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Do Christians Really Believe that Christ is the Only Way to God?

NOTHING seems more clearly revealed in the Scriptures than the truth that all hope of salvation is centred in Christ. In him is our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses. There is no other name given wherein we can be saved. So the apostles declared. Above all, our Master himself said: "I am the Way . . . no one cometh unto the Father but by me." "Without the way there is no going."

As Christians, of course we assent to the statement; but do we believe it? What is now more pertinent to our aim, do we act as if we really believed it?

We can well imagine that non-Christians might deem the expression a harsh one. Even to some Christians, full of charity and appreciative of good wherever found, it has seemed "a hard saying." The text, however, does not suggest that we should ignore the presence of good in others. Every faith contains some elements of truth. The religions and philosophies which we reject exist, not by virtue of the evil or error which is in them, but by reason of the measure of truth which they contain. And all truth is God's truth. But to admit the presence of good in a system is far different thing from admitting the sufficiency of that system. What we must declare is the sole sufficiency of the religion of Christ. We do not deny the good qualities which are conspicuous in many of our fellow-citizens who are not believers; we simply deny that any man can be saved by the merit of his good works.

We cannot extend charity to the point of deifying Jesus Christ as the Saviour of the world. In the atonement for sin which he provided is the sole ground of our hope. We simply cannot deny him who is our only Saviour, whose promises have been fulfilled in us and whose power we have experienced. Nor dare we, by an excess of so-called charity, deny his word; that "no one cometh unto the Father but by me."

Jesus Christ is both sufficient and indispensable. We think that nothing else than this double qualification will explain either the immediate necessity of our Lord's coming as they are described in Scripture, or the Christian experience of the last nineteen centuries.

Our present purpose, however, is not to argue the truth of such reflections. To the believer in the true word, they need not be argued. To the rejecter of that word, proof may be impossible. It is the bearing of this truth on our

conduct, and particularly conduct in the direction of missionary activity, which we now consider.

Our Lord—the sufficient and the indispensable Saviour—has commanded us to take his Gospel to humanity. No limitations of country, race or time are given. "All nations," "every creature" and "unto the end of the age," are the words of our commission. He commanded us—that settles the matter for obedient disciples. We might have wondered that a command was necessary. Without it, we might have been expected to argue: "He brought peace and happiness into our lives, and he is able similarly to satisfy the needs of others. Gratitude to him and love to them therefore constrains us to pass on the message of life." Duty conceivably could have been lost in privilege. If we see a man in terrible need of assistance whom it is within our power to help, we do not await a command or law which shall prescribe our conduct. No, we count it a joy and privilege to assist. To give a shout of warning, to throw a rope, to speed a message of cheer—who waits for a command to do that? Who waits for that? Rather, who sit at ease, neglecting the needs of dying men, in spite of a positive divine command to take to them the only message of cheer and hope and life? Who? Alas, Christians for whom Jesus died, and who profess to rejoice in the salvation he bought for them.

It would cause little surprise if those who will not regard Christ as really divine, or who deny the necessity or value of his atoning death, were to be anti-missionary or omissionary. A recent

writer quotes this word of a cultured young lady, a critic of foreign missions: "You know, I have never believed in foreign missions. I was a Unitarian." Our author adds: "She was quite unconscious of the far-reaching significance of her comment." We have no wish to say that no Unitarian has the urge to take his message to needy souls; but, holding a creed which leaves out the two fundamental truths of our Lord's deity and the atonement, the Unitarian has lost the supreme incentive. For himself, he has missed the very heart of the Gospel; for him the unreached masses are not in desperate need; and for him the imperative of the Commission is non-existent. But what of us who do believe? Is there such a difference in our zeal and enthusiasm, so far as missions and worldwide evangelism are concerned, that the observant onlooker can detect the superior quality of our faith or the superiority of our doctrine? In other words, are we demonstrating to the world that we really believe that Christ is the only way to God? He died for the sin of the world nineteen centuries ago; yet millions have never heard the story of his love and sacrifice. Millions are in darkness, and we have made but little effort to tell them of the Light of the World. Millions pass into Christless graves, and we sit at ease. Do we really believe?

Is it possible that any reader of this is not a believer in or supporter of foreign missions? If so, let him see how any excuse he may offer is nullified or condemned by the words of our Lord.

SHALL WE GO BACK?

In 1891 the Churches of Christ in Australia entered upon Foreign Missionary work, and Mary Thompson went to India. Chinese work in Australia was commenced in 1892. The mission to the Kanakas in Queensland, under John Thompson, was started in 1893; this has developed into the work in the New Hebrides. China was entered in 1897, when Boss L. Tonkin went to Shanghai. And so for 37 years we have been doing something in "the regions beyond." We are represented by a band of faithful missionaries, and the work is developing fast, but it is hampered for want of increased funds. Does this mean that we must go back? that we must retreat? God forbid! Let us rather make a great prayerful push forward, for that would be more worthy of a people redeemed by the blood of Christ—Thos. Hagger, N.S.W. Conf. Sec.



Shelgunda Baptistery, India.

A gift from Emmore (N.S.W.) sisters. Mr. T. Escott and one man standing in water. The two lads facing are sons of one of our Dikar preachers.

Shall We "Let Down"?



Hon. W. Morrow, M.L.C.
President F.M. Board.

IT is with a deep sense of anxiety that the Federal Foreign Mission Board awaits the result of the annual offering, knowing how much is depending on it. The serious state of our present financial position and the amount required just to maintain the work we have in hand will demand a much larger response than on any previous occasion if there is to be no "letting down" on our work. To our credit it can be said that hitherto no one record of retreat has been placed against us in the regions beyond, and we are confidently looking to our brotherhood, on this occasion, to save us from this humiliating position. The amount required is well within our means, in spite of the hard times, if each member will realize his and her responsibility in this great task. Our Lord, the heathen who are his interlance, and our missionaries who have responded to the imperative "Go ye," regardless of sacrifice, are looking to us not to "let down"; surely we will not fall them. W. Morrow, President, Federal F.M. Board.

"Go Forward!"

"Speak unto the" Churches of Christ in Australia "that they go forward."

The population of Australia is over six million. Possibly there are 200,000 of these unemployed. There are over 50,000 members of the Churches of Christ in Australia; we may therefore estimate that one-thirtieth of them, 1,600, are unemployed. In addition we may assume that of our church members there are 3,000 children non-contributors. Deducting the 1,600 and 3,000 from our 20,000 members leaves us 21,500 members to whom an appeal can be made to contribute to the Foreign Mission Fund.

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Is not this a possibility for 21,500 members of the Churches of Christ in Australia (including 1,000 unemployed and 3,000 child members who are not earning anything)? I think it is possible, and with greater sacrifices we might double this amount in twelve months. It is certain that if we are to keep our work at its present strength we must accept responsibility for this £19,220. Anything less means retrenchment. Let us adopt Jehovah's command to Moses: "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward."—Thos. E. Rife.

THE MOTIVE OF GIVING.

There's just one great, big, tremendous compelling force that prompts our support of Foreign Missions. It's the knowledge that, apart from the Lord Jesus, there's no hope for fallen mankind. We can talk somewhat glibly of our relationship to God; we may have grown accustomed to it, which is unfortunate, for we've thereby lost its pristine glory; but those that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death—what of them? If our own experience has any pretension to reality, we'll be terribly stirred at the destiny confronting the unsaved. On July 7 we shall record the depth of our experience.—P. C. Bennett, Sec. N.S.W. F.M. Comm.

NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITIES.

According to signs it would not be surprising if our Lord should return in the near future. And when we shall meet him face to face, methinks the principal cause of remorse with most of us will be the opportunities we have neglected in his service. With what persistence we attend to our own business and sadly neglect the affairs of Christ's kingdom. How clear the call still rings in our ears, "seek ye first the kingdom of

God," and "Go ye into all the world." Are we faithfully rendering unto God the things that are God's? Are we devoting our talents to the work of saving souls for Christ? Can we see, Lord, we have been faithful stewards of all that we have entrusted us with? Let our answer to these questions be so reflected in our F.M. that the great work for God in foreign lands may be pursued to a greater extent than ever before.—W. A. C. Wendford, Qld. Conf. Pres.

THE EMPTY TREASURY.

"Our need is very great, our treasury is empty," says our F.M. Secretary. By this we understand that one of two things has happened. Either the Foreign Mission Board is spending too much or the Australian brethren are giving too slowly. Which is it? Let us analyse the position. Jesus says, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." The calendar says it is 1921. World statistics show that millions of souls are still falling into Christless graves. Watching Christians declare that Christ's return is imminent. Our verdict on this evidence can only be: "The Foreign Mission Board cannot spend too fast, because the work of world evangelism is centuries behind time. Therefore we must urge the F.M. Board forward by giving faster than they are able to spend."—C. H. Hunter, Sec. W.A. Conf.

GOD'S GIFT AND OUR GIVING.

The approaching anniversary of our Foreign Mission July offering having become an institution among the brotherhood, it is only natural that we have the work ever in our memory, and the thoughts and desires associated with the work are helpful in many ways. Just at this time the thought that God so loved that he gave is inspiring, and if we as a brotherhood are filled with love for our Foreign Missions, then the example shown by the Eternal will assist us in providing means for the carrying on of the work.—H. W. Hermann, Sec. Qld. F.M. Comm.

The Federal Secretary's Message.

A paraphrase of what Jesus said about money.

"MAKE TO YOURSELVES FRIENDS BY MEANS OF MONEY, THAT WHEN IT SHALL FAIL, THESE FRIENDS MAY RECEIVE YOU INTO THE ETERNAL TABERNAcles."

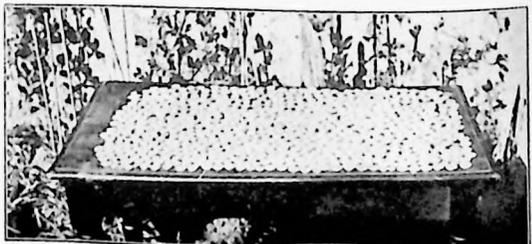
Or in other words—

"INVEST YOUR MONEY IN LIVES."

Thousands of our Australian church members have invested their money in the lives of our missionaries, and every good done by them in winning men and women and boys and girls to Christ, healing the sick, comforting the sorrowful, bringing hope to the hopeless, brightening the earthly life of all, are dividends which we cannot lose of the money we have invested.

INVEST YOUR MONEY IN LIVES.

—Geo. T. Walden.



Money Given from the New Hebrides.
Given by New Hebrides Christians at ceremony of making the Federal Secretary a chief.

Native Christians in New Hebrides.

Their faithfulness and their needs.



Mr. and Mrs. F. Mackie and Melville.

A BIBLE COLLEGE FOR THE NEW HEBRIDES.

In the New Hebridean mission field there is a great need of a school in which natives could be trained for teachers and evangelists, and other church helpers.

The need for a competent teacher to undertake this task is very great and keenly felt.

Our people are as competent to take the responsibility of church government as our white brethren in the homeland. But they need the training and schooling to fit them for that responsibility. It is impossible for one man to undertake the whole of the work required in such an extensive field as the New Hebrides. When you understand that travelling takes up much of that man's time, with preaching the gospel message, together with medical work, pastoral visiting and teaching, something must be neglected. Moreover, if we are to plant an indigenous church there, we must train men to carry on that church. Just as the brethren of Australia felt the need of a College of the Bible in their midst, and as that institution has been a blessing and an uplift to the brotherhood, so would a proper College of the Bible instituted in the New Hebrides be a solution to our problems there, and the work of evangelising the New Hebrides fall upon the people of the Island, giving them an impetus that would spread

the gospel throughout the whole of the island, planting there a New Testament church that would grow and extend until the name of Christ is exalted above all names, where now rank heathenism and darkness abound.—F. Mackie.

MRS. MACKIE TELLS OF THE CHRISTIANS OF NEW HEBRIDES.

It is not enough to love and to know about Christ. Our knowledge of him should make us long for others to share in the same love which we enjoy. The divine commission was given to those early disciples, and it is our mission to co-operate with God in the world's salvation.

Our people are eagerly wanting the gospel, and listen in rapt attention to all instruction given them. After a lesson the whole teaching is eagerly discussed among themselves, and often the whole talk is passed on to others. They are like little children in their willingness to learn, and look to us for guidance.

Once they accept Christ as their Saviour there are no half measures, but they give themselves up wholly to work and service. Of course, there are some back-sliders, but, speaking generally, each Christian is a worker. What he has learned he is eager to teach, and he is not ashamed to speak of his salvation and Saviour. Christ is paramount in his life, and if he makes mistakes he is willing to atone whole-heartedly, and he will confess his mistake before a council, and will carry out to the letter any penalty placed upon him. The word is closely adhered to, and no one thinks of disputing the authority of the Scriptures. God's word is all in all, and his will must be supreme. No matter how much they fall and come short, they are willing to be up from every fall, looking unto the great Father God through Jesus Christ, the propitiation and atonement for their weakness, and to trust him implicitly.—G. Mackie.

Foreign Missions? There is actually no such thing. "The field is the world" is the statement of the greatest Imperialist. Would that we could stand on the hilltop where he stands, and see as he sees. Then our selfishness and somnolence would disappear, and we would be led into the largesse of sacrificial service, seeking the doing of his kingdom, gladly and lovingly extending the kingdom of him "whose love imperial is."—W. A. Kemp.



Baptistry at Ndindul, Oha, New Hebrides.

THE ELEMENT OF FRIENDLINESS.

There is a precious element of friendliness about our Foreign Missionary offerings and labors. The people to whom we send missionaries understand more than we sometimes realize. Few of them fail to distinguish clearly between the Protestant missionary and all other comers. For the average missionary is a true friend of the people, and is recognized as such by the people, who rarely fail to return that friendliness. They know that the missionaries represent other Christian friends in far-off lands. This is all to the good. It is likewise Christian, and this striving world with its recurring revolutions sorely needs more and more friendship. Our Foreign Missionary offerings, sacrificial as our foreign brethren know them to be, are unmistakably friendly. That means that they are true to the spirit of Jesus. For Jesus specialized in friendship. He was the friend of publicans and sinners. "No longer do I call you servants; I call you friends." Let us be friends.—A. G. Saunlers, Pres. Vic. Conference.

FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIANS.

During each of the last two years our S.A. churches have failed by over 1000 to reach the amount of 42,500 set for our State toward the annual Federal F.M. budget, and we are now about 42,000 behind.

This naturally, has meant that our Federal Board have received 1690 a year less than they counted on receiving, and they have been much concerned in their desire to keep all the F.M. work going.

The effect of our failure, however, is felt still more on the mission fields, for our Board have had to pass the word on that the missionaries will somehow have to cut down even necessary expenditure, for they must manage on 1600 less than they had been led to understand they would receive.

It must be a great disappointment to our missionary staff to have to curtail when the opportunities for extending the work are so great and their hearts are yearning to answer the calls coming to them.

Shall we not remedy our past failure by a record offering on July 7.—W. J. Ewers, Pres. S.A. F.M. Committee.



View of Ndindul, New Hebrides, from Landing Beach.

Our Hospital at Dhond.



Dr. G. H. Oldfield.

A THRILLING MESSAGE.

At Dhond our hearts are filled with gratitude to God who has influenced his children to give so liberally that we have been able to make a real start in the establishment of a hospital for "Our India." We have now some very useful buildings. Our old dispensary is turned into wards, giving us space for fourteen beds. We are building staff quarters so that we shall be able to have the staff necessary for the performance of major operations. We have some nurses ready who have grown up in our Girls' Home at Shrigonda, and have been in training in a hospital for the last two and a half years. Our compounder is one of our orphan boys who has been specially trained in a large mission hospital so that he can do this work.

Now that we have a waiting room for patients our preacher can do much more effective work. He can have much more contact with the patients who come each day. While they are waiting their turn for treatment, and while waiting for their medicines to be prepared, they can hear the wonderful story of the Saviour's love. In this way the evangelistic side of our work is greatly helped by the better accommodation.

As a result of the active idealism shown in this medical work there are several men who seem to be near the verge of decision for Christ. We hope that soon we may be able to tell of the birth of some of these into the kingdom of our Lord.

As our hospital becomes an established institution, our liabilities automatically increase, as it cannot expect to be self-supporting for several years to come. In the coming offering answer the challenge that God has given you by giving so that all of our evangelistic agencies may work freely, unimpeded by the incubus of debt. Give as God has prepared you, so that others may know of the loving Father who is ours.—G. H. Oldfield.

"OH, GOD, HEAR US"—THE CRY OF THE HEATHEN.

These Gods have Ears but They Hear Not.

Several of the workers from our stations, together with many other missionaries, are gathered at Malabeshwar for language study during the hot season.

Recently while sitting out in the quiet of the evening our attention was arrested by the strange sounds of Indian music, much shouting and the noise of many footsteps. Then, later, a procession of Indians passed along the road.

There has been a plague scare in this district, and many traders, vegetable growers, etc., have been seriously inconvenienced. Until recently, because of the plague scare, the number of visitors to these hills was reduced much below normal. This has placed the livelihood of the traders, etc., in a very precarious position.

On enquiry I discovered that the above procession was composed of traders and shopkeepers, who carried offerings for the goddess they deem responsible for sickness and disease. They marched along playing music to her and excitedly calling out her name at intervals. This was done to appease her so that she might not allow the plague to continue!

Oh, that the day may soon come when all the world shall know of the only true God of Love who can cleanse from all sin and "save unto the uttermost."—Jessie M. Oldfield.



Mrs. G. H. Oldfield.

WITHIN THE CIRCLE.

He drew a circle that shut them out;
Heathen, foreign, were things to flout,
But Christ and love had the wit to win,
And drew a circle that took them in.

If we are within the circle drawn by Christ then China and India and the New Hebrides are in the same circle, for Christ's salvation encircles the whole world.

If we are within the circle of salvation then we have no right to draw a circle in prayer and service which excludes any whom Christ intended should be within the same circle.

Let July the seventh reveal that, by our prayers and gifts, we desire to include "all nations" in the circle of Christ's salvation.—R. W. Evans, Pres. W.A. Conference.



The Dispensary at Baramati, India.
Miss Blake and Mrs. Coventry (partlanded at farewell) in centre;
Dr. Kofhatker at door.

Outpost Visit.

Snuggly nestling at the foot of lofty and wooded hills, surrounded by cultivation in which heavy crops flourish, being irrigated from wells with a copious supply of water. Amidst such beautiful surroundings stands Dourja, one of our most inaccessible outstations. Here we have a small company of Christians, and it was here, following our recent evangelistic tour of the district, that a woman came out and was baptised in the new baptistry at Shrigonda.

The object of our present visit was to seek to deepen the work already begun in order that other enquirers might be brought to make the great decision for Christ. Our co-workers had preceded us to herald the news of our coming, so that on our arrival we found the people waiting to receive us. Our ministry began with private visits to their humble homes, enabling us thereby to become more intimate with the people, thus preparing hearts for the message to be delivered in the evening. After the evening meal we all congregated in the meeting-house, with a holy harmonium and Indian drama in aid and brightened the singing of the hymns. How they sang with all the force of their vocal powers, after which in profound silence they listened to the word expounded dealing with man's need, and redemption in its various aspects. The teaching was interspersed with the singing of hymns, our meeting continuing far on into the night.

At the close one man spoke of his desire for Christ, while others spoke of taking the step of baptism. The speaker went on to say: "A young tree has been planted; we plead that you will not forsake it, but tend and care it that it might flourish."

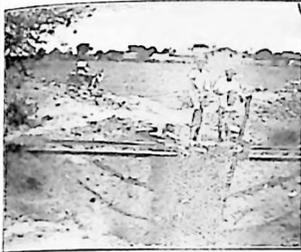
Brethren and sisters, will you too also join in prayer that this isolated little company may be kept strong in their faith, and that spiritually they may flourish to the praise of God?

Let your July offering be worthy of the great cause of Christ, so that other such like outstations may have the opportunity of hearing the message of redemption that alone can save men and women from going down into a Christless grave.—Thos. Escott.

HOLY ABANDON.

What a task is ours! It is one angels might covet. Jesus, "knowing what was in man," called men to help him save the world. He died for us, to set us free that we might tell others the same glad message of salvation. How neglectful we really are! In the light of our opportunities how little we really do. Is it because we do not believe Jesus wants our co-operation, or do we not care that men are dying? He has rich blessings in store for all who will abandon themselves to him. Give with abandon on July 7.—Ira A. Paternoster, S.S.W. Conf. Pres.

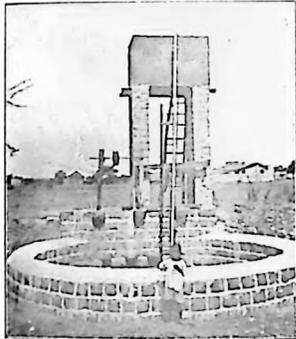
New Well at Shrigonda, India.



Mrs Drawing Water by Hand, from the Well as it used to be.



Drawing Water, New Style.



The stone-work in 18 ft. deep—on to solid rock.



The New Verandah.

No. 3 shows the well as it is now with the tank and pipes of the pump. The pipes are laid on to the compound, which is seen in the distance, five hundred feet away, and in snap 2 the girls taking the water from the taps in the compound. With the balance of the money I was able to get a verandah erected on the north side of the Home (snap 4). This makes a great improvement in the appearance of the place, and is the best spot of the compound in the summer days. In the summer the sun inclines to the south, and never shines direct on the north wall, so this makes a lovely shady place for the girls, and is much appreciated these days when the summer holidays are on, and the temperature keeps to about 107 degrees every afternoon, and will do so, in all probability, for another month at least. Miss Cameron writes to the donors: "I hope this gives you some idea of the use to which your gifts have been put. I cannot put into words all that it means to have these conveniences that your gifts have made possible, but the girls would join with me in thanking you for all that you have done for them, and we do pray that God may indeed grant you his blessing."

THE THREEFOLD INCENTIVE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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They are the Lord's representatives. But they are ours too. An abiding prayerful interest in them and their work, and sacrificial financial support, they have the right to demand of us who stay at home.

By participating in the Foreign Mission enterprise we can be in two or more places at one time.—H. G. Harward.

GOONWANTI—"FILLED WITH VIRTUE"

Goonwanti was admitted into the Shrigonda Children's Home in 1925. She was a little orphan of 11 or 12 years, who had been supported by relatives, but to save her from a Hindu marriage another missionary wrote and asked if we could take her. She was a bright girl, and soon won her way with the girls. Two years later she was baptised, and in many ways proved her desire to be a true follower of her Master. For some months she took the place of older sister to one of the small girls, aged five or six years, and cared for her as tenderly as if she was her true sister. Although so young herself, so earnest was her desire to become a Bible-woman that she was sent to Pandhapur for training.

The following report has just been received from Miss Parsons, superintendent of the "Elm Sadan," Pandhapur:—

"Goonwanti has been in Elm Sadan about seven months. She has not given any trouble since she came. Though so young, yet she evidences a great desire to go deeper into God and learn more of what she has in Christ. At first she had not the courage to try and tell the gospel story in the Scripture classes for children. She goes regularly with the class leader once a day. Now she has courage, having had a fresh look at Jesus, the empowering One, to teach the Scripture text, hymns and the story, and it has been a joy to her. She also takes a class in one of the Sunday Schools for Hindu children. This work gives courage for open-air speaking, and in Hindu festivals she is beginning to learn that the Lord Jesus can use a little one who is yielded to himself. I am glad to have her."

At first we did not think she would be acceptable as a worker at Pandhapur, where so many high-caste Hindus live, because she has distinctive caste markings on her face; still one forgets the marks because of her bright countenance. God is using her in spite of her youth and markings. May he grant that many more of these girls will be called to tell the gospel to their fellow-countrymen and thus to labor in his service. Edna Vawser.

THE MEASURE OF OUR OFFERING.

A cry from out the darkness! A call for help! Shall it go unheeded? Countless millions have not yet heard the name of Jesus, and the Master has given us this command, "Go ye into all the world."

The light of the gospel can alone dispel the darkness, break down the superstition, blind the broken hearts, and give peace and joy. Shall we withhold the light or speed it on its way?

May the measure of our thankfulness to God for permitting us to be born in a Christian land be the measure of our offering for this great cause.—Mrs. Garfield Rootes, Pres. Sisters' Conference, S.A.



Reuben George, Benjamin George and David George, Babies of Lyall Children's Home, Shrigonda, India.

Good News—The Shanghai Mission.

We have come again to the time for the issue of the Foreign Mission Number, and I think that the friends of the various missions will want to hear something of the work in this corner of the vineyard.

From time to time throughout the year you have been kept in touch with the work by means of news items published in "The Christian," so there is very little now that can be said here.

We have in Shanghai a steady and regular effort going on. There is first of all the church work. There are about 100 members on the roll, but in a labor district like the one in which the church is located there are many changes, and members are often moved away to other districts. Yet it can be said that we have between 50 and 60 regular attendants at the weekly observance of the breaking of bread.

There is a committee in charge of the affairs of the business side of the church, and Elder Hu Sing-kwei presides at the Lord's table and also preaches occasionally. He is getting old, and is not so able to take a full share in the work as he did a few years ago.

Then we have a very good Sunday School with about 200 attendants. The children are for the most part connected with our day schools throughout the week.

There is also another feature of the church's work, and that is the Christian Endeavor Society, which is a flourishing concern, as that society's arrangements seem to suit the Chinese at the present stage of their development.

You will understand, of course, that we have prayer meetings and Bible readings in connection with the church's work.

Then we may remind you of the flourishing day school we have. Mr. Hu Siu-wu, the headmaster, supported by eight teachers, generally four men and four women, conducts this school of over 200 pupils. It is entirely self-supporting except for the use of the buildings, and there is generally a waiting list, the testimony being that parents would rather send their young children to a school where the Scriptures are taught than to some other school where there is no such teaching. We have in Mr. Hu a scholar of the older school, and he maintains strict discipline, and in this respect the school is quite different from some of those that are conducted under different arrangements.

All the above is about the work at Kwenming-ri. Once and a while this we have a preaching place in a part of the city under Chinese control (Kwenming-ri, is in the International Settlement,

therefore not under Chinese control). This preaching hall is taken charge of by our evangelist Ning Sae-pao (or, as he likes to call himself, Ning Ch'i-ling—Ch'i-ling being his baptised name). Mr. Ning not only takes the most active interest in the evangelistic efforts, but he also helps from time to time in the preaching services at the other place. They hold evangelistic meetings most of the evenings in the week, and they have had some very satisfactory results. There has grown out of it a small band of workers who assist Mr. Ning in his evangelistic duties. Quite a few of our members at Kwenming-ri come from that place.

It should be stated that Mr. Hu Sing-kwei, the elder, and Mr. Hu Siu-wu, the schoolmaster, together with his staff, are supported entirely apart from our mission funds, the former by the church and the latter out of school fees.

You may, therefore, think about and pray for this lousy part in Shanghai. The help received from the church in Australia enables us to keep the property available, and also to support Mr. Ning, the evangelist, and Miss Yung, our very earnest and capable Bible-woman. We are deeply grateful to you all for this help. It has a double blessing with it because on the one hand it helps forward this work, and on the other it links up the Christians of this city with those of your land.

We know and are greatly helped by this knowledge that the churches in Australia constantly remember this work. At the present time we need special guidance in connection with the property at Kwenming-ri, through which it is planned by the Municipal Council to extend a road. We also need guidance to arrange for the work of the mission during the absence on furlough of myself and Mrs. Cameron. We are sure that you will remember these matters. —W. M. Cameron.

WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES.

If we were to take a survey of our Foreign Mission fields we would be impressed by the wonderful opportunities that open out to our missionaries, opportunities that if grasped would mean much in the extension of the Master's Kingdom. Shall these opportunities for service be seized? This question will be answered one way or the other by the way we respond to the appeal for funds on July 7. Let each one pray and work for a record offering on that day. —G. Potter, Pres. Qld. F.M. Comm.

Prospects of Our West China Mission.

There are many problems connected with our missionary work in China. Some problems are those which are common to missions in any land, for missionary work is never easy, but there are to do with changing national conditions in China. These changes, though at times ap-



Dr. E. R. Killmer.

parently adverse to missions, will, I am sure, be ultimately to the great benefit of the Chinese and of Christian missions in that great land. There are further problems which have to do with our own brotherhood's responsibilities in our own fields of Shanghai, Hong Kong and Hweilchow.

There is, however, in the Great Commission which commits us to that work, no hint that we may be excused by the occurrence of problems, great or small. Our Master presupposes they will all be faced and solved. In addition he says, "I, I am with you always," thereby making His aid and might available to us in their solution. If we turn back we are therefore without excuse.

Inland China is in great need of the gospel, for it is not being adequately evangelised on account of the difficulty of travel. This makes our interest in that region more necessary. All the other missionary bodies are working at their full power, and they need our help.

The people are kindly, hospitable and courteous, and are anxiously awaiting our return. For some months after we were obliged to leave Hweilchow the gate of the compound was continually besieged by needy folk enquiring when we would return. We have received numerous letters from members of the Hweil church pleading with us to quickly return. The Director of Education for that district has twice written to invite us back, stating that the official and influential gentry are hoping we will not stay away. Some time after we had left a party of disgruntled former Baptist adherents attempted to gain possession of our chapel property; and the civil official of the town and two representatives of the gentry protected our interests without asking for a request from us to do this. There is evident, therefore, a good spirit between our mission and the townsfolk, and no reason exists why a very successful and prosperous work should not be done in Hweilchow. Let the prayers of all be joined in petitioning the Lord to show us the solution of the problems of our work in China. —E. R. Killmer.

"How shall they hear without a preacher? How shall they preach except they be sent?" So that laborers may be sent out, a worthy offering on July 7 is requested from every member.



Church of Christ, Kwenming Rd., Shanghai—Students Receiving Certificates.

Broken China—and Mended.

Brigands. A battered man, a hand's skull hung on a tree, and undelivered letters, were forcible reminders to us of these lawless men.

Rebellion. The Taping rebellion accounted for the loss of thousands of lives, and left some of the best cultivated provinces desolate.

Opium. Beside the road which leads to Huell bloom hundreds of acres of beautiful white poppies. "The devil in angel's garb!"

Kidnappling. The stealing of legally married wives sometimes leads to murder or even to wholesale fighting, ending in many deaths.

Pitifulness. Unbearable taxation by military leaders is largely responsible for famine conditions.

Negligence. The gentle Chinese woman knows little of hygiene, and dirt, the breeder of germs, is everywhere.

Uprising. "Charge them that are rich in the present world . . . that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate."

Help. Immediately.

Mending. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Assistance.
HELP MEND BROKEN CHINA.
—Dorothy Clark.

"SUFFER LITTLE CHILDREN TO COME UNTO ME."

In a certain city in China there is a foundling school or government orphanage. It is supported as a public charity and controlled by the government. The medical supervision has been in the hands of the old-time Chinese practitioners. The orphanage has been for the reception of unwanted children, mainly girls, and they have been pushed through a hole in the wall into a basket.

Since the advent of the Nationalist Government, a Chinese Christian professor, a graduate of one of the American universities, has been deputed to take charge of the charitable works of the city. He has been thoroughly disgusted with the state of this orphanage. There were 179 children in it, and the mortality was 100 per cent, practically no child surviving more than three months. Conditions were almost beyond description, and the place was filthy; The wet nurses were mostly diseased, and the children became blind.

This Chinese Christian professor is putting the place on a decent footing. The wet nurses are to be examined medically, and those diseased will be dismissed.

There are many such orphanages as these all over China under government supervision and in the same deplorable condition. Here is a great opportunity for Christian workers and medical missionaries to bring healing and hope to the poor little unwanted children of China, who are loved by the One who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."—Eva V. Anderson.

A PRECIOUS JEWEL.

Out on the hills in far Western China some tribal Christians heard the wail of a lonely child. Investigation showed a small baby girl, only a few days old, and covered only with a common piece of ragged dirty cloth. Only a girl and unwanted. Christian teaching in their hearts influenced them to pick the little one up and carry her to the missionaries' home. The night passed but morning brought about no solution to the missionaries' problem. What were they going to do with the child? No one wanted her, and they could not cast her out. "God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform." That morning their devotional reading included the words, "It is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones should perish." A lump came into the throat of the husband; an awkward pause; the words were thrust their way into the childless hearts of the couple. Husband and wife exchanged glances, and soon a little child was nestling in a mother's arms.

Iao Chuen (precious jewel) was the name bestowed upon her, and she is worthy of such a name. Several times she was in our home, and one has been compelled to compare what she is now with what she might have been, even if she had remained in her own home and surrounded by heathen influences.

Iao Chuen has one passion now, and that is to reach her own people with the good news of Christ Jesus. Six years ago she went to



Mr. and Mrs. A. Anderson.

England and entered a Christian school. She is equipped now, and is about to return to her own land. Precious jewel is her name, surely precious in the sight of our heavenly Father. There are many other jewels, equally precious, only waiting to be found. God grant that as the result of her work the prophecy will come true of many, "These are mine, saith the Lord, on that day when I make up my jewels."—A. Anderson.

WHAT IS OUR DUTY TO THE HEATHENS?

This is a most solemn question, a question which needs very earnest consideration by every child of God. May God enable us to take a very calm, thoughtful view of this question which so deeply concerns us all. We cannot all preach the gospel, but this we are bound to do, to help it forward by every means within our reach. The heathen world is knocking at the door of the Christian church to-day. It is knocking loudly and earnestly, and the most remarkable thing about the present time, from the church's standpoint, is that the heathen people are asking for what the Master has told us to give them. The heathen door is wide open; they are asking for the light, and the question for the Christian church to-day is, What are we going to do to send the light through that open door? Let us answer in a practical way on July 7 what we will do to help send the message of redeeming love into these heathen lands. —A. E. Heard, Pres. Tas. F.M. Comm.



Church of Christ, Kwenming Rd., Shanghai.



Mr. Au Kwong Hun, Dr. Jew Hwark, and Scholars of Hong Kong School.

From Our New Missionaries.

FIRST DAYS IN INDIA.

You wish me to write an article for the "Christian," and suggest the subject, "Something Attempted and Something Done." I have attempted acquiring the language. This certainly is "something attempted," but is not "something done."

The following incident happened on one of the most important days in the history of our



Miss L. Foreman.

mission. The ground around the Dhood Hospital building was supposed to be tilled in preparation for the opening. It was discovered that an ant hill, some feet high, had been left right near the entrance from the road. The men doing the work refused to remove it, as they believed it to be the home of the cobra.

Superstition was at the base of their refusal. The Indians worship the cobra one day in the year, and they believe that if the cobra is disturbed it will have revenge.

Three brave missionaries, Mr. Escott, Mr. Conroy and Mr. Hughes, decided to remove the hill, and sent a boy for the necessary tools. Miss Cameron stood by and lent moral support, and incidentally held the coats, while the men, with "brow wet with honest sweat," used pick and shovel. Within a few minutes two native Christians offered assistance, and before long the workmen came to finish the job. Either they were shamed into it by seeing the Sahibs working or they thought danger was past when the hill was once disturbed.

I may add that no cobra was found, and the three brave men are still well and happy.—Lynda Foreman.

To support our present missionaries, to make it possible to send more workers into the harvest-field, and to expand all our present activities a worthy offering is asked for on Sunday, July 7.



Blake Boys' Home, Baramati, India. Present, 53; absent, 4 boys in Trades Schools, 2 boys appearing for V.F. exam, 1 at Mahabaleswar and 1 sick, making total of 61.

MISSIONARY VICTORIES.

The first thing that impressed me in the Indian villages was the apparent helplessness of the villagers. They have their daily tasks and the little ceremonies connected with their heathen religion, but apart from that they have no other interest. Surely when some of them become Christians, some teachers, preachers, and some doctors, it testifies to the power of the gospel.

The material, to start with, is so unpromising. I have wondered how could the missionaries teach them anything! But these Christians are a living witness to the power of the gospel, and reveal the good work of the missionaries, who have worked with them during past years. Again, they help and inspire the missionaries in their work.

Witness a man with forty convictions, living chiefly for theft, becoming an honest servant, who can now be trusted in the smallest of details, as well as the greater responsibilities. And again another who has committed numerous murders, but who is now the most trusted and valuable servant of a missionary.

These instances are but two of many, and which serve to show that the gospel, when implanted in the heathen heart, will bear fruit. But what of those hearts that have never been touched?—Dorothy Bouldan.

A TESTIMONY.

How much good, after all, has there been accomplished by missionary work in India? On the surface it may seem that the results are not worth while, but a few days on a mission station are sufficient to prove not only that a great deal has been accomplished, but that the results are worth while. When one thinks of the darkness of a village into which the light of the gospel has not been taken, and then thinks of the triumph and witness of a native Christian community, there is borne home with conviction the true worth of missionary work. Many villages which were at one time entirely heathen have now in their midst this witness. So do the triumphs of the cross of Christ continue to multiply.

That does not mean, however, that it is time to rest and congratulate ourselves on the victories which others have won. The work now demands consolidation, complete organisation and extension. This is not to be applied simply to the mission stations as they now are, staffed by missionaries and native workers. What shall we say concerning those villages from which come insistent appeals for schools and missionaries? What of the villages rarely visited and of those never yet visited, in which many know not the light of Christian truth?

It may check man's appeal to say that "we

cannot" undertake to efficiently consolidate and organise and extend the work of our mission stations, but will it satisfy Christ's demand? With Him as our Master and our sufficiency for all things, it is folly to say "we cannot." We must! If we can work, we must work! If we can give, then we must give! If we can pray, we must pray!—Reg. Bouldan.

THE POWER OF PRAYER.

With the world now looking to see its Saviour Jesus Christ in the life of his followers rather than in their teaching, the great Foreign Mission opportunities offer to a New Testament people a bigger call to prayer and self-sacrifice than ever before. Prayer and the prayerful spirit have always preceded self-sacrifice and power in missionary effort. Then let us remember that the Pentecostal power which came with prayer is the first New Testament church will come again in the same way to foreign fields when adherents to Christianity comply with the conditions demonstrated as necessary to such success in this worthy enterprise. Maston Bell, Sec. W.A. F.M. Comm.

PRAYING AND GIVING.

Every member of our churches reading with devoted missionaries must be impressed by their magnificent and self-sacrificing work in the far-off regions, but are we taking a practical interest in their work?

I trust we shall not be lacking in bearing them up continually before the Father's throne in prayer, and likewise support them with abundant giving.

"Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it."—Prov. 3, 27.

—L. L. Hagger, Pres. N.S.W. Slates' Conf.

THE CHALLENGE OF POVERTY.

Floods, strikes and geographical disabilities have rendered many Tasmanians poor, and some are homeless and discouraged. It is a serious responsibility to assume, when we urge Tasmanians to give liberally to the offering on July 7. We were the only State to reach the apportionment last year. How are we to do it this year? The example of the Copinham Christians is the Scriptural way, and for us, the only way. "In a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality."—F. Collins, Pres. Tas. Conference.



Mr. and Mrs. H. Bouldan.

India's Widows and Children.

WHO WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON INDIA'S WIDOWS?

One of the saddest sights that we see repeatedly in India is the condition of the high-caste Indian widow. Forbidden by the traditional rules of caste and custom and religion from ever re-marrying, she is kept in many cases by the caste as a little better than a slave. The hair is shaved. Never again may she indulge in that which is so treasured in the eyes of India a woman's chief adornment, i.e., long hair. She wears no ornaments—not even the cheap glass bangles that even the poorest seem to be able to afford. She is teased by her husband's relatives with the cause of her husband's death—if not in this life then because of some sin she committed in a former birth. She is given as little as possible to eat. Her widows, cruel blows, scanty fare, meagre clothing, and a life of daily pain. And as a rule she, poor thing, submits to it uncomplainingly. It is her "fate."

In some cases the dark curtain is lifting a little, and a few gleams of light are shining in. "Reformed" high-castes are allowing their widows daughters to go to school. Many are beginning to take in professions such as teaching and nursing, and they are finding happiness in their work.

Only recently I travelled in the train with one such young girl. She had her little five-year-old girl with her. The little one had never known her father, who had died ere she was born. The mother had had the little girl with her for a few days' holiday and was taking her back to her grandparents ere she herself returned to the hospital where she was training. At Shirsapal station one of the officials came along and spoke to her. He spoke so roughly. As she was about to start, she told me she was her eldest brother-in-law. She sat quietly for a little while and then the tears began to fill her eyes and trail down her cheeks. In a few minutes she was weeping violently, and it took her some time to recover herself. And nobody in that carriage full of women dared say "Why do you weep?" or offer her any consolation. They all knew. A pretty young girl, about 20 or 22, shaven-headed and bare of jewellery. Of course, she was a widow, and as a widow, she was worthy of the rough and hard manner adopted by her brother-in-law in addressing her.

Then, too, we had a case lately of two old ladies—mother blind and daughter lame. Their relatives had them living in another village and occasionally sent them food. Often they went without water because being high-caste they couldn't take water from their neighbours. And besides—two poor old widows who would think it his or her duty to help them?

We arranged for them to be taken in at Baramatti's home, if they could be got to go there. But alas! the widows, poor, sick, old and feeble as they were, they couldn't break caste. And then there was an old blind mother died, and the man in whose house they lived took the old lame daughter she must get out of his house. So when our Bible-woman visited that village last he turned her out, and led her into our bullock-cart with her few earthly possessions and said, "Go, go, go, my daughter, be to us. All day long she sits without either eating or drinking so as not to break caste. We sent to inform the hard-hearted relatives that we had brought her, and that if they did not wish to take her we would find a home for her. In an incredibly short time her grandson and her grand-in-law had arrived with a tonga into which they bundled the old lady and took her away. They were keen to know just at what time she came. She informed them she had neither eaten nor drunk since coming to us. Her sisters and they were terrified lest she had broken caste, and lest their caste people should know. Had she done so they would have all been out-casted, and it would have cost them a big feast to all their caste; they would have had to have priests to sprinkle them with holy Ganges

water, and they would have had to submit to the indignity of having a shoe (and leather is "unclean") placed upon their heads ere they could be received back again. No wonder they ran in haste and trembling to take the poor old lady away from our dwelling presence.

We have not heard of her since. I hope they have learned to be kind. Surely the cry of these oppressed millions of Indian widows, many of them mere babies, must rise up to heaven, and God will speedily "come down to deliver them," even as he did his people of old. "Come, Lord Jesus," come quickly to their aid, for thou thyself hast said, "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed," and again, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." "Send out thy light and thy truth," shine into these superstition-blinded hearts and disperse the gloom, and bring India's sons and daughters "out of darkness into light," we pray thee for thine own name's sake.—Vera Blake.

RESULTS OF OUR WORK.

While I sit here at worship I thank God for what I see. Here around me are some 250 men, women and children, some Christians of many years' standing, some very new to the faith, with no more knowledge of the Scriptures than enough to give them faith in Jesus as their Saviour. Some are Hindus. There are many boys and girls of Hindu homes who come to the Sunday School; there are the boys from the Orphanage, some from Christian homes, some from Hindu homes, some from no homes at all.

Had the gospel never been preached in these people what would they now have been doing who have gathered on Easter Sunday to worship and hear the message of the risen Lord? Without a doubt they would all be in the village recovering from the effects of observing the festival of Hanga Pancham. They would be dressed in filthy clothes, bespattered with mud, covered with colored licks that have been squirted at them during the festival. Many of them would have been fortunate to have had clothes to get filthy. Practically all would have been outcasts, but now they are thriving, honest people, who are trying to serve the risen Lord whom they worship.

The president of the meeting is the secretary of the Sunday School, and was originally in the

Boys' Home. The first speaker is the superintendent of the Junior S.S., and also was an inmate of our orphanage. The organist was a member of the Bhampas, professional thieves, born by caste to thieving. He is now an honored deacon of the church. Indian Bible School certificates were distributed to some thirty children who had passed their examinations. Five of these were to Hindu boys.

Do you wonder why I thank God that the message of the risen and living Christ is being preached in India? To see the results of the work, poor though many are, would lead the most indifferent to fuller praise and greater support.—A. A. Hughes.

BARAMATTI BOYS' HOME RESULTS.

The power of the gospel is seen forcibly in the difference which a few years under Christian influence makes to the boys who come to our Children's Home at Baramatti.

Most of our boys have come from amongst the outcasts. Their natural habits are filthy, their faces dull and uninteresting. Their manners are conspicuous by their absence.

After a few years in the company of the followers of Christ, these boys, almost without exception, enter into the fellowship of the Christ himself.

The whole bearing and character of the boys became changed. They are no longer the unclean, unintelligent, neglected children that they were previously. They have become clean, happy, bright, Christian young men, striving to serve well in the kingdom of Christ.

In June four more little boys are coming to us from a babies' home.

Help us to nurture them as well as our older boys in the love of Jesus who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me."—E. W. M. Hughes.

GIVE AS NEVER BEFORE.

Once again our annual offering for Foreign Missions is here. There is a great need for funds. What are we going to do? When we think of our loved missionaries who have given up so much—home, and all those they love—going forth to tell the story of Jesus and his love to those who know it not, can we withhold from them help in time of need? When we think of Christ's sacrifice for us shall we not sacrifice something for him? Give as never before. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."—M. Libby, Tas. Sisters' Conf. Pres.



Bible Boys' Home, Baramatti, India.

1. Scouts Camp Parade.
2. Cooking Breakfast.
3. Preparing Indian Bread.
4. First Aid Drill.

Three teachers and A. Hughes.

Messages from Workers in India.

"IS IT SO VERY IMPORTANT?"

"So very important, you say?" This from a tall, haughty young Brahmin. We have been telling the people gathered around that unless they believe on the Lord Jesus they cannot be saved. He turns to the crowd, "If it is so very important, and the only way to be saved, why didn't they come before and tell us? Why have only two or three come to tell us this very important story? You can believe her story if you like, but I do not," and he walks proudly away.

What can we answer? We come on furlough and see the multitudes of Christian people, and our hearts go out to those other multitudes who have not yet even heard that Someone died for them? We picture them seeking, ever seeking, going on long pilgrimages—measuring their length many weary miles over rough stony roads (in the hope of finding salvation), bathing in the sacred rivers, doing penance, ever seeking. Then we think of the gaps in the mission field where only the ones and the twos go amongst the multitude to give them the bread of life, which, so long ago, the Master gave to his disciples to distribute. Brother and sisters, have we been faithful to our trust? Ask yourself the question.

Hear this pathetic cry of ours,
O dwellers in Christian lands;
For the heathen stand before you
With pleading outstretched hands.
You may not be able to come yourself,
But some in your stead can go;
Will you not send us someone?
Will you not let us know?

—H. M. Watson.

WANTED.

Men and women of good health, with knowledge of the word of God, and with a sure faith in Jesus Christ, to carry the message of life in Christ to the multitudes which are yet in darkness. Many are groping for the way back to God.

It is estimated there are one hundred thousand pilgrims in India on their weary way to one shrine after another seeking the light. Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World." "Go and tell them."

Wanted, men and women, to whom God has entrusted money, to send forth and support those who are able to go to these dark lands and preach the gospel to those in search of truth. Our own Indian mission field has 500,000 souls depending on you and me for the message of life in Christ.

We have eleven missionaries in India. This means that each missionary is facing 45,000

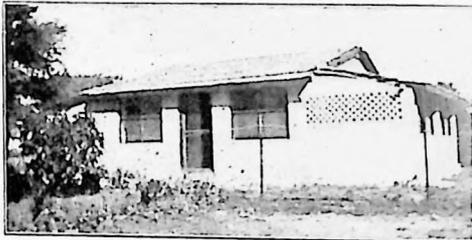


At Mahabaleswar Language School, India. Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Boldman, Miss Foreman and Mrs. Oldfield. All in native costume.

spiritually needy souls. Brethren, can this need be met with such slender force and such small means at our disposal? Jesus bids you go, and if you cannot go then send. This is your responsibility before God.—H. Watson.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENTS.

In all families where there are children, a great interest is taken in their daily progress. Their first steps are closely watched and encouraged. Provision is made for their further development. In this great church mission family of yours



Front of Bible-women's Quarters, Shrigonda, India. Showing Verandah on West Side.

there is a child which has almost reached its twenty-fifth year. This child has grown and developed, but unfortunately, for the past few years, no provision has been made for its development except along one line. It finds its strength is increasing and developing, but its clothes are wearing out. In fact, it has less clothing now than formerly. After careful mending for a quarter of a century, should it be neglected now? Rather now is the time to give even greater help in order that it may make its mark in life.

This child is the India Mission, which has been the object of your prayers and benevolent littleness. You may say that it is about time this lusty youth began to walk by itself. The reason it cannot is because it is trying to carry a quarter of a million of India's heathen sons along with it. This spiritual load cannot be carried alone.

These are days of anniversaries, and it is the intention of the India Mission to celebrate its silver jubilee soon after Pentecost, 1930. In fact the two anniversaries are to be combined. Is not this a suitable time to make a forward move? New missionaries, new bungalows, preaching halls, preachers' houses and evangelists are needed to meet the spiritual needs of our India. We have built his institutions, but we have only tiny churches. Let the next quarter of a century begin with a great evangelistic effort. Our foundations are well and truly laid now let us erect the superstructure, even the church of the living God.

We have one of our best converts from the settlement in training, and this year we hope to have him at Baranatti as a preacher. But his salary was not provided for in the budget. How is he to be paid unless we reduce elsewhere? At present we cannot advance. We haven't the means, child of yours. Don't strangle the life show you the fields white unto harvest. —H. R. Coventry.

THE FUTURE, THE PRESENT.

Changes in every country! The daily press speaks of ominous clouds gathering in the unsettled industrial political conditions of many lands. What can the future hold for missionaries and missionaries in India if Indian leaders take all the governing power they seek? Will Foreign Missionaries have to evacuate? If so, are our Indian Christians strong enough to carry the work alone? Or will there still continue to be Churches of Christ with our distinctive in India? That questions like these may be answered with triumph, let us concentrate on the present situation. Try, make, give more, and more missionaries to help those little Indian churches to increase in numbers and spiritual strength while you have the opportunity. Material is there to work upon. Young men, young women, grown up in the Children's Homes, are making new homes at Baranatti, Shrigonda and other stations. They need to be fully established, grounded in the faith, to become home missionaries in their own land. The seed faithfully sown for years by evangelists, Bible-women, through the medical work and other departments is maturing. Wanted, reapers for the ripening fields. Hinduism is just as vital an enemy to fight. This year, as other years in Baranatti, some of six people, old and young, will sit many days on the floor of a house moulding, baking, painting gay pink and red-colored idols to sell for worship on special festival days. Women of many Hindu homes will buy a hideous-looking one (a goddess seated on a cobra), around which she, with her women neighbors, will dance and sing songs of praise to the deity in the streets of Baranatti this year. Yet not all are so absorbed in heathen practices. In that same village many are seeking clearer light. A young Hindu wife, who had there had learned to read the Bible when very young in a mission school. Her husband, her relatives, are all Hindus. But she still loves to read our Bible. Her face shone when she told me she knew Jesus Christ answered prayer. He had answered her requests. How could she address him? Was he not a God? were the questions she asked me.

Yes, brethren and sisters, our task is to concentrate on the present. Double your support, double your missionary force, continue with intelligent prevailing prayer, then we need have no fear of the future.—E. M. Gillett.

"WHERE DUTY CALLS."

A Christian friend of mine was on one occasion not a little amused to hear a short-sighted singer in one of our churches broadcasting the following:—

"Where duty calls, or danger,

Be never wanting there."

We must make allowance for one another's physical infirmities of which by no means the least is defect of vision.

It is hard to make allowance, however, for those Christian (?) folks whose studied and settled policy in spiritual matters seems to be expressed by the above lines.

"Be never wanting there"; let us put it correctly. Duty, that "stern daughter of the face of God," calls us to maintain all of our work in the foreign fields, and moreover to advance. Love constrains us to the same end. What shall we answer her? "Be ever wanting there?" "Be never wanting there?" or, best of all, "be ever wanting there?" Let us answer thus by offering of July 7.—J. I. Mulford, Pres. Vic. F.M. Comm.

Our Missionaries' Children.

A BOY'S STORY OF HEATHEN NEEDS.

I used to go out with dad to see the sick, people sometimes when I was home for the Christmas holidays at Shirgonda. Once we went to a big wada, where a boy about my age was ill. After dad had given him some medicine the people



Mrs. A. Hughes and Baby Ian.

standing round began to talk and ask questions about our country. Dad told them lots of things, and then told them about the Lord Jesus Christ, they seemed to like that story. In a little while they brought us in a cup of tea. It was very sweet and hot. Then they gave us some betelnut to chew. After talking a little we said salam and went home. Pray for them that are still in the night.—Harry Watson.

THE NEED OF MORE MISSIONARIES.

The time of the great festival was fast drawing near; thousands of people could be seen approaching the temple. It was a motley crowd indeed. Old men and women bowed eagerly they pushed their way forward. Fathers and mothers with their children, young men and women, university scholars, princes and princesses.

At last the temple doors were opened and 500 men rushed wildly forward to get the first glance at the god Vittola—a black clay idol, almost hidden by Jewellery. They saw it for a second, and a fresh crowd pushed their way in, while they tased out through another door not satisfied. There was still something lacking, some found it when they passed through the other door, where there were little-women and preachers with Gospels and tracts containing the message of life in Christ for them.—Nancy Watson.



Dr. Oldfield and Billie, Dhond, India.

MARGARET AND VERA COVENTRY'S MESSAGE.

Haramati, 16/3/29.

Dear Uncle Walden,—

We went out on Friday to a village where one of our preachers lives. On the way we saw two camels. We hardly ever see camels in this part of India. They both held their noses up in the air, and as the motor was passing one kicked out his back leg.

When we got to the preacher's place they garlanded us, then gave us presents and tea and Indian sweets. They gave us some Himfon gods, which the people often wear around their necks. These they gave to us as farewell presents, and asked us to show them to the people in Australia. The Indian people are very generous.

We hope to see you soon. With much love from

Margaret and Vera Coventry.



Vera Coventry (3 years, 5 months) and Muriel Coventry (9 months).

WHO WILL HELP SAVE THE INDIAN BABIES FROM TORTURE?

Dear Uncle George,—

There are many sad sights to be seen in the villages in India. Sometimes little sick babies are brought from a long distance to the dispensary. The mother carries them in a basket on her head. Usually they have been given opium to keep them asleep. One little baby was brought to us suffering from a burn on the head. He was ill with fever, and the people in the house thought he had an evil spirit, so they made a fire and laid the baby down with its head close to the fire, thinking to drive out the evil spirit. He was treated for some months and finally recovered.—Florence Watson.

BLACK DARKNESS.

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world," yet our land of China is still in darkness. Many, many people in our city keep their rooms dark so that even in the daylight a lamp never be lit to see. It is thought that if the light penetrates the gloom the riches will depart. One family in our

city had a little boy. The father had three wives, but all other boys had died. This little boy, when born, was kept shut up in a small dark room, so dark, they said, "that neither sickness nor evil spirits could come near him." Alas! their devices failed. In six months the little boy died, died because he was shut up in the darkness. "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" Many Chinese people are dying in darkness because the light of Jesus is not known to them. Sad are the words! "The light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not."—Pearl Anderson.



Miss M. Thompson.

MARY THOMPSON MAKES SOME CONTRASTS.

"Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come."

We have often seen this illustrated in the lives of the people here. Two widows live within a short distance of each other. One had a nice sum of money left to her, and used it to build a large house, and planned to rent part of it. She hoped in this way to have company whenever she felt like it. But her husband temper keeps people away from her, and she has to live in selfish loneliness now, and no hope for the future.

The other widow, a Christian, also had a good sum of money left her, but has used most of her means in helping others, and is happy in her unselfish work, although she is not strong. Her neighbors do not like to think of her being taken away from them, but she is full of joy at the thought of going to be with Christ.

The condition of two other widows has impressed me very much lately. One, a Brahmin, was very much troubled when she found a married daughter who developed tuberculosis. She asked me not to let any one know the nature of the disease, as she said she would not be able to get any to help nurse her if they knew. So she was removed to another house, and called an Indian doctor who pronounced it as another complaint. I tried to make the mother see the folly of acting as she did, and she was angry with me for a while for telling the other members of the family. The daughter died, then the mother refused to eat, and fretted so much that she has been ill ever since.

The other widow, a Christian, also had a married daughter who developed tuberculosis, and at one tried every means to save her daughter but in vain. But the mother had the satisfaction of knowing that everything possible had been done for her. The mother and daughter talked calmly of the happy prospect of their meeting again. Many at the funeral were marvelled at the mother's going to the singing and at the Christian's hope.

It is only as these people know Christ and his peace that they can live gaily lives, so ours is the task of presenting him to them.—Mary Thompson.

Criminal Girls Decide for Christ.

While on furlough I told of some criminal tribes' girls who had been in the Home, of how they had confessed Christ, and had wished to be baptised; then of the objections on the part of relations; of the opposing influence brought to bear on the girls' minds; of their indifference to Christianity; of their removal from the Home, and of their subsequent marriage with men of the criminal tribe. Many of you have prayed for these girls, prayed that the Spirit would bring to their remembrance the truths that



Miss F. Cameron.

they had heard and that they would at last be led back to Christ. You will therefore be glad indeed to know that two of these girls have been baptised at Sholapur, and the husbands of both girls also, we believe. Continue to remember them in prayer that they be kept faithful, for their path is not an easy one. May they be a blessing to many.

Another thing that we are happy about is that sixteen of our girls confessed Christ last month. They are girls in their teens, and are earnest in their endeavors to please the Master. One of these girls is also of the Criminal Tribes. She is now about sixteen. She has been with us as a ward of Government for about five years. Her relations have tried to arrange a heathen marriage for her, but Government protects her. Now she is old enough to decide for herself, and she has decided for Christ. We trust that she will be a means of bringing many of her own people to a knowledge of the Christ and his power to save.—Florence Cameron.

IN A HINDU TEMPLE.

A few weeks ago I was selling Scriptures and distributing tracts in the streets of a town near Simla, when an Indian servant told me his master wished to see me. I followed down a lane through a gateway guarded by a couple of massive grotesque stone lions, into the courtyard of a Hindu temple. On one side I was surprised to find a neat dispensary, in which was sitting an Indian doctor, a sleek, pleasant-faced man of about fifty. He told me he qualified in a Christian college in Calcutta, entered Government service, and had recently retired. Wishing to spend the rest of his days usefully, he had to find a native town and set up a dispensary in the precincts of the temple of his god. He said he had two objects in view: first, to be of service to his sleek countrymen; second to devote the proceeds of his practice to the temple, which was hardly in need of repair and maintenance. I found he knew a good deal about the gospel, but as in the case of so many students, it had not touched his heart and brought him to Christ. He willingly talked about Christianity and received some pamphlets. Although he doubtless hopes to lay up merit by his present mode of life, the influence of a Christian college is

apparent, as Hinduism, untouched by Christ, does not inspire to service of others. While one cannot but regret the spending of his money on a Hindu temple, his loyalty to his religion is worthy of imitation. These two things, devotion to God and a passion for service, are found prominently in Christianity, and the annual offering for Foreign Missions will show hundreds of instances of self-denial and loving liberality for Christ's dear sake and the sake of his "other sheep." We who know the love of God in Christ have far greater cause than the Hindus to express our love by our gifts. Let us not be put to shame by those who are strangers to the consolations of the gospel.—G. Percy Pittman.

'ONE OF THE LEAST.'

It was my privilege recently to meet a little Indian Christian woman whose husband is a very successful entrepreneur in the American Presbyterian Mission of North India. She told me she had no relations known to her, for she had been picked up when a baby by a Miss Sabha of the above mission. She was not beautiful to look at, but her face shone with the love and purity that come from a knowledge of Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. She is well educated. When I went to see her she was reading a religious paper in the Urdu language, and could talk most intelligently on any matter. She leads the singing in the Hindustani church. She makes all her own and her three boys' clothes, and keeps her home spotless. I loved her at once, and thanked God for my heart for those Miss Sabhas who had so cared for the little baby thrown away. I felt that it was her close contact with those ladies that had made her what she was. The work will not stop when she has passed away, for those three boys who are so keen and well behaved represent three Christian homes in the future, and the good work will go on. Orphanages are abundantly justified by such a case as this, which is only one among thousands in India.—Nona Pittman.

ANSWER THE CHALLENGE.

I believe Jesus Christ brings a real challenge into our lives, and that in the heart of everyone there is something that makes us want to answer a real challenge.

Christ's challenge to us to-day is to send the gospel to heathen men and women. Christ loves them. This he proved by his death on the cross of Calvary. If we love men and women we must do something practical to prove our love.

Thousands of people in heathen lands have never had a chance in life—never had an opportunity of hearing the grand old gospel of Jesus Christ and his love. Let us sacrifice cheerfully in order to make it possible.—A. L. Wendorf, Pres. Qld. Women's Conf.

ALL NEED CHRIST.

The difference between Home and Foreign Missions is but a geographical one, for conversion is only. Men and women everywhere need Christ. Those resident in the lands we deem "the regions beyond" oftentimes have as little desire for the gospel as many in Australia. It is ours in some way to bring home to them their need of Christ, and then to lead them to him. Whether this be done in the crowded Eastern bazaar, or in a tent beside a busy thoroughfare, is beside the question. Ours is to "go preach." If we cannot "go," surely we can "send"—W. Gale, V. C. Conf. Sec.

WOMEN'S HELP.

During his earthly life, Luke says, our Lord was partly supported by women who willingly gave money to buy him food. A woman was the first to meet the risen Lord and to announce his resurrection. It is fitting that Christian women now minister to Christ and tell of him to their needy sisters. Victorian Women's Mission Banns have now their "Living Link" in foreign lands, and hope this year again to raise at least £120. This is to be in addition to gifts through ordinary channels. Our women are asked to make a liberal response on July 7.—Violet R. Main, Supt. Victorian Women's Mission Band Committee.

STEWARDSHIP.

"Unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one."

Stewardship for God carries with it many responsibilities which our loyalty forbids us to evade. To discharge them our money as well as our faculties must be used in his service.

On July 7 we have an opportunity of filling Christ's treasury with the money which is so much needed for his work in other lands. There is no one in Australia who cannot make some small gift, and there are many who could do more than their missionary work be relieved of care, and new urgent work could be undertaken. Let our gifts express our love.—A. Elizabeth Messer, Enley, S.A.

EXTREMITY AND OPPORTUNITY.

It is said that man's extremity is God's opportunity. Man's extremity is also man's opportunity to help his fellows and thus be a co-worker with God. There is extreme need of the light of the gospel in foreign lands which we have the power to send. Our workers are in extremity through lack of funds. The opportunity to help them, and to shine for ever, is ours. We must choose between accepting this opportunity or its dread alternative to be pronounced by Christ at the great judgment, "how much as ye did it not to these ye did it not to me." Make your decision and your destiny on July 7.—(Mrs.) C. V. Roberts, Supt. Foreign Missions, Qld. Women's Executive.



Women and Children, Wallaha, New Hebrides.

Here and There.

The articles and pictures appearing in this issue were collected by Bro. D. T. Walden, our Federal F.M. Secretary.

On Tuesday last we received the following telegram from Maryborough, Q.—"Hinnelohsen-Morris mission experiencing very wet weather; attendances good; interest growing; three decisions.—Arnold."

All the news items which came to hand at the time of our going to press have been inserted. It would appear that some months have been delayed. Reporters are requested to send on as much of the news as possible, our former close Tuesday evening.

The front page block of the cover for this issue was designed by Mr. Allan Glover, of Narwood Church, South Australia. The Federal Board is very grateful to Bro. Glover for the splendid service he has rendered us in preparing this beautiful design.

As we closed for press a telegram from Bro. Greenhalgh reached us with news of the Waverley mission at Grafton, New South Wales.—"Crowd Sunday night; fifteen added; eight added Monday; total, one hundred ten, nine-sixty-six read Acts to date; eighty communed Sunday."

The worst earthquake experienced in New Zealand for twenty years past occurred early on Monday morning. Some deaths and much damage are reported. Much sympathy is felt for the sufferers. We have not learnt how our own people have been affected.

Appreciating the success of group meetings held last winter, the Victorian Women's Mission Band Committee has arranged another series for this winter. The first will be held at Surrey Hills, on July 1, of hands comprising the eastern group. Mrs. Main will preside, and Mrs. McCann and Mrs. Wilson will be the speakers.

The evangelistic festival at Preston, Vic., continues to arouse added interest. Last Sunday's services were records. At night, seats were placed in the aisle. The day closed with one restoration, five baptisms and seventeen additional confessions, including a whole household. On Monday night there were six more confessions, making a total of 28. Bro. D. Wakely is delivering splendid addresses.

The death of General Bramwell Booth, head of the Salvation Army, has attracted world interest, the more so because of the circumstances attending his recent retirement. His colleagues and other leaders pay a high tribute to his influence for good. The new general said that Bramwell Booth's name would ever be linked with that of his father as the builder of the Salvation Army. His skill and wisdom through the world war had brought the army through a period of great stress as an unbroken international unit.

In a letter to Bro. Robert Lyall, dated May 2, Frederick D. Kershner, of Butler University, Indianapolis, U.S.A., writes as follows:—"I am expressing the sentiment of everyone associated with the University when I say that we are all delighted with Professor and Mrs. Garnett and that they have already won a high place in the University by reason of their splendid mental and spiritual equipment. Dr. Garnett is an exceptionally capable instructor, and we could not have found anyone more satisfactory for the work which he is doing. I feel that we owe you a special debt of gratitude for giving us the information which enabled us to offer the position to him. Bro. Griffin is also making an excellent record with us. He is now acting as associate pastor of the University Place Christian Church."

The church at Mile End, S.A., was organized by the late T. J. Gordon in 1898 with 43 members. The late D. A. Ewers being the first evangelist. The following facts in connection with

the twenty-one years' history are of interest:—The church reached self-support in nine years, and within eleven years had become free of debt, having paid off £1,700 of building indebtedness. Daughter churches were established at Cowandilla and Brooklyn Park, and these have grown into strong causes. These are a splendid example of practical missionary enterprise, for both have been maintained without any assistance whatever from Home Mission funds. The young cause at Torrens Hill is now also a branch of the Mile End work, and gives promise of development. Four young men, Bro. A. J. Ingham, Bro. Lampshire, Alan Brooke and S. E. Hiebes have devoted themselves to the ministry of the word. No less than 1,271 have been received into the church (an average of sixty per year), 781 being added by faith and baptism, 322



A. Hughes and L. Holdman in Native Costume.

by letter, and 25 who were formerly immersed. £16,000 have been raised for all purposes (£800 per year), £1,000 being given to Foreign Missions and £268 for Home Missions. The anniversary gatherings on the two Lord's days were crowded, about 420 gathering around the Lord's table on June 2. A thank offering of £62 was received. Twenty out of the original forty-three foundation members were present at a special tea. The week night attendances were considerably affected by the cold wet weather, but all meetings were happy and inspiring. The celebrations closed with the S.S. anniversary. Mr. Will Watson greatly assisting as conductor, aided by a fine orchestra. Great difficulty was experienced in seating the night audience. Three young folk decided for Christ. Among the speakers assisting were Bro. J. Willschre, J. E. Allan and Holt, Harkness.

PLANNING FOR A LARGE OFFERING.

The brotherhood in South Australia are being asked this year to raise at least £2000 on Sunday, July 7. While this is somewhat more than was given last year, we feel that it is extremely necessary that this extra money be raised.

Our work on the various fields, particularly in India and New Hebrides, is in a most promising state, and we must not lose any opportunity of consolidating the present work, and also taking advantage of at least some of the opportunities presenting themselves.

We have well-established stations, capably staffed and loyally served by our esteemed missionaries, and it is our bounden duty to see that we support this great work to the fullest extent of our abilities. It seems to us a great pity that frequently our missionaries have to refuse appeals for evangelistic and medical workers, simply because of lack of funds and equipment. A great work has been done, but we believe a greater work lies before us, and so we confidently look to the brotherhood of South Australia to liberally support the work on Foreign Mission Sunday.

Let us continue in prayer and preparation so that our offerings will be such that they will be knowledg of a return for the beautiful goodness which the Lord bestows upon us all.—H. G. Burdon, Sec. S.A. F.M. Comm.

WHAT OF OUR PART?

For the sake of the great Foreign Missionary enterprise some of our own workers have given life itself. We recall Sister Elmer as such an one. Others have given their eyes, and we recall the passing of Bro. and Sister Coventry's little babe, and later the loss of Bro. and Sister Hughes of their little one. Others have sacrificed health. We think of the steadily increasing number who have had to retire from work in their constitution, and especially we fondly recall Sister Redman. All of our glorious band of missionaries have sacrificed the fellowship of dear ones. But what have we done in comparison? Let us strive to follow them in the path of sacrifice, even though it be "far off."—Albert J. Ingham, W.A. F.M. Organizer.

A GREAT PRIVILEGE.

Sisters, what a privilege God has placed within our reach to be able to help in sending the gospel to yonder heathen lands. But do we consider it a privilege? Do we realize the responsibility is ours? To us in countries of enlightenment and prosperity where the opportunities for uplift are beyond computation, there stands out in heartrending contrast the pitiful lot of countless millions without God, blighted with sin, hunger, and smitten in the depth of moral depravity. In July we will be called upon to show how much we feel for them. Sisters, are we going to leave the task for others, or will we be able to meet him face to face and say, "I have done my best?"—M. Woolley, Supt. Sisters' F.M. Committee, Hobart.

COMING EVENTS.

JUNE 22 and 25.—Lyon-st. Home-coming, June 23, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., A. G. Saunders; 3 p.m., J. E. Thomas. June 25, Reunion Social. Will former Lyon-st. members desiring to be present please send present address to the secretary, J. B. Jackson, Church of the Lyons, 14 Carlton.

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Monday.

Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity and sow wickedness reap the same.—Job 4: 8. Eliphaz here utters a great truth but misapplies it, by inference. Job, Paul says, "He that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption."

Reading.—Job 3: 20—4: 21.

Tuesday.

Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? Are not his days also like the days of an hireling?—Job 7: 1.

It is not easy to answer these questions. To answer in the affirmative would seem to support the doctrine of fatalism, and would include



Group of Elderly Men, Ndulndul, New Hebrides.

sulicide, murder and all forms of fatal accidents. One thing is certain—God knows.

Reading.—Job 6.

Wednesday.

He is wise in heart and mighty in strength; who hath hardened himself against him and hath prospered?—Job 9: 4.

Job declares the might and wisdom of God as seen in the sublime works of nature; and then speaks of the supreme folly of man in resisting him. This is a lesson for all.

Reading.—Job 9: 1-15, 25-35.

Thursday.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust him.—Job 13: 15.

Job's faith in God and resignation to his will reached the peak when he uttered these words. He knew him in whom he believed. We, who live in the light of the New Testament, may well be ashamed if our faith fall in the hour of adversity.

Reading.—Job 13.

Friday.

My friends scorn me, but mine eye poureth out tears unto God.—Job 16: 20.

The bitterness of Job's trial, in addition to his family and personal afflictions, was the misjudgment of his friends. They concluded that his sufferings were the direct punishment of God for some hidden sins that Job had committed. It is so easy for us to judge falsely.

Reading.—Job 16.

Saturday.

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.—Job 19: 27.

Whatever may be said about the correct reading of this and the two preceding verses there is no doubt that Job had a strong faith in a future state when God would vindicate him completely.

Reading.—Job 19.

Sunday.

The triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite but for a moment.—Job 20: 5.

Should all the hosts of death,
And powers of hell unknown,
Put their most dreadful forms

Of rage and malice on,
I shall be safe, for Christ displays
Superior power and guardian grace.
Reading.—Job 20.

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June 26.

THE CHILDREN'S CRUMBS.

(Mark 7: 21-30).

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"And from thence Jesus went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and would not have any man know He. But he could not be hid.

For a certain woman, whose daughter had an evil spirit, heard of him: "This woman had everything against her: she was 'a Greek' or Gentile, one of the God-condemned race of 'Canaan.'" Thus she was a Gentile of Gentiles. Even so, she claimed the grace of the Jews' Messiah: "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou Son of David." Since she was one on whom, for reasons of his own, the Lord had wanted compassionately to confer his Messianic blessings, he sought to escape by ignoring her: "He answered her not a word." But the woman continued to cry for help. The apostles, therefore,

Suggested a Way of Escape.

They "brought him, saying, 'Send her away with what she wants: for she crieth after us.'" Of course, they implied, she has no right to it; let to prevent her further advertising us, send her away with the sop. Jesus, however, would not let the matter on such a false footing.

In order not to compromise himself, or mislead his disciples, he

Gave His Reason

for refusing her prayer: "I was not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." To extend his mercies to this Gentile woman would necessarily prejudice the success of his mission to the Jews. "Such would at once seal the fate of his people; for what was offered to the Gentile world, from that very fact, he instantly rejected by the Gentile Jews."

The Gentile woman, for all that, followed them into the house where they retreated, and "came and fell at his feet, and besought him," saying, "Lord, help me!" What could the Lord do but direct her with the plain facts: "Let the children first be filled," he said "It is not meet to take the children's bread and cast it to the dogs." Here the Lord faltered, then with sympathetic face and tender voice he toned down the usual Jewish epithet for Gentiles—"the dogs"—to "the 'doggies,'" the friends of the children. "She could not fail to be driven off, if she understood these words; but, amazing understanding she understands the words, and also

Comprehends all their Implications.

"Yes, Lord," "let the children first be filled"; but, remember, "the doggies under the table [of the household you picture] eat of the children's crumbs." There was a woman who on such short notice seemed to understand the very essentials by which "many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven." "Jesus made no secret of his satisfaction." "O woman," he said, "great is thy faith"; "for this saying," evidencing such understanding and faith—"go thy way"; "the devil is gone out of thy daughter." "He it onto thee even as thou wilt"; I admit your place in my household.

What, let us ask, is the chief significance of this incident? It is the lessons the disciples received on the place of Jew and Gentile in the kingdom of God. First, this direct lesson—that the special place of Israel in the favor of God was not their monopoly but simply their priority. To the Jew first, and also to the Gentile." And this lesson was, in turn the foundation of other lessons—that the special place of Israel was not for their own sake, but that in them should "all nations of the earth be blessed." And finally, that the climax of grace would be that—"In Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but faith working through love."

TOPIC FOR JULY 3.—WHAT THEY FORGOT.
—Mark 9: 13-21.

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Queensland.

Gympie.—Good meetings on June 9. Bro. C. Barrett exhorted, and at night Bro. E. Trudgian preached powerfully on "A Great Man." On June 12 Bro. C. S. Trudgian preached on "Liberty." **Fernald.**—Bro. Kiehlisch exhorted on June 2, and Bro. Alex. Pieper preached at night. There were three confessions. The offering for the cause at Rockhampton amounted to £12/6, not 12 as formerly reported.

Marborough.—The brethren rejoice over the coming of E. G. Hinrichsen, E. Arnold and Vic. Morris for a tent mission. The effort was successfully launched in the Town Hall on June 9. Other meetings in the tent, situated in an ideal position, have been well attended. There have been several decisions.

Rockhampton.—The great annual carnival commences next week, when it is anticipated that about 15,000 people will be here as visitors. The population is usually increased by one-half during this festive time. The church is endeavoring to secure a large public hall for the two Sunday evening gospel services. In spite of much sickness the meetings are right up to the average attendance, and many strangers are in evidence each Sunday. One man who attended from the first night of the tent mission, at last sincerely missed one meeting, stepped forward last Sunday evening. Many more are very near decision.

Western Australia.

Subiaco.—Meetings continue to maintain their high standard. On June 9 Bro. Carter addressed both meetings. They were very well attended. In the evening the new evangelist, who has succeeded an evangelistic service at Redcliffe. On June 6 a social evening was held to celebrate the first anniversary of Bro. Carter's ministry with the church, a time of rich fellowship being enjoyed.

Inglewood.—At the last month's meetings have greatly improved. The midweek prayer meeting has more than doubled its usual membership. Four were received in by letter on June 2. The final settling of the scaling department took place last month. Special meetings are being held during June in preparation for Pentecostal year. Sunday School is running second place in their grade in competition. Bro. Hoskin is preparing to form a choir.

Kalgoorlie.—June 2, C.E. Sunday, was observed as Decision Day for the Bible School. Bro. S. Nelson made the appeal in the afternoon, when several stepped forward for Christ. At the gospel service several more scholars came out, making a total of 13. An elder brother also made the good confession. A solo by Miss B. Farnce and a duet by Misses Sibley were appreciated. On June 9 Bro. Banks gave the church an uplifting exhortation. Midweek prayer meetings, under Bro. Waterman, are becoming very popular.

South Australia.

Forestville.—Two children made the good confession at gospel service on June 9. During the week a choir was organized with Bro. Clarke as conductor. A girls' club has been commenced. Good meetings on June 11.

Queenstown.—On June 16 Bro. J. Hall exhorted the church. At an evening service Bro. Brooker's subject was, "Does Jesus Care?" Mr. J. Ball rendered a solo. On June 12 Bro. G. T. Walden gave a helpful and interesting lantern lecture on Foreign Mission work in the New Hebrides.

Nallaworth.—Once in every six weeks the Y.P.S.C.F. society devotes an evening to Hand of Hope work, and on June 10 a lantern lecture was given by Mr. B. W. Bovey, Australian President of Hand of Hope, on his travels through America. There was a large and appreciative audience. The Messes Morphitts and New contributed musical and orationary items.

Semaphore.—Services on June 16 were excellent. Bro. Heller preached in the morning on "The World's Greatest Orator," and at night on "Why We Exist." At the recent business meeting (half-yearly) splendid reports were given from all auxiliaries. The work among the young people is specially in good heart.

Mill End.—In response to the invitation after a fine address on "The Fall and Restoration of Man" by Bro. W. L. Ewers, illustrated by black-board diagram, five came forward—four Sunday School scholars, and a young man. Three who had previously made the confession were impressed at the conclusion of the service. Attendance at evening meetings have been good for the past few weeks. All auxiliaries of the church are working satisfactorily.

Hindmarsh.—The 7th anniversary of the church was held on June 16. Attendances were large. In the morning Bro. Hugh Gray, from North Adelaide, addressed the church. At the evening service Bro. Allen Brooke spoke to the Young Worshipers on "The Smiling Prince." His gospel message was, "Jesus the Conqueror." Their rendered special singing at both services. In the morning Bro. G. Trevelyan was received into fellowship by letter from Mile End.

Dulwich.—Good meetings and keen interest are maintained. On June 2 a young man was received by letter from Pirie. On June 9 Mr. Finlayson, of Prohibition League, was a welcome visiting speaker. Bible School work is pleasing. Attendances during the last few months have eclipsed previous records. The Endeavor Society is functioning splendidly. On June 19 a surprise visit was paid to Norway society. To mark the opening of a new young people's club a social was held on June 17. A good spirit prevails; prospects are bright.

Bordertown.—On June 2 the Bible School held an open house. The superintendent, Bro. E. P. Vero, presided over a special calling. In the afternoon, when the school rendered the service of song, "Bath and Naoml." Bro. Wylie presided at the organ in excellent style. The kindergarten class gave a special item, and prizes were presented by Bro. Cornelius. In the evening Bro. Cornelius preached to a good congregation on "Milk's Choice." Last week several brethren made the trip to Kaniva to be present at the opening of the new building. All were pleased to have an address by Bro. Clipstone on Thursday evening.

Fullarton.—On June 9 the church welcomed into fellowship Bro. and Sister Sister and two daughters from Hampton, Vic.; Sister Mann, from Queenstown, and Bro. Stan, Woodhead, immersed the previous Sunday. Bro. W. L. Ewers gave a fine talk on the origin and growth of missions. Good meetings on June 9. Bro. Graham's address on "Everybody's Hymn" was a great success. On June 16 a large number met to break bread. Bro. Graham's address was on missions. The service led at Bible School. In which an excellent spirit prevails. In the evening Bro. Graham delivered a fine address on "Everybody's Prayer." At the close farewell was said to Sister Alice Alexander, who leaves for South Africa. A present was given to her by the girls' club and young people's class, Mrs. S. Furniss making the presentation.

Victoria.

Moreland.—Services on Sunday, June 16, were well attended, Bro. Webb speaking at both meetings. Attendance of 331 at Bible School.

Yarravoung.—Last Lord's day the church started a tent mission with Bro. Wallace E. Jackel as missionary and Bro. Pratt song-leader. There was a splendid meeting for worship in the tent, when Bro. Jackel spoke. The tent was crowded at night when Bro. Jackel spoke on "Is There a God?"

Boroona.—Bro. Williams continues to give excellent addresses at morning and evening meetings, which are well attended. P.B.D., R.S.N. and C.E. Societies are all healthy. **Oakleigh.**—On June 16 Bro. Mudje addressed both meetings. His subject at night was "Restoration Final." Miss B. Sweetman sang an appreciated solo and the choir rendered an anthem. A young lady was baptised.

Chichester.—Last Lord's day there were good attendances, and Bro. Manning's address was well helpful. A solo was rendered by Bro. Cochrane at night. After the service four scholars from the Bible Class were baptised.

Flitroy.—Very good meetings on Sunday. Bro. Boroona spoke at the church in the morning, his subject at night being "The Two Foundations." The church has decided to hold a tent mission in August, with Bro. H. Ball as missionary.

Castlemaine.—Splendid meetings on June 16—"Family Day." 105 brothers heard. Bro. Earle's messages on "The Church in Thy House" and "Keep the Homefires Burning" were enjoyed. Families sat together at both services.

Dandenong.—June 16, good attendance in the morning, when Mr. Siström, from South Melbourne, was the speaker. In the evening Mr. Trevisie gave an interesting address on "Warfare Man." Good attendances is shown in midweek meetings.

Box Hill.—Good attendances on June 16. Bro. Graham spoke in the morning and Bro. Goodwin in the evening, when a parade of local Boy Scouts listened to a fine address on "The Value of Life." A welcome was given to Bro. and Sister Iles, on holiday from Geelong.

Carlton (Lygon-st.).—On June 16 Bro. F. T. Saunders and A. G. Saunders were the speakers. The school work a record attendance. For social service was 22. An excellent solo was sung at the evening service by Miss S. Malley. Mrs. Gilson was received into fellowship.

Middle Park.—On June 9 Bro. Baker spoke at both services. Three new members were received into fellowship and one transferred. Mr. Grainger, Melbourne, Mission, gave an interesting lantern lecture on June 12. The church is indebted to Bro. Harvey for assistance as leader of song at evening services.

South Melbourne.—Last Sunday Bro. Waterman gave a character study address on Thomas. A gospel address was on "The Way God Works." The Bible school has useful sessions. Preparatory classes are being held for examinations. The reorganised Pi Sigma Pi club for Junior boys reports enthusiasm and interest.

Geelong.—Meetings on June 9 were well attended. During Bro. Clipstone's absence on holiday Bro. Combridge, of Meredith church, took the services. His messages were greatly appreciated. Last Sunday Bro. Clipstone spoke at all services, his gospel message being "The Four Kingdoms," illustrated by chart.

Geelong (vic.).—Very helpful and well-attended meetings were enjoyed on Sunday. Bro. Scamler spoke in the morning on "The Book of Beginnings—Genesis," and at night on "Tares Among the Wheat" (Studies in the Aet.). On June 12, a very enjoyable recital was given in aid of the new hall by Victor Trotman and assisting artists.

Surrey Hills.—Exceptionally well-attended meetings last Lord's day. Bro. Combridge gave an interesting morning exhortation on "A Great City Church." At the gospel service "Through Suffering" A solo by Miss Gray was enjoyed. Bro. Combridge led in prayer and thanksgiving for the King's recovery.

Footscray.—The Bible School tea and presentation of prizes were held on June 12. Close on 200 were at tea, and at the afternoon meeting there was a Men's Members of Moreland Bible School provided an excellent programme. On Saturday evening last Mr. Moore, of Victorian Band of Hope, gave an entertainment to the aid attendance. The girls' club reports an average attendance of 35. The girls' club also has good meetings and increased membership. Bro. Eric Meyer, from Lancelfield, has been received into fellowship.

Belm.—The church has suffered a severe loss in the passing away of Mrs. E. C. Hovey on May 20. On evening of June 9 the chapel was packed to the doors, when an in memoriam service was held to our late sister, Bro. Seattle spoke very helpfully on "The Christian's Repository." The helpings are keeping up very well, and the work is in splendid health.

Bonaster.—On June 15 the Triangle Club visited Melbourne City Mission, Collingwood, and gave a tea to about 250 children. The work was done by the members of the club, who gave a very good entertainment to children and friends after the meal. Sisters Hargreaves and Lee are forming a Junior Endeavor Society. Good attendances at church and Bible School.

Brunswick.—Splendid meetings on June 16, the second anniversary of the C.E. Society, when Bro. Hanks exhorted. Bro. and Sister Headhead were received by transfer. The evening service was conducted by members of the C.E. Society. Bro. Hanks spoke on "Beware of the Lions." A Bible School scholar made the confession. A girls' club has been formed. **Carnegie.**—Church anniversary services last Sunday were well attended. Bro. A. G. Saunders gave a fine morning address on "The Un-speakable Gift." A solo by Mrs. Saunders was highly appreciated. The evening service was greatly helped by the Box Hill quartette party, and by Bro. G. Nicholls, who conducted the singing. Bro. Shipway took as his subject, "The Religion of the Open Air." The services were very helpful and enjoyable.

South Yarra.—Attendances during the past few Sundays have been very fair. One has been received into fellowship by obedience and two by letter from Gardiner. Anniversary services on June 9 and 12 were successful. The scholars under Bro. J. Northcutt's leadership sang splendidly. Two Ladies' addresses are appreciated. Much enthusiasm is shown in the work, and an increase in interest and effort is confidently expected in the auxiliaries.

Pyramid Hill.—The church has enjoyed the fellowship of Bro. Dux, of Bendigo, who conducted services on June 25; his messages were much enjoyed. On June 16, Bro. and Sister R. G. Cameron were present from Boort, and the addresses by Bro. Cameron were highly appreciated. Bro. R. Swalling is at present in Bendigo Hospital. At the gospel meeting farewell was said to Sister Alice Swalling, who is leaving the district. She has served the church faithfully as organist.

Brunswick.—On morning of June 2 the new teacher, Bro. J. C. F. Pittman, spoke a few words. He was followed by Mr. J. B. Robinson, B.A., C.M., missionary, who gave an address on "The Great Need of Him." One was welcomed into fellowship. At night Bro. Pittman commenced his labors, speaking on "Christ the Centre and the Circumference." On June 4 some members of the Women's Mission Band conducted a helpful service at the lodging of our aged Sister Nash.

Field.—Five have been welcomed into fellowship after baptism. A young people's night was held successfully on June 16. The young people rendered special hymns, and Bro. Fitzgerald spoke on "Life's Second Innings." Sister Mrs. Hanson, who has been ill for months, was able to be present at the Lord's table last Sunday. Once a month, at the conclusion of the gospel meeting, a visit is paid to the "Pilgrims' Rest." Hymns are sung to the inmates, which are much appreciated.

East Geelong.—A nice meeting in morning. A sister was welcomed into fellowship. Bro. Youns exhort. Grand meeting at night. Bro. Morris preached a powerful message. Misses from Albert Park, rendered two fine duets.

June 15, Bro. Youns spoke to a fine meeting in the morning. At night there was a grand meeting. At the close of the evening, and Mr. Ward read the Scripture. Many of the men of the district were present. Mrs. Giddings, of Hawthorn, sang two beautiful solos. Bro. Youns gave a wonderful gospel message to a full house. The cricketers held a social, when both teams who presented the members of the club, and many trophies were presented to the members.

Cheltenham.—On June 16 Bro. Jos. Plummer addressed the church, spoke to the Sunday School about his City Mission work, and in the evening preached to a good meeting. An anthem was well rendered by the choir.

Melbourne.—There were splendid meetings on June 16, Bro. Cameron, of Red Cliffs, speaking at both services. Two young lads and a young woman confessed Christ. A baptismal service was conducted. The district conference held here on June 12 was very successful.

Ararat.—On Thursday a visit from Bro. Wm. Gale and A. G. Saunders, of the Home Missions Committee, was appreciated. At the close of the meeting one lady confessed Christ. There were good meetings on June 16. In the morning Bro. G. Jackel spoke on "A Live Church," and the title of his evening address was, "The Baptism of Jesus." He has formed an adult Bible Class which is well attended.

Warwickvale.—On June 9 Bro. Andrews took the services morning and evening; good attendances. The services of Bro. Jones and Bro. Cameron were much appreciated during the absence of Bro. Andrews on holidays. On the Christian Endeavorers held an enjoyable social on Sunday, June 16, Mr. Heath, representing the Prohibition League, gave a helpful morning address. In the evening Bro. Andrews preached to a good meeting on "What the Church Needs."

St. Kilda.—At the annual business meeting of the church the previous officers were returned with one additional deacon. Good reports were given from all auxiliaries. Bro. Andrews' fine work in connection with the recent mission was commended on. His resignation as chaplain of R.S.P. was accepted, and Bro. F. V. Brown elected. Bro. Andrew was presented with an inscribed fountain pen from K.S.P. and a set of books from the Bible School. On June 16 Bro. R. Ennis gave a fine address, touching the prohibition question, and a good meeting was held. The scholars were added to the Bible School. At the gospel service Bro. Grady preached and Miss E. Naylor was soloist.

Coburg.—The anniversary of the Bible School was the most successful in the history of the school. Bro. and Sister G. Swelling, of the fine addresses by H. R. Hobbins, "Billy Bunty" of 310, H. Gebbie and L. H. Beaumont. An orchestra also assisted. Four scholars confessed Christ. The singing of the scholars, trained by Bro. A. G. Harvey, left nothing to be desired. The concert was a fitting termination to a happy series of meetings. The outlook for the new year is bright, and a progressive programme has been prepared to increase the influence and activities of the school. The arrangements were well supervised by Bro. E. Crossfield, superintendent, and H. Brown, secretary.

Collingwood.—The work is progressing favorably under the new preacher, Bro. A. McNelly. Meetings are growing, and members and friends enjoy the bright services. One young lady has taken her stand for Christ. A fine concert was held on the 16th, a visit to Preston church last Wednesday evening and a happy tea was spent. The J.C.C. held a sale of work in aid of the church building fund, when £10/3/- was raised. The Phi Beta Psi club is working for a sale. The Ladies Aid have always had a fine contribution to the funds of the church, and are leading to something bigger this year. The members are pleased to hear that Bro. J. Bird, the late preacher, is progressing in health at Wedderburn.

New South Wales.

Lismore.—Good monthly meetings were conducted by Bro. N. G. Noble of Bangalow at 11 a.m., Byron Bay at 2.30 p.m., and at Lismore at 7.30 p.m., on June 9. At close of an address on "What Shall I Do?" Bro. Noble received her confession of Christ, making eleven in three weeks. A new tennis club and court are now in existence in connection with the church. The choir anthems and solos of Bro. C. L. Savill, G. M. Davis and Sister A. Newton have helped compel service.

Brookton Hill—Railwaytown.—There was a delightful morning service on June 9. Bro. E. G. Warren giving an instructive exhortation on "The New Man." Bro. John Greener delivered an exim-

ous evening message. Bro. Les. Warren was morning speaker at the church, his message being enjoyed. Mr. Steve Wick, F.G.A., of Adelaide, delivered a splendid evening address on "Christ in the Garden" to a large congregation. He afterwards presented the beautiful picture to the Kindergarten department. Bro. E. G. Warren sang a solo, which was also considered an item. Dearest sympathy goes out to Bro. and Sister A. Clark in their sorrow. All departments are doing well. Austral tracts are distributed freely at close of every evening service, and in letter boxes during the week.

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To write fully about the work among the girls would take too much space, but a brief outline of some of the work done may be helpful.

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Besides these girls a number of girls were brought to me by the men to whom they had been betrothed, asking me to give them a home and teach them the gospel, as they themselves had become Christians, and they wanted to have Christian wives. These girls responded well to the teaching and went to much happier homes because of it. Many of these women and girls live beautiful lives as Christians, and are continually bearing witness.

Were the nineteen years of service to the women and girls worthwhile? I say, "Yes," many times, and if it were possible I would give my life again.

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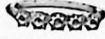
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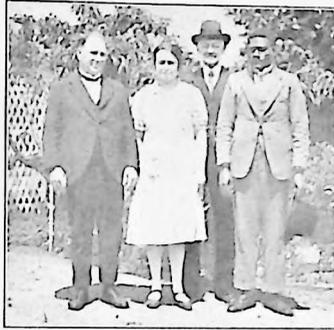
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