

Orphanages, 2, with 150 orphans.

Dispensaries, 4. Treatments and re-treatments, 15,000.

Baptisms, 1922, 49.

Buildings, 17. Value with land, £5877. In addition to these buildings two hospital wards have been purchased from the Indian Government, and pulled down, and the materials stored on our hospital ground at Dhond. Plans are being prepared for a hospital, which will be known as the "Ashwood Memorial Hospital." The bequest of the late Bro. J. F. Ashwood will be used for erecting this hospital.

Bro. Bert Oldfield will finish his medical training at the Melbourne University in March, 1924, and expects to proceed to India shortly after.

One of the many cheering facts about our work in India is the favour our missionaries have with the people of the district.

## CHINA—

Population of the District, 200,000.

Missionaries, 5 (1 honorary).

Churches, 1. Church members, 44. Baptisms last year, 4.

Day and Sunday Schools, 2. Scholars, 360.

Our work in Hweilichow, Szechwan Province, has opened well. Our missionaries have rented a house, conducted a week's mission, opened a school, and engaged a very fine Christian teacher. This teacher was the Principal in the West China Baptist Mission School in 1922, and the Baptists kindly released him to take service with us. Our missionaries have also engaged a Christian evangelist to help them in evangelising the district. We hope soon to proceed with the erection of our hospital and dispensary. Later on this year we expect to send a doctor and nurse and single lady missionary to our new field.

Our missionaries write that the peoples have received them very kindly, and the audiences at the meetings have been large, and the enrolment of scholars is twice as many as they expected.



One of the many patients of Bro. Waters, Oba, New Hebrides.

collected in silver and sent up to the Federal Committee. They have done this for three years past, and promise to continue.

Schools, 59. Daily services are held in about 60 places on the three islands.

Baptisms are frequent. The Christians are growing in grace, and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. On Pentecost 500 have been immersed since we began work there. Of these 119 have died, 139 have been recruited or backslidden, leaving on the roll 242. Last year there were nearly 100 baptisms on the three islands.

## CHINESE in AUSTRALIA—

Chinese churches have been established in Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide and Perth, and classes for the teaching of the people are held on week-nights in each city.

The largest and most influential Chinese organisation in Australia is the Chinese National Association. It is interesting to note that the Federal President of this Association is Mr. Sam Wong, one of our Christian brethren, who was baptised in our Chinese Mission in Melbourne over 20 years ago. The Victorian State President of the same organisation is Mr. H. Pang, another of our Chinese brethren, baptised in Melbourne. The President of the South Australian branch is Dr. Lum Yow, one of our Chinese brethren, a wealthy and influential Christian gentleman, who was baptised by Willie Jame many years ago. In Western Australia the President of the Chinese Association was Bro. Geen, but he went to Canton, China, some few months ago, and had to resign his position. He is now preaching to his fellow countrymen in Canton, China.

Our Chinese Christians have got the missionary spirit, and have subscribed over £600 to establish a Church of Christ Mission in Canton, to be supported and controlled by the Chinese Churches of Christ in Australia.

After Bro. Jame's death Bro. Shee Ping became Chinese evangelist. He is a man of much literary ability, and was editor of the Chinese newspaper before he became our evangelist. Some few months ago he resigned his position as evangelist, to return to the work of editor. The Chinese churches felt the loss of his services, but he helps occasionally in the work of the church.

The Federal Committee have engaged a new evangelist, Bro. Au Kwong Hon. Bro. H. Pang selected him for us. He was converted 10 years ago in America in the Baptist Mission, and has spent 2½ years in the Baptist College in Canton, the last six months as a teacher. He arrived in Melbourne on April 1. Bro. Pang having heard him preach several times, and also conduct a Bible Class studying the Acts of the Apostles, speaks very highly of his ability as a preacher, and a student of God's Word. After Bro. Hon has spent two or three years in Australia, it is thought that he will return to China and become associated with the Canton Mission that our Chinese churches purpose establishing.



When Foh-Sang was asked about this picture, he said, "Can't you guess? This is lunch time at the mission kindergarten. We talk and laugh and trade our good things with one another. What do we have? Apples, milk, boiled eggs, and rice-cakes."

"Not for ourselves, but for others," is the  
 grand law inscribed on every part of creation.

—Edward Payson.

**Our Federal President's Message.**

"The light that shines farthest, shines brightest nearer home." This applies to the light of the gospel. To illumine the dark places of the earth in the regions beyond, will assure greater brilliancy at home. The work abroad helps the work near at hand. We will help Home Missions by greater assistance to Foreign Missions. Considerations for those in heathen lands will make us thoughtful for those in our home States. Watering others, we shall be watered ourselves. Broadcasting our messages will not hinder it being heard near by. A dark skinned soul won for Christ will make us eager to win those of lighter complexion. As organiser of our Home Mission work, I urge every member in New South Wales to abound in the grace of giving to the Foreign Mission offering on July 1. Sacrifice for that will bring abundant blessing on us all for the home task.—H. G. Harward, Federal President.

**Loyalty and Obedience.**

It is said that Hannibal, the famous Carthaginian general, was once asked the secret of his victories. Calling one of his soldiers from the ranks, he pointed to the edge of a near-by precipice, and spoke just one word, "Leap!" and without a word of appeal or remonstrance, the man leapt to his death in the abyss. The scene was twice repeated. That was his answer—loyalty and obedience exemplified by the unquestioning action of his soldiers. No great victory was ever accomplished otherwise.

We have a Captain who demands loyalty and obedience—not to make a useless sacrifice—but

that we might win successive victories under his leading. We are firmly convinced that this is the high hour of opportunity to show our loyalty by missionary giving. We have a world programme before us; it is worthy of us as a brotherhood. Our Indian station is now firmly established on a sound basis, with a splendid body of workers, yet there is the Macedonian call for others. Our Island work is being well maintained, but two more missionaries should go out this year. We have commenced in a new field in West China, the possibilities of which we can only conjecture. We believe that we shall see wonderful victories won there for Jesus Christ. Our men and women are stepping into the ranks, ready to go out and fight against the forces of evil. These all constitute a challenge to us that must be answered.

*Preachers*, this is your opportunity to lead your people in this great programme for the kingdom as never before. You do the members of your church a great injustice if you fail to bring them into an intelligent and sympathetic relation to the missionary enterprise. Put your ideals, appeals, and challenges on a high plane; let them go out with ringing authority: make things big and worthy for Christ.

*Churches*.—This is the time when you will yield yourselves to the highest ideals and most consecrated giving that you have ever experienced; only by doing so will you be true to Christ, and realise what God has in store for you.

This is an age of great things—let us make the greatest missionary offering in our history on July 1, 1923.—Leonard Gole, President, Victorian F.M. Committee.

**We Must Go On.**

"If I begin a thing, I must go through with it," said Carey to his mother, in explanation of a boyish action. The life story of the founder of modern missions illustrates the powerful development of such determination consecrated to the service of Christ.

Thirty-three years ago the Churches of Christ in Australia entered upon their great Foreign Missionary enterprise. The years tell a story of splendid progress, of sacrificial service, of many trophies won for him. The present need and opportunity in India, China and the Islands is tremendous. We have a magnificent band of missionaries, but their numbers need increasing, and better equipment must be supplied. We dare not retreat: we cannot stand still; everything urges us to advance and claim victories for our King. By our sacrificial giving on July 1, may we say in no uncertain tones, "We must go on."—J. Whelan, Federal Secretary.

**Support the Standard Bearers.**

We thank our heavenly Father for the victories won in the foreign fields by the faithful work of our noble band of men and women who, for the love of Christ, and his kingdom, are willing to sever for a time the ties of home and the homeland.

To those of us who are in this favored land, what is our duty?

Our aim is £100, and is not too much to ask from the brotherhood to raise in providing the temporal needs of our missionaries, while they act as standard-bearers for Christ in bringing into his kingdom those who now sit in darkness.

Brethren, embrace the opportunity, and let this offering be the best yet, and God, who knoweth the purpose of each heart, will abundantly bless our every effort, and our prayers will find acceptance of him who knoweth our every need. Remember the widow's mite.—P. Duff, President, Tasmanian F.M. Committee.



**Church of Christ Day School, Kwenning Road, Shanghai, China.**

1, 2 and 3 are assistant teachers. 4, Mr. Hu Sin Wu, the headmaster. 5, Mrs. W. M. Cameron, who assists in the English classes. 6, Mrs. Ware, who together with her late husband had much to do with the work in its earlier stages. 7, Elder Hu Sing Kwei. 8, Mr. W. M. Cameron, non. superintendent. 9, Mr. W. A. B. Leach, an interested visitor, the owner of the property, who gave a fine address at the breaking-up exercise.

# Missionary Messages.

Dear Bro. Walden,—

On behalf of the British F.M. Committee and their staff of missionaries, allow me to say that we hope the offerings of the Australian churches this year will justify our conviction that nowhere in the world is our brotherhood more alive to the needs of the unevangelised nations than in Australia.

Churches like the Moravian, which supports a missionary for every 58 members at home, are still a reproach as well as an inspiration to us, and we must not rest till we have a much larger staff on the field in proportion to our membership. The motto of the Moravian Church might well be ours. "To win for the Lamb that was slain the reward of his sufferings." Gratitude to Jesus is the supreme motive. May the love of Christ constrain us all to more earnest efforts.—Yours in His work.—G. P. Pittman.



Miss Vera Blake,  
on furlough from India.

## Widening Circles.

In days gone by the little village of Karanje has witnessed many a band of Bhamptas returning from a long journey heavily laden with precious booty. Loud has been the acclamation with which they have been received, great the rejoicing over the spoils, and much feasting in their honor.

The years roll by, and many of the Bhamptas from this village have become inmates of the Criminal Tribe Settlement at Baramati, about 20 miles eastward, but some still remain in their ancestral village.

One day recently a small bullock cart was seen approaching laden with bundles. "Who is that strangely familiar figure?" the villagers asked. They rubbed their eyes. No; they were not dreaming; they were still in the twentieth century; it was not the daring thief of whom they were thinking, who used to come home laden with ill-gotten gain; but his son. But, how unlike his sire! Did he think he was a Brahmin? Whence this gentleness of demeanour?

He is a cloth merchant, with ready-made garments and cloth to sell. Has he not a shop in Baramati? Quietly business is attended to, bargains are struck, and the villagers' wants are supplied.

As the day is drawing to a close, this young man draws a number of the Bhamptas around the door of his lodging-place, and begins to tell the news of Baramati, and the condition of their relatives. There comes a lull in their questions, and then he quietly draws from his pocket a little book. He reads a little to them, and then begins to explain. He tells how Jesus Christ died for men many years ago, and became a Saviour for all, and is even now in heaven interceding for them. As the love in his heart expresses itself in burning words, he confesses that he himself has given his heart

to this Saviour. The astonishment of his listeners is beyond description. Broken with caste! Become a Christian! Why? Oh, why? Outcaste! is their indignant cry. Quietly he tells of the difference Christ has made, how his own wife even has given her life to Jesus, and how happy they both are.

The next day the visitor departs, but he has sown precious seed, sown for eternity, and his story is upon the lips of those people for many days.

"The Bhamptas of Karanje," he writes to us in Australia, "want you to come out to see them as soon as you return to India; they wish to hear more about Jesus Christ."

Thank God for this young man; he has already persuaded one family from his native village to come to Baramati for instruction, where they are now being taught the way of the Lord more perfectly.

The evangelisation of the more distant villages in the Baramati district is one of the tasks still awaiting. Here is an opening. We hope to enter it if adequate means of transport is provided.

In ever-widening circles is the influence of the Settlement being felt. Is it your wish, dear fellow worker, that the circles be widened?—H. R. Coventry.

## Homes!"

Pous Alla! Pous Alla! With this warning cry the children scamper to the nearest shelter, as the big rain-drops fall; mother rushes to fetch in the bedding, which has been airing; the women at the canal break off their friendly gossip, and neatly poisoning their large water-pots upon their heads, and their babies upon their hips, make haste to their homes. Home! What is it? A room(?) perhaps 8ft. x 10ft., enclosed by a wall of sundried bricks 6ft. high, with a rush thatch for a roof. In the corner on the floor a little fire-place with no chimney, a box or two and a few cooking vessels. Into this room the family crowds—grandmother, father and mother, and uncle, and several children. Soon the storm breaks, and the welcome rain, for which the farmer has been waiting so long, comes pouring down in the proper tropical way. Thankful hearts praise Him who has sent the bountiful rain, which ensures a good harvest.

What of the dweller in the hut? He knows the rain brings prosperity, cheap grain, etc. But what of the moment? With the first downpour, his thatched roof, sufficient protection from a tropical sun, is of no avail to throw off the water. Drip, drip! soon becomes a waterspout, and his room is flooded. Each person tries to find a spot where



Bro. Au Kwong Hon,  
our Chinese Evangelist in Australia.



Mr. and Mrs. Waters, Oba, New Hebrides.

the rain is not coming through. "Follow me," he says, and, picking up a few torn blankets, as the rain eases off, the family forsake their "home"! Whither? Oh, there is the mission school. Let's go there. As they run, they see dozens of their fellow caste people, also running.

The missionaries are called out, and in a short time the women and girls are all safely housed for the night in the old weaving shed, and the men and boys in the school building, where there are dry floors.

This is not a flight of the imagination, but a description of what actually occurs on the Criminal Tribe Settlement every time there is a heavy shower of rain. This is also true of millions of the poor and outcaste in every part of India. Can we expect much spiritual development under such conditions? The Government do not house the criminals.

Would it not be a truly Christian act if we could help them to at least get a good roof over their heads?—Ethel Coventry.

## The Mute Appeal of Fetters.

After the emancipation of the slaves in America a pile of rusty handcuffs and fetters from the abandoned slave-pens of one of the great cities came into the possession of the local Negro mission school. The fetters were sold as old iron, and the money invested in the purchase of Testaments. How pathetic a romance! The cruel fetters, once the instruments of torture, now transformed into books bringing messages of freedom for captives, and liberty to souls sold to sin. Once seen, the memory of the fetters that bind the heathen can never be forgotten. The rank, gaping wounds of sin burn into the soul, and can never be effaced. But there is a remedy. Hallelujah! Our Saviour is their Saviour, too, and Jesus looks to us to help him set these captives free. He gave all to redeem us. What will we give for them?—Laura Black, ex-Missionary, Pentecost, N.H.

## Message from Bro. Hon.

When I returned to China from America I was very anxious to teach my wife about Jesus. I tried to tell her of the great love that Jesus had for her, but she would not hear me. I prayed very earnestly for her, and then had to leave for Canton. I sent her to school, where she had a Christian teacher. Gradually God opened her heart, and sometimes when she could not understand her teacher she would ask me the meaning, and I then had the joy of helping her to know Jesus. She is now a bright Christian, praying for me in my work in Australia. Pray ye also that God's Holy Spirit may direct me in all I do and say, that I may be a soul-winner for Him.—Au Kwong Hon.

**A Visit to Malegaon.**

Malegaon is a village about three miles from Baramati, and in the centre of a large sugar-cane district. A sugar factory, with employment for 500 hands, was erected there last year, and last April (1922) Mr. Coventry, seeing an opportunity for a number of Bhampta men to find work in the factory, established a small branch settlement there. A small school was opened in the same month. At present Mr. Patole, one of our Indian preachers, is living at Malegaon, and acting both as Settlement Inspector and evangelist. A school teacher goes out every day from Baramati. I visit Malegaon regularly, but cannot go as often as I should like until we obtain a mission horse and vehicle for Baramati Station. One Sunday I was able to go out and join with the little band of Christians in the breaking of bread, after which we had a gospel service among the Bhampta people.

Last Friday I visited the little school, and examined the children in the regular subjects. There is only one Christian boy in the school, the remainder all being Bhamptas or other Hindoos. But they had learned many hymns and Bible stories, and wanted me to hear them all.

After visiting the school I went with the Bible woman to see a Bhampta man and his wife, who are anxious to become Christians. Mr. Patole has been teaching them regularly for several months. The man seemed to understand the message fairly well, and the woman was anxious to learn, but they will not be baptised for a little while yet. We ask your prayers for them, and for other enquirers at Malegaon.—L. Redman.

**"The Word is Life."**

Will you for a few brief moments consider yourself a co-worker on the field. Picture to yourself a village containing a few Christians, surrounded by heathen people. Representatives from a distant village come to you, asking that you send a teacher to them. What would be your reply, knowing of the great disadvantages under which our Federal F.M. Committee is working, for lack of funds?

Christ has purchased us with his own precious blood. He has given us life and immortality. Surely it is for us to pray, work, and give, that others may meet with us around the throne above. In the past we have known by personal experience that your prayers and gifts have helped us in the Master's work, and although we are now unable to carry on the work so dear to us, yet our hearts are in distant lands.

Christ gave himself for us. Consider it, and if you are his, make an offering worthy of your love. —W. E. Black, ex-Missionary, Pentecost, N.H.

**Letters from the Workers.**

**"Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me."**

I want to show you a little group of children in the shoe-maker's wada at Shrigonda, with whom we meet every Wednesday morning. They are very much like other children inside, i.e., as much as we can see of that which looks out through two wondering, keenly observant, and sometimes rather critical eyes. These are not famine days, so our little group have quite well nourished bodies. Sometimes they are naughty, and sometimes good—just like other children—but always lovable. I think I never leave them without a big longing to bring them with me and put them in our Children's Home, where they would be removed from the atmosphere of heathen worship. Every Wednesday morning they sing hymns, repeat Scripture texts, and hear a Bible story. Periodically we give them some little reward for repeating Scripture from memory. One tiny girl of about 4 years is one of the quaintest wee mites I ever saw. Another girl of 7 has such a pretty face. She is shy, and at first refused to come to the class unless her father brought her, but I noticed she insisted on his bringing her. Gradually she lost her shyness, and now she comes alone. There is one specially bright boy in the class, Maruti. I love Maruti. He really is an unusually fine little fellow, and so intelligent. These children are quite a different type from those in our orphanages. They live in heathen homes, with the worship of idols continually before them; yet so far their parents have not objected to their attendance at our class. Indeed, we often have an audience of older folk, too. The grandmas and grandpas are as eager to see our Scripture picture as the children; yet what would happen if one of these children wished to become a Christian I do not know. Usually their parents would rather have them die than become Christians. Yet this is precisely why we go to that wada, that the precious word of God may take root, deep root in the hearts of these children. We pray that it may. —Ethel D. Jones.

constant demand on the funds, and you have met that demand, and for this we thank you, and we believe your effort is worth while.

Yet we as a mission may not reap what you are causing to be sown. The work amongst the chil-



Mrs. Leach and Miss Cameron.

**One Sows: Another Reaps.**

The thing that seems most natural for me to tell is that the girls are at last at Shrigonda, and the boys have gone to Baramati.

You have helped on during another year to have these children trained and cared for, and we thank you. The Orphanage work makes a big and a

dren makes me think of my sorghum and sudan grass patch. I was given the seed by kind friends at Inverell, N.S.W., and wanted to see how it would do in India. That which was sown for the latter rains came on nicely: then I was obliged to be away for some time, and when I returned some of the grass was there, with its seed: some had disappeared: much, I suppose, had been scattered by the strong winds, but no doubt, after the next rains, sudan grass will be found in many quite unexpected places.

So we cannot expect to retain all our boys and girls. They, too, will scatter, but we hope and we pray that they will by their upright Christian lives, be as verdure in needy places. We may sow and others may reap; but then we, too, have reaped what others have sown. For instance, I have for some time been needing a good teacher for the girls, but Shrigonda is not a big town, and I could not offer a very big salary, such as one with the qualifications needed might demand. I could only place it as a need to be fulfilled, if it was a true need. Last month I received an application from the sister of one of our preachers, a highly qualified woman; her husband died last year, and she wishes to live nearer her relatives than she has been. No doubt someone helped to train her: someone sowed the seed; we did not; but we will reap the result of that sowing by her consecrated life and the great help she will be to our girls. To me it is a cause of great thankfulness that one of the great needs has been fulfilled, and I am sure that those who help support our girls join me in this, and in the hope that, because we have reaped, we will sow of what we have reaped, to the glory of God.—Florence Cameron, Girls' Orphanage, Shrigonda.



Mr. and Mrs. T. Escott and son Edgar.

## From Australian Missionary Secretaries.

### Our Greatest Offering.

Why should the Victorian F.M. Committee ask the brotherhood for its greatest F.M. offering?

1. *Because of the Greatness of Our Responsibility to the Heathen.*

(a) *India.*—Our district in the Bombay Presidency has a population of over 1,000,000 souls, for whom Christ died, and they depend on us to evangelise them. We work three stations and ten out-stations, the greatest number in our history. One hundred and eighty other places await our workers. Shall we refuse the call?



Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Hweilichow, China.

(b) *China.*—Our new missionary enterprise in Hweilichow, Szechwan Province, W. China, is a great challenge to our faith. Do you know that over 200,000 souls will look to us for the Bread of Life? Shall we disappoint them?

(c) *New Hebrides.*—Hundreds of men, women and children on the Islands of Pentecost, Oba, and Maewo, call us to proclaim the gospel of Christ to them. Shall we fail them?

(d) *Chinese in Australia.* The Chinese population in Australia presents a great opportunity to evangelise "the stranger within our gates." Shall we seize the opportunity?

2. *Because We Maintain the Greatest Staff of Missionaries in Our History.*

Thirty-one years ago we supported one lone worker, our beloved Sister M. Thompson; now, we maintain twenty-three noble men and women, with one hundred native workers, on our various fields. This company of faithful workers appeals to us for reinforcements. Shall we disappoint them?

For these two reasons we earnestly appeal to the 11,000 members in the State to make Victoria's Greatest F.M. Offering of £1750 on Lord's day, July 1.—J. Ernest Allan, Victorian F.M. Secretary

### Living Waters.

In the time of Constantine (323) there was a King of Ceylon named Datu Sen. He constructed a vast tank for water, so that the sandy land about his capital might grow food for the people, instead of lying waste. He built an immense dam, and furnished it with sluices. The land became a Paradise.

Seven hundred years later the great dam was broken through; the waters escaped. Famine stalked through the land. The people perished.

In 1884 Sir Arthur Gordon began the work of restoring the tanks. The natives regard him as a god. The land is now prosperous.

This is a parable.

We have in our keeping a great reservoir of spiritual power. Its living waters can irrigate the souls of all men. All we have to do in order to release that living water is to keep the sluices open.

South Australia will do its part. £1750 on July 1 will help keep the sluices open, and South Australia will do it.—S. J. Southgate, South Australian F.M. Secretary.

### Holding the Ropes.

Are we doing our part in the important task of sending the "good news" to the far-off fields?

Is the church in the home-land holding the ropes?

That great preacher, Dr. Dixon, recently paid a visit to China, and in the course of an address, stated the following:—

"When the beloved Carey went out into the mission field, it was he who was going down into the pit, and the home churches were holding the ropes. In referring to the coldness and unbelief of the churches to-day, he stated, 'Now the home churches have got down into the pit, and you (the missionaries) are holding the ropes.' He felt that out on the mission fields there was a higher spiritual life prevailing."

Brethren, let this not be true of our beloved brotherhood to-day.

Tasmanians, give this statement a mighty denial on July 1. We can do this by reaching our high-water mark, £100. We shall thus keep on "holding the ropes" for our beloved brethren in the fields.—Jas. P. Foot, junr., Secretary, Tasmanian F.M. Committee.

### The Banking Account that is Absolutely Sure (Matt. 6: 20).

"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." Jesus has put up the sign before the eyes of the church, "Bank here!" offering absolutely safe investment for all investors, and 10,000 per cent. interest on fixed deposits. There is not as much business being done through this bank as might reasonably be expected. No great staff is necessary to cope with the rush, and the reason, obviously, is, that investors are not too sure of the prospects.

The world's sign, "Bank here!" Interest on current accounts, payable on demand, is more attractive. Be not deceived. God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.



W. Waterman, Yunnanfu, China.

Drawings by-and-by will depend upon bankings now. Depend upon it, Jesus will sit by the treasury on July 1, "beholding." Give that you will not fear him.—Will. H. Clay, Secretary, W.A. F.M. Committee.

### Partnership with Him.

Truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. This is the declaration of John, the aged apostle, and the words in themselves are startling. But if we think for a moment of their tremendous importance, we are filled



Miss Grace Metzenthin, Yunnanfu, China.

with self-reproach, for we have sadly failed our heavenly Father, and our Saviour.

Fellowship carries with it the thought of partnership; this is the teaching of God's Word. "We are co-laborers with God." Working together with him" brings to our forgetful memories the purpose of our holy calling. Partners with the Godhead in the world's redemption. Think of it. Are we measuring up to our responsibility? This is the question we must put to ourselves, and in the light of the coming of the Son of God, answer it.

Remember, brethren, the millions of our fellow-men, who are in darkness and degradation. Pray for the workers in their midst, and for these lost souls also, and give liberally on July 1, thus proving your partnership with your Lord and Master.—J. Clydesdale, Secretary, N.S.W. F.M. Committee.

### That They "Go Forward!"

That dramatic episode in the journeyings of the Israelites, when confronted with the Red Sea in front and the Egyptians in hot pursuit, comes as an inspiration of the wonderful providence of God.

The hosts of Israel had come to a dead end. The command from God was, "That they go forward." Before them was the sea; impassable; still the command, "Go forward!" (What was to be done? Obedience, and lo, the miracle: the way opened, and they passed over.)

What better inspiration do we need at this time? We are asked to do great things by sacrifice and self-denial, that our objective may be reached.

The impossible must be attempted, but the command, "Go forward," instills within us the confidence that begets initiative, and lo, again, the miracle! We have reached our objective.

£10,000 is the amount needed to carry on the work, and that souls may be saved.

The privilege also of being partners in this great work should inspire our efforts and compel all to do and dare for the sake of those who have not been reached as yet by the messengers of salvation. We cannot all "Go," but we are all worthwhile to the Lord. Don't let us underestimate ourselves.—H. W. Hermann, Secretary, Queensland F.M. Committee.

# Our Missionary Task.

## "Nothing To Hold On To."

J. E. Shipway.

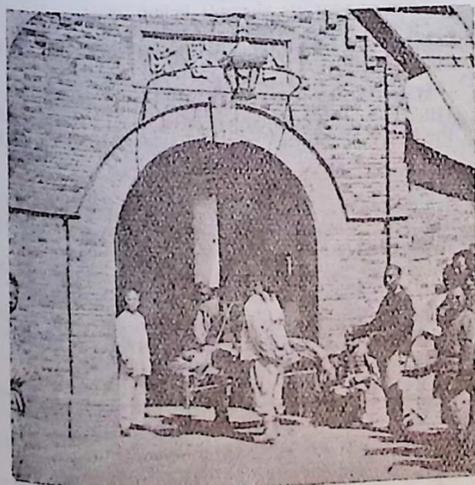
It is related of an atheist who was dying that he appeared very uncomfortable and very frightened. Another atheist who stood at his bedside said to him, "Don't be afraid. Hold on, man; hold on to the last." The dying man said, "That is what I want to do; but tell me what to hold on to." The sinner's dying hope is none other than Jesus Christ. "Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee."

There is nothing that has in it the power of God unto salvation except the gospel. That gospel is for the whole wide world, and ours is the challenge to see that it gets there. Let not parochialism becloud our vision, because nothing takes us beyond ourselves as an interest in world-wide missions. Let us hold on to the heathen world, because we can give it something to hold on to. Let us remember, our God, our missionaries, our people, and our pockets on Sunday, July 1.

## An Awakening Giant.

Thos. Hagger.

China has an unbroken history for four thousand years; her people were civilised when the inhabitants of Britain were half-naked savages. During those forty centuries she was characterised by changelessness; but now she is arousing herself from that long slumber, and is facing the future. In the changes which she is starting to make she will either turn to atheism or Christianity. If the former, then it will be a sad day for the world; if the latter, then it will be fraught with untold blessings. But which it will be depends upon the work of the Christian Church in evangelising the teeming millions of that land. The calls for missionary activity are many and insistent, but no call is louder or more insistent than that of this awakening giant. It is well that the Churches of Christ in Australia are undertaking additional work in this land, and we must see to it that the missionary force out there is rapidly increased, and that all the necessary equipment is provided.



Entering the Hospital.

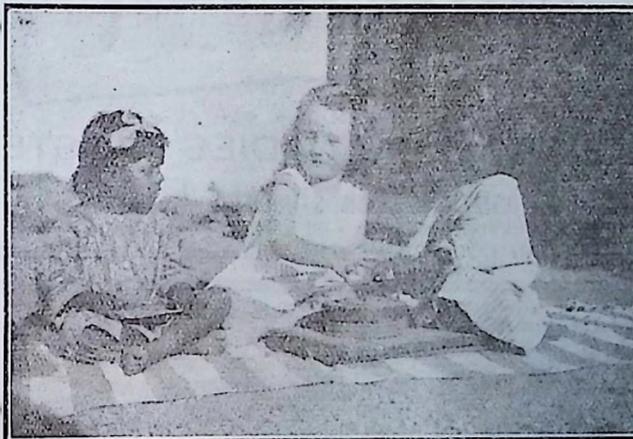
Literally hundreds of people come every morning to this hospital. Many of them are too ill to walk and are carried many miles by their friends. One mother carried her baby fifty miles, and was rewarded by seeing the missionary physician remove cataracts from the child's eyes. The man in the picture had been terribly needed in China, where the native physicians know practically nothing concerning the practice of medicine and surgery.

## My Brother and I.

W. R. Hibburt.

*My Bible* tells me to love my neighbor as myself. *My Master* explains clearly the nature, extent, and spirit of my neighborliness in the story of the Good Samaritan.

*My mind* is reassured by the great apostle, that



Fanny Thorat. Margaret Coventry. Shita Kamble.

Fanny appears to be giving the "two women grinding at the mill" a piece of her mind.

there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free, but Christ is all, and in all.

*My experience* teaches me that nations, peoples, families, and individuals are members one of another.

*My heart* affirms that humanity is one, my conscience dictates that in view of all this I must prove true to my brothers in India, China, Africa, and in the New Hebrides, on July 1.

## The Call.

Geo. Morton.

"Our day" and "our opportunity" for the highest service swings round once again. *China* with her unrest and inward strife, *India* with her many castes and religions, *Africa* with its dense blackness, all call to us this day to send them the message of love and salvation. Above all these, *God calls* to us to fulfil his divine command, "Go or send." Are we going to "keep step" with the Master, or are we indifferent, and care not how many die "out of Christ, with no hope"? In the great day of the Lord we shall be "measured up" as to our response to these calls. Thousands are dying because we do not care, or are not willing to sacrifice ourselves for him who gave his all for us. Remember July 1, and give for God and outcast humanity an offering worthy of us as a people.

## One Gospel, One People.

W. Alexander.

A careful study of Foreign Missions leads to the conclusion that there is one gospel for one people, throughout a wide and sin-stricken world. The story of the Russian traveller who, though very cold himself, kept his blood in circulation through his efforts to restore the blood's circulation of a man who was buried in the snow, brings the lesson that the more the church does for Christ in the foreign field, the more it does for him at home. There must be a unity of spirit in all work for the widest spreading of a universal gospel. Let every member be as one heart and voice on July 1, and a greatly increased offering will naturally result. A bigger offering this year will make the heart of the committee glad.

## The Mission of the Church.

M. F. Bache, Missionary-elect.

When Christ rose from the dead, he commanded his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel.

This command has been handed down to Christ's church. Her mission is to give light to the nations that sit in darkness, and to convey a knowledge of salvation to all the ends of the earth. This is the grand design our Lord had in mind in the organisation of the church. The church

needs more self-sacrifice, and more of the spirit of Him, who though he was rich, for our sakes he became poor.

As the work in the foreign field grows, it needs more support. A dead work needs no support, and issues no calls. Therefore the church should praise and thank God for every call that comes, for it is a sign that our Lord's work is growing, and the prophecy is nearing its fulfilment that "all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

## "Incredibly Slow."

A. C. Garnett, M.A.

A missionary doctor was visiting a district in India where the gospel had never been preached before. In one village particular interest was manifested in the message. At last the local priest began to realise that his personal interests were at stake, and started to oppose the missionary with all the arguments he could think of. Eventually he asked, "And how long have you Europeans known of this Jesus, who, you say, was Son of God?" "For nearly two thousand years," replied the doctor. "Ha! ha! ha!" laughed the priest, with a ring of triumph in his voice. "A likely story that is, that you should have known all this for two thousand years, and you have not come to tell us of it until now!" Truly we have been incredibly slow. It is criminal neglect to do less than our utmost in the delivery of a message like this.

## China: White Unto Harvest.

H. L. Pang.

During my recent travel in China I found that the people in the principal cities are adopting the Western methods both in commerce and education rapidly, especially the latter. As the young Chinese in deep, earnest study of modern and scientific education, they are gradually dropping the ancient worship of ancestors and idols, and they regard Confucius as a moralist, not divine. At this moment the opportunity was never greater to preach or send the primitive gospel to them, while they are forsaking their old religions and seeking for the real divine religion of Jesus Christ.

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#### Christ's Command.

Foreign Missions should occupy a very prominent place in our churches, because it is Christ's command "to go into all the world and preach the gospel," and he would be with us, even unto the end of the world. We obey his other commands, so we should be obedient to this one. Especially ought we as women be anxious to do more, for Christianity has done so much for us.

Let us give as God hath blessed us. Christ gave his life for us. Can we not in some small measure repay him? As we give, so shall we receive.

"Think ye of your brethren toiling

Under many a sultry sky,

Calling you to come and help them—

Heed ye not their pleading cry?

Would ye live a life most blessed,

Would ye know the purest joy?

Oh, let spreading God's salvation

All your noblest gifts employ."

—F. M. Gill, Victorian Women's Conference President.

#### "Send the Light."

"There's a cry comes ringing o'er the restless waves, Send the light." The cry from foreign lands rings out long and loud. My brother, my sister, do you hear it? If you hear it, do you heed it?

Jesus, the Founder of the church, expects every member to give of their best, and give cheerfully.

There are numbers of members who have no vision beyond their own church and surroundings. They say charity begins at home. Yes, but it is a poor charity that stops at home.

When Jesus gave his disciples their marching orders, he told them to begin at Jerusalem, but from there they had to go forth to the uttermost parts of the earth.

The church that confines itself only to its own little vineyard is a failure. The church is a machine by which the gospel is carried all over the world, and money is the lubricant for the machine. It is the duty of every member to assist in providing that lubricant.

Foreign Mission work is hampered to-day for want of money.

We are only stewards of what God has given us. Let us give him a worthy share.—A. L. Wendorf, President, Queensland Women's Conference.

The Federal F.M. Secretary reports that Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Coventry had born to them on June 2 another little daughter. Both mother and baby are doing well. The Australian brotherhood will join with the Federal Committee in heartiest congratulations on the advent of the little daughter.

#### Heart Hunger.

Jas. E. Thomas.

When we have heard of terrible famines in India, China, or Europe, we have been glad to do our best to send food. There is no question as to whether it should be done. Loving sympathetic hearts do not need urging to answer the distress call of humanity; they just send the response in shiploads of food. There are millions in Christless homes in the dark lands where He is not known, who are starving to-day. There is a loneliness and longing that comes from heart hunger. These dear people could not say just what they want, but in the words of a poor heathen to a missionary recently they say, "Do come and help us, and tell us of your Jesus. Our hearts are hungry, and we are sad, and no one seems to care." They cannot speak to us all to-day, but they still sit in the darkness, they still sorrow without comfort, and face all the horrors of sin without a Saviour to help them overcome. We have the bread of life, and Jesus says to us, "Give ye them to eat." What a joy it is to share in the great work of our Lord as we send to them that bread that satisfies the hungry soul. As we give on July 1 we are helping to send comfort and joy to the homes of our fellow men that as yet live in the darkness. Will we do it?



Anusaya Powar, aged about 9 years.  
(One of our Orphans.)



Dr. Davis, Treasurer of the West China Baptist Mission, who has been very friendly and helpful to our missionaries there, travelling to Hweilichow with them to help them in the beginning of the work. He is now in Ningyuenfu, getting things straightened out there.

#### BIRTH.

CARR.—On June 8, at "The Gardens Cafe," 92 Autumn-st., West Geelong, Vic., to Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Carr, a daughter (Gladys Lillian). Both doing well.

#### DEATH.

PEARL.—On June 6, at 21 Ballara-st., Mile End, Cassandra Alice (Cassie), dearly-beloved youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pearl, aged 22 years. "Till we meet again."

#### IN MEMORIAM.

BARNFATHER.—In loving memory of my dear husband and father, Edwin Barnfather, who passed away June 11, 1921, aged 33 years.

A patient sufferer gone to his rest.

Peace, perfect peace.

—Inserted by his loving wife and daughter.

COOK.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our father, John Edward A., who passed to a higher life, June 16, 1922.

Another year its changes bring.

Though death divides, fond memories cling.  
—Inserted by his loving wife and children, Richmond, Victoria.

McCOLL (*nee* Payne).—In loving memory of Hilda, loving daughter of Mrs. S. J. Payne and the late F. F. Payne, who fell asleep, June 10, 1921.  
Sweet Rest.

—Mother and family.

TURNER.—In fond and loving remembrance of our dear mother, who was called to the higher life on June 13, 1920.

—Inserted by her loving children, Doris, Jean, Mavis, Noel and Bruce, Forest-st., Bendigo.

TURNER.—In loving memory of my dear friend, Mrs. J. N. Turner, of Forest-st., Bendigo, who passed from this life June 13, 1920.  
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# Here and There.

July 1: Foreign Mission Day.

Wanted: An offering from every disciple.

Bro. N. G. Noble's permanent address is now 33 Williamson Avenue, Ponsonby, Auckland, N.Z.

The address of Bro. W. Gale, preacher of the church at Moreland, Vic., now is 122 Mitchell-st., North Brunswick.

Bro. W. J. Crossman, evangelist of the church at Hurstville, N.S.W., has resigned after a four years' period of service.

For the selection of Foreign Missionary matter for this special issue we are indebted to Bro. G. T. Walden, our Federal Foreign Missionary Secretary.

The Victorian Christian Endeavor Council will meet in the Lygon-st. chapel on Tuesday, June 19, at 8 p.m. Delegates are urged to attend. Help in the coming Kellems-Richards mission will be discussed.

The sisters of the Victorian General Dorcas Committee are reminded that the next meeting for work will be held on Wednesday, June 20, in the Swanston-st. lecture hall, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. All sisters invited.

Sister Hewitt, a most faithful and highly esteemed member of the Brighton church, Vic., passed away last Friday, in her 91st year. She was affectionately known as "Grandma" Hewitt, and had been a member of the church for many years.

To meet the convenience of the Ideal Homes Exhibition at Wirth's Olympia, Melbourne, it has been decided to postpone the opening of the Kellems-Richards mission till Sunday, July 22. We hope at an early date to publish details of the revised itinerary.

Bro. J. W. Nicholls acknowledges receipt by our Victorian Benevolent Committee of parcels during May from Box Hill (2), Fairfield, Middle Brighton, North Melbourne, Coburg, Camberwell, Brim, Kooyong, West Melbourne; Bro. E. Roberts, Broadford, Mrs. Enniss, Bro. Tyler, per Bro. Chipperfield (2).

The Victorian Foreign Missionary Committee has arranged a missionary rally and welcome to Miss Vera Blake, on June 25, in Swanston-st. chapel. Bro. W. Gale will deliver a lantern lecture on Dr. Shelton, of Tibet. Members are invited to attend in full numbers to extend a welcome to our missionary on furlough.

Bro. and Sister G. B. Moyssey celebrate their golden wedding on Wednesday, June 27. Permission has been granted for the church at Surrey Hills to act as host for the occasion. An old-time church social will be held at 8 o'clock, and Bro. and Sister Moyssey's many friends among the churches are invited to be present. It is desirable that such communicate at once with R.K. Whately, 4. Vincent-st., Surrey Hills, Vic.

At Norwood, S.A., two girls confessed Jesus on June 3. Good meetings. Girls' Club was formed last week, with excellent prospects of large membership. Great sorrow is felt at the loss of Sister Mrs. S. P. Weir, who passed away on Friday, June 8, quite unexpectedly. Sister Weir was loved by everyone for her beautiful disposition and cheerful spirit, and the deepest sympathy and Christian love of the church are extended to her relatives.

Bro. Reg. Enniss writes: "At the early part of the year Mrs. Enniss and I notified the College Board of Management of our desire for a change of residence at the College having been found inconvenient owing to my frequent absence from home. The Board has very kindly approved, in order that I may be more free to visit among the churches of the various States. The Board was able to arrange for Principal and Mrs. Main to again take up residence at the College. It is believed that the brethren everywhere will be gratified to know of this very satisfactory arrangement."

Bro. F. K. Killey and Miss Ethel Jones, our missionaries at Baramati, India, expected to be married on June 12. The Federal Committee were represented by a cable of good wishes.

The Bible School at St. Peters, N.S.W., celebrated its anniversary on June 10 with great success. Bro. C. E. Cook, superintendent, presided at breaking of bread. Bro. A. L. Haddon's addresses during the day were much appreciated. In the afternoon the children were interested throughout. The singing of the scholars, led very ably by Bro. Cyril Flood, was a special feature.

An "Old Boy" writes: "One of the best meetings of my life was the re-union of past and present students of the College of the Bible, held on Monday, 11th, at the College. The singing of the lady students was especially enjoyable. Men were present who enrolled on the opening day of the institution in 1907. Old College stories were related, incidents described, names recalled, bringing back cherished memories. Mr. Clark's leadership of community singing and college songs was the feature of the evening. All felt as the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' brought the meeting to a close, that as a College feature, for fellowship, stimulation, and relaxation, its value would be hard to overestimate."



If all Chinese policemen are as jolly as this one, how can they make children "Keep off the Grass"? Possibly there are no such signs in China. These American children in Shanghai are on the best of terms with this officer. Like our policemen, he is the children's friend.

Mr. Tennyson Smith concluded on June 4 a ten days' prohibition campaign in Hamilton, Vic., under the auspices of a united committee consisting of the Anti-Liquor League, W.C.T.U., Rechabites, Sons of Temperance, and ministers' association. The meetings grew in interest and enthusiasm night by night, the hall being packed out on more than one occasion, and the town thoroughly stirred. A large number of pledges were taken, and many new members received into the W.C.T.U. at the meeting addressed by Mrs. Tennyson Smith. At a coffee supper at the close of the campaign great appreciation was expressed at the character and results of Mr. Tennyson Smith's work, and Mr. Robert, speaking on behalf of the Rechabites, said "their members would be behind Mr. Tennyson Smith to a man."

For some years prior to the establishment of the College of the Bible splendid service was rendered to the brotherhood by the organisation known as the "Australian College of the Bible," which afforded to a large number of our young men a training for many avenues of church service. A

happy re-union of the "A.C.B. Old Boys' Association" was held in the Swanston-st. lecture hall on Thursday evening, June 7, when opportunity was taken to congratulate the secretary, Bro. J. McG. Abercrombie, on his election as President of the Victorian Conference. Principal A. R. Main expressed the congratulations of the members, and the gathering was also addressed by Bren. Jos. Pittman, J. Holloway, J. E. Allan, Jas. McGregor and T. H. Scambler. Bro. Scambler gave an interesting excerpt from his lecture, "Lights and Shadows of a Preachers' Life." Bro. Abercrombie, in replying to the good wishes expressed, referred to the great messages with which the Churches of Christ had been entrusted, and urged the necessity for united and earnest endeavor in the promulgation of our plea.

C. Burdeu, 19 Goe-st., Caulfield, as secretary of the committee, sends the following:—"Our Victorian Department of Social Service has issued an appeal to the brethren in Victoria to raise the sum of £500 this year, out of which it is proposed to assist the Children's Hospital, Austin Hospital for Incurables, Burwood Boys' Home, General Distress and the Preachers' Provident Fund. On first thought it would appear inopportune for the Department to launch its financial appeal to the churches about this time. Such is not the case, however. Many churches take up regular monthly or quarterly Sunday night collections towards charity, and here is the ready means out of which the work can be conveniently helped. There are various other means of raising the quota, and the method is left entirely with each church to determine. The whole year's apportionment need not necessarily be sent at once, but rather as collected. It is necessary that a certain portion be forwarded early to permit the programme being gone on with. The amount suggested as the churches' portion is the very minimum, and should be treated as such. Treasurer is R. H. Bardwell, 'Carola,' Christmas-st., Northcote."

Mr. J. E. Shipway, from South Australia, who commenced his ministry at the Swanston-st. Church of Christ yesterday, took as his text, John 8: 36, "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." He said that Holman Hunt's masterpiece, "The Light of the World," presented Jesus as the world's Saviour seeking admittance into the life of the individual. As we beheld the serenity of that face, read the pleading of those eyes, and realised the confraternity of that person, the marvel to many was that he had to wait so long for the doors of so many hearts to be unbarred. As of old, so to-day, opinions about Jesus were in a state of transition. But with all the contraposition of thought and testimony regarding him, he still stood the peerless peer of all history, the life-giving One, and the great central figure of all humanity. Being all of this, he was worthy of the best place our life and thought could give him. We must let him in as the emancipator from the slavery of sin. We were not called upon to decide in a moment whether we should become great criminals; we were called upon every day to decide whether we should take a step in that direction. Be afraid, then, of the first step down. We must let God in as the diffuser of heavenly light. Just as the sun rising upon the world found it torpid, heavy, and asleep, but quickened it to new impulses, and electrified it with action, so Jesus, as the Light of the World, rose upon the soul to make it feel the nobleness of movements which had seemed ignoble, and the hopefulness of impulses which had seemed hopeless. We must let him in, because of the witness the world needed of him. John the Baptist, with his peerless life and index-pointing finger, was typical of those whose supreme function it was to call attention to Jesus. And who were they? Those who, seeing Jesus, recognised the Christ, and discovered in that recognition a means of blessing for themselves and a message of hope for the world. As we contemplated the moving story of the marvellous achievements of his person, might we ever be ready to confess him, the Christ, the Son of the living God. —Monday's "Argus."

# The Family Altar.

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## "BE COURTEOUS."

Such is the A.V. rendering of the latter part of 1 Peter 3: 8. The R.V. substitutes the word "humble-minded." Either translation, considered in the light of the context, suggests the need of a humble bearing towards others, such as is enjoined in Phil. 4: 5. "Let your forbearance (or gentleness) be known unto all men."

There is a prevalent tendency to forget that such a spirit is an essential quality of the Christian life; many appear to think it is enough to be orthodox in views, energetic in service, whilst harsh in their judgments of others, and unkind in their ways. We need to remember that orthodoxy is not the only requirement, and that the Christian life is sadly marred if an essential quality is lacking.

As in regard to other virtues, our Divine Master is our exemplar here also. We must go "back to Christ" in regard to character as well as doctrine. Jesus has been termed "the Christian Gentleman." The evangelists record the kingly courteousness of our Lord. Towards all, high and low, rich and poor, he acted considerately, and was gentle, kindly in manner and word. We should let this mind be in us, and wear "the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."



Anna (second), aged about 7 years.  
(One of our Indian orphans.)

## MONDAY, JUNE 25.

Making yourselves ensamples to the flock.—1 Peter 5: 3.

Abbott, the historian, tells us that one characteristic of the "Little Corporal" was that he never commanded the meanest soldier in his ranks to go where he himself was not willing to lead him. On one occasion he ordered his army to cross a river; but, seeing them hesitate to obey, up rode the Emperor, and, spurring forward his horse, cried: "Soldiers, follow your General!" He was the first to plunge into the river, and the first to reach the other side. Needless to say, his army to a man followed him, cheering as with one voice their plucky leader. So, "when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers." This, the apostle shows, is true of elders: they should go before, leading the flock of God.

Bible Reading.—1 Peter 5: 1-4.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 26.

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.—1 Peter 5: 6.

Horatius Bonar wrote, "The way, then, of becoming great is to become little—of being the greatest, is to become the least. This was the Master's way: he took the lowest place, and he was exalted to the highest. He made himself of no reputation, therefore he gets the name above every name."

Bunyan puts it thus:—"The valley of humiliation is of itself as fruitful a place as any the crow flies over."

Bible Reading.—1 Peter 5: 5, 6.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27.

Casting all your anxiety 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 appear in her latest written meditations, was

'O 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."

Bible Reading.—1 Peter 5: 7-11.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 28.

The same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world.—1 Peter 5: 9.

"The path of sorrow, and that path alone,  
Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown;  
No traveller e'er reached that blest abode  
Who found not thorns and briars in his road.

"But he, who knew what human hearts would prove,

How slow to learn the dictates of his love,  
That hard by nature, and of stubborn will,  
A life of ease would make them harder still,

"In pity to the souls his grace designed  
To rescue from the ruins of mankind,  
Called for a cloud to darken all their years,  
And said, 'Go spend them in the vale of tears.'"

—William Cowper.

Bible Reading.—1 Peter 5: 12-14.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 29.

And the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen you.—1 Peter 5: 10.

"A gentleman and his little son were working together in the garden. To the latter was assigned the work of gathering up the loose stones and throwing them into a neighboring ditch. Finally he cried: 'There's one that I can't lift. I tried with all my might and couldn't lift it.' 'My son,' replied the father, 'you did not try with all your might, for I was here as a part of your might, and you did not ask me to help.' There are remedies and resources with God when all human phys-

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Bible Reading.—2 Cor. 4: 7-10.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30.**

To him be the dominion for ever and ever.—Peter 5: 11.

Glory, glory to our King!  
Crowns unfading wreath his head!  
Jesus is the name we sing—  
Jesus risen from the dead;  
Jesus, Victor of the grave;  
Jesus, mighty now to save."

Bible Reading.—Acts 2: 29-35.

**SUNDAY, JULY 1.**

This is the true grace of God: stand ye fast therein.—1 Peter 5: 12.

"Men that have not depth of grace, they are like comets. They blaze for a time. But fixed stars are always in the firmament: they never vary. So a true Christian is as a fixed star—he is fixed in the firmament in his desire. 'One thing have I desired, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.'"

Bible Reading.—Psalm 27: 1-4.

**PRAYER.**

Heavenly Father, give me grace to follow in the footsteps of my Saviour. May I strive to be like him, ever wearing the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit. Help me to be compassionate, pitiful, loving, courteous. May my considerateness be known to all men. Defend me when tempted to be discourteous, or unkind: may I breathe the spirit of Christ, that my tongue may be refrained from evil and my lips from speaking guile; may I be thoughtful of others and gentle in manner. For Jesus's sake. Amen.



How do you suppose six times six sounds in Chinese? These boys smile more than we should, were our day schools as severe as theirs. The Chinese think a great deal of education, and going to school is not made so pleasant as it is here. "Better rear a pig than a son who cannot read," they say, and so the schoolmaster uses a rattan freely to make sure his pupils study.

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## News of the Churches.

### Tasmania.

Bro. Jas. Green exhorted Hobart church on June 3. Bro. Nightingale held a service at Collinsvale, where Bro. N. C. Cooper is starting a Bible School. Hobart Bible School presented Madge Nicholson with a gold brooch for bringing the most new pupils. Two brothers were welcomed into the church at night. Bro. Chas. Hale reports one decision for Christ and the commencement of a Chinese class at the Central Mission.

### Western Australia.

At Lake-st., Perth, on June 3, there was a good attendance in the morning. In the evening the chapel was crowded. Dr. Meyer, of London, was the preacher. General regret was felt at the absence of Bro. Hagger, who had been hastily summoned to Melbourne, owing to the serious illness of his father.

The work of the Chinese Mission in Perth goes on steadily. The eighteenth anniversary recently held was a great success. The large audience received with much enthusiasm the items rendered by the scholars; and several encores were insistently demanded. The workers look forward to the visit of Bro. Au Kwong Hon with great hopes.

### New Zealand.

At Palmerston North Bro. H. Grinstead and A. Enbright took the services during May. Meetings are improving. On May 20 a young man confessed the Master. He was baptised and received into fellowship on May 27. The Girls' Club and Boys' Club are beginning to attract attention.

Avondale annual Bible School tea was held on April 12. Packed chapel and good programme. Ponsonby choir items and an address from Bro. N. G. Noble were much appreciated. Many scholars are preparing for the Auckland B.S.U. examination. Bro. Noble opened his ministry by a short mission, which helped greatly. There were four additions. A union social closed the effort, at which Bro. and Sister Noble were accorded a hearty welcome. A new concrete baptistry, platform, and individual cup service have been installed. The local C.W.A. extended a hearty welcome to Sister Mrs. Noble. It was decided to help the Richmond sale of work. The messages of Bro. M. Glaister, T. J. Bull, and E. Perkins helped much during Bro. Noble's presence at Richmond. Bro. Carter is seriously ill in public hospital.

### Queensland.

Meetings continue good at Albion. Bro. Larsen's Bible Class is still growing. Increasing interest in mission at Ipswich. Bro. Bassard has been detailed by the Home Mission Committee to solicit support from Queensland churches. He visited Albion and spoke on the claims of Ipswich.

Ma Ma Creek church is without an evangelist at present. Attendance at Lord's day morning meetings keeps up well. Bro. Bade and Rosenberg are doing most of the preaching. Bro. Morton, of Sunnybank, on Sunday, May 27, exhorted at the morning service, and preached the gospel at night. His visit cheered the church.

Ipswich tent mission was commenced on June 3. Bro. Brooker presided at the morning service, which was well attended, and included a number of visitors from Brisbane and other centres. Bible School was largely attended, the Bible Class being the best yet. The evening service was largely attended. After a most impressive message by Bro. Hinrichsen, a young man and woman (brother and sister) stepped out for Christ. Monday brought the much-needed rain. Cold winds and heavy, muddy roads have greatly interfered with meetings to date.

A special business meeting of South End, Toowoomba, church considered the land and building proposals. H. C. Stitt, who presided, was appointed organising secretary, and P. Tanzer treasurer. The Hibernian Hall is under offer to the church. The building is very suitable and centrally situated, with ground of sufficient area to erect a dwelling thereon. The church consists of 45 members,

and the means of purchasing the hall are almost within reach. Any generous helpers willing to assist are asked to write H. C. Stitt, organising secretary, South Toowoomba. Meetings on June 3 were good. H. Coleman exhorted. Miss Green and Jas. Larsen were received into fellowship. Six new scholars at the Bible School. At night Bro. Stitt spoke on "The Conversion of Saul."

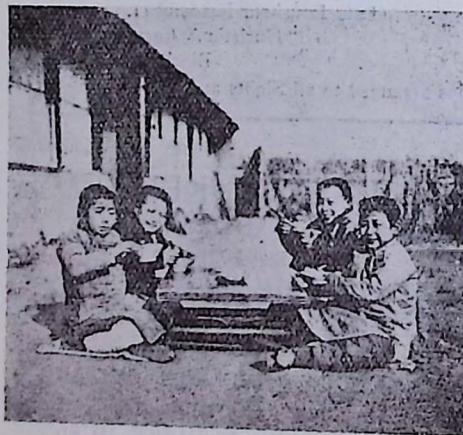
### South Australia.

A married lady confessed Christ at Cottonville on 3rd inst. Two were immersed on 7th. Prayer meeting attendance improving.

Mallala reports one confession. Work being maintained. A united Band of Hope has been commenced, which promises to be a great help to the young people.

Long Plain had a visit from Bro. G. T. Walden in the interests of Foreign Missions. He secured substantial promises towards forming a wheat syndicate for the purpose he advocates. Long Plain members recommend this method to the churches. Their large offerings indicate its success.

Since last report there have been two confessions at Avon, the first-fruits of the work there. These were baptised at Long Plain, and received into that church. Literary Society has been started with good interest. Monthly evening meetings are conducted in addition to the afternoon school and preaching service.



"Have you taken your rice?" these children say when they meet you, instead of "How-do-you-do?" Rice, the principal food for China, is eaten from little bowls held in one hand, with two bamboo sticks called chopsticks held in the other.

Meetings at Port Pirie on June 3 were taken by local brethren. Bro. H. Arnold exhorted in the morning. Very good congregation in the evening, when Bro. R. O. Bottrall gave a splendid gospel sermon. Bro. W. Smith took the prayer meeting on May 31, and C. W. McDonald on June 7. Attendances good at both meetings.

Recently Glenelg had the largest roll-call service ever held there. Over 150 members were either present or sent their greetings. Bro. Taylor's morning addresses on "The Minor Prophets" are much appreciated. At night he is speaking on "Great Words of the Bible." One of the Sunday School scholars made a confession of her faith on May 27.

Bro. Beiler has accepted an engagement with Prospect church for a term of two years. A formal welcome to him, his wife and family, has been held. Bro. Stevens occupied the chair. Bro. Southgate, Banks, Haines, Crosby, and Horsell spoke on behalf of various branches of the church. Supper was served. Three girls from the Sunday School have made the confession; two were baptised and given the right hand of fellowship.

Anniversary services were held at Williamstown on Lord's day, May 27, when Bro. Talbot spoke both morning and evening, and gave a short address to the school in the afternoon. A good worship meeting, with visitors from Kersbrook. The chapel was comfortably filled in the evening; splendid address by the evangelist. On May 28 a successful social was held. Bro. Talbot (chairman) and A. Bain gave addresses. Good singing and games were enjoyed. A special offering was taken at the morning meeting to complete purchasing a piece of land adjoining the chapel, and amounted to £9. It was just 23 years on May 28 since the building was opened for public worship, although the cause was established many years previously.

Forestville Sunday School anniversary services on May 27 were a great success. Morning, Bro. Webb, of Unley, exhorted. Afternoon, the service of song, "Singing Jim," was rendered. Leader, Bro. A. Lovell; organist, Bro. Fiedler; soloists, Misses Cicely Lake, Strongman, Hart, and Bro. A. S. Lovell. The assistance of Bro. Skinner and C. Hart (Mile End), with the first and second violins, was highly appreciated. Mrs. Shearing ably read the story. Evening, Bro. Hollams gave a most interesting illustrated address on "Character Building." Tea and public meetings on June 7. Bro. B. W. Manning's address on "Christ's Second Coming" was highly appreciated. Satisfactory report by Bro. Albert Barrie, S.S. secretary and treasurer. June 3, Bro. Chappell spoke to the church on Foreign Missions. Evening, Bro. Hollams spoke on "Divine Healing." One confession. Bro. Hollams has been indisposed for several days. The church is sorry to lose Bro. Stuart Lovell by transfer to Prospect.

At Mile End on Wednesday evening last, after a short devotional meeting, the church considered the best methods of increasing the sphere of usefulness in the district, and a scheme submitted by the officers, asking them to pledge themselves to a "year of sacrifice," and by united effort raise £1000 towards the cost of a larger building in which to hold gospel meetings. After considerable discussion and explanation, those present (about 82) pledged themselves to enter heartily into the matter. The first week has yielded two donations of £50 each, one bearing interest at 5 per cent., the other to be paid at the end of the year, and a little over £9 from the members generally, many of whom are not yet fully acquainted with the plans. At the gospel meeting on Sunday night in the local Town Hall, three adults confessed Christ. During the week Sister Miss Cassie Pearl has been called to higher service. For a considerable time she had acted as pianiste for the Junior Endeavor and the Kindergarten department of the school, until failing health compelled her to give up her valued help. Sincere sympathies are with the bereaved relatives.

### Victoria.

Good meetings at Middle Park on June 10. A young woman and a boy from the Bible Class accepted Jesus Christ in the evening.

Good meetings at Ballarat East last Sunday, the night meeting being packed to hear Bro. Coventry tell of his work in India. Interest in Kellemis mission is developing.

At Hawthorn, a mother and son were received into fellowship on confession of faith and baptism. T. H. Scambler, B.A., preached a very fine sermon on "The World Call of Missions."

At Hampton on Sunday Bro. Wakeley delivered appreciated addresses. Owing to pressure of financial obligations the preaching will for a time be carried on in an honorary capacity. Under the circumstances Bro. Wakeley will conclude his work with the church at the end of the month.

Special Lord's day evening services have been of great interest at North Melbourne. A men's service was held on May 20, some of the brethren taking part. Large congregation on evening of June 3, one Bible School scholar confessing her faith in Christ. At the church business meeting it was decided to purchase the land at rear of chapel to erect a hall for the Bible School and use of auxiliaries. This has been taken up wholeheartedly by members, and it is hoped before many months pass to have the building erected.

At Warragul, despite inclement weather, a splendid number was present morning and evening last Lord's day. Several visitors present. Bro. Waters spoke at both services.

The church at Shepparton is up and doing. There were four baptisms on Sunday, May 27, and a further confession of faith on Sunday, June 3, all S.S. scholars. Gospel meetings well attended.

For the Lord's day evening services at Warranbool Bro. Edwards has commenced a series of addresses on "Questions of the Day." He is also busy making a house-to-house canvass. Mrs. Edwards led the devotional exercises at the sisters' meeting on Thursday afternoon. Vitality is shown in all departments.

Burnley had good meetings on June 10. Bro. Rasmussen gave a fine exhortation. Evening, Bro. Stephenson spoke to a very fair audience. During the week over one hundred young folk gathered to celebrate the second birthday of the Phi Beta Pi. Bro. D. Wakeley acted as chairman; a fine programme was rendered.

Bro. Bagley's visit to Brim was much appreciated. Altogether there were nine meetings held in the district. Bro. Bagley strongly advises a mission being run in Warracknabeal. The services on June 3 were very encouraging; good interest, especially at the afternoon service, this being Bro. Jackel's first meeting here. The church cordially welcomed him.

Bro. A. J. Wedd addressed the church at Balwyn in the morning on June 3. Bro. Thomas preached at night. Good attendances last Lord's day, several of the members having recovered from illness. Bro. Thomas conducted all services. Last Monday evening a large audience was attractively entertained by Bro. Thomas with his interesting lantern lecture, "Around the World in Two Hours."

Several visitors have had fellowship at Kyneton since last report, among whom were Bren. A. Withers and J. Turner, who conducted services during the absence of Bro. Riches at Echuca mission. The Mutual Improvement Society held an enjoyable social on June 2. One young lady was baptised on June 3. Bro. H. R. Coventry paid a visit on Wednesday last. Much interest was manifested.

Meetings at North Richmond are encouraging. On June 3, Bro. Gibbs, of Brunswick, exhorted. The evening meeting took the form of a young men's service, members of Mutual Improvement Society conducting. Bren. C. Payne and Argo spoke on "What it costs not to be a Christian," and "What it costs to be a Christian." June 10, Bro. Muddford's message to the church was enjoyed. Bro. R. Payne preached at night.

The church at Croydon has recently been pleased to have fellowship with visiting members. Bro. Klix, of Richmond, ably exhorted on Lord's day. Bro. Eaton's addresses to church and Bible Class are very helpful. There has been much sickness among members. Bren. Lacey and McBain are now recovering. The sympathy of the church goes out to Bro. and Sister Roy Gill, who have been called upon to part with their little boy.

At Geelong large and appreciative gatherings attended last Sunday. In the evening from Heb. 2: 3, Bro. Stevens sounded the warning note to the unsaved. Bro. Chas. Cambridge has been appointed to lead the song services held before Bible Class each Sunday, and is putting great vim into his work. Much interest was evinced in the topic of Thursday evening's address, "Is Baptism Essential to Salvation?" Last Sunday week Mrs. Catron, who had been baptised, was received into fellowship. Bro. and Sister Dunn are again in Geelong, and were warmly welcomed.

Uplifting meetings were held at Lygon-st. on Sunday. Four received the right hand of fellowship—Mrs. Schorr and her two daughters from North Fitzroy (the former having been previously in membership at Lygon-st.), also a young man by obedience. Reg. Enniss exhorted, and T. Bagley preached at night. The sympathy of the church was expressed by the presiding brother in announcing the death of Mrs. Richardson, nee Louie Crichton, who had gone to Sydney with the hope that the change might restore her to health. She

has left a husband and young child to mourn her loss. Bro. Eaton's health is improving, and he hopes to take part in the services next Lord's day.

At Swanston-st. last Lord's day there were specially good and interesting meetings. Bro. J. E. Shipway began his labors, and he and Sister Shipway were accorded, through Bro. Gibson, a very hearty welcome into the work and membership with the church. Sister A'Beckett, of Ballarat, and other visitors, were present. Reference was made to the passing away of Sister Weir, of Norwood, S.A., and Bro. W. Campbell, of Ascot Vale. Bro. Shipway addressed the church in the morning and evening, and had excellent attention and interest, both sermons being much appreciated. A welcome social meeting is being held this week. Bro. Gibson has done excellent work during the last three months, and the church is also indebted to other brethren for efficient help.

Church anniversary celebrations at Box Hill on June 3 and 6 were very successful. Bro. Jas. E. Thomas helped much by his message on the Lord's day morning. At night Bro. Wedd gave a fine message, and the choir under Mr. Nicholls, of Canterbury, rendered splendid service. Bro. H. G. Clark at the mid-week celebration helped much with his message. Vocal and elocutionary items from members and friends were enjoyed. Secretary's report was encouraging, and showed the auxiliaries of the church to be in a live condition. On May 27 Sisters Effie and Millie Ellis were received by transfer from Northcote. Bro. J. Swain, of the College of the Bible, is rendering helpful



A Kinder Class in China.

service each Lord's day in the Endeavor and Bible School. Sympathy is extended to Bro. and Sister Roy Gill, who recently lost by death their little baby boy.

At Carnegie on Sunday, June 3, Bro. Saunders was unable to take his usual place owing to illness, but the vacancy was very acceptably filled by Bren. Stubbings and Tucker. On June 7 the Sunshine Club at a social gathering made a surprise presentation to the church of five dozen cups and saucers. With deep regret is reported the home-call on June 8 of Bro. Reg. LePage, after a week's illness with pneumonia. Our brother, as envelope secretary, with a seat on the board, had proved his worth in many ways. His vocal abilities were always freely given and greatly enjoyed. At the Brighton Cemetery Bro. Saunders officiated, assisted by Bro. Blakemore, in the presence of a large gathering of friends who mourn the loss of a true man. To the sorrowing family and relatives heartfelt sympathy is extended. Sickness is very prevalent, a large number of families being affected.

**New South Wales.**

The cause is progressing in Fairfield, having been established six months. Membership is now nearly 30. Morning meetings are good. Great interest is evinced in gospel services, four having made the good confession and been added to the church.

Chatswood reports good meetings all day on 3rd. Bro. Whelan spoke morning and night. Four young women were baptised. One young man made the noble confession. Miss Nancy Marley, of Woonona, was received into fellowship. June 10, Bro. Davis spoke in the morning, and Bro. Whelan at night. A married man accepted Christ.

At Dumbleton on May 27 Bro. Stow spoke at both services. On May 28 the Sisters' Aid held a gift evening and social. A very enjoyable programme was presented, and a number of gifts handed in toward sale of work. Having lost the services of the preacher, Bro. Stow, the platform was filled on June 3 by Bren. Buckley and Longley.

On the 3rd inst. North Sydney church received into membership Sisters Mrs. and Miss Armstrong, from Burwood. Good attendances continue. On the morning of 10th, Bro. Harbutt gave an instructive address. The gospel address by Bro. W. Fox was much appreciated. The school is in a healthy condition, with new scholars each Sunday.

Hurstville meetings on June 3 were well attended. Bro. Crossman spoke at both services. One sister received by transfer from Belmore. In the evening the first of a series of addresses was given on the Plea of the Church of Christ. The chapel was comfortably filled. A married woman and one of the senior girls from the Bible School confessed Christ. Reference was made to the home call of Sister Santwyk.

Enmore had a fine meeting on morning of June 10, Bro. Payne, from Hornsby, being the speaker. The gospel service was conducted by Bro. Fisher, who gave a fine temperance address. A collection was taken up for the N.S.W. Alliance. Fine service on Saturday, at which kindergarten department prizes were distributed. Items by the kinders were given. Miss Reid and teachers are to be congratulated on their fine work.

At Lismore on June 3, Bro. F. R. Furlonger was presiding elder. Among visitors was Sister Miss Moffat, of Brisbane. At night Bro. P. J. Pond preached on "The Lost Boy," and a young girl confessed Christ. The date for opening of new church edifice has been fixed for July 8. A splendid spirit prevails in the church. More enthusiasm and unity are evident than for years previously. One of the deacons, Bro. W. Bytheway, who was ill with a badly poisoned arm, is now about again.

Good meetings continue at Belmore. Bro. P. E. Thomas conducts bright gospel services. One young lady made the good confession on May 13, and another on 20th. Both were received into fellowship on 27th. The Bible School attendance rally is being keenly contested. In eight weeks the s.s. "Queen Mary" has advanced 347 miles, and the s.s. "King George" 346 miles. Good attendance at the annual business meeting on May 30, with encouraging reports from all departments.

City Temple had good meetings, morning and evening, on June 10. Bren. Clydesdale and C. R. Hall gave inspiring addresses. Bible School is increasing. Thirty teachers attended at business meeting, and all stayed to tea and gospel service. Visitors included Sister Voyce, from New Zealand; Bro. Edwards, from Taree; Bro. Richardson, from Essendon, Vic. The latter came to Sydney on account of the serious illness of his dear wife, Louie (nee Crichton), who passed away on June 6, and was interred at Waverley Cemetery. The sympathy of the church goes out to all the hereaved ones.

Wagga reports a crowded service, with members of the Orange Society present. Bro. Way's address on "Mixed Marriages" was well received. On April 4, a double marriage was solemnised, the parties being Bro. G. Brown and Sister E. Davis, and Bro. Stanley Jenkins and Sister M. Davis. Bro. Way officiated. The sisters referred to had been active workers in the church and school, and their help is greatly missed. During the second year of Bro. Way's ministry, which closed early in April, thirteen adults confessed Christ and were baptised. On April 10, the S.S. picnic in the New Town Park was well attended. Bro. Way visits the State schools and imparts religious instruction; he also does excellent service in hospital visitation. During April two adults confessed Christ and were baptised. The evangelist is preaching powerfully and faithfully.

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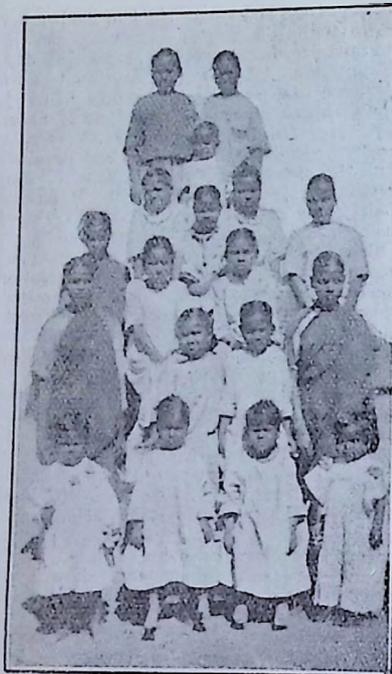
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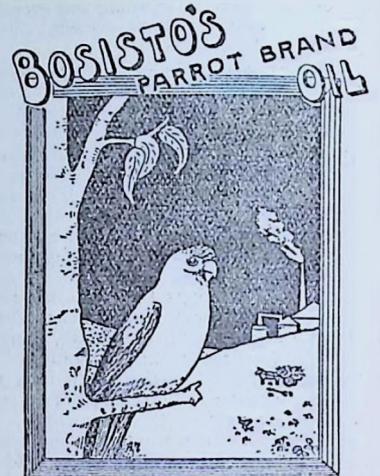
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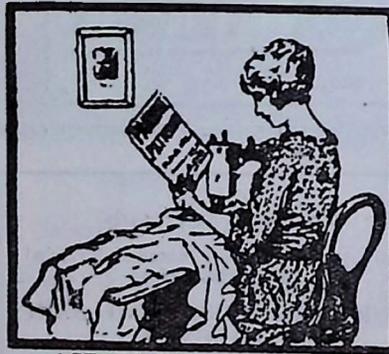
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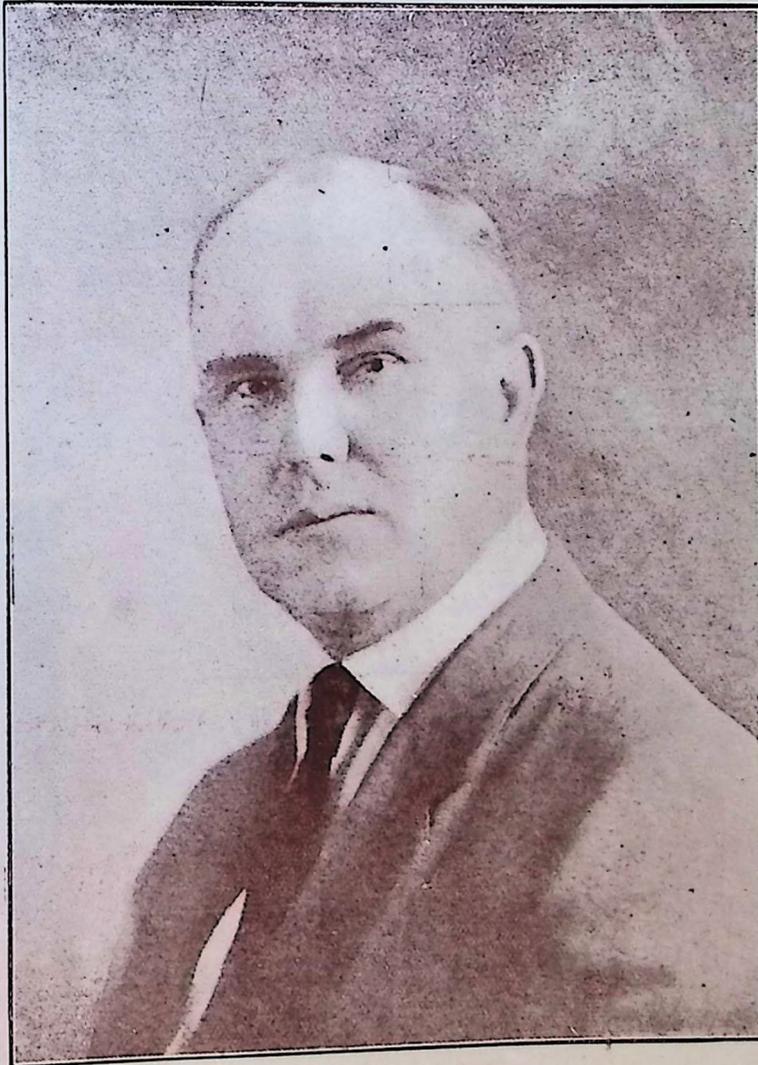
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#### SUGGESTIONS:—

- Do without lollies for a fortnight.
- Stay away from the pictures.
- Walk instead of going by tram.
- Do without afternoon tea in town.
- Do without something you usually have.
- Do some special work and earn some extra money
- And give the money to the July 1st F.M. Day Offering.