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What Makes a Church Christian?

HAVE we the right to the name we wear? The inquiry is worth considering. Indeed, it seems imperative that we settle the question of the "marks" or "notes" of the Church of Christ.

The query of our heading might elicit numerous answers, each setting forth a great truth. Doubtless amongst the replies would be references to a scriptural creed, ordinances, ministry and worship. The writer would be the last person to discount the need of strict adherence to the New Testament faith and order in these particulars. But all of these might be attended to and the church yet have missed its chief business and ignored the real reason for its existence.

In this brief article we pass by some of the usual, and also very important, elements which go to the making of the church Christian. We have space for the consideration of only two things.

World evangelisation.

The church was called into being as the Saviour's agency for world evangelism. Christ came to seek and to save the lost. That church is not Christian which does not make an honest attempt to do the Master's will.

No people on earth quote the "Great Commission" more than do we. No Christians more often appeal to the teaching of the Book of Acts. We shall never too strongly adhere to the doctrine of this charter and this book. But it is not Christian to take part and reject the rest. The Commission has as its biggest thing the command to evangelise the world. Acts has as its biggest thing the story of how the apostolic church carried out this command. We cannot be Christian and ignore the Commission. Yet it will doubtless be true of at least twenty-five per cent. of those whose names are on our church rolls that they will not give one shilling to help on the cause of Foreign Missions either on July 1 or any other day of this year.

Dr. Robert H. Glover, in an article urging the local church, as the church at large, to catch the world vision and co-operate in missionary enterprise, writes: "A striking illustration of this unity of aim and effort, as between the whole and its constituent parts, is afforded by such a concern as the Standard Oil Company, whose field of operation extends, like that of the church, literally the world around. The writer has met this company's agents and agents in the far interior of a number of distant mission fields. But wherever they are met, whether in North America or in the remotest corner of the globe, it is at once apparent that their aim,

their object, is one—they exist strictly to sell oil. That is the supreme end in view with the central organisation in America, in keeping with its charter, therefore that also is consistently the end in view with every station big or little, near or far, the world over.

"A missionary, writing from Manchuria, tells of seeing displayed by a Standard Oil depot away up there the ambitious slogan: 'Get The Light to Every Dark Corner of the World.' Is there not a rebuke and challenge to the churches of Christ? The fact confronts us that throughout Asia and Africa are found multitudes of towns and villages lighted with the kerosene oil of the West, but without the light of the saving Gospel of Christ."

Nobody has any doubt of the chief business of the Standard Oil Co. Would the interested but uninformed beholder of the reader of this, or of the local church to which he belongs, gather from his or its actions that to take the Gospel to all mankind is the chief business of Christians?

Helping the needy.

To be Christian we must be like Christ in another respect. His life is beautifully summed up in the statement that he "sought about the good." He helped the poor, cheered the

sorrowing, healed the sick. Cut out from the Gospel story all that tells of his beneficent actions, and all the parables as well as the direct teaching which enjoins such actions, and see how little is left.

We cannot be Christian and fail to imitate Christ in this. Our missionaries are doing such work in foreign lands because in part we have realised our duty and our privilege. But if we were thoroughly Christian, the evidence of our interest in the needy, our willingness to help the poor and distressed, both at home and abroad, would be a commendation to the Gospel we preach which would increase the power of the Gospel appeal a hundredfold.

In "The Round Table" Mr. E. Stanley Jones tells of a great gathering in a Maharaja's theatre. The chairman, a Hindu, prime minister, expressed himself in his public remarks as follows: "I could not help contrasting this meeting to-night with the Christian meetings I attended as a boy fifty years ago. The missionaries preached on the streets, and the crowds were there to heckle and jeer and sometimes to throw stones. But to-night this great audience has sat here listening with breathless and reverent attention to a Christian address, and you could have heard a pin drop. What has made this difference in our attitude towards Christ? Well, it is this: Among us have lived men and women, who by their lives have interpreted him to us. A few miles away is one of the greatest hospitals in India where Christian doctors serve people night and day regardless of race or creed or colour or money. Then near by is a leper asylum where they attend to the lepers in Christlike service. Moreover, the speaker has said that in Gandhiji's ashram Brahmans have been doing scavenging work, but these Christians have been doing scavenging work of the highest kind. They have taken hold of the untouchable outcasts and have washed them in soul and body and mind, and have turned them into men and citizens, respected and honored. It is this fact of Christ being interpreted to you in Christlike service that makes possible this meeting to-night."

He who reads our Lord's solemn words in Matthew 25 will know that it is his judgment, and not merely our opinion, that he who will not spend himself in the service of needy humanity is not Christian. As we read once again his solemn words regarding the need of helping those whom he is willing to regard as his brethren (whether or not we have regarded them as worthy of association with us), we should at least be convinced of what he would mark as Christian.

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Days, one of the big girls who helps to mind the Bibles, Loyal Children's Home, Shrigonda, India.

From Those in Charge of the Work.

MESSAGES FROM MEMBERS OF OUR FEDERAL FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

FEDERAL SECRETARY'S MESSAGE.

The Federal Secretary asks that we leave nothing undone to ensure a generous offering on July 1. Much has been done. Thousands of written appeals have been sent forth by the Federal and State Committees. Preachers, officers, Sunday School workers, and young people have talked and preached and helped in making known the needs of our Foreign Mission work. Our returned missionaries, Dr. Killmer, Henry Watson and Albert Anderson, and many local brethren have, with the living voice, made pictures in our minds and on our hearts of the work and the needs of the missionaries.

tives—reducing the work on the F.M. field, stimulating those who can to a greater offering.

Can those of us who are in employment, and whose businesses are not suffering, rise to the occasion and give to make up for those who cannot? Brethren, it's up to us to handle this matter. Can we do it? I am sure we can.—J. Fisher.

PRAYER AND MISSIONS.

In the margin of the late Hudson Taylor's Bible there is a note written by him in the year 1863. "Prayed this day for twenty-four willing workers for China." Out of that prayer and



Pentecost, New Hebrides. Sumson, with beard, one of our evangelists, whom a Pentecost planter said was the greatest Christian he had ever known.

No one will be able to say, "I did not know the needs of the work." The watchmen on the walls of our spiritual Zion have given forth the word. Will we heed? The heathen appeal is, "Carest thou not that we perish?" Will we respond?

Last and greatest, we have recognised the truth of our Master's words, "Apart from me ye can do nothing," and there has been an unbroken chain of earnest prayer all round Australia that God will help us to heed the command of Jesus, "Go," to listen to the appeal of the missionaries, "Pray for us," and to answer the cry of the Christless ones, "Come over and help us."—G. T. Walden.

FEDERAL TREASURER SPEAKS.

Splendid progress has been made on the Foreign Mission stations of the Australian churches, and in India the work is becoming consolidated, while the new hospital accommodation is forging the vital link of the work in that country. The native Christians in West China, and the church and Sunday School work on the coast line of that great country, call to the churches in Australia to "hold on," during their trying national experience. The work of the New Hebrides recently visited by the secretary of the Australian Board is another worthy venture.

Times of depression are with us, but what of the conditions where our missionaries labor? Are we going to "hold on" by each member in each church doing and giving more to the work than in any previous year?—A. L. Head.

CAN WE DO IT?

Our Federal Secretary writes, "Let me have a postcard message for our F.M. Number of the 'Christian.'" He says, "The States are \$1,200 short of their promised budget amounts." He suggests—(1) In view of so much unemployment, (2) General falling off in business, two alterna-

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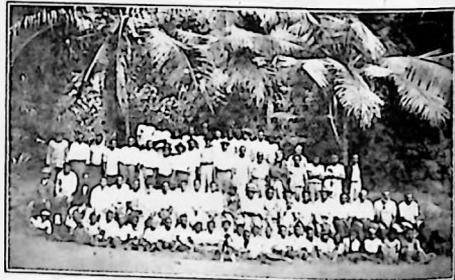
Take another incident recorded by E. Stanley Jones in "The Round Table." Once, when some Christians were proclaiming Christ's salvation a Brahmin felt he could stop their witness, so he got up and said, "You people say you are saved. So am I. As Christ has saved you, so Krishna has saved me." The missionary engaged in no argument but answered: "I am very



Dr. Hhambale, Diksal Dispensary, India, performing a Cataract Operation. (Indoor picture.)

glad to hear that you are saved—very glad indeed. Now we are going down to the outcast quarters and are going to see what we can do for these people. We will sit on their beds and in their houses and will share their lives to help them. Will you join us?" The Brahmin thought a moment, and then said: "Well, ah! I am saved, but I am not saved that far."

We could wish that every member of the church, as he once more has the privilege of helping in the furtherance of the Gospel, or in the alleviation of the distress which is now being most keenly felt, would earnestly consider the thoughts we have presented. When Christ commands us freely to give the Gospel to the whole creation, and when he tells us that the very test of our religion is not a profession in words but a willingness to care for the poor and needy, dare we say, directly in word or by implication in our acts, "I am saved, but I am not saved that far?"



Men and boys at Wallaha, New Hebrides.

Conference Presidents Urge Liberality.

GRATEFUL WOMANHOOD.

The influence of Christianity is so manifest to the womanhood of our country that the need of women suffering in the hands of superstition and idolatry should strike the chords of love and pity in every woman's heart. How much we owe to Christ! How much should we be willing to sacrifice that missionaries may be sent, and the gospel of light and freedom hastened to our sisters in foreign lands. The responsibility belongs to Christians in the home-lands.

The opportunity is now. The home-sisters throughout Victoria realise to the uttermost how much depends on sacrificial giving this year. The need is great, but as the cruise of oil and barrel of meal failed not, so let us have faith to give unreservedly in response to the appeal on July 1.—E. Clark, President Victorian Women's Conference.

him, who has counted us worthy of his calling?

We cannot all preach the word, but we can all live the life that witnesses. We can all send out messengers by supporting them in their labors.

Will our gift on July 1 be the measure of our conviction of the greatness of the task, and our desire to do our part?—A. L. Wendford, President Women's Conference, Queensland.

"THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE."

Foreign Missions are as necessary to Home Missions as food is to the body, as oxygen is to the blood, or water is to a fish. One cannot live very long without the other. The trouble with the church is that she tries to do without some spiritual necessity until some great crisis compels her to look for the cause of spiritual

will be able to broadcast the same message when the same love for the things of God takes hold of us. "They had money in abundance" because they were willing to sacrifice. Brethren, surely we are as thankful as the Jew of ancient history. Show it!—Ghas. Young, President Queensland Conference.

A CRITICAL TIME IN OUR FOREIGN WORK.

Our expenditure exceeded our income last year by £12000. This is a very serious position, and one that should engage the attention of every member in our brotherhood. The question now facing our Federal Board is, "Shall we reduce in our foreign work?" It would be little short of a calamity if we have to retrench on any of our fields, which at the present time are only moderately staffed, and such a step would be extremely discouraging to our workers in the fields. Our Victorian motto this year is "The Utmost for the Highest." Have we given our utmost yet? Many of our churches and members give amounts which tell of intense interest and sacrificial devotion and love, but it must be admitted that many churches are yet giving sparingly to the work of the missions abroad. The call is for more liberality. May we rise to the occasion which calls for sacrifice. God so loved . . . that he gave his Son. Christ so loved that he gave his life. May we so love that on July 1 we shall give our "Utmost for the highest."—Len. Gale, Victorian Conference Pres.



Y.P.S.C.E. Picnic Group, Baramati, India.

"THE FOREIGN ROADWAY."

Dare we suggest the dark devious ways of foreign fields as the way of soul passion and exalting love? Yes, we dare, and with a confidence which has never been misplaced in our great sisterhood. May we, sisters, be led by God out on the foreign road with all its fanatic hardness to see its soul fettering idolatry and blinding superstition, to feel the curse of its dire poverty, hunger and squalor, to hear the cry of little ones to whom birth is a curse, and the sad soul wail of our sisters to whom death is a benediction.

May we herein find an altar, first for ourselves and then for our increased offering.—Nellie Graham, President Sisters' Conference, S.A.

RESPONSIBILITY AND PRIVILEGE.

As we approach our Foreign Mission offering we face dire need, great responsibility, yet withal wonderful privilege in being "laborers together with God."

The only weapon which brings victory is prayer, and we do not always take into account the unseen agencies or forces that act as well as we pray.

Let us think of "The coming of our Lord" when praise from every tongue will help swell the grand chorus to "God and the Lamb."

There will be great rejoicings among all participants in the Lord's work. I want to be in that, don't you? Then pray and give.—Mrs. F. Corbett, President N.S.W. Sisters' Conference.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP.

Is not a call comes from Christ our King. Is we hear the call? It is a call to service. The combat rages. Shall the banner of the cross be victorious?

Our response to the Foreign Mission appeal on July 1 will help to decide. Shall we find

impoverishment. Vitamins are necessary to our health, says the food specialist. Missions are essential to our spiritual health and outlook. Make the church healthy by giving your record offering on July 1.—F. Collins, President of Conference in S.A.

WHEN THE PEOPLE WERE RESTRAINED FROM GIVING.

And they spake unto Moses, saying, the people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which Jehovah commanded to make: so the people were restrained from bringing. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it and too much. Oh, what a magnificent spirit was manifested in those far-off days! Surely it is possible for history to repeat itself? Our F.M. Committee

REDUCTION OR—WHAT?

"Hold the fort for I am coming," Jesus signals still.

"Nothing less than a church tremendously in earnest can evangelise the non-Christian world." A faithful few, having been caught by the spirit of their Master, are striving to "hold the line" in foreign fields.

We at home have contributed £1,200 short of what was expected, and our F.M. Board contemplates reducing the "battle-front" in consequence.

Our missionaries have proved their earnestness. On July 1 we may prove ours by making up the deficit, and our quotas as well, and "Wave the answer back to heaven, 'By thy grace we will.'"—Josiah Park, West Holbart.

The church at Bundaberg, Qld., took up an "Easter Gift Offering" and forwarded £5 to the State F.M. secretary. We think Bundaberg's action is worthy of emulation by other churches throughout Australia, and it would be appreciated by the F.M. Board.

"Three things every Christian may do. He may pray, or give, or zo."

"God is speaking to the hearts of many young people to-day. Only as his call is heeded can there be happiness."



Mission Bundaloo, Ndulndul, Oba, New Hebrides.

From Our India.

FROM OUR FIRST MISSIONARY.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes."

This verse has often come into my mind lately as the forces of evil have come so prominently into notice. They are mighty and constant, and one has to fall back on the Word so often, that "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Last week a number of people from distant villages came here with sick relatives. The doctor was not at home, but a meeting for Christian women had just begun, so as some of these country people had never heard the gospel, we gave our attention to them first.

"How much do you give it?" He picked up a piece of gravel, quite as big as a grain of wheat. "That much, morning and evening." The baby was fairly quiet after he left until evening came on. Then it began to grow restless. No opium was forthcoming, its restlessness increased. Sitabai, the baby's mother, has her hands full with little Prasad and the other small children, so I couldn't give her the baby craving for opium, therefore he had to stay by "Auntie" for the night. You may be sure it was a lively night. For two or three days he was a little mad thing. All the next day he cried. I don't suppose he was quiet five minutes at a time, and the most we could get him to keep down was three tablespoonfuls of



We have established Stations at Baramati, Shrigonda, Diksal, Indapur and Dhond. Other fields are Harda and Simla.

After I had spoken to them, one of the young Christian women gave her testimony as to how she had been helped in a time of great trouble, and one could not help contrasting the great difference between her and the women who had just heard of her Saviour and Friend. These Christians who manifest so much of the power of Christ in their lives are a great joy to us in our work, and a blessing to the community, and show forth the praises of him who has called them and us from darkness and despair into his glorious life and liberty. "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ."—Mary Thompson.

PRADHAKER.

We have a new baby. We have called him Pradhaker, I will call him. He is a lovely, fair, Malabrita baby about seven months old. His mother died three weeks previously. The father had gone to Ahmednagar for work. He said that there were no relatives on either side to help him care for the little chap. He, poor man, was desperate. He tramped the forty miles from Ahmednagar with the baby, taking five or six days on the trip. He had no money for fares. The people on the road offered to take his baby, but he said, "How could I give it away and not know if it would be cared for?" When he got to Shrigonda the people there advised him to bring it to us. So he came. He was just a young father, and it was his first born and only child. He cried as he said "Good-bye" to the little chap. When he handed it over he told us he had that day lost his opium box. To us it meant nothing. I asked, casually,

anything more made him sick. Miss Cameron came back from her visit to Baramati the next night, so she took him in hand for the night. The next night we let Sitabai have him, and let her sleep in the day. After that we put two girls on in the night to let Sitabai get proper rest, to fill her for the day's labors. By now the craving is wearing off. When I left to come to the hills we had had him a week. He was then about a normal baby, taking his meals nicely. I just couldn't help thinking how awful must the craving be. We hear of "opium fiends." Truly this little baby, only seven months old, acted like a little mad thing while the craving lasted. Just think how awful it must be when a man or woman seeks to throw off the curse. What agonies they must endure, and how hard it must be not to yield to the temptation to take a dose just to get a little sleep. Our poor wee baby slept not at all in the day time, and very fitfully in the night those first few days.—V. Blake.

SALVATION.

The other day our midweek prayer meeting was led by Bamhigal Gattewad, one of our converts, a convert from the settlement nearly seven years ago. He spoke on "Salvation." There was no oratory, but quietly, almost haltingly, he spoke, but with deep conviction from heart experience. He knew how hardly is salvation won; he had experienced the trials of a convert from Hinduism; he still felt that the battle was not over, right to the end we must fight. As I listened I am afraid my mind wandered back to those early days and the struggles the

speaker went through when he first became a Christian. How he had been outcast, refused by his own wife, and then within a few months he had had the joy of seeing her confess Christ too. After that, there were her years of palsy suffering, until at last her weary frame gave out and her spirit went to be with her Lord. That was only a few short weeks ago. What a testimony, for we believe that Laxambai had attained salvation. Truly her husband knew something of the inner meaning of that word, and how hardly is salvation won. Then his message reminded us of the fact that "Grace are ye saved through faith, and that out of yourselves, it is the gift of God."—Cecilia.

THE DHOND HOSPITAL.

Dr. Oldfield writes: "I have now an Indian doctor, Dr. Maduran, to assist me in the medical work, and he will take charge of the dispensary when I am away from Dhond for a while during the hot season. He is a very good man, whom I got to know at Wel, and I am sure that he will do good work for us. Now that I have an assistant I am able to get away to the other stations where there is any sickness there. The other day I had a regular 'sick parade' at the Shrigonda Girls' Home, and several of them had medicines prescribed. If I can get to the other stations regularly it will be a big help in keeping the boys and girls in our children's homes healthy."

"Since we started treating patients at Dhond we have had about 700 new patients and over 2,000 treatments. One very encouraging feature of the work is the way in which the women are bringing their children for treatment. We get all sorts of diseases to treat, and as God has blessed our work, our reputation in this district is good. The first in-patient was a man with a great abscess on his jaw. When he came to us he was unable to open his eyes on account of the swelling. I opened the abscess and we treated him for some days, and then he went back to his village because he was so much better. He said he would come back so that we could see how he was progressing, but so far he has not come. That is why these rooms for patients are so necessary."

"Any one who has experienced the saving power of Christ in his own heart can not but testify of it to others."

"We serve in the spirit of the Christ only when our hearts go out in compassion and love to a sin-sick world."

"There are many fainting hearts to-day who need the healing of the Christ."



Miss Cameron, in earl, and Moul. formerly Bombay Beggar Girl.

S.O.S.—A Call from India.

At Baranatti we have a large station with big commitments. We need one married couple to look after the important Criminal Tribe Settlement; another to run the extensive educational work that has been forced on us; another to give full time to the running of the large children's home that is our responsibility; another to thoroughly organise the evangelistic work that should be done, together with a nurse to oversee the medical work and do general nursing. Instead of this we have two married couples and one single woman upon whom all this work—to which we have been committed for years—falls.



Dispensary Building, Dhond, India.

At Shrigonda we are committed to the Girls' Home, with its associated educational, evangelistic, and medical work. We have two capable sisters doing the home and educational work, and one married couple doing medical and evangelistic work, but another married couple are really needed to do the evangelistic work also.

At Diksal we have very real commitments in evangelistic and medical work, and two men could spend their whole time doing fine and profitable work there, but we have had to practically abandon it because our urgent commitments in other centres are so great, and we have no one at all to place at Diksal.

There are other centres such as Indapur where our opportunities are crying out incessantly and insistently, but we have to close our ears—and hearts—because we have neither men nor money to place there.

Dhond is a centre that we have been committed to for a long time, though we have only recently entered it. We should have an evangelist and nurse as well as the medical missionary, so that opportunities that the medical work opens up may be seized—but there is no one to send! Districts call but we have to be deaf!

Next year at Baranatti one married couple will be left alone to face the work which really requires nine people—and some of you at home wonder why there are breakdowns of health on the foreign field!

How long shall this state of affairs last? Men and women are willing to be sent, so it is merely a question of money. Your offering will answer the question.—G. H. Oldfield, President Indian Field Council.

A GREAT EVIL.

One of the greatest evils in this land of India is the unchristian system of caste, which divides the people into a number of groups which, according to the religion of the people, are not to mix with or have anything to do with each other, except in so far as the lower castes can help the higher. In our dispensaries we get "discrimination" in respect of treatment, for the demon of caste is no respecter of persons or castes. It is time to find that when the example is shown

to them, some of the higher caste folk will do something to help the lower. Frequently in the dispensary work the doctor will ask one of the higher caste men to help by holding a patient while some treatment is being carried out, and almost invariably they will respond even though the patient may be of the very lowest caste. Here we see one of the ways in which the heaven of Christianity spreads through the lump. The mere example and encouragement to do a good action meets with a response which is exhibited these days in the movements within Hinduism to care for the lower castes, for human nature loves to help its fellowmen

We reach the first village six miles from home. A mat spread on the ground; my case of mixtures, ointments, pills, etc., near by forms a wayside dispensary. We walk around the village and ask if any sick need help, because medicine has been brought with us. A crowd soon gathers; there is a splendid opportunity to give the gospel message which the capable Bible-women never miss. Only two days' medicine can be given to all these poor sufferers who have come. There are terrible eye cases, malaria, rheumatism, chest and skin cases. Then I visit several homes to see some who are too sick to rise. Poor souls, it is hard; they are so far away from medical help, and yet need regular daily attention.

It is midday, we dine, pass on to more distant villages. Sixteen miles from Baranatti we reach Sangavi; numbers are waiting for us, needing medicine and help. Visits to the homes of some reveal many sad sights. One poor woman with knotted joints and twisted limbs is a constant sufferer from arthritis. Surely she needed to go to hospital, but how could she go? Poona the nearest hospital, Baranatti sixteen miles away the nearest railway and means for travelling to Poona. She had no vehicle; to walk was impossible. Oh, if only Dhond Hospital were built, that we could take such a case there for the treatment they need. We left feeling sad indeed, knowing the medicine we gave could help little, and such an one must suffer till death relieved her. It is yours to help.—E. Caldwell.

DEFILED, BUT NOT BY SIN.

On one occasion at Shrigonda we approached the porchway of a large deserted courtyard, intending to take a short cut through it into the next street, as we had often done before. However, when we pushed the gate open and attempted to enter, we were bluntly told to stand back. We found that a wandering Hindu, unable to secure better lodgings, had made a temporary camp of the porchway, and in its shelter had deposited his bedding, food and cooking vessels. He informed us that the porchway, so long as it was empty there, was to all intents and purposes his house, and we might pass through only if we removed our boots and carried them. We understood at once; for leather, being part of a dead animal, is never allowed into a Hindu's house, for if it touched his food or cooking vessels it would defile them. We elected to go the long way round.

This would seem only amusing were it not for the tragedy of it all. In Hinduism the worst sin imaginable may be committed, and there is no sense of defilement, but leather—let not its defiling touch corrupt the soul! Such is the contribution of Hinduism to moral progress. It has no power to arouse a sense of sin. How necessary is the gospel of Jesus Christ if India is ever to be saved from the power of sin.—J. R. Leach.



Dr. Oldfield and Dispensary Patients, Dhond, India.

Better News from China.

By those who are interested in the relation of Christian missions to China, the following facts are worthy of consideration: The light for the governorship of Yunnan province is practically over. Gen. Long's men have driven out all other aspirants, and captured their strongholds. Taiifu, a rich portion of the province, which had declared itself independent, has now been won back, and its taxes now flow to the provincial government. Several of the coolie roads are now clear, and we hear of many of our Yunnan friends who have come inland, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Fleischman, Mr. and Mrs. Payne, Mr. Metcalfe, Dr. Hook, and Mr. Hagen. This seems to indicate that when our furlough is over we shall be able to return to our field unhindered either by the Consul or the provincial government. The Nationalist revolution, concerning which much appears in our papers, does not affect our part of China. But even from parts most affected by that revolution, good news has come of a better spirit prevailing between Chinese and foreigners. It also proves wrong many forecasts by self-appointed prophets who, a year or so ago, were saying that the Nationalists would make Christian work practically impossible in China.

Taking up one recent issue of a newspaper from China, it is found there are no anti-foreign incidents to record. On the other hand all the following news appears in it: A settlement has been reached between America and the Nationalist government regarding the Nanking incident of last year. The old quarrel between foreigners and Chinese regarding Chinese representation on the Municipal Council of the International Settlement at Shanghai has been settled, and three Chinese are to be elected as members of the Council, and six others are to serve on sub-committees. A special order is issued by the Nationalist War Council that the mission hospitals at Nanking and Hangchow be returned forthwith to their original owners. A sharp watch is being kept on extremists, e.g. the Reds, to prevent them again getting control, and a planned Red uprising in Canton was discovered and prevented by strong measures. The Nationalist government sustains the idea of religious freedom, and the Honan provincial government reiterates that principle. Quotations read, "Religious freedom, therefore, is one of the recognised rights of the people, secure and



Mrs. A. Anderson with her baby Gwen and adopted daughter, Pearl.

immune from all illegal restraints." "We further commend that life and property of missionaries who are living in our midst be given full protection. Let all obey!"—Ray Killmer.

THE ETERNAL ROUND—TRAMP, TRAMP, TRAMP.

Walk down one of the cobble-stone streets in the city of Yunnanfu, and hear the tramp, tramp, of a pony going his round, grinding corn. The sound comes from a little hut which opens out to a narrow street. The pony is a prisoner, harnessed to a pole attached to a stone wheel, which revolves in a stone trough. The pony's eyes are blindfolded to prevent it from becoming dizzy. Day after day, tramp, tramp, tramping on, ever the eternal round; even night hears the same ceaseless tread.



Girls' School, Hueliehew, China.

Down the narrow streets, too, one hears also the tramp, tramp, tramp of hundreds of human beings, marching to the temples to worship their gods. During the seasons of special worship, any hour of the day or night, one hears them as they pass. Listen to their plaintive cries as they strive to awaken the gods. Blindfolded eyes seeking peace, and a place where soul may commune with soul, yet finding it not. Tramp, tramp, tramp! Above the roar of our fair Australian cities, in the quiet of the home, at the hour of worship, we can still hear the steady march of feet. Time and distance make no change. Tramp, tramp, tramp!

Can you not hear the tramping of millions of feet? Will these sounds ever cease? Never, until there is a steady tramp to the foot of the cross.—A. Anderson.

WILL YOU COME AGAIN?

About 2 p.m., in the afternoon we set out visiting. As we make our way down the long narrow street we are hailed on all sides by women sitting in their doorways, some selling their wares, others sewing, while others are passing away the time, ready to welcome any friend who happens to come along, and has time to sit and chat. The note of welcome is unmistakable. Being the only foreigners in the city these opportunities present themselves we enter the homes, sit and talk with the women, and present to them Jesus Christ and him crucified. It is all so new to them, and nothing but constant teaching will help the light to penetrate the brain clouded by centuries of superstition. All too soon we must depart. The women escort us to the door; nothing is more plaintive and sorrowful than their plea, "Will you come again?" More than a year has passed since we heard that question, and still our hearts burn

within us as we think of the women in China waiting for us to "come again."

"See o'er the world wide open doors inviting: Soldiers of Christ, arise and enter in! Christians, awake! your forces all uniting, Send forth the gospel, break the chains of sin!"

—Eva Anderson.

ENCOURAGE OUR MISSIONARIES.

Our missionaries have spent years in study as well as scores of pounds. Then they left home comforts, father, mother, friends, relations and congenial surroundings. How often their hearts must long for home and relatives! If it were not for the grace of God they could not carry on. Their work is exceedingly difficult, often depressing, sometimes disappointing. Are we going to prove to them that we appreciate their efforts by a worthy offering, or are we going to give an added disappointment by making an offering which will cause them to feel that we think their work is not worth while?

We must give not only for Christ's sake, and for the sake of the heathen, but also to encourage the men and women who are making the sacrifice which we were not prepared to make. Everybody is expected to "go" who has not a sufficient reason for staying at home.—E. C. Burdichen.

OPPORTUNITY.

Another opportunity is rapidly drawing near to give a practical expression of our love for the Christ, who so loved the world that he gave his life for the redemption of it. And we have been privileged to live in a land where the gospel is freely preached.

What are we willing to deny ourselves that we may help to send the message to others not so favored as ourselves? We owe all we have and are to him.

May his passion for souls set us fire our hearts that we may bring our gifts and thus prove our love, and have fellowship with him in sending the message of his love to the ends of the earth.—R. L. Tonkin.

GIVING.

Christian giving is divinely inspired. He who would abound in this grace must dwell in the love of God, and he possessed of the mind of Christ. Giving is a fruit of love. God loved and gave his best gift for us—his only begotten Son. Christ loved us and gave himself for us. The lover discovers the desires of the beloved. Christ desires his gospel to be given to all. If we love him we will seize such an opportunity as July 1 offers, and by our gifts help to give him to India, China, and the New Hebrides. Our missionaries are giving their best service. Shall we give them our prayerful understanding, cooperation, and gladly lay our love gifts on his altar in the great Foreign Mission offering of July 1.—Joseph Whelan.

THE UNFINISHED TASK.

The Master has given definite instructions to his disciples for the preaching of the gospel to every creature. "Go ye," he says, "and make disciples of all the nations." The need of obedience to this command is greater to-day than ever before. The Macedonian call, "Come over and help us," is still heard. "They call us to deliver their land from error's chain." We need not be able to go and preach Jesus to them, but we can support the work of missions and make it possible for others to be bearers of the joyful news. The Lord is willing to "thrust out more laborers," let us then co-operate with him in a worthy offering on July 1.—W. H. E. Wakefield.

Opium versus Christ.

Mr. Yeh Pei Gen, a well-educated young man, was recommended by a missionary as a dispensary assistant. This missionary said the young man had given up smoking opium, for he had tested him. After a few days we suspected that he still smoked, but he vehemently protested. He was then asked to remain inside for two weeks. One night he ran out. We locked the gate, but in the morning he was

We immediately noted quite a marked change in his disposition. He talked much more freely and happily. His face could not help smiling. His work was done well, and he developed quite a peculiar habit of making a sort of chant out of orders that were given him. He would jump off down the path to do his work, singing his chant as he went. He evidently found joy in serving Jesus. Gladys H. Kallmeyer.



Mr. Hu Sui Wu, B.A., Headmaster of our Shanghai School, Teachers and some of the Scholars.

in his bed, and declared he had never been out. He had, of course, clambered back over the wall. We told him if he would own up he would have another chance. He still denied smoking. We dismissed him and paid for a chair to carry him to Ningsuenfu, five days away. He handled none of this money, we ourselves paying it all over to the cooking boys. Before leaving he confessed to smoking opium.

Here is his later history. He went two days of his journey, then asked the carriers to refund him the other three days' money. This he spent in opium. He walked these three days, pawned all his clothes and belongings. In Ningsuenfu he was seen, lying in a gutter by the door of an opium den, begging to scrape out the pipes of those who had just smoked. And to within a few months he died of starvation. He had a wife and two children sixty miles away, but did not trouble to go home to them.

This is a common history. Christ was defeated because this man would not allow him to fight. Opium degrades men. Christ would save them, and so mighty is his power, that opium must give up its victims when they take Christ into their hearts. E. R. Kibbler.

"LI DA GO, WHICH MEANS BIG BROTHER."

Li was our servant at the British and Foreign Bible House in Yunnanfu. He was a quiet old chap who never did more than he was supposed to do, and sometimes needed much asking to do that. He carried water, cared for the garden, kept the gate, and did various other odd jobs. He was very deaf and somewhat lame.

An old man, Mr. Pang, who sold books at the Bible House, used to read the Scripture to him, and teach him about God, and sometimes of an evening would come to mind the gate while Li Da Go went to a church meeting. On Sundays also, he used to take him to church. One Sunday, at the C.M. chapel, when the invitation to accept Christ was given, Li Da Go stood up (after several vigorous protests in the ribs from Mr. Pang's elbow). He had evidently expressed a desire to be a Christian, and being deaf had arranged with Mr. Pang to give him the signal when to rise.

pital where she found the love and kindness of Christ in the world. What can I spare? We say, "Oh! this and this from mine array I am not like to miss! And here are crumbs to feed some hungry one. Which do but be a surmance on my shelf." And yet we read the Father gave the Son, And Jesus gave himself.

— Dorothy G. Clark, B.V.T.S.A.

LET GOD CONTROL OUR PURSES.

If we read carefully our New Testaments we cannot fail to see our duty to the millions who now sit in darkness.

1. Our Lord 2000 years ago set out a definite programme for his disciples to work for. What a pity that all Christians have not been faithful to their Lord in regard to it! If they had been, many of those millions would not be in darkness now.

2. Our Lord will supply the power to preach and to teach those millions now, if we are willing, He Himself, and like his early church, to wait upon God in prayer, much prayer, until the power comes from on high.

3. Our Lord will surely the means to spread the news of free salvation among the benighted peoples of the earth, if we will let him have control of our lives, our will, and our purses. Christ Jesus expects that every disciple will do his duty on July 1.

LETTER FROM A YOUNG BRIDE.

The following letter will be of interest to all. It has been forwarded by Miss Florence Cameron. The young bride, Sushilla, one of our "Home" girls at Baramati, was recently married to one of our "Home" boys at Baramati and seems very happy. Miss Cameron says, "I went over to Baramati during the first week after my return and was pleased indeed to see our girls so happily settled, and they are grateful." Miss Blake had sent a present to this young bride, and some books for three others of our girls who were married at Baramati. Dear Auntie Blake,

My loving salams to you. I am quite well and I hope you too are well. I think of you very often. I am very happy. Thank you very much for the wedding present which you gave me. I think of you each time I look at it. I thank you for having had me in the home from my childhood. God has been good to me. I am happy, and he has cared for me. I shall never forget what you have done for me. Malambal, Shanfilai and Arambikhal! Thank you for the books you sent them, and they send salams. I thank you. Sushilla Devaker.

WHAT A LITTLE CHINESE GIRL FOUND IN A MISSION HOSPITAL.

In a fit of anger her master pushed her through an open window. Down on to the stone paving below the little slave-girl fell!

Crushed and broken in mind and body she was carried to the Christian hospital in Yunnanfu, and there this hitherto unwanted scrap of humanity was tenderly ministered to by kindly nurses. Slowly she whose life had almost ebbed out, gained in health and strength till by Christmas time the broken bones had knit, and the crushed mind began to respond, as it heard for the first time stories told of the Christ-child.

Happy and bright now is the face of the once sad and dull slave-girl as she studies and plays with newly-found friends at a Christian school in Hong-Fong. Her supporter trusts that later on she will take her place as nurse in the hos-



New Preaching Place at Shanghai, China.

Breaking up Fallow Ground.

It was a lonely out-post, situated amidst somewhat barren country, on the banks of a river, which at the time of our first visit was almost dried up, conveying no impression of the mighty volume of water that would surge along its course during the monsoon season. Here two heroic souls, Derrao and his wife, were holding the fort, seeking to reach souls with the light and knowledge of the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

They had often pleaded with us to visit them, and that part of the field, and we assured them of a visit from us as soon as time and circumstances would permit. To carry out that promise was no light undertaking, they being situated far off from the main roads.

to be in such a heavy sleep. Well—yes—he had given it some the first day the mother died, for it cried so, and he didn't know what to do to quieten it, and folk told him to give it some, and what should he know? "And after that?" I asked him. "No," but there was some still in the deep part of the shell, and he supposed that as he gave the milk from it some would come off. There was really quite an amount of opium still stuck to the shell.

The baby is a healthy-looking child and weighs seven pounds. He has not yet got over his last dose of opium, but he is rousing now, so I go to see how he takes his first feed in his new home. He would not take much. We don't think he is more than a fortnight old now.



Mr. and Mrs. T. Facott, Bible-women and Native Preachers ready for the Day's Work.

We decided to trust "Lizzie" with the task. Having made minute enquiries as to the best route, we set out to cheer and encourage the lonely workers and visit the people of that part.

After a long trip we found this Christian man and his wife were living in the field, a few sheaves of corn put together in rough fashion barely sufficient to afford them shade from the intense heat of a midsummer sun. Gathering the people together with the Bible on the ground, and an umbrella to afford shade from the scorching heat, we held a meeting, and spoke to an attentive audience of eternal things.

Our next meeting was on the threshing floor, from whence we visited the village, where we held a splendid meeting, many listening to the word of life with marked attention. At the close of the day we rejoiced at these opportunities of sowing the seed.

Pray that the seed sown may spring up and bear fruit a hundredfold; that also these people may have more opportunities of hearing the sweet story of redemption.—T. Facott.

A NEW BABY.

One of the special things that has happened since I returned from Australia was the arrival of another baby, less than a month old. The father brought it hanging in a cloth across his back. He had come about sixty miles. He is a Christian. He said a Hindu woman badly wanted the child, but he would not give it because she was a Hindu. He told us this after we had taken it. The mother died three days ago. He only came this morning with the baby. He said he had not slept for three nights. He had a little pot of milk which was sour when he came, and he had a small shell with which he fed the child. We asked about opium and received the usual emphatic denial, but we still wanted to be quite sure, so would he tell us really if he had given any, for the child seemed

His name is Petros, given him by his father. If babies continue coming like this I really think we shall need a woman for night instead of having extra girls. One of our workers soon goes to Baramati, perhaps I will be able to get someone in her place for the babies. One never knows when others will be brought along. This is the second baby in a fortnight.—Florence Cameron.

WHICH WORK PAYS?

A short while ago a supporter of a Shrigonda girl asked me how her orphan was in health. She also said, "G—must be 11 or 15 years of age by now, don't you think it is time for her to be going to business?" Immediately I thought to myself, perhaps there are other supporters thinking the same about their girls.

As far as my experience is concerned I do not think there are very many real Indian girls who do go to business; not in the villages. The Hindus marry their girls at a very tender age, hence housewifery in almost all cases is their only accomplishment. Our Christian girls attend school every day, they can read and write,

then if they prove themselves capable, they are sent for training, some become Bible-women, some nurses and some teachers. Those who do not show promise educationally are drafted into the work of caring for the babies and younger children under our own supervision, and when a suitable sailor asks for a bride, these girls are married.

The reports from those in charge of our girls in training are truly inspiring.

The "Bible-women" girls (during their last summer vacation) were instrumental in bringing six other younger girls to Christ, and these girls in turn have been used of God in bringing others to an open confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and their Saviour. If each girl could win another, would not this be better than going out to business? We do pray that each one of the children we support will help in the wonderful work Christ left for his disciples to do, until he comes.—Edna Vawser.

INDIA'S BOYS.

Our boys here in India are just like boys at home. They have boys' thoughts, ideas, ideals, problems, qualities, faults. Sammy is a real boy. He has a "cow's-tick" and a little turned-up nose, and were it not for the color of his skin, you sure he'd have freckles. He spends whatever time he can get free in looking for birds, mice, lizards, cats—anything in fact that is alive.

On the whole our Indian family compares very favorably with any group of boys taken from similar surroundings in Australia—if such can be found. Take into consideration the dark heritage of India's centuries, the peculiar ills (to us) that are part of every Indian, and you will be astounded, as I am, at the change that one hundred years and less can work in character. No, not astounded, for it is what one expects of Christ; but filled with a great wonder and thankfulness for his grace.

We have these boys of ours through their years of greatest development, sometimes from the babies. You will all agree that, allowing for a poor start in life, we can expect to see some results worthy of the name of Christ. We who are in the work have every confidence in its effectiveness. It costs a lot of money, but no money is better spent; of this we are sure. We believe that no one who knows anything of the work will fail to show his or her fullest appreciation on this coming Foreign Mission Day.—Andrew A. Hughes.

FOR YOU AND ME.

"It is in loving, not in being loved,
The heart is blessed!"
It is in giving, not in seeking gifts,
We find our quest.
If thou art hungry, seeking heavenly bread,
Give hope and cheer!
If thou art sad, and wouldst be comforted,
Slay sorrow's tear!
Whatever be thy longing or thy need,
That do thou give!
So shall thy soul be fed,
And thou indeed shalt truly live."



Indapur Bungalow, India. This Bungalow is only rented. It does not belong to the Mission.

India's Open Door.

The call of the open door in "our India" lets us know that this is the psychological moment in our Foreign Mission history.

Never were greater opportunities offering for the preaching of the gospel in the streets, markets and homes of "our India."

more missionaries are sent to tell them. Brethren, we rely upon you to do your utmost on July 1 to help us to meet this great need.—Mrs. H. M. Watson.

MARCH PAST OF LEPEERS.

That was how it was advertised in the programme of the opening of a new leprosy clinic in Sholapur the other day. There were only about fifty lepers on show, and they hobbled past the collector and the elite of the town carrying large cards inscribed "It is not our fault; 'Help us and protect yourselves,' and similar mottoes. Pitiful enough, but far more so as the representatives of a vast host of lepers all over the East. The Indian doctor, in his appeal for funds, said that he knew we were all 'pressed for the hard times,' but he felt sure we would do our best.

As I watched I could not help thinking that in the eyes of the angels the whole world is a grand march past of lepers—lepers cured, lepers who could be cured if they would, and lepers who do not know there is such a thing as a cure. The latter are by far the most numerous, and they are almost all on the foreign field. If physical leprosy makes such a strong appeal to our sympathies, surely moral and spiritual leprosy should make a stronger appeal. For physical leprosy there is hope of cure only in



Children and Workers, Lylal Children's Home, Shrigonda, India.

Crowds gather around us to listen to the preaching of the gospel; they eagerly accept tracts and portions of Scripture to read.

We have many invitations to send Christian teachers to the surrounding villages.

Thousands who are dissatisfied with Hinduism are seeking elsewhere for truth, feeling after him if haply they might find him.

"Our India" is an open door. There are five hundred thousand souls solely dependent upon the Church of Christ mission for the message of life.

We have only ten missionaries on this field to reach the hundreds of thousands with Christ's message. Can they do this great task? Brethren, can you help to do it?

Already the cry is retrench because of lack of funds. Last year we were nearly £2,000 short in our income.

There are orphans to clothe and care for; there are the sick and suffering, some with wounds and festering sores needing immediate attention.

There are young Christians to teach and train for work; there are the faithful Indian preachers and Bible-women to encourage and support.

There are five hundred thousand Indians waiting for your answer.

I plead with you, good brethren, that you will, on July 1, make such an offering as to recapture your great love for Christ.—H. Watson.

INDIA'S WOMEN NEED LIGHT.

Generally at mid-day we find it the best to visit the Indian women in their homes. The mid-day meal is over and there is more leisure for them to sit and listen to the story of Christ's love for them.

In some homes we have quite large groups of women gathered around us. In one home we visited there were fifteen women listening attentively, when one woman intercepted with a question, "Is there any salvation at all for women?" We told them of Christ raising the "widow's son"; his sorrow with Mary and Martha over the death of Lazarus; his compassion on the woman of whom he cast seven devils; his wonderful love for men and women shown by his death on Calvary. These women thought this a wonderful story, and asked us to come again and tell them more. One woman said, "This is the best story I have ever heard."

Thousands of Indian women in "our India" will never be able to hear of Christ unless



Teachers and Helpers, Lylal Children's Home, Shrigonda, India.

the early stages, but for the spiritual a certain cure for all. Leprosy was once widely prevalent in Europe, but was eradicated in thirty or forty years. If we all did our best, spiritual leprosy would vanish at the touch of the Great Physician. As we realised the true state in the eyes of heaven of the millions of India, China, and Africa, we would make an extra financial effort, even though we too should be "pressed for the hard times."—G. Percy Pittman.

IS IT WORTH WHILE?

In this settlement of more than four thousand criminals, there are over one thousand children in the day schools. Though not compulsory, nearly all of them attend the Sunday Schools, and if you could visit them one Sunday morning you would see a blind man sitting on the ground playing a little accordion, round him a group of boys and girls who are the best singers. These sing a line of a hymn, and all the scholars sing the next line. There and all the scholars stand on the floor by the table, and after an opening exercises, these boys and girls, who live in tiny huts with their parents in jarpel-wire enclosures, come up one by one and place their offerings on the cloth. Some bring a piece (one farthing), others an onion, a chillie, a garlic, or a handful of some grain, and at the end of the year these things

are sold, and the money is sent to different charities. Last year they gathered £2-19/-, and sent some to "Near East Relief" and some to the B. & F. Bible Society. There were 423 scholars appeared for the Indian S. School Union Scripture examination; 64 passed with honours, 53 gained first-class certificates, 124 second-class certificates, and 60 third-class. On "White Gift Day" they gave 2 dozen ink-pots, 2 dozen lead pencils, pens, books, marbles, etc., for free distribution among the children of municipal schools. They have Girl Guides, Blue Birds, and Boy Scout clubs. I am sure you will agree with me, that in India as well as in all the world, the greatest hope is in the young. Pray for these children of criminals.—N. Pittman, Sholapur, India.

THE MOST RECENT ADDITION.

The most recent addition to our home is a little Mohammedan boy named Joseph. He is a boy with an expression which indicates that under Christian training we shall have in Joseph an exceedingly fine type of man.

His father died about two years ago, and quite recently he lost his mother. Since his mother's death Joseph has been doing little jobs of work in Poona and so managing to live. One day a man who was previously at Haramall found the boy on the streets, took him to his own home and cared for him for some weeks. This man has a family of his own, and is in rather poor circumstances. Being appealed to for a place in the Home for him, although he was a little older than we usually desire for newcomers, we felt that we could not turn a deaf ear to such a request, and so Joseph has come to swell our numbers.

We love the work amongst the boys, and have every confidence of its ultimate success for the Master. We feel that whatever efforts we can put into the work of training the young in the Christian life must bear fruit in due season.

We realise that in this work we are the representatives of a great brotherhood. You are depending on us to faithfully carry out this work. If you knew these boys and this work as we do, you would love them as we do. We know that you will do and give to your uttermost for Jesus' sake.—E. W. Morris Hughes.

In Christ I feel the heart of God

Throbbing from heaven through earth;
Life stirs again within the clod,
Renewed in beautiful birth;

The soul springs up, a flower of prayer,
Breathing his breath out on the air.

In Christ I touch the hand of God,

From his pure height reached down,
By blessed ways before untried.

To lift us to your crown;

Victory that only perfect is
Through loving sacrifice his.

—Lucy Larcum.



Two Children from Lylal Children's Home, Shrigonda, India, on the afternoon of Christmas Day, after receiving their toys.

Volunteers for Service.

MISSIONARIES-ELECT AWAITING SUPPORTERS.

Missionary fellowship is inevitable at the College of the Bible. Its name, its charter, its basis combine to develop a missionary conscience. The Faculty and the Board of Management rejoice that already 31 students trained at the College have entered Foreign Mission service. Others are seeking further qualifications for medical or nursing service. Some are ready and waiting appointment. And twelve missionary volunteers are now in College.

The consecration of these challenges church members to provide means for their support. The missionary obligation inescapably rests on every Christian. Co-operation by all on July 1 will enable these trained workers to go to the harvest field.—Fred. T. Saunders.

OUR ATTITUDE.

As intending missionaries in foreign fields, we students take every interest in matters pertaining to the work in that direction. We recognise, however, that it is not merely our work, or the work of those at present laboring in distant parts, but that every Christian should be concerned about the extension of the kingdom amongst the heathen. Every person can help, and should help by prayer, and by gifts for the upkeep of the mission stations. The church is not alive unless it spreads, and if folk cannot go themselves they can send others. The missionary is but the tool in the hand of the home church, who can send him forth with power or with weakness, through lack of funds and lack of prayer.

Shine on, thou perfect Light of Christ,
Dark corners of the world to leeward,
To lift the gloom with glow unpriced,
And turn all men to righteousness.

Reflect the Light, O hearts of men,

And send it forth with brighter ray

To furthest shore, and darkest glen,

That sin's dread night may turn to day.

—Elsie Leeson, F.M. Band, Glen Iris.

THE MAGNITUDE OF OUR TASK.

"Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations." This is the purpose of God. Paul felt the magnitude of the task, and devoted his life to the spreading abroad of the gospel of Christ. The task is on our shoulders to-day; God has not seen fit to lift it. It is ours to help the accomplishment of this great design.

The love of Christ for all men is evident, but there are men and women who know not of that love; men who are enveloped in darkness yet who are struggling to see the light.

"Go ye." The command is to us. Ours is

the duty, yea, the privilege of conveying the light of the gospel, of hearing the story of the love of Christ to those in darkness.

Surely a stupendous task, not to be accomplished in a day or a generation. Let the



Cricket Team of Blake Memorial Children's Home, Baramath, India.

thought bring to us a realisation that our faith involves and brings to us an obligation to rest not, until men in the uttermost parts of the earth shall have heard of Christ and his salvation.—E. J. Waters, Foreign Mission Student, College of the Bible.



Christmas parcels ready for Distribution to Children at Baramath. Headmaster in white, Mr. G. B. Dethle.

"Missions are not something added to the church, they are the heart of the gospel."

"Compassionate love for a sin-sick world must be expressed in practical ways of helpfulness."

FOREIGN MISSION STUDENTS, COLLEGE OF THE BIBLE, GLEN IRIS.

Back Row.—E. J. Waters, L. A. Paternoster, J. Hay, C. J. Robinson, T. W. Sisterson, V. G. Whelan, R. J. Sandells.

Front Row.—E. M. Bolduan, L. M. Foreman, V. M. Callanan, D. B. Wangman, G. L. Lambert, E. Leeson.



Foreign Missions have always had to fight their way. After the Reformation freed men's hearts, such battles along other lines were necessary that the gospel imperative to evangelize unto the uttermost parts of the earth became law. Carey was checked in all sincerity by Chinese senators. To a disheartening extent there are still resistance and opposition in the church.

Outside the church there has also been unintermitted opposition. Morrison, aboard ship for China, was taunted by the captain. The British India Company fiercely refused to carry missionaries to India. They went on foreign vessels. Traders, teachers, officials, tourists, and "high-brows" nowadays form a nearly unanimous chorus of disapproval. Incheape explains China's straining after national unity and independence by the presence of missionaries. Everybody is out to elude the missionary.

Nevertheless, all who follow Christ will go right on. Christ is greater than the critics. It was he who planned the world programme of his church. He commanded us to go. "Bear ye one another's burdens," says Paul, "and so fulfil the law of Christ." The heathen are our burdened brethren. While God gives us the means, we will bear their burdens as far as we can, thus fulfilling his law, who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy-laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke . . . and ye shall find rest to your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."—A. G. Saunders.

FACTS ABOUT INDIA.

Eighty per cent. of the people in India are farmers. At nights they leave their farms and gather together in tiny villages for protection from robbers and demons.

India is essentially a religious land. An Indian no more thinks of trying to do without religion than he thinks of trying to do without air.

There are 66,000,000 Mohammedans in India, but India is the only country the Mohammedans conquered without converting, and the mass of the people are Hindus.

In India there are more than five million "holy men," or religious beggars, who live entirely by begging, as they wander around the country.

In India originally there were four castes—Brahmins, or priests, warriors, merchants and servants. The rulers and princes of India all belonged to the warrior caste. Now castes have multiplied until there are more than 3,000 castes and an infinity of sub-castes, whose members cannot eat together, drink together or intermarry. Below all castes are the 60,000,000 out-castes, who have no religious privileges, and are forbidden to enter the temples.

The position of women is low. "There be many sects in India," says an ancient proverb, "but upon two main points they are all agreed—the sacredness of the cow and the depravity of woman."

Appeal from F.M. Presidents and Secretaries.

GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN UNTO YOU.

The great day, July 1, is fast approaching when we will have the privilege of returning to our heavenly Father a portion of the goods he has blessed us with. The treasury of the Foreign Missionary Committee is empty. The needs of the fields beyond are great. The work in India and China needs men and money. Our missionaries are overworked. We ask the brotherhood to rise to their opportunity and give even to the point of sacrifice. The fact that so many will not be able to give this year is a challenge to those who can make up for these. The Lord is no man's debtor. Give, and it shall be given unto you.—E. S. Hiches, President State F.M. Committee, S.A.

GIVE OURSELVES, THEN OUR MONEY.

Paul informs us that the Macedonian brethren gave beyond their power to the relief of necessities in Jerusalem. It was because they first gave their own selves to the Lord. It may be that to wipe out the budget deficit of £1,200, and place our F.M. work on a sound financial basis, a giving beyond our power will be required. We can do it by pursuing the Macedonian method. Let every member of our Australian brotherhood before July 1 give himself anew to God, and such a reconsecration of our all to the Lord will result in an astonishing offering.—Lionel Johnston, President Tasmanian F.M. Committee.

THEY ARE LOOKING TO US.

Time passes swiftly onward, and once again Foreign Mission Day takes precedence in our thoughts and in our prayers. When we sit down and think quietly for a few minutes of what has been done, what is being done, and what is to be done with the opportunities which are at our very doors on the foreign field, then do we become seized with the urgent necessity of handing every effort we possibly can to do our part in the great work to which we have set our hand. We must not let the greatness of the task appal us, but we must prayerfully and consecratedly continue in our every earnest endeavor to extend the kingdom of our dear Lord and Master to the uttermost parts of the earth. Our particular task is in India, China, and the New Hebrides. They are looking to us now more than ever before. What will your answer be?—H. G. Burdon, Sec. F.M. Com., S.A.

JULY 1, 1928.

What thoughts come to our mind as we ponder and contemplate upon this season of the year.

First in order the words of the great commission of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation."

The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us" still rings in our ears.

We hear again the lament of our Lord as he told his disciples to look for the fields were already white unto harvest, and he realised the



Mr. and Mrs. F. Mackie, and Melville, Oha, New Hebrides.

laborers were so few. Nineteen hundred years ago and still the need is greater than ever. How have we obeyed our Lord's injunction? We have still an opportunity. The F.M. offering is July 1; let us make it worthy of him who died for our redemption.—H. W. Hermann, Secy. Qld. F.M. Committee.

"The world was never so needy as to-day, for the good news of a Saviour, and messengers are needed."

"We have not caught the spirit of the gospel unless we are giving freely of our money to share this gospel with others."



The girl on the right, Chandralata Peter, is training for a nurse and is self-supporting. The girl on the left, Prema Satharber, is training for a nurse, and is self-supporting. Kamala Salve, in the centre, training for teacher. These girls are from the Lyall Children's Home, Shrigonda, India.

GIVING AND RECEIVING.

"Give, and it shall be given unto thee. . . . For with the same measure that ye mete, withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6: 38).

These are the words of our Saviour, definitely stating, as we give so shall we receive.

Our beloved missionaries are giving their all to the service of God; therefore great shall be their reward.

July 1 is a conversation day for all of God's children in Australia, a day set apart for the receiving of consecrated gifts for the furtherance of God's glorious gospel in lands of heathen darkness.

In the above text we have a direct command from the Saviour and likewise a promise of blessings to come.

Do we love and trust him enough to give to our utmost? Do we believe in his promises? We did then great will be the victory, and blessed will be the givers on July 1, 1928, for great will be our reward.—Jas. C. D. Green, Secy. Tas. F.M. Committee.

BROADCASTING THE GOSPEL.

This is the age of wireless; we have it in our homes, and we listen to the music, singing, and preaching, or if we are interested in mundane affairs, to stocks, shares, station reports, and the fluctuations of the market.

But there is a wireless call that grips with intensity all those who hear it, so that they rush as fast as steam can drive them in order to render help. It is the S.O.S. of the sea.

And of late there has reached our ears the S.O.S. from India, China, and the Islands of the sea, calling for help; and some at home having picked up the call, have sent out their S.O.S. to the Father above to incline the hearts of his children to answer the call of despair which comes to us from over the seas.

My brother, my sister, have you heard this call, the call of those who must go down to Christless graves unless we respond?

If men will risk at risk of life to save those in peril on the sea, surely we can do no less than give of our best to save those in peril in heathen lands; those for whom Christ died.

Shall we say to the Master: "Dear Lord, our ears are open to their cry; our hearts are open to thy commands; our purses are open for their salvation? Take us, all we are and have, and use for thy glory and the bringing into the fold of the other lost sheep."—J. Clydesdale, Secy. N.S.W. F.M. Committee.



Mr. Au Kwong Hon, Dr. Jew Hawk, and Scholars of the Hong Kong School.

(Photo, taken on Anniversary Day.)

Prayer Meeting Topic.

June 20.

WITH JOHN AT THE CROSS.
(John 19: 25-30.)

F. J. SIVVA, B.A.

John had several decided advantages over his fellow-writers. His deep spiritual insight, the fact that he stood near to the cross during the actual crucifixion, and the further fact that he wrote his Gospel much later than the synoptists, these pre-eminently fitted John for telling the story of our Lord's crucifixion.

"In great and small matters John's account adds much to the narrative of the crucifixion. He alone tells of the attempt to have the title on the cross altered, of the tender entrusting of the Virgin to his care, and of the two words 'It thirst' and 'It is finished.' He gives details which had been buried into his memory, such as Christ's position 'in the midst' of the two robbers, and the Jar of 'vinegar' standing by the crosses. He says little about the act of fixing Jesus to the cross, but enlarges what the other evangelists tell us to the soldiers 'casting lots.' He had heard what they said to one another. He alone distinctly tells that when he went forth, Jesus was hearing the cross which afterwards Simon of Cyrene had to carry, probably because our Lord's strength failed." Space will only permit of reference to the three words from the cross which John alone records.

"Woman, behold Thy Son!"

When Jesus lifted his eyes and beheld his mother standing near the cross, doubtless a flood of recollections passed over him. The old home at Nazareth, the croning of his mother's voice, her gentle, patient, kindly care—these and a hundred other tender memories flashed through his mind. But the woman who stood beneath the cross was a desolate widow with bowed head, and hair whitened prematurely by care and sorrows. Thought of this and filial concern for her future welfare triumphed over the agony of the moment. The short sentences speak eloquently of the effort which speech could him: "Woman, behold thy son!" "Son, behold thy mother!" This has well been referred to as "the golden example of the considerateness of Jesus." It brings him very close to us, and at the same time bids us follow him in being greatly considerate of our dear ones, even if we be immersed in our own cares and sufferings.

"I Thirst."

Dr. Alexander MacLaren's paragraph upon this word of Christ's is John's accompanying comment cannot be excelled: "The words of verse 28 are not to be taken as meaning that Jesus said 'I thirst' with the intention of fulfilling the Scripture. His utterance was the plaint



Six Girls from Lyall Children's Home, Shrigonda, India, immediately after their Baptism, Dec. 23, 1926.

of a real need, not a performance to fill a part. But it is John who sees in that wholly natural cry the fulfillment of the psalm (Psa. 63: 21) All Christ's bodily sufferings may be summed up in this one word, the only one in which they found utterance. The same lips that said 'If any man thirst, let him come to me and drink,' said this. Infinitely pathetic in itself, that cry becomes almost awful in its appeal to us when we remember who uttered it, and why he bore those pangs. The very 'Fountain of living water' whose name of thirst that every one that thirsteth might come to the waters, and might drink, not water only, but 'wine and milk, without money or price.'

"It is Finished."

"These three words," says Dr. G. H. Morrison, "given in our Bibles, are in the original a single word which ever broke upon the ear of man. Often, when one is preaching, it is not the whole sermon that God uses. It is a single word or thought, coming home with power to the hearer. The one word 'Yes' uttered by a woman may alter the whole future of a man, and lead his life to power or ineffectiveness. A single word has changed the course of history and affected the destiny of empires. Who can exhaust the heart-break and the tears hidden in the word 'Finished'? But the greatest of all single words that ever broke upon the ear of man is that word of Jesus upon Calvary. Finished was his work on earth for God. Finished his work for man. Finished were those sufferings which made his face marred more than any man's. We have security and peace and joy, not less than absolution and release, in the finished work of our Redeemer."

TOPIC FOR JUNE 27.—IT IS THE LORD.—
John 21: 7.

Foreign Missions Day by Day.

G. T. Walden.

Thursday, June 21.—Let us enlist the interest and help of the children in Foreign Mission work. We have 26,653 scholars in our Bible Schools of Australia. What an army to help us win India, China, and the New Hebrides for Christ! There is the Junior Red Cross, the Boys' and Girls' League of the Empire; let us make our Bible Schools a Foreign Missionary Legion!

A halfpenny a week each from our Bible School scholars would mean £2,887/8/2 for the year, a third of what we raise now from the whole of the church. The Bible School is the strategic centre of the missionary movement.

Let us rally the children for Jesus.

Friday, June 22.—Let us pray for the children of our churches. Yesterday we spoke of enlisting their interest in our work in foreign lands. There is much to attract the children to the work in the countries where our missionaries are laboring.

The people are a different color, have different dress (where they wear dress of any kind), they speak a different language, eat differently, play different games, live in funny houses, have peculiar names.

A great deal of our work is among the children. We have over 1,200 children in our day and Bible Schools, over 150 girls and boys live in our children's homes. In our district there are thousands of heathen children we want to win for Jesus.

As the best Australian emigrants are our Australian babies, so the most promising and fruitful work is what we do among the children of our mission fields.

Talk to the child church members in our Bible Schools about July 1 offering day. See they get their envelopes.

Let us give to help those who have given their lives to Foreign Mission work.

Saturday, June 23.—To-day let me tell you the story of how our work in foreign lands began right into the third generation.

Thirty-seven years ago when Mary Thompson went to India, there lived in Harla, the town where Miss Thompson settled, a man named Chinnswami. He is now the oldest member of the Harla church.

When Mary Thompson started her work she needed a Bible-woman to help her, and chose one named Sarulal. This woman married, and had a family of boys and girls who gave themselves to Jesus and helped in the work of the mission.

A few weeks ago two grandsons of Chinnswami, and a niece and a grandson of Sarulal, were baptised on the one day, making the third generation of these two old Christians to confess Jesus and be buried with him in baptism.

What shall we render unto God for all his benefits?

Foreign Mission Lord's Day, JULY 1.

WANTED.

The church at Toowoomba, Qld., is seeking to engage the services of an evangelist at £2/10/- per week for 6 months. Position and salary subject to revision at that time. Address communications to Reg. Chapman, secretary, Bridge-st (E.), Toowoomba, Queensland.

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Foreign Missions have right of way in this issue. Some news items are unavoidably held over.

We learn that Bro. Elliott Arnold has accepted an engagement with the church at Footscray, Vic., and will commence his labours there on June 17.

At Northcote (Vic.) anniversary services on Sunday night, after the address by Bro. Elliott Arnold, seven boys and five girls confessed Christ.

On Monday evening, June 11, there was a happy gathering at the College of the Bible, 26 former students attending as the guests of present students.

The Victorian Sisters' General Doreas will hold the usual monthly meeting on Wednesday next, June 20, in Swanston-st. church, from 10.30 till 4 p.m. All sisters welcome.

The following telegram reached us last week from South Australia—*"Hirselben-Stewart mission, Alice End, flashed with splendid results, 150 decisions; 4310 thanksgiving—Ewers."*

The following telegram from South Australia reached us on Tuesday:—*"Hirselben-Stewart opened mission Prospect Sunday; much rain; enthusiastic meetings; one married man confessed—Russell."*

On Friday evening last our Victorian Foreign Missionary Committee entertained the Foreign Mission students of the College of the Bible at a social evening in the lecture hall of Swanston-st. church. The presence of a number of missionaries from the field and of a few other guests was also enjoyed. A very happy evening was spent.

During this last month meetings at Canberra have been encouraging. Visits from Bro. Fretwell and Arouassmith, from Sydney, on the monthly plan, were appreciated, good attendances being recorded for both meetings. Local brethren are still conducting other meetings, but no permanent preacher has yet been appointed. Bro. Edridge has been appointed secretary, vice Bro. H. J. Kent.

A meeting of a most remarkable character, to protest against pernicious literature being exposed for sale, was held on Monday last in the Independent Hall, Melbourne. Speakers representative of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Congregational Churches of Christ, Salvation Army, and social organisations voiced their protests in a way which held the huge audience until a late hour. Although a heavy rainfall commenced an hour before the time of starting, the hall was thronged, and an overflow meeting held.

Stretes Hills, Vic., had good meetings last Lord's day. Bro. Cambridge speaking. The address on "Favorite Hymns" attracted a splendid audience. Favorite hymns obtaining the highest number of votes were used in the service, and their history and authorship outlined. The choir, under Bro. George Murray, gave valued assistance. A young man made the good confession. To assist the Children's Hospital and the Social Service Department, the officers have decided to take a box at the door for contributions from those attending the Sunday evening services.

The short mission at Burnley, Vic., conducted by Bro. E. Jackel and F. H. Elliott, was brought to a wonderful conclusion. Throughout the mission splendid audiences were maintained. Questions were answered each night. Very convincing sermons were preached by Bro. Jackel, resulting in a total number of 36 confessions, mainly by adults. The singing was ably con-

ducted by Bro. F. Elliott, and the splendid personal work of Bro. C. W. Jackel was a great factor in the success of the mission. The church here experienced a great uplift. Since the mission there have been two adult confessions.

At North Sydney on June 4 a well-attended Second Advent Convention was held. Bro. H. V. Lacombe presided in the afternoon, and instructive and interesting addresses were given by Mr. J. D. Mill, of Chatswood Baptist church, Principal Barnett, of Missionary College, and L. Harbutt, of Mosman. Over 40 stayed for tea in the school-room, and Mr. Sutton presided at the evening session. Addresses were then given by Mr. F. T. Smith, of Hurststone Park Baptist church, and Mr. Whelan, of Chatswood. The meetings proved a great inspiration to all present.



Miss Elsie Caldwell's tiger, 8ft. long, shot in the Jungle of Sirrocha, C.P., India. Shooting party, and other Missionaries who were present when the tiger was taken.

At Moreland, Vic. L. Smith, from Essendon, addressed the morning meeting, when 180 broke bread. Six S.S. boys and a young lady were baptised at night. Bro. Webb spoke on "A Household Conversion." Bro. A. H. Fisher, Sister Mrs. Fisher and family, who are leaving to reside at Darling, were the recipients of a very fine pedestal presented by the S.S. staff and scholars. Sister Avis Fisher was presented with a nice handbag. Bro. Fisher is superintendent and Sister Fisher and Avis teachers. They are esteemed by all, and will be missed greatly. A church farewell was held on Wednesday.

There were good meetings at Gardiner, Vic., last Lord's day. In the morning an offering was taken up for our Social Service Department. Members learnt with deep regret that Bro. F. Adams had met with an accident, which necessitated his removal to the hospital. There was another good evening service in the Regent Theatre. Many questions were answered by Bro. Gebbie. These Indicated a growing interest on the part of many. The Stoinington Male Quartette Party gave two highly appreciated items. The community singing was led by Bro. Clay. After Bro. Gebbie's address two ladies confessed Christ, while a man came forward to indicate his desire to have a reconsecrated life.

Services at Balwyn, Vic., have been well attended recently. On June 3 Dr. J. J. Ritchen spoke in the morning, and Dr. F. J. Wilkin, M.A., at night. The choir, led by Ernest Tippett, gave two fine anthems at night. Meetings concerning the return of the Lord Jesus were held on Monday, 4th. J. E. Shipway presided at 11 o'clock, A. D. Shaw spoke on "This Life, and our

Lord's Return," and A. L. Gibson spoke on "The Jewish Renaissance." At 2.30 Dr. J. J. Ritchen presided, W. G. Pope spoke on "The Dead Sea Scrolls," and A. E. Ellsworth spoke on "The Scoffer's Scorn." There was a fine meeting in the morning, and a full meeting in the afternoon. At night the building was overcrowded. E. Lee Neil, G.B.E., led the evening meeting. Dr. D. S. McGill spoke on "The Kingdom in This Age," while S. Beekingham spoke on "The Coming Kingdom." Bro. E. Lee Neil presided at night. The whole of the addresses were most inspiring and helpful. Recently a father and son banquet was held. 80 fathers and sons were present, and the ladies served splendidly. Ralph Gebbie, of Gardiner, gave a fine address, while the Mayor of Camberwell, Councillor J. D. Hooty, Dr. W. A. Kemp, and Reg. Emms gave short talks. June 10, J. W. Emms spoke at the morning meeting and Dr. W. A. Kemp preached at night. Jas. E. Thomas was away at Prohibition conference in Sydney.

MARRIAGE.

BAINSFORD-GARRI (Golden Wedding).—On June 14, 1928, at St. Barnabas Church, Clare, South Australia, Frederick William, the fifth son of the late Joseph and Jane Bainsford, to Isabella, daughter of the late John Honny Carr. Present address—3 Campbell-rd., Parkside, S.A.

IN MEMORIAM.

TURNER.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who was called to rest June 13, 1920. Ever remembered.

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WAINSB.—In memory of our dearly loved only son and brother, Les (Lieut.), 34th Batt., A.F., died of wounds (Mesines), June, 1917; and his pal, Jack Parker, who fell in France, July, 1916.

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn"

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

We will remember them."

BEREAVEMENT NOTICE.

BANSLEY.—Mrs. Bansley and daughters wish to convey to the members of the Church of Christ, Ringwood, and the ladies of the sewing class, our most grateful thanks for their sympathy and beautiful floral tributes in our sad bereavement; also thanking Mr. English for his many kind visits.

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JUNE 17 and 18.—Ormond Church Anniversary, 11 a.m. "Every-member-present" Service; Bro. L. Gole will preside. 7 p.m., Preacher, L. C. McCallum, M.A., B.D. Monday, June 18, 7 p.m., First-class Tea Meeting. Birthday Appeal by Bro. J. E. Thomas. 8 p.m., Concert by Alma Arts Club.

JUNE 19.—2.30 p.m., Women's Mission Band Conference, Lygon-st. Interesting programme. Open discussion. All sisters cordially invited. Plan to be there. Mark the date in your diary. June 19.

JUNE 26 (Tuesday).—Swanston-st. chapel, 8 p.m. Missionary intercessors rally for city and suburban churches. Chairman, Jas. E. Thomas, F.M. president. Speaker, Dr. E. B. Kilmiter, from China. Leader of intercession, A. G. Saunders. Members cordially invited to assemble for prayer, and to hear Dr. Kilmiter's great message. Pray for the Foreign Mission offering on July 1.

The Family Altar.

J. C. F. F.

Monday.

Cornelius . . . a devout man.—Acts 10: 1, 2.
 "God has his servants in unsuspected places. We look for piety in certain quarters where it may be supposed to flourish; in others we do not look to see it; yet in these latter it may be found. Who would have expected that a centurion in a Roman regiment would prove to be a worshipper of God—one that 'feared God and all his house'? He and his family must have been living in a way that contrasted strangely with the great majority of those in a similar position. . . . Christ has his servants, not only on the exposed hillside and the open plain, but in the most secluded glen, hidden where no eye can see them, living in the very last place where we should go to find them."
 Reading—Acts 10: 1-24.



Chinese Church, Melbourne, Victoria.
 Photo taken on Lord's Day Morning, April 15, 1928.

1st Row, Sitting: Mrs. Wing Tang, Mrs. Jane, Miss Baker, Mrs. Wing Dann, Mahoi Wing Dann, Mrs. Wing Young.
 2nd Row: Mr. Wing Young and Dulcy, Mr. Till, Mr. Loney Gook, Mr. Norman Till, Mr. Wong Doong, Mr. David Shue, Miss Quong, Visitor, Mr. Daniel Gow, Mr. Wing Tang.
 3rd Row: Mr. Hoy Till, Mr. Ling, Mr. Wing Dann, Secty, Mr. Hoy Ling, Treas., Mr. Wang Gooey, Mr. Lo Get, Mr. Yee Chau, Mr. Rem Sing, Mr. Wing Shing, Mr. George Fong, Mr. Cheong.
 4th Row (Standing in Doorway): Mr. Samuel, Mr. Wong Sing, Mrs. Samuel, Visitor.

Tuesday.

Jesus of Nazareth . . . who went about doing good.—Acts 10: 38.

"How happy, gracious Lord, are we,
 Divinely drawn to follow thee,
 Whose hours divided are
 Betwixt the mount and multitude!
 Our day is spent in doing good,
 Our night in praise and prayer."
 Reading—Acts 10: 25-48.

Wednesday.

And I remembered the word of the Lord.—Acts 11: 1.

"As a mental faculty, it comes under Christian sanctifying, as well as into Christian use. In ordinary education attention is paid to the training of this power, and in the divine culture attention to it is equally needed. It may even be said of our Lord's preparation of his apostles for their work, that he stored their memories with His words and His works, so that there might be the material on which the Holy Spirit could thereafter work, 'bringing all things up into remembrance.'"
 Reading—Acts 11.

Thursday.

And immediately an angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory.—Acts 12: 23.

"Throughout the whole of Scripture history," wrote Ruskin, "nothing is more remarkable than the close connection of punishment with the sin of vainglory. . . . Every other sin is occasionally permitted to remain for lengthened periods without definite chastisement. This is visited with the most tremendous punishment."
 Reading—Acts 12.

Friday.

Now there were at Antioch . . . prophets and teachers.—Acts 13: 1.

"Nothing is said about wealth in money, only about wealth in man." Fine buildings, a full treasury, etc., may help, but to possess men and women of piety and enthusiasm is an indispensable need.
 Reading—Acts 13: 1-25.

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"To serve the present age,
 My calling to fulfil;
 O may it all my powers engage,
 To do my Master's will!"

Reading—Acts 13: 26-52.

Sunday.

Through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God.—Acts 14: 22.

"The path of sorrow, and that path alone,
 Leads to that land where sorrow is unknown."
 "The Latin origin of the word tribulation (from 'tribulum,' the threshing-roller) should be kept in mind. The sorrows of life may seem but as the crushing of a great roller; they are but the separating of the chaff from the wheat, and the gracious means by which the sufferer is sanctified."
 Reading—Acts 14.



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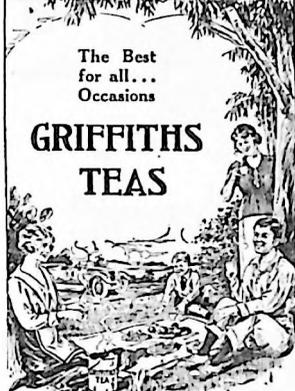
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News of the Churches.

Queensland.

Gympie.—Special services on June 3 were well attended. 71 broke bread for the day. Bro. Vanhan's subjects were: morning, "Building the Walls"; night, "The Good Shepherd." On May 30 five brethren gave five-minute addresses on "Why am I a Christian?" These were most inspiring.

Annerley.—Both services were well attended on June 3. Bro. Mutton exhorted, and Bro. Young preached at night. Two new members were received into fellowship. 144 scholars were present at the school. The boys have formed a gymnastic class. The girls also meet one night a week for physical culture. Bro. Young, as President of the Home Mission Committee, attended the Governor's levee on King's birthday.

Roma. The work is being carried on faithfully by local brethren, and all departments are healthy. On May 27 Bro. Guy Pitman exhorted. Bro. A. S. Cooke preached at night to the largest congregation for some time. Bible School attendance is most encouraging, the last few Sundays being the best for months. On May 27 Mrs. Phillip Browne was present after a very serious illness. Bro. Albert Waldron, from Eamlna, is seriously ill in Roma Hospital.

Western Australia.

Claremont. The church is glad to have the services of Bro. Ingham for the gospel meetings, until a permanent preacher comes. Last month there were three decisions.

Subiaco. Inspirational services marked the commencement of Bro. Carter's ministry. Although suffering from a severe chill, he delivered splendid addresses to good meetings. 157 broke bread at the morning service. Average attendance at the Lord's table for May has been 159. **Bassendean.** On June 2 Bro. Beth Robinson gave a fine morning address on "Salvation." In the evening Bro. Schwab, of Perth, preached on "Ye are my friends if—" He also installed the officers of the P.B.P. 108 were present. The young people's clubs are doing well. The church's sympathy goes out to the bereaved family of young Sister F. Clay, who passed to her rest on June 1.

Kalgoorlie.—Mr. Hunt spoke on "The Challenge of Pentecost" on May 27. A special winter campaign has been launched, the objects being the deepening of the spiritual life, fifty additions, and the wiping out of the chapel debt. Every department of the work is being organised to these ends. June 3 was recognized as Christian Endeavor Sunday. 40 members of the Junior society took part in the morning service, and the members of the Y.P. society conducted the gospel service, Mr. Viper Beames giving a very interesting address on C.E. Mr. Hunt spoke on "Using Youth." The meetings were well attended. 178 broke bread during the day. On June 1 a very helpful address was given to a large gathering by Mr. A. T. Thompson, M.A., of the H. & F. Bible Society.

South Australia.

Croydon.—Good meetings continue. Bro. J. Ward, formerly of W.A., was received into fellowship. 220 were present at the Bible School. There was a fine evening meeting. The choir rendered special items. A member of the men's class confessed Christ.

Norwood.—Continued interest in the meetings is reported, with an average attendance for breaking of bread of 192. On June 3 Mrs. Carpenter was received into fellowship by letter from Maylands. In the evening a young lady made the good confession. There has been much sickness amongst members.

Prospect.—Despite heavy rain about 400 were present at the opening service conducted by Bro. Hinrichsen and Stewart in the tent, and at the close of a stirring address one young man made the good confession. A number gathered for the prayer meeting at 7 a.m., and at the morning service Bro. Hinrichsen gave an inspiring address.

Kadina.—Meetings are maintained in interest and attendance. Attendances at morning meetings average 60, evening services about 130. Bro. Boves spoke on the morning of the 10th on "The Ideal Church." At night his subject was "Blind." The choir rendered an anthem. Good work is being done in all departments. The health of Bro. Boves is greatly improved.

Wallaroo.—The influence of the work is being felt. As a result of united effort there is to be no sport allowed on the Lord's day. All-day meetings on June 3 and 4 were times of spiritual uplift. The theme was "The Life of Christ and His Return." Six preachers gave addresses. The evening session on June 4 was a fitting close. Bro. G. McKie spoke in a masterly way on "The Signs of the Times and the Second Coming of our Lord."



Bhampla Settlement Women with Babies, who were Winners of Prizes held at Baby Show in Settlement Compound.

Gawler.—The united mission conducted by the S.A. Evangelisation Society has concluded. The missionary, Mr. G. H. Browne, took two services at the Church of Christ, and visited the school. On evening of June 3 a C.E. party from the State Convention took charge of the meeting. There was a good attendance. On June 5 a grand birthday party of Gawler South Band of Hope was held. Bro. Oran is president, and Bro. S. Chivell is secretary. Several pledges were taken.

Stirling East.—At the anniversary social of the men's fraternal farewell was said to Bro. C. H. Warren, and a welcome extended to Bro. E. J. Paternoster, who has accepted an engagement with the churches at Stirling East and Aldgate Valley. Appreciation was expressed of the fine week-end service rendered by Bro. Warren. His talk to children at each service was particularly interesting. Bro. Paternoster continued his work on the 3rd inst. under wintry conditions. On the 10th weather conditions were worse, and there were small congregations, but all rejoice in the welcome rain.

Glencol.—At morning service on June 3 Bro. and Sister Chapman and son, from Herrl, Sister Dalwood and daughter, from Norwood, were welcomed to fellowship. June 10, Bro. Nichol's exhortation was appreciated. Good attendance morning and evening. Sister Edwards, after the weeks' holiday in Sydney and Melbourne, returned benefited in health, and the ladies of

the church paid a surprise visit to the home, and a very happy evening was spent. About 40 ladies (members and friends) attended. Sister Gerlie Simons and Bro. Harry Manning's two elder boys are improving after a very anxious time. Bro. Manning's boys met with a cycling accident on the last holiday.

Queenstown.—On June 3 Bro. Brooker exhorted. Before the morning service the two men who confessed Christ the previous Sunday were immersed. They were later received into fellowship together with a member transferred from Semaphore. Bro. Brooker's evening subject was "Do You Pray?" On May 28 the Band of Hope held a visit to the Semaphore Society, and provided the programme. On June 10 Bro. A. G. Hinde spoke to the church on "False and True Zeal." Two sisters were received from Semaphore church by transfer. At the evening service Bro. Brooker's subject was, "Do You Lead Your Bible?" There was a good attendance; about 50 members of the football club occupied front seats.

Semaphore.—There were nice meetings on June 3. Bro. Beller commenced a series of morning addresses on the Christian armor. At night he preached on "Christ's Challenge to Men" to a splendid audience. A male choir of 21 voices rendered appreciated singing. The Queenstown Band of Hope provided a splendid programme recently. There was a large number present at the meeting of the ladies' guild last week. The guild is doing a great work. On June 9 the interdenominational C.E. held an enjoyable social. Nice meeting on June 10 in the morning, when Bro. Beller spoke on "The Brass-plate." Three were received by faith and obedience. Heavy rains greatly interfered with Bible School and evening service attendances. Bro. Beller preached on "Who Holds the Primacy?"

Fullarton.—Fine interest is maintained in the work. The church has farewell two of its bright young men, Bro. Frank Johncock and Jack Cropley. A social and presentation to Bro. Johncock was made by the young people. Bro. Cropley being transferred quickly to Galton. There have been two recent confessions. The church launched its Pentecost programme on June 3 with a sunrise prayer meeting, 23 being present. At 11 there was an every-member-present meeting. 12 were present. 107 broke bread for the day. A protest was made to the church of four beautiful offering bags; also a banking account was opened for the building fund with a credit of 15. The church is grateful for these gifts. At Bible School 156 were present. A room has been hired at the Masonic Hall to hold the men's Bible Class. 27 were present, and Mr. Burrows, of Holkay, gave the lesson. The school is launching a star competition for increase of scholars.

Victoria.

Chelsea.—Attendances have been good. Bro. Manning commenced his ministry with the church last Sunday. On June 2 the ladies' guild held a sale of work for the church building fund.

North Fitzroy.—There were three more decisions at the close of Bro. Baker's address on June 3, these being young ladies from the Bible School. A slight improvement is reported in the case of Sister Mrs. Lang.

Vunhoe.—There is a continuance of good meetings. V. C. Stafford's messages are appreciated and helpful. A social gathering last Thursday enabled several new members to meet the church, and was quite a success.

Glentferrie.—On Sunday, June 3, a very successful reunion of past and present members was held to celebrate the fifty-fifth anniversary of the church. The ladies' guild provided dinner and tea in the new hall, where over 100 guests sat down to tea. Bro. A. B. Main spoke at the morning meeting, several former superintendents took part in the afternoon service, and Bro. T. H. Scambler preached at night. All services were fully attended.

Ballarat (Peel-st.).—On June 3 all were pleased to hear Bro. Mathieson back. The church is grateful to Bro. Feary (York-st.), Wilkie and Fisher (Dawson-st.), for carrying on the gospel services during Bro. Mathieson's illness.

Hampton.—Bro. A. Anderson gave an address on China to a good audience last Thursday. On Sunday the J.C.E. had the largest attendance for some years, and the Bible School had a record number present. Bro. Arnold's addresses were enjoyed.

Wanganella.—The church enjoyed a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Ennis and Lola. Bro. Ennis gave a very fine address on his world tour. At the women's Mission Band Mrs. Ennis gave a most interesting talk on our work in India. Church meetings are being well attended.

Warracknabeal.—Good meetings on June 10. Bro. G. Andrews was the speaker. At the gospel meeting the Christian Endeavor chorus party rendered an item. At the close of Bro. Andrews' address on "Not Far from the Kingdom," two young men decided for Christ.

Sunshine.—The church is progressing favorably. On May 20 Bro. Cecil Watson and W. Gale conducted services, and on May 27 Bro. C. Banks, of Moreland, spoke morning and evening. The Bible School is growing, and two new scholars were welcomed on June 3.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—There was a good day of service on June 10, when Dr. Killmer, of China, gave an interesting talk in the morning upon his work. In the evening A. G. Saunders, B.A., spoke upon "The Blessed Life." Members of the I.O.G.T. attended the service in regalia.

Ringswood.—The church has received into membership by transfer Bro. and Sister Syne, from Merbein; Bro. Williams, Box Hill; Bro. Klix and Sister Taylor, from Prahran; and by faith and obedience, Bro. Morris. The Bible School concert in aid of the piano fund resulted in £2 being raised.

Cheltenham.—On Sunday morning Bro. Forbes, of Brighton, spoke to a congregating. He also addressed the J.C.E. The school in all its departments was encouraging. At the close of the evening service a lady made the good confession. Auxiliaries of the church are all in good working order.

Middle Park.—On June 3 Bro. Baker resumed his work after making a successful mission in W.A. On Wednesday night, June 6, the church members held a welcome social to Bro. and Sister Baker, and a presentation was made to them. Good meetings on June 10. Bro. Baker's addresses were much appreciated.

Warragul.—On June 10 Bro. Wigney delivered his addresses to good audiences. In the evening, at a young men's service, seven young men from the training class took part. Bro. Wigney's address was entitled, "How Christ Appeals to the Young Men." The Bible School is healthy, and much interest is shown in the Bible Class.

Mount Albert.—Satisfactory meetings in the church building for first month's attendance average per Sunday, 33 morning, 91 evening, many strangers coming. Encouraging messages from Bro. Holburn, Clements, Sparks, McCallum and Saunders. Midweek prayer meeting and Bible School established. Confessions, two; restorations, three.

Box Hill.—A "fathers' service" was held on Sunday night, when the building was full. A feature was a male choir of about 25, under the lecture of Bro. Hammond. A boys' gymnasium has been organised by Bro. Gordon Gray, and a similar club for girls has been commenced under the leadership of Sister Thelma Peters. Both clubs are enthusiastically supported.

St Albans.—The J.C.E. celebrated its anniversary on Sunday, combining with the Bible School in afternoon, when an interesting programme was rendered by the members, and prizes were distributed by Bro. Mudge. At the gospel service the society acted as choir, and gave some good items. At the close of a fine message by Bro. Mudge, one of the girls made her decision.

Brunswick.—On June 3 Bro. McNeilly spoke morning and evening to good attendances. Five were received in an confession, and four scholars made the confession. June 10, Bro. Pittcock, of Moreland, gave an instructive exhortation on "The Will of Christ." At night Bro. McNeilly spoke to a packed house, and two made the confession. Bro. Harvey is a great help as song-leader.

Merbein.—The church is still without a preacher. Local brethren occupy the platform. Northern District Conference was due to be held at Mildura on June 13. The Bible School gives cause for thankfulness, also the Y.P.S.C.E. On Lord's day, June 3, a visit from J. C. F. Pittman, of Melbourne. His messages were enjoyed. On Tuesday evening the travel lecture drew a good crowd.

Pyramid Hill.—Welcome rains affected attendance on June 3, when Bro. T. Westwood was present for the day. His addresses were much appreciated. On June 10 the church enjoyed the fellowship of J. C. F. Pittman, who spoke both morning and evening. Bro. Lloyd is progressing favorably after his operation. Bro. B. T. Swalling is in Bendigo Hospital suffering from a deep-seated whitlow.

Kyneton.—Messages have been much enjoyed from Bro. N. Bartlett and G. Mathieson, of the College on May 29, and at prayer meetings during vacation. Two additions by letter. The Mutual Improvement Society gave a demonstration meeting at Drummond on June 2, when a



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happy time was spent. The addresses of Bro. F. T. Saunders, College organiser, on Sunday, 3rd, will long be remembered.

South Melbourne.—Good meetings on Sunday. Bro. Wainman's message for the gospel service, "Why We Should Go to Church," was well delivered and appreciated. A big congregation included a number of visitors. The Bible School's good work continues with interest and results. The Junior Christian Endeavor and the auxiliary clubs are enjoying their work. Many of the brethren who have been ill have recovered.

South Richmond.—On June 3 Bro. Jenner gave the morning address. At night, after an address by C. Jaekel on "The Conversion of Lydia," two adults responded to the invitation. On June 10, at the night service, 130 listened to an inspiring address by Dr. Killmer. The church enjoyed the fellowship of Sisters Kilmuir and Pearl Anderson. Delightful hymns were rendered by the Griffiths orchestra. At the close of the meeting one sister was baptised.

Horsham.—The church recently received a visit from Bro. H. Watson. His lecture was greatly appreciated, and a movement is on foot to raise funds for the Everett motor-car. W. Middlemas, respected member of the church in Bro. H. Watson's diocese, passed from this life at his home near Haven last month. The loving sympathy of the church is with those who sorrow. As a result of the American tea held by the sisters last Friday, the church has benefited to the extent

of over £10. The church grieves to learn of the severe illness of Sister Vivian.

North Melbourne.—Last Lord's day, Sunday School anniversary services took place. There were good attendances. In the morning Bro. Hunt spoke on the request of the two sons of Zebeder. In the afternoon Bro. McNeilly spoke to the scholars on "The Strong Man, and the Stronger." The singing was very good. Afternoon tea was served for visitors, and during the interval Bro. Hunt presented Sister Perry with a clock from the teachers, in recognition of her services in the kindergarten class. In the evening Bro. Hunt spoke on "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

Preston.—Bro. Fisher has recovered from his indisposition. His addresses are of a high order. Attendances are satisfactory and increased interest is manifest. The church is preparing for a special evangelistic effort. The Bible School is making satisfactory progress; a rally has been announced. A successful library book social was held on June 2. The library committee has elected a married lady confessor. A service was commenced in the Hechable Hall, under the teaching of Bro. Fisher, with a satisfactory attendance. The church held its quarterly business meeting on June 7, when pleasure was expressed at the work performed. All auxiliaries are doing good work.

East Keew.—On May 23 a "kitchen tea" was given to Sister Outanche in view of her approaching marriage to Mr. Brown. Mr. Youens made the presentation of a number of gifts from church and Bible School. On May 26 Miss Outanche and Mr. Brown were married. May 27, splendid meetings. At the close of Bro. Youens' message a married lady confessed Christ. June 3, Bro. Youens spoke in the morning. Great meeting at night. Bro. Youens preached a wonderful message. Two solos by Bro. Armstrong were enjoyed. June 10, Bro. Youens gave a very fine message in the morning. Another great meeting at night. Bro. Youens preached powerfully in a full house.

New South Wales.

Hornsby.—The first Sunday of the Bible School rally resulted in six new scholars. Fifteen have entered for the State examination. Bro. H. C. Still has launched a "gospel mission campaign" covering June and July. Invitation literature is being placed in every home.

Cherrybrook.—On morning of June 10, Bro. Triggone spoke on John 11: 8. In the afternoon Bro. Whelan, on behalf of the school, presented to Bro. Gole (who was superintendent for about seven years) a gold watch as a mark of esteem. Bro. Whelan's evening subject was "The Solution of the Labor Question."

North Sydney.—The new building has proved of great value. On June 2 the first wedding in the chapel was celebrated between Miss Maud Kitzney and Mr. Eric Phillips, Bro. Sutton officiating. On 3rd two were received into fellowship after obedience. The series of special services following the opening concluded on 7th. One decision.

Wagga.—Good interest is maintained at all meetings. A J.C.E. social was a great success. A presentation was made to Sisters Sylvia and Jean Day, who have left for Sydney. A kitchen tea was given to Miss Rich prior to her marriage to Bro. Quanny. The wedding took place on June 2. At a business meeting the church decided to become self-supporting also to use the duplex envelopes. Last Lord's day a young man made the good confession.

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Church Members, 1,343

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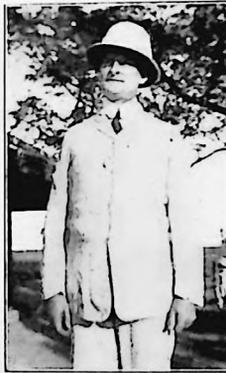
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