

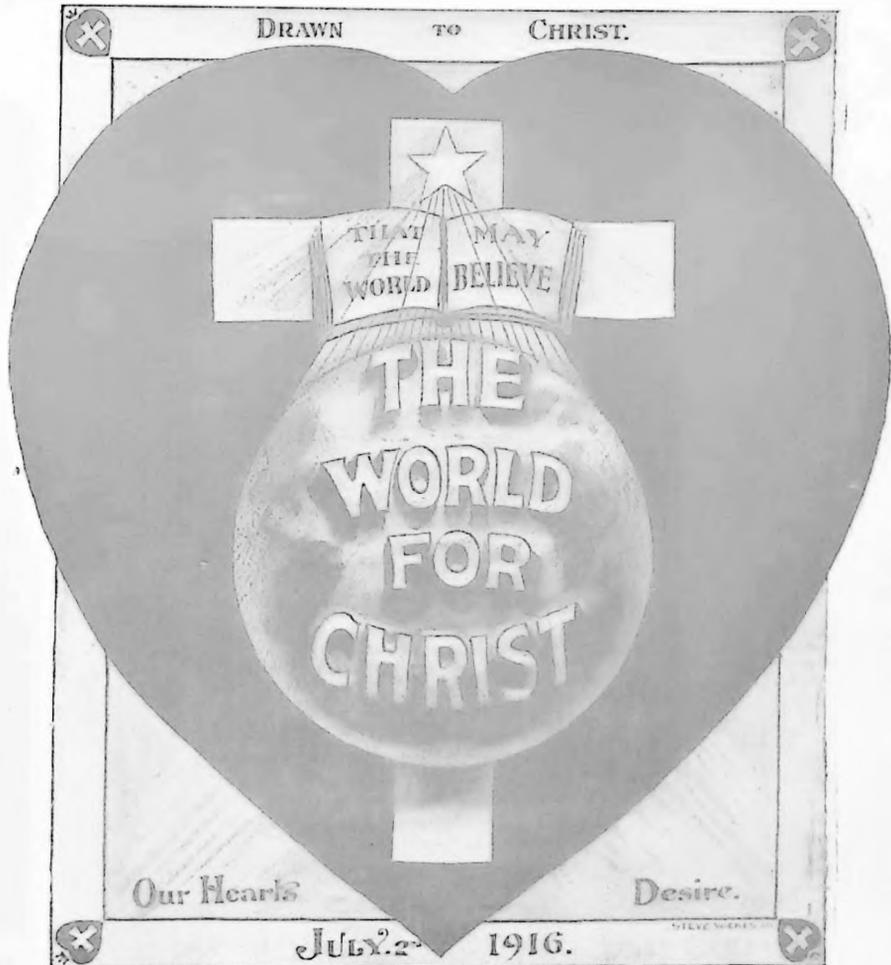
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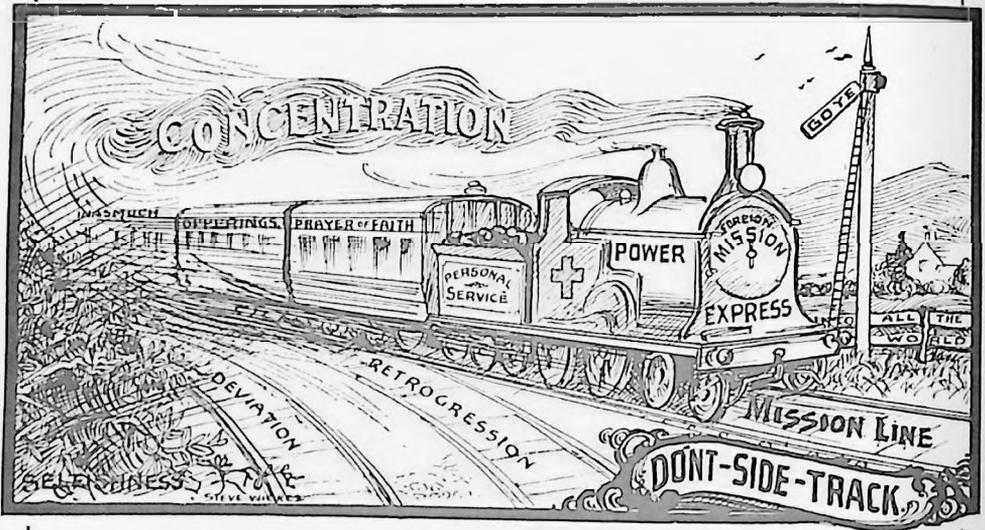


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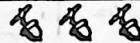
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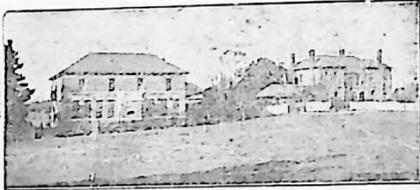
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United in Missionary Enterprise.

For the next few weeks the supreme thought of the members of Churches of Christ throughout the Commonwealth will be world-wide evangelism. Our energies will be devoted to the securing of a worthy offering for our Federal work. Churches and States will forget their isolation and their geographical divisions, and will unite in the most glorious enterprise in which redeemed men can engage.

A safeguard against ultra congregationalism.

Churches of Christ are known to be strongly congregational in spirit. The local church brooks no interference with its affairs. No other church, or conference of churches, may dictate to it. It takes its commands from no human authority, but from Christ, the Head of the church.

The danger with a congregational form of church government is in part that Christians will become self-centred. They will forget the greater interests of the kingdom of God, that the church which Jesus loved furnishes a communion of saints which is world-wide, that Christ would have his followers think imperially and not parochially. As Christians we are bound by ties of love to every member of the church of Jesus Christ. We have a duty towards all men for whom Christ died, not merely to the few who happen to live within the circle of our local church activities. Yet, sometimes we meet with members and officers who look upon offerings for brotherhood and world-wide enterprises as a drain upon church finances, and to a certain extent an encroachment by outside institutions upon the more legitimate home demands.

It is patent to all that there is much work which cannot be effectively done by single congregations. Unless the work of Christ, his conquest of the world, is to be hindered, we must have a hearty co-operation. Such united effort in missionary activity is necessary to the carrying out of our Lord's command, and has in the experience of the centuries been proven to be a means of strength to the local church. The church on fire with missionary enthusiasm—which, in the best sense, has the world in its heart—is the successful church; the anti-missionary church, or the o-missionary church, will visibly shrink and freeze to death with the declining warmth of its lowered spirituality.

Some definite gains of our Federal work.

So far we have written of the local church. Churches of Christ have progressed beyond a recognition of the perils of isolation. They have seen that it is wise that provinces and countries unite in enterprises too great for one district or State to carry on successfully. So in Australia, we have a Federal Conference directing our foreign missionary work. We believed, and still be-

lieve, that this is better than a system under which each State would seek to manage its own affairs. What are the gains? Space permits the enumeration of but a few:

WORLD TRAGEDIES

1. **Two hundred and seven million bound by caste—Hinduism.**
2. **One hundred and forty-seven million permeated with atheism—Buddhism.**
3. **Two hundred and fifty-six million chained to a dead past—Confucianism.**
4. **One hundred and seventy-five million under the spell of fatalism—Mohammedanism.**

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1. The brotherhood feeling engendered is no little thing. After all, sentiment counts for very much in this world. In the political world, we deplore the existence of State jealousies and rivalries, and such are no less an evil in the religious world. Our union in this work is an evidence of the working power of our plea for Christian union. What value would there be in our preaching the theory, if we did not exemplify it in practice? Our Lord lets us know of the connection between the union of his people and the world's salvation: how farcical would our

plea for the former appear if we declared it impossible or impracticable to make a united effort for the latter!

2. Apart from a Federated work, the smaller States might find it difficult to participate in Foreign Missionary effort to any adequate degree. They could not properly equip a mission station, and so would either send their missionary to labor in such isolation as would cripple his work and depress his soul, or they would need to work in with a station which would be known by the name of a larger State. This latter could not possibly be the best means of arousing interest.

3. It is practically certain that more fields are now occupied, and a greater number of missionaries engaged, than would have been the case had our Foreign Missionary work not been federated.

4. From the business point of view, there is a gain. There should be economy of administration. With united interests, and with a concentrated effort for one great offering, on one Lord's day, a common literature can be used, and printing and other expenses are lessened.

5. Our united work, with its diversity of fields and its increased number of missionaries, makes a wider appeal. Each man in each State is much more likely to have his interest aroused. Suppose one State were to concentrate on India; there are many Christians whose thoughts are centred in China; they would not be likely to be stirred by the Indian appeal. One, again, who can be stirred by the thought of the Christless millions of India, would perhaps not be led to give if his State happened to be concentrating upon some smaller island field. As it is, we have a partnership; we each one share in the work of India, China, Japan, and South Seas, in addition to helping aliens within our gates. If one wish to specialise for a particular field he can easily mark his contribution for that particular country or mission.

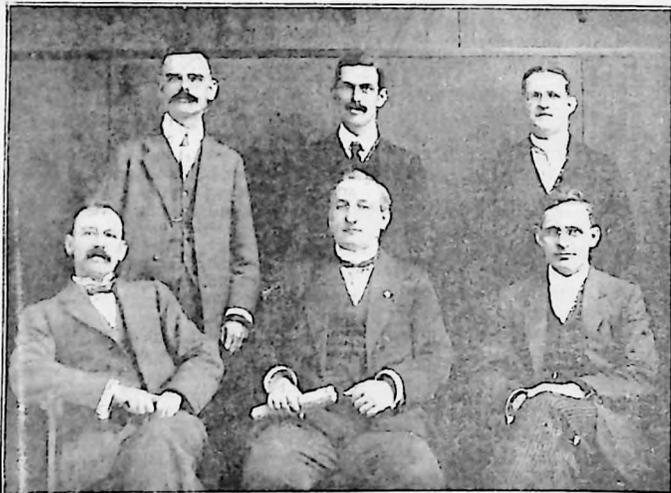
How clear and insistent the call is to us! The Christ himself seeks our co-operation, and bids us take the gospel to the whole creation; the cry of the nations who so sadly need the message of life rings in our ears; a cause which is that of the whole brotherhood in the Commonwealth makes its appeal to us. Surely that three-fold call will cause each one to make a liberal response on July 2.

President's Message.

Jas. E. Thomas, President Federal F. M. Committee.

The present is a momentous time in the history of the church as well as in the world's history. We are facing new and unprecedented problems that call for the greatest effort of the people of God. The value of Christianity is being tested. The world is seeing the insufficiency of the philosophy and ambitious schemes of men and the need of something that answers the supreme need of men. The only answer to the nations when they have ceased this terrible death struggle and become convinced of the emptiness of a world of sorrow without God and Christ will be found in the message of the Son of God. We are confronted with greater possibilities for the spreading of the kingdom of God than ever before, and it is for

the liberty of the gospel of Christ. It is for us to concentrate every energy and press on with the battle. We cannot flee in the face of the enemy nor withdraw with our mission unfulfilled. The command is to prepare for action and to go full steam ahead, and every one at his post. Victory is assured us if we only do our part. There are Mohammedanism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, and all the lesser fetish religions of the enslaved nations of the earth. These have too long had dominion over the hearts of millions, and have brought them no true joy. We have the gospel of the Christ of God, and it is for us to go to them in our Saviour's name. We must manifest true Christian patriotism and unfeigned loyalty to our



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the Church of Christ to arise and enter the open doors of the world. We have recently been thrilled with the story of the wonderful devotion and heroism of our brave sailors in the North Sea, under the redoubtable Admirals Jellicoe and Beattie. They knew no fear, but went straight forward in the face of danger and death. They believed it was essential for the freedom of the world that the German navy should be driven back and smashed. Terrible as this undertaking seemed, they bravely pursued their task. Our Lord has committed an even greater task to his church. He calls upon us to rally our forces and assault the bulwarks of heathenism and idolatry that keep men from

Lord and King. Nothing must draw us from the path of duty. July 2 will be the day on which we will answer by our heroic giving that we favor an advance, and are not willing to draw back. We have been bountifully prospered by our Father, and in this great Commonwealth his loving favor has bestowed the best upon us. Let us not fail him. Let us not be unfaithful to our trust. May we give nobly, unselfishly, even to the measure that makes us feel the joy of sacrifice and enriches our spiritual life. God gave his all for us. May he help us to bring our most and best to him, that the world may know of his Son, who died to save them as well as us. Let us willingly

and unselfishly share the joy of sending those in darkness the message of Jesus Christ our Lord.

What is a Call?

A vision of need has impelled many of the great missionaries.

William Carey said his call was an open Bible before an open map of the world.

Robert Morrison faced the question of his life work in a heroic manner. "Jesus, I give myself to thy service. The question with me is, where shall I serve? I consider the world as 'the field' where thy servants must labor. When I view the field, I perceive that by far the greater part is entirely without laborers, or at least has but here and there one or two, while there are thousands crowded in one corner. My desire is to engage where laborers are most wanted."

Mary Lyon, the founder of Mt. Holyoke College, and for twelve years its principal, was wont to say: "To know the need should prompt the deed."

James Gilmour of Mongolia decided the question of his field of labor by the logic of common sense. "Is the kingdom a harvest field? Then I thought it reasonable to seek work where the need was greatest and the workers fewest."

Ion Keith-Falconer, a man of most brilliant attainments, son of a peer, rich, one of our greatest athletes, Cambridge University reader in Arabic, said: "A call—what is a call? A call is a need, a need made known, and the power to meet that need."—"Evangel."

Hens or Men.

The inimitable Bert Wilson says: "Last year the members of the Christian Church averaged about forty cents apiece for Foreign Missions. In the large cities that is the price of a dozen eggs, and not always good eggs at that. Imagine a full-grown man standing at the altar of sacrifice and saying, 'Lord, here are twelve eggs; take these and evangelise the world!'"

"The average Plymouth Rock hen will lay over two hundred eggs a year. At this rate, the average hen would be worth more to the kingdom of God than the average man."

"The Lord never put this world task upon our chickens, but it might be done more quickly if we would turn the financial part of it over to the hens. Which shall it be, Hens or Men?"

"Having set my hand to the plough, my resolution was, the Lord helping me, never to look back any more and never to make a half-hearted work of it. Having chosen missionary labor in India, I gave myself up wholly to it in the determination of my own mind. I united or wedded myself to it in a covenant, the bands of which shall be severed only by death.—Alexander Duff.

Captain Cook's Miscalculation.

J. I. Mudford, Sec. Vic. F.M. Com.

In his excellent mission study text-book, "The Kingdom in the Pacific," Mr. Frank Paton quotes a pronouncement on missionary work by the great navigator, Captain Cook.

Roman Catholic missionaries from Peru had attempted to introduce the gospel into Tahiti in 1772. Their effort failed. In 1775 these missionaries abandoned Tahiti.

In speaking of this failure, Captain Cook said, "It is very unlikely that any measure of this kind should ever be seriously thought of, and it can neither serve the purpose of public ambition nor private avarice, and without such inducements I may pronounce that it will never be undertaken."

On this "pronouncement" Mr. Paton well says, "The great sailor little knew the constraining power of the love of Christ." God

provided an answer to Cook's apparently unanswerable argument. The "answer" was John Williams, a not less great man than the great sailor himself.

"Public ambition"...."private avarice." The imperial project of Foreign Missions owes nothing to either of these inspiring worldly motives. It is the noblest and most eloquent testimony to the impelling power of the love of Christ.

Brethren of Victoria! To what extent does our missionary activity testify to the sway of Christ over our lives? One evidence of the power of Christ's love in our hearts will be provided on July 2nd. Last year—was it from love to Christ?—we gave on an average one-halfpenny per week to the great cause!! Surely our Master expects more of us to-day!

God's Battle.

W. B. Blakemore, B.A., Sec. W.A. F.M. Com.

In olden times the people went out with sword and spear to fight "Jehovah's battle." David answered Goliath's sneer by telling him that he came in the name of Jehovah, and that the battle was Jehovah's. In the days of Jehoshaphat the prophet, seeking to awaken the courage of the people, said, "The battle is not yours, but God's." Such was the conception held back there when the

with pitying scorn, asked if he really expected to make any impression on the idolatry of China, was, "No, but God will." And God has made a tremendous impression upon China since the days of Morrison. He is marching right into the heart of the celestial Empire. He is gaining decisive victories in every heathen land. It is for the purpose of joining in this crusade, for the purpose of supporting the soldiers already in the field and of sending reinforcements, that the offering for missions will be taken on July 2nd. Let it be remembered that the battle is not ours, but God's. And let no disciple of Christ in our great Western State refuse to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty on that day.



W. B. Blakemore.

people took up carnal weapons against idolatry. In some ways it was a noble conception. They believed that God was with them, and was interested in all their affairs. If those men of old could feel that it was God's battle, when they went out with sword and spear to slaughter their enemies; how much more can we say it is the Lord's battle when we speak of the great conflict with heathendom. When our missionaries go out with no other weapon than the sword of the Spirit to join battle with the powers of darkness—that in the truest sense of the term is the Lord's battle.

Morrison's reply to the ship-master, who

A Glorious Partnership.

Vera Blake.

"There was a man, some people thought him mad, The more he gave away, the more he had."

They were not missionary folk who thought like that. They weren't even true business folk, for the business man must be prepared to lose if he would gain.

The Father and Son are in partnership. Each put his all into the business. God gave his Son, Jesus gave his life. The redemption of the whole world from sin is their aim! Other partners are needed. Redeemed men and women enter into this glorious partnership. Their work is to lift up Jesus so that he might draw men to himself. Some of the partners are sent to foreign lands with the gospel. Others, remaining at the home base, can join together in sending out these representatives. God provides them with the means. All silver and gold belongs to him, our Senior Partner. He entrusts us with the handling of it to further his business interests. We need never fear

bankruptcy, for the supply is inexhaustible. Let us have a vision of world-wide success.

"We can all do more than we have done, And not feel a whit the worse; It never was loving that emptied the heart, Nor giving that emptied the purse."

Annual Convention, Jubbulpore.

Jessie V. Fleming.

The Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ Mission met in Jubbulpore, India, from March 3 to 8. There was a good attendance, only a few missionaries being unable to attend. The friends of the Australian Mission could not be present, but sent greetings. Miss Jerome, of Hiram College, was present. Friends from the home lands are always a help and an inspiration. The mission was glad to welcome ten new missionaries, and also those who have just recently returned from furlough.

The devotional theme throughout the convention was "What think ye of Christ?" It was studied under the following topics:—"His Humility," "His Courage," "His Relationship to the Father," "His Friendship" and "As a Personal Worker." The general theme of the convention, "Messages of Christ," was presented as follows: "Christ's Message to the Missionary," "Christ's Message to the Indian Church," "Christ's Message to India," "Christ's Method of Life and Method of Appeal," "Christ's Message of Peace."

On Sunday evening a memorial service was held in memory of Miss Boyd, who was called home last June. Miss Kingsbury led the service. She and Miss Boyd were two of the first missionaries who came out 34 years ago. They had worked together during most of the time since they came. Two of our mission children, Clinton Henlehr and Stuart Eicher, also left us during the year, and they were remembered in the memorial service.

As usual, the business sessions were full of perplexing problems, one of the greatest being the lack of missionaries and Indian co-workers to adequately carry on the work. Opportunities to open new work have to be put aside, as there are not enough workers to carry on the work already begun. The outlook was never so bright as now. Especially is this true in the Chattisgarh district, where our three stations, Mungeli, Bilaspur, and Pundra-road are located. Last year the mission asked the Home Boards to look toward the opening of at least two new stations in this district as soon as possible. Two or more stations should be opened at once. The mission has asked that at least twenty married couples and twenty single ladies be sent to the field in the next five years. Almost that number could be used at once in carrying on the work already established, and enlarging the work where it is most hopeful. "Pray the Lord of the harvest that he send more laborers into his harvest."

"Men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than men who try to do nothing and succeed."

The Heroes of Peace.

J. J. Franklyn, of Swanston-st. Church (a living link Church).

"Peace hath her heroes—not less renowned than those of war."—Milton.

"...Say, Peace be to this house."—Christ.

In these days of war, with all its attendant wastage, destruction, and loss of life, to say nothing of heart-aches and tears, it is



Jos. J. Franklyn.

refreshing to remember that the church is entrusted with the message of peace to God's creatures throughout the habitable earth. Christianity knows no geographical boundaries, and God has no favorites. From the very birthday of the Church of Christ the world-wide conception of the gospel contained in the Christian Law-giver's final mandate, "Go into all the world," etc., has been the inspiration to God's people to break down all national barriers, and sweep all men everywhere into the kingdom of God. The missionaries have been the "heroes of peace" to the people of the earth. Now, while it may be true that the soldier is the emblem of a nation's defence; still, the existence of one soldier on the planet is the reason for the multiplication of soldiers. Hence the "standing armies" and the spirit of militarism that has cursed the world.

But the heroes of the Cross of Christ have gone into the darkness of paganism, and given the benighted heathen the ideals of the Christian faith. They have led the people out of the depravity of sin, created a common bond of brotherhood, and pointed the way to the "city of eternal life and blessedness." Christ never thought of a world-empire as the result of conquest by carnal weapons; but he did have a vision of a kingdom gathered from the four corners of the earth—a kingdom worthy of presentation to his Father—a kingdom that is the rule of God in the lives of a redeemed people, as the trophy of grace, and a tribute to the undying efforts of the heroes of the Cross.

It is safe to say that the unfortunate war now being waged by the professedly Christian nations of the earth will greatly militate against the work of Foreign Missions, and make the toil of the noble band of missionaries unspcakably harder, at least for

a while. But when the evangelised nations of the earth learn the true attitude of the Christian church towards war, the work of the gospel in pagan lands will go forward by leaps and bounds. This is the day when the church at home should "wall up" behind the heroes of the Cross on the battle lines of missionary enterprise—those Christ-inspired men and women who are living in the trenches of exile, and have "gone forth, not counting their lives dear unto them." Now-a-days we are appealed to on "lutton days" and in other ways to provide necessary comfort for the troops at the front, and with marvellous generosity the people respond. On the first Sunday in July, the Foreign Mission Board will appeal to the Christian soldiers at home to provide the wherewithal to maintain our representatives on the mission fields. The call will not be made in vain. The missionary heroism was once admirably expressed by Dr Livingstone in these noble words: "I am a missionary, heart and soul. God had an only Son, and he was a missionary. A poor, poor imitation of him I am, or wish to be. In this service I hope to live; in it I wish to die." This heroism is still manifested by the lion-hearted modern missionary. The call of the Christ is either for enlistment or equipment. If we cannot go to the remote corners of the earth as the heroes of peace, we may in the spirit of heroic, sacrificial offering, give of our money to send such. Thus we enter into their labors, and have a share in their achievements.

As a last word, may we never forget our national indebtedness to Foreign Missions; and furthermore, as members of the Churches of Christ, may we never neglect to pray for and financially stand behind our heroes of peace.

In the Hills.

H. R. Coventry.

I have now been at Malhableshwar for a fortnight. This is a fine spot, plenty of green trees with shady roads. I believe it is very hot on the plains just now, while up here the weather is ideal. We have a bungalow in a fine situation. We are sharing it—Mr. and Mrs. Stratton, myself, and two Scotch missionaries from Poona. Bro. Watson and family, with Miss Cameron, are almost opposite, and we have frequent intercourse with each other. We often meet on the tennis courts at a friendly game. During the two months we have a union church meeting; Bro. Stratton opened the meetings last Sunday, and different men in turn are asked to take the services. The spirit of union is felt up here, for we have a bond of sympathy with each other. Old missionaries condoling with old ones over the stress of work, and receiving valuable help in the matter of methods of work, etc., while the new missionaries are all alike struggling in the throes of Marathi, and consequently have a fellow feeling of compassion with each other. I will later send a notice of the work of the school, and possibly some pictures of the buildings and students. I will close now, with best wishes for a successful time in the work of furthering the kingdom of Christ.

A Hundred Years and Now.

In 1816 there were about 150 stations in 15 fields, at which 350 Protestant workers of all descriptions were working, at a cost of £63,000. To-day there are about 25,000 missionaries and about 4,000 stations, and the whole amount contributed annually to Foreign Missions is about £6,000,000. See what God hath wrought!



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The Powers of a Native Ministry.

A. G. Saunders, B.A

It is fitting that Foreign Missionary work should be marked in many ways by method-ism by Christ himself. To mention medical missions is to prove this assertion. The use of a native ministry is also a case in point. The characteristics of such ministries continue the resemblance. The Lord's own native ministry, before and after attaining to apostleship, was marked by weakness, error in judgment, enthusiasm, discouragement. In a word, Peter and James and John and the others were quite human. So are modern native ministries. In many ways they try the patience and weary the heart of the missionary, himself a creature of flesh and blood. Many are the shortcomings of the evangelist, yet surprising, after all, is his array of excellencies. And in any case he is a necessary cog in the machinery of world-evangelisation.

There are limits to what a missionary can do. He is a foreigner, with all that that means in the way of a handicapped approach. He never can free himself from that handicap. He never can be anything but a foreigner. If you would know the foreigner's feeling toward the missionary, recall your own feeling toward the foreigner. The native evangelist is a solution of the problem. But the missionary must take him as he finds him, faults and all, and make the best of him. That is what Jesus did with Nathanael and Levi *et al.* With all his limitations the native preacher's value can hardly be over-stated. No principle of missionary work is older, or more strongly held, than that the evangelisation of a country can be accomplished best by its own people.

The value of educational missionary work at once becomes evident. The missionary *has* to teach. This, again, was the Master's way. Bro. D. C. McCallum's work at our Bible College, Vigan, P.I., is a fine example of the training of bright young men and women for efficient service as Bible women and evangelists. The modern cement building suggests the high grade work done. One of our pictures shows Bro. and Sister McCallum and their son John with a group of earnest Ilocano students. The third missionary is Bro. W. H. Hanna, our veteran worker in the Philippines, a man of great faith and unusual versatility. In addition to his own large work, he helps Bro. McCallum in the Bible College. Bro. McCallum thus renders a service of priceless value. The study is both thorough and protracted. One can scarcely credit the rapid and remarkable development of the students. Thus they go to their labors with a proper assurance.

This is good. For these men must face the persistent and powerful opposition of age-long systems and superstitions rooted in the very hearts of the people; the opposition of ignorance, prejudice and malice. Think of the Japanese evangelist, confronted with a Buddhism that is adapting itself

to present conditions by employing Christianity's own weapons. For instance, the prototype of the Buddhist Young Men's Association is obvious. Consider what is required of the evangelist in the Philippines, where he must meet an opposition directed by the vile genius of Jesuitry. In Moslem lands he must withstand chronic, innate reactionism and the ugliest fanaticism on earth.

Need, opportunity, every circumstance, demands a native ministry to reach their own people with the precious tidings. It is evident they must have the best possible equipment. But the missionary must be

Just a Quiet Talk.

Little do "the home folks" appreciate the lack of foundation upon which the church is to be built on the mission field. Here and there a man "bobs up to say," "It is easy enough. Just win a few converts, organize them into a church, tell them what to do, and pass on to another place." Perhaps winning the "few converts" is the easiest part of it. To hold them against the tremendous pull of heathenism from which it is impossible to suddenly separate them, is, of course, God's task and not ours, else it would never be done. Family and friends are not helpful—not even sympathetic. In nearly all cases they oppose, and in many cases persecute. While the missionary is present to sympathise and encourage, there is not so much danger of lapsing, left when the missionary is absent, the weak faith of the new



Dormitory and Bible College Building, Vigan, Philippine Islands.

more than educator. He must be director also, a home missionary organiser in a foreign land. Obviously, his responsibilities are heavy and his tasks numerous. But his work is not burdensome, and his heart is glad. He is where he may fill every day with a full measure of service. He is touching lives into holy living, into quiet power, lives whose frailties are being steadily done away, lives in which the glory of the new birth and the abundant life that is hid with God in Christ is ever being more and more revealed.

The three years' evangelistic campaign carried on by Christian Japanese has already shown striking results. At the close of the first year 914 meetings had been held, with an attendance of over 100,000, and 5000 were enrolled as inquirers. In many places the Shintoist and Buddhist priests tried to organise counter movements and break up the work, but without avail.

convert is so likely to suffer shipwreck. After the church is organised, what do the strongest and most zealous of them know about fostering its growth and development? Nothing can be done in a business-like way, for business has always been considered disgraceful to a gentleman, and fit only for the outcast. No meeting can be begun on time because to be on time at anything is impolite and impoliteness is the worst of sins. Suppose some money is collected. It is almost sure to be spent in buying presents. Presents must be given to the sick, the well, the born, the married, the dead, the coming, the going and to the relatives of all these. Custom decrees this, and he is worse than Kipling's fool who would try to haul east in the East. Discouraged? Not a bit of it, else we wouldn't be holding thirty-four meetings every week. Irregularities occur? Yes, lots of them. That is why the workers need to meet and do meet every week in the mission home to compare notes and learn how to do better.

Our Aim in New South Wales.

Chas. C. S. Rush, B.A., Sec. N.S.W. F.M. Com.

The disciples of Christ in New South Wales are seeking to raise £1000 this year for Foreign Mission work. For the past



C. C. S. Rush.

three years there has been a decrease reported at each Conference; this year, by God's help, we mean to have an increase. "And he cometh unto the disciples and findeth them asleep." Judas, much awake, leading an assault at the garden gate; Peter, much asleep, in the garden. Two pictures that should be hung together, "Treachery" and "Lethargy." Now, as then, it is the sleep of Peter in the garden that makes Judas' activity successful at the gate. Which foe was of greatest concern to Jesus? Judas and the armed Romans, or Peter asleep?

Indifference, self-ease, personal comfort, surrender to the physical, are always greater foes than open outward attack.

Some statistics have reached my desk that should be prayerfully studied by every disciple of Christ.

The European War.

1. Twenty million soldiers in physical peril.
2. One million men killed in the first six months.
3. Cost to kill a man, about £700.
4. Cost of European War, over 18,000,000 daily.
5. Fighting strength of armies, over 20 millions.
6. Develops hatred, and is destructive.
7. Settles nothing finally.

The World War.

1. Fifty times twenty millions of people in spiritual bondage and death.
2. Two million die every month in heathen lands without Christ.
3. Cost to give the gospel to the world, about £40 per person.

4. Expended in World War, about £7,000,000 annually.

5. Total Missionary force, 12,000 men and 12,000 women.

6. Promotes friendliness, and is constructive.

7. Establishes Christ's enduring kingdom, and ultimately eliminates all wars.—Isaiah 2: 2-4.

Will the church in New South Wales make a serious effort to put its World War on something approaching an adequate basis? Judas is still at the gate; yes, Peter is still sleeping. Let us arouse from slumber, and the £1000 will have been raised by Conference, 1917.

To Those who Cannot Go.

J. R. Leach.

Have you ever thought what a remarkable thing it is that God, the owner of all wealth, who could himself at any moment supply the necessary means to send more preachers to the Foreign field, yet chooses, rather than to do this, to let the heathen die in ignorance of Jesus?

That He cares about the salvation of the heathen it is not possible to doubt. Never yet have words been uttered which adequately convey to the mind any idea of the earnestness of God's love for the unsaved. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" gives a faint indication of it, but we all agree that the greatness of God's love for the heathen is beyond human comprehension. If, however, in spite of such great love, God would let the heathen die in their sins rather than interfere with our responsibility in supplying the money to take them the good news, how tremendously great must be our responsibility to God in this matter!

A Contrast in Testimonies.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, before missionary work had been done in India, an officer of the East India Trading Company said: "The sending of missionaries into our Eastern possessions is the maddest, most expensive, most unarranted project that was ever proposed by a lunatic enthusiast."

At the end of the century, after the heroic work of many missionaries, the outstanding results of missionary work were so good that the British governor of Bengal said: "In my judgment Christian missionaries have done more lasting good to the people of India than all other agencies combined."

If, or rather when, Christian unity comes to pass, it will, we believe, be the direct result of Foreign Missions.—"The East and the West."

Volunteers and their Training.

H. E. Knott, M.A.

Many of our brightest and best young men and women are among those who are volunteering for work in the foreign field. Naturally enough, such an appeal would only meet with a response from lofty and noble souls.

That such choice spirits should volunteer for such a work makes it very desirable that they should be as thoroughly equipped as possible for their life of service. In this matter the missionary of to-day has a great advantage over the pioneers. He is able to take a selected course of study specially designed to meet the needs of his work. Each year as we improve the equipment of those we send into the great harvest field we increase their efficiency, and make their lives count for more abroad just as would be the result if they gave their services to the home land.

It is a matter of no little satisfaction to know that there is such a ready response on the part of our young people to the heart cry of the great heathen world, but before the Master's purpose can be worked out in their lives, there must be the training and the sending. This is the point in missionary enterprise that touches every Christian life.

When Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," he expressed a principle that is true in all nature. The slimy, loathsome, stagnant swamp is simply an illustration of that which receives and keeps, the rippling mountain stream, with its sparkling, refreshing water and sandy bottom illustrates that which receives and gives. There is an ethical and spiritual analogy. Our lives may be sweet, helpful, attractive, and refreshing, if we give freely. These are days of unusual self-denial. May the kingdom of God not be overlooked among the objects of our sacrifice. "The sweetest joy of heaven will be the remembrance of the things we have given up for Christ."



Miss F. Cameron.

Missionaries and Internationalism.

Linley Gordon.

The most beautiful word, to me, in these distracting days of hate and blood-shedding is the word "international." I do not know to whom we are indebted for it, but I know this: it stands for everything genuinely glorious. It stands for a lasting love among the nations, and believes it to be a practically attainable object. It does not put any nation first, it puts humanity first. It stands for the circulation of a universal body of opinion founded on Christian love.

The missionary is an internationalist in the highest sense. He has the international mind, the international heart, and wherever he goes he tries to build up an international conscience. He is never found on the side of any imperialism. The only imperialism he knows is the imperialism of the Lord of Life. Racial exclusiveness and national snobbery have no place in his character.

The missionary is irrevocably committed to the international cause. He deals with "nations." He is to disciple them. That is his commission. It is found in the Book he carries. His is a work of conciliation. All the missionaries employ an international vocabulary. They never use narrowing terms. In this they resemble Paul and Jesus.

And this is the only temper that will get the world on and up. The present international duel grew out of a temper, and today the world tolls out its piercing *misereere*. Our temper must not be one of fear, but one of love. The kind of spirit that united Paul the Jew to Cornelius the Roman. This is the power that will alone bridge the yawning chasm of racial prejudices.

The missionary applies his belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, the doctrines which will do the most to break down world dissensions and hatreds.

All of us can afford to catch this spirit. In most of our racial discussions we overwork the first personal pronoun. It is always in the lead. The Slav thanks God he is not a Teuton, and the Teuton that he is not like the Slav. The German contends that he is better than the Frenchman, and the Frenchman knows he is better than the German. The Britisher claims superiority over the German, and the German over the Britisher. All such talk as this is sickly, deadly, execrable Phariseism. The world cannot be saved by the use of blistering and conceited adjectives. Nations come together when they learn to love one another, and they do this by the cultivation of the spirit of the missionary. He is one of the world's peacemakers.

The quiet work of Mr. O. A. Carr and Mr. G. L. Surber, Mr. A. B. Maston, and Mr. T. J. Gore did more to fraternise Australia and America than did all the bluster and all the show of flags and plumes and rifles and guns and rackets during the visit of the American Fleet. David Livingstone did more to unite Africa and England than

the British Navy. The heart of G. I. Wharton in India is greater than that of Lord Clive. Dr. Macklin in China and Sydney L. Gulick in Japan are doing more for the solidarity of the race than are all those men who are hankering after military preparedness.

Just now when the cancer of war is eating the life out of many nations, we are under bound to remember the words of Paul,



Dr. Evans, of the L.M.S., operating on a woman for cancer in the Government Dispensary, Doolbi, India. The operation was performed on the verandah, a crowd of natives looking on.

Photo by G. P. Pittman.

the great missionary: "God has made one of all the nations of the earth to live together on all the face of the earth."

The Bible in China.

In the China Mission Year Book for 1915, Dr. Bondfield states that at a rough estimate the various Chinese versions of the Bible represent the continuous work of one man for 242 years, supposing he did nothing else. Over one hundred Europeans and Americans have given the best years of their lives to the task. At a low estimate, £50,000 have been expended on the translation and revision of the Scriptures into Wenti, Easy Wenti, and Mandarin. If the Chinese vernacular versions be added, the number of years spent by one man would be approximately 363; the number of missionaries engaged 150, and the total expenditure £84,000. Dr. Bondfield's brief note concludes with the words:

"And it was worth while."

Harda News.

Mary Thompson.

We are glad to report that Bro. Shih has returned from the Kasanti Pasteur Institute. He found a number of men who were at the same place for treatment, who had never heard of Christ, so was able to do evangelistic work amongst them.

Wheat harvesting has begun, so we have to get out early when we go to the villages. We started shortly after 4 o'clock one morning last week to work in one village on our way to one of our out-stations. Spent two hours with some of the women there, then went on to our destination. Found our evangelist away at a village, and his wife had gone to the river for water, but the horse was unblocked, so we went in and made ourselves at home.

We visited a number of houses in the afternoon, and in the evening eight of us had dinner together in the yard in front, as it was more pleasant than in the house. A few years ago only the evangelist, his family, and myself, were Christians. The other four had been in different castes, and would not have eaten together. One of them will not touch beef, as he was brought up to worship the cow, so of course we do not have any on such occasions for the sake of our weaker brethren.

In visiting some of the low caste homes we were pleased to find that some of their boys were now going to the Government school. We well remember what difficultly one of the same class of boys had when he first came to one of our schools in Harda. The higher caste boys did their best to make it unpleasant for me. But the missionary helped all he could. He is now a Christian teacher.

We started at 4 o'clock again on our return journey, and reached another village just after daylight. As we were talking to several women on the verandah of one of the houses, the man of the house came home with a number of men, who had come there from another district. He said, "These men have never heard of Christ; come out in the yard into the shade, and speak to them." He carried the bed out for us, and we three women sat on it while he and the other men sat on the ground around us.

We are thankful for the many opportunities of reaching not only the women in the homes in Harda, but many others in the villages, some of whom have never heard before.

One Path.

The night lies dark upon the earth, and we have light:

So many have to grope their way, and we have sight:

One path is theirs and ours—of sin and care; But we are borne along, and they their burdens bear.

Footsore and weary each upon his way; Mine is their sorrow, while we kneel to pray. Glad are they of stone on which to rest, While we lie pillowed on our Father's breast.

Where we Labor.

"Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give thee."—Matt. 20: 4-

"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he thrust forth laborers into his harvest."—Matt. 9: 38.

JAPAN.—Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Davey. "There is probably no country in the world at the present time in which so large a proportion of the educated section of the population would call themselves "Agnostics" as is the case in Japan."—John R. Mott.

CHINA.—Miss Rosa Tonkin. "There are hundreds of walled cities and thousands of towns in China in which the women are absolutely unreached as yet."—National Conference Report, 1913.

INDIA.—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Strutton; Mr. and Mrs. H. Watson; Miss R. Tilley (home on furlough); Miss F. Cameron; Miss F. Tole (serving Empire as Red Cross nurse); Mr. H. R. Coventry.

"It is instructive to learn that India is becoming Christian at a rate unprecedented in the history of the world, but to realise what this means one needs to go out to India, and to walk through the districts where the Christian faith is being taught, and to note the changes which are taking place."—History of Christian Missions.

NEW HEBRIDES.—Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Fibner; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Waters; Mr. A. B. Chappell (on furlough).

"There is a crisis in the Pacific as well as in the East, and we must understand the factors that combine to make it so urgent if we are to meet it adequately. We need the best thought and prayers of our best minds."—Frank H. L. Paton.

SYDNEY.—Mr. and Mrs. A. John Sing. "This work is developing in such a way that a building is urgently needed for best interests of the church."

MELBOURNE.—Mr. and Mrs. W. James. "Many Chinese have found this a "city of refuge," as they have come into contact with the Christian Mission in Queensberry-st."

ADELAIDE.—Voluntary workers. "Loyal brethren have readily helped the Chinese in their seeking after light. The Chinese contribute far more in one year than has been spent on their evangelisation in Adelaide."

PERTH AND FREMANTLE.—Voluntary workers.

It is estimated that there are between two and three thousand Chinese here who might be won for Christ if an evangelist were provided.

"Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and thy stranger

that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear Jehovah your God, and observe to do all the words of the law."—Deut. 31: 12.



Wounded Soldiers returned from Persian Gulf, 1915.

Finance.

During the year ending March 31, 1916, the following money was received by the Committees, and expended as under:—

| Receipts. | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Victoria | £1238 1 1 |
| South Australia | 1068 15 3 |
| New South Wales | 703 4 8 |
| West Australia | 197 5 2 |
| Queensland | 185 6 5 |
| Tasmania | 79 14 6 |
| New Zealand | 0 10 0 |
| Baramati Church | 96 16 11 |
| Shrigonda | 43 8 6 |
| Oha | 3 14 8 |
| Balance last year | 663 6 6 |
| | 4280 3 8 |

Payments.

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| Victoria | £915 6 5 |
| Shrigonda | 760 10 6 |
| Harda | 240 3 0 |
| Duili | 39 10 0 |
| | 1961 9 11 |

| NEW HEBRIDES.— | |
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| Pentecost | 382 19 0 |
| Oha | 156 4 6 |
| Maewo | 122 6 6 |
| | 661 10 0 |

| CHINESE.— | |
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| Shanghai | 270 3 2 |
| Melbourne | 210 11 9 |
| Sydney | 197 18 6 |
| Perth | 20 7 6 |
| | 697 0 11 |

| JAPAN.— | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Tokyo | 130 0 0 |
| | 130 0 0 |
| HOME ADMINISTRATION.— | |
| Federal | 291 4 3 |
| New South Wales | 219 1 5 |
| Victoria | 79 12 3 |
| South Australia | 73 18 0 |
| West Australia | 25 9 7 |
| Queensland | 1 2 9 |
| | 690 8 3 |
| | £4142 9 1 |
| Balance | 137 14 7 |
| | £4280 3 8 |

Sympathy.

If Jesus had not walked the earth,
Faint and weary, long ago,
O I might very tired be,
And even He could scarcely know
The depth of my discouragement,
Or just how weary I might grow.

If Jesus had not suffered much
And borne the greatest agony,
I might have more than I could bear
Of pain, and He could scarcely see
How very great my suffering,
Or what that pain would mean to me.

But, oh! my Jesus understands,
And looks in loving sympathy.
Like as a mother pities
Her child, 'tis thus He pities me,
And I rejoice that Jesus knows
When I am walking wearily.

And so perhaps 'tis best that I
Must down a troubled pathway go,
For how can I reach forth a hand
In sympathy, unless I know
Some what the weariness and pain
That Jesus learned long, long ago?

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The Need of the Missionary Spirit.

A. C. Rankine.

Never before, since the Saviour* of mankind died on the cross, rose again from the dead, and gave the great commission to evangelise the world has the need been so great and insistent that the church should possess the missionary passion.

The early Christians exhibited this in a wonderful manner, and displayed it to a remarkable degree. They went forth with brave hearts and heroic purpose to make known the saving evangel. The results were great. They rose to the occasion. The spirit of their Divine Lord fired their breasts and urged them onward in the work of missionary enterprise.

Their sublime examples portrayed in us in the pages of New Testament history inspire us to carry on the work of the evangelisation of the world.

But our world to-day is larger far than theirs. Great empires in themselves have since flung open wide their gates, and beckon to the missionaries of the cross to enter and tell the story of the Christ who died, who lives, who saves.

There are the teeming millions to whom the story is yet to be told.

And Jesus calls his church to the task of the distant and needy fields.

We need as never before the missionary passion to complete the work of world-wide evangelisation. The spirit of the Divine Master must fill our hearts. He loved the world, and died to save the people. To be God-like we must be God-loving. And only as the church is fired with the passion to save the last man on earth, can she have life in herself.

To save herself the church must seek to save the world.

The Lord has called us to a great and worthy task. Here is a challenge for heroic endeavor.

Thank God that so many of our brethren and sisters in this and other lands have had the missionary passion and responded to the call of the heroic.

I think of that fine young brother, Dr. Zenas Loftus, who went out from our American brotherhood some little time ago to the great lonely land of Tibet. It was a weary and tiresome journey over mountain, plain, and sea, to get there. He laid down his life in the service. Writing back to Bro. A. McLean, President of the Foreign Christian Missionary Society, he remarked: "I can't thank you enough that you did not ask me to stop in China, but that I might have the privilege of preaching the gospel in the neediest spot in the world."

Here is the challenge to our young men and women. A task awaits you worthy of your noblest and most consecrated endeavor. Oh, church of God! let us seek to be fired with the missionary passion, and heeding the call of Jesus, do our best to send out God's light and truth to earth's remotest bounds.

When possessed of this passion, we will pray and give and work to complete the task divinely given.

Let Queensland answer with an offering worthy of so great a cause.

A Plea for West Australian Chinese

E. G. Warren.

Yes, brethren, I have heard it said that we have between two and three thousand Chinese in West Australia. There are a few little mission schools in and around Perth conducted by the different denominations. But what is seriously needed is a Chinese evangelist to work Perth and Fremantle. This could be done. Just previous to opening our Chinese mission in Fremantle a little over nine months ago, the Chinese came to my home and pleaded with me to open a mission school. They came on four or five different occasions. How could we turn a deaf ear to these beloved men for whom Christ died? We opened the mission, and now have fourteen Chinese scholars and fourteen workers. At the opening of the mission eleven Chinese gave £7/10/- towards buying an organ, and some few months after they paid £6/18/- for chairs. One of the largest socials given in the Fremantle church for many years was the Chinese mission social.

Brethren, tell me why could not a white man learn the Canton dialect here, as well as in China, and then teach them, or learn this language in China and come out to

Australia and work among the Chinese. Listen! brethren! If we will take up the question of Foreign Missions in dead earnest, there are hundreds of heathen Chinese in our own country that could be won for Jesus Christ. The young Chinese I baptised on March 19 of this year said, "Now I go home to China and tell my people about Jesus." If we win these men for Christ here, that is exactly what they will do. Brethren, on July and you can settle the question about a Chinese evangelist for West Australia. "How shall they hear without a preacher?"

If We Had But a Day.

We should fill the hours with the sweetest things,
If we had but a day;
We should drink alone at the purest springs,
In our upward way;
We should live with a lifetime's love in an hour,
If the hours were few;
We should rest, not for dreams, but for fresher power
To be and to do.

We should guide our wayward or wearied wills
By the clearest light;
We should keep our eyes on the heavenly hills,
If they lay in sight;
We should trample the pride and the discontent
Beneath our feet;
We should take whatever a good God sent,
With a trust complete.

We should waste no moments in weak regret,
If the day were but one,
If what we remember and what we forget
Went out with the sun;
We should be from our clamorous selves set free,
To work or to pray,
And to be what the Father would have us to be,
If we had but a day.

—Mary Lowe Dickinson.



FREMANTLE, W.A. CHINESE MISSION CLASS.
President: E. G. Warren.

The Call of the Hour

To Australian Christians.

By the General Secretary of the Baptist Board of Missions,
J. C. Martin.

I respond very readily to the desire of your Editor that I should send a brief message for the special issue of the "Christian." Part of your work lies in the country, India, where the whole of our foreign activity is concentrated! We have forty-three missionaries operating in eleven stations, all in Eastern Bengal. Your mission is some distance from your territory, but you labor, in the main, among people of the same social and religious status. Though travelling widely across India lately, I regret that time did not permit a visit to your stations. Still all over India the problems and possibilities are much the same. I am grateful for the opportunity of seeing first-hand what these are. A visit to India in the period when the Empire is fighting for its very existence tends to deepen the sense of World-Empire, and throws into high relief every effort that is being made to give moral purpose and religious meaning to the expansion of England. There is an immense field in the masses of India for definite spiritual quickening and moral guidance. No true Britisher can doubt the divine purpose in our occupation of this vast country, of great wealth, and of complex life, with its 375,000,000 of people. They are, in the main, racially related to ourselves, and have high mental and moral capacity. Yet they are perishing in millions for the lack of the gos-

sible. There is only One who can break their chains and free the people, the great liberator, the Lord Jesus. The conviction is therefore forced on one that our Empire can only hold together when the larger Imperial purpose is being fulfilled. The growth of commerce and the spread of the conveniences of life, raising its standard; the extension of civil government and law and order; the opening up of schools and colleges; all these are marks of good government. But the best that can be given to India is the knowledge of the Divine Fatherhood, of human brotherhood, and a salvation that means free communion with the Spirit of holiness and power and love. That is the churches' duty to give to India, and the war only heightens our obligation to let first things come first.

The Opportunity of the Isolated Member.

Harry P. Manning.

The church members who, because of environment are denied the privilege of church fellowship, may endeavor to excuse themselves in giving sparingly to Home Missions on the ground that those who are enjoying the privileges of church fellowship should give more liberally; but when Foreign Missions make their appeal no such excuse can be offered. Foreign Missions are as near to us who are isolated as those who are working in the various churches. In fact, this call for help ought to appeal to us more urgently. It is a request for help from those who are isolated to those who are isolated, and they ask for something that we can give, they tell us something that we can do. Some who have been isolated have grown careless, indifferent. The reason given for this condition is, nothing to do, no definite church work in which to take an interest. Nothing to do! Nothing in which to take an interest in Christian work!

Place before you a map of the world; mark on it the field where we have missionaries laboring; know them by name; learn of their opportunities and difficulties; write to them, pray for them, and then give to support them. In this way you will feel that you are laboring with them, and this will keep your interest in the work of saving others to such an extent that the influence of it will be felt upon your own life.

The Foreign Missionary work spells opportunity to us who are isolated in a wonderful way, and we trust that the appeal this year will meet with a generous response, particularly from those who cannot give their time to the work of the church in the home land.

Nursing the Soldiers.

F. E. Tole.

Although I do not get much time for writing, I do not forget you, and I am sure you will understand. The heat is very bad just now, 106 degrees in the shade. I turned sick after spending the morning in the operating room, so our Senior Sister has given me the day off, and I am going to write a few letters. I am in charge of the surgical wards and theatre. We have done over 40 operations during the last two months. Most of our cases are arms and legs, as they can come up from Bombay in ambulance trains. We have had to do several amputations. One poor young man was shot in the foot; there was a large piece of shrapnel, a piece of boot and sock, in the wound. He was bandaged on the battle-field, and not dressed again for three days, so of course blood poison set in, and we had to take his leg off. Our Senior Sister, Miss Harvey, has written to headquarters to ask for someone to relieve me for ten days; if so I shall go to Mahabeshwar, as Mrs. Strutton has invited me to go if possible; and I want to see them all; it is six months since I saw any of our Australian folks.

I am so glad Miss Cameron has passed her first year exam. I am doing an hour a day with the high school master, but otherwise I never hear the language, as Marathi is not spoken in these parts; but I hope to be able to speak it in the sweet by-and-by. I think I told you before that the Scotch Canadian Mission was very strong here; they have over 70 missionaries in these parts; in Mhow alone they have schools, and at Rasalpara, two miles out, they have a large industrial works, where 300 native Christians are employed; they make silk, furniture, iron for roofs, rugmaking, printing, blacksmithing, etc. Mr. Russell Graham is in charge of the industrial work; he is very nice; he often comes to the hospital to see our patients, and gave us a good wheel chair, which was made at the mission. Miss Harvey has had several of the missionaries to dine with us at times, and it is so nice for me; because the military folks are not interested in the same things as we are.

Not in Australia.

Occasionally a church looks upon its missionary offering as a task rather than a free-will and loving gift to Jesus Christ. Every now and then a church treasurer writes in that the church has fully met its apportionment for the year and is keeping what was left over for a good start on the next year. Churches that do this do not realise that the apportionment is simply a suggestion and not an ultimate goal, and that no church can ever meet its full obligation to our Lord's great work in the ends of the earth. It is gratifying to know that many churches simply use the apportionment as a stepping-stone, and desire to give for the work of missions freely and abundantly.



J. C. Martin.

pel entrusted to us. India is a country of mighty social classes, and the people are cruelly chained to habits of life that render personal liberty and peace, pure home life, social freedom, and spiritual power, impos-

The Blessings of the Living Link Idea.

J. E. Thomas, President Fed. F.M. Com.

The idea of supporting a missionary in the foreign field as well as a preacher of the gospel at home should be the object of every live missionary church. For nearly three years the church at Grates-t, has been supporting our heroic and consecrated Frank G. Filmer on the island of Pentecost, New

Zealand, while he is seeking to rescue those who are storm-tossed on the dark and struggling billows of a Christ-less heathenism. He looks for the messages of help and the words of cheer that come from those who think of him continually, and who daily remember him in their prayers. There is something mutually real and helpful in this bond of fellowship in the King's service. The young of the church learn the names of these good missionaries, and of their children, and this adds to the growing interest they take as they advance in years. Some think that it is too much to expect a church to give enough to support one worker in the great world-field. We must remember that unless our giving grows with our work, it will be impossible to win a thousand millions for Christ in this generation. Even if we support a missionary we shall still spend at least six times as much on ourselves and the work at home. It is not too much to hope that perhaps some Christian families whom God has richly blessed, as well as more of our larger churches who have been doing well, but could perhaps do a little more in this day of tremendous opportunity, will give the work an uplift by supporting a missionary themselves, and thus help on this great work of winning the world for Christ.



J. E. Thomas.

Hebrides. The more we have heard of him, and the longer we have kept in personal touch with him, the more we love him and his brave and good wife for their own selves and the noble work they are devotedly engaged in. It is indeed a great privilege for any church to feel that they can have such a part in the great work of leading men and women from the customs and hopelessness of heathenism into the joy and hope of the religion of Jesus Christ our Lord. The idea of having our own missionary does not make us think less of others. It only intensifies and concentrates missionary enthusiasm and effort. No church could read the letters and have prayerful fellowship with such a man as Frank Filmer without being conscious of an increased desire to do more for the salvation of those who are without Christ and without hope in the world.

This living link idea makes church members feel they are doing a definite work for the Master. They feel that while we shall see the result of our labor with him in the great day of the harvest, it is a great joy to see the fruit being gathered in year by year in the life we now live. We are able to personally rejoice that God so uses the one we seek to support, and in that way so honors us and the little we bring to him.

It is also a great joy to the missionary to feel that there is a church at home that is acting as rope-holder, taking hold of the

Industrial Work.

F. G. Filmer.

The 36 natives employed have varied in length of time worked from a few days to the whole year. They have cleaned around coconuts, cleaned new land, and planted 750 more nuts. They have also cleaned up several acres on which we have planted three varieties of cotton. We have in now about one acre of "Caravonica" cotton, one and a half acres of "Sea Island" cotton, and five acres of "Caledonia."

The "Sea Island" is the most superior quality and highest price, but is difficult to pick, and must be picked immediately ripe, or else it falls to the ground. "Caledonia," on the other hand, while not bringing such a good price, can be picked almost at your leisure.

The students have done a good deal of work in the afternoons. We put in a lot of time digging and building an underground tank, which holds 5000 gallons of water, and has proven water-tight so far.

Finance.—The £23/10/6 raised locally has been used to pay the four teachers we offered to support, who are at work on Maewo.

Besides this, the schools have through me bought their own kerosene, books, lights, etc. The villages of Bwavasink, Wali, Ranwadi, and Kumriang have collected about £30 altogether and bought for themselves galvanised iron with which they have roofed new chapels.

Several pounds' worth of the above £23

10/6 was given me in the form of copra, which I sold to the steamer.

For all purposes during the year these people have donated over £70. Of course they could do better, but considering that copra has been so low in price, it is a fair effort.

Sacrifice.

A. W. Connor.

This is the magic word heard on every hand, and heeded by very many, but passed by carelessly by not a few. Wives, parents, lovers, have given their dearest for the country's need.

The call of God to the churches to carry on the work of world evangelism is no less urgent. Nothing can absolve us from our duty. Here in Western Australia we have not been growing in this work as we ought during the last few years. This year we can make a forward step if we will. But only by realising the force of the word at the head of this paragraph.

We also need vision. The observatory of faith needs to be used continuously. Can we still claim the name of disciples of Jesus—learners, followers—if we prove recreant to his will as revealed in the great commission? There are certain great inexorable alternatives for every church, and also for every individual as well. We must evangelise or fossilise. We must send, or we will end. We must use or lose. We must preach or perish. "For to him that hath shall be given, and from him that hath not shall be taken away that which he hath."

Because we love men for whom Christ died; because we love Christ who died for men, we must send the gospel to the non-Christian peoples.

We must do it even from a "sanely selfish" motive. Our own State must be evangelised. This can only be done by an awakened, aggressive Spirit-filled church. The reflex influence of sacrificial giving for world evangelism alone will give us such a church. We must give out that we may receive.

We trust each individual member in the churches of the West will heed the call, and rally to the help of the legions of the Cross on the far-flung battle line.

If the giving on the first Sunday in July is "sacrificial," we will be able to advance in our work. Let us not fail or falter in our duty.

Does It Pay?

Eastern Asia has long been called the Gibraltar of Christian nations. Traditions, civilisation, philosophy, religion, and institutions all stood for decades like a solid wall. What a change has come over this section of the world in recent years! As we look back we think the Roman Empire was converted quickly. It is interesting to know that there have been more converts in Eastern Asia in the last sixty-five years than were made in the Roman Empire the first sixty-five years after the death of Christ.

Reports from the Field.

New Zealand.

NELSON—1100 present at morning worship rally day, about 20 responses being sent from sick and isolated members. Owing to prevailing epidemic, the Sunday School did not have their usual rally Sunday. Crowded gospel meeting, when Bro. Dick's delivery on an interesting address on "A Model Church." Collection for a widow and children amounted to £8/0/8. Tuesday, 23rd, annual business meeting. Reports from the various societies and balance sheets were most encouraging. Lord's day, 28th, good meetings. Bro. Jackson presided; Bro. Knapp exhorted. At our gospel service Bro. Dickson gave a powerful address on "Spiritual Dynamite." One young man confessed Christ. The C.E. Society are toiling hard for their concert, to be held at the end of next month.—Z, May 31.

DUNEDIN—On evening of May 25 reports on Otago and Wellington Conferences were given by C. E. Sundstrom, J. W. Stokes, and J. Inghs Wright. Afterwards a Home Mission rally was held, and addresses were delivered by C. Watt and S. G. Griffith. A special Home Mission offering is being taken up in our district. On Saturday evening Bro. Griffith and Wright were the speakers at an open air recruiting meeting at the Town Hill steps. Invitations to attend the weekly meetings of the League and Debating Improvement Society have been sent to the suburban churches, being the wish of Bro. Griffith that the class will be of benefit to the whole of the Dunedin Churches of Christ. Two confessions on Sunday evening, after S. G. Griffith had preached upon "Baptism." A debate upon the question whether or not a Christian should hold in warfare took place at the Literary Debating Society's meeting on Monday evening, those taking part being J. Inghs Wright (affirmative) and S. G. Griffith.—L.C.J.S., June 7.

DUNNING ROAD (Auckland)—One confession on Sunday evening, May 21, when a woman took her stand for Christ. She was baptised last evening. Her most successful set of work in aid of the St. John's Ambulance Fund was held in the chapel on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Smith, superintendent of the local branch of the Association, opened the sale. Over £60 was realised. Great preparations are being made for a series of missions to be held in the Auckland churches, beginning on June 21, at Dunning-road, in which Bro. P. D. McCallum is to be the missionary.—J. W., May 29.

PETONE—One young brother recently was baptised. On 17th, a "Fun" night was arranged by the older scholars of the Bible School. A collection was taken up to provide chairs for the infant class. Several chairs have been promised by the church members. Bro. Grinstead took for his subject, "Why we are Protestants" and last Sunday morning preached his farewell sermon. Bro. R. A. Wright preached in the evening on "Christ's Second Coming." Tuesday evening, May 30, a farewell social was given to Bro. Grinstead and family (who have been transferred to Palmerston North), and a welcome to Bro. P. Bolton. Bro. W. Taylor presided over a large attendance. Representatives of the churches at Wellington and Lower Hutt attended. Bro. M. Vickery, Bro. Phillips, and Bro. P. Bolton delivered addresses. Bro. Owen, on behalf of Lower Hutt church, presented Bro. and Sister Grinstead with a handbag. Bro. Bell, as a token of esteem, presented Bro. Grinstead with a large and a last travelling rug, on behalf of Petone church, and Sister Batterley, on behalf of the Sisters' Sewing Guild, presented Sister Grinstead with a set of linen doilies. Bro. Grinstead suitably responded.—P.A., June 1.

CHRISTCHURCH—The last two Sunday mornings we have had to endure very suggestive expressions of part of a Cor. 13 in connection with "The Ethical Christian." On May 21, at the close of the address on "Peace amid Storm,"

one woman was baptised. Psalm 27 formed the basis of last Sunday night's address. On May 24 we gathered with other churches in an Empire Day United Intercession Service. On May 25 the Government has agreed to pass a resolution that public meetings in the city passed a resolution that the Government be urged to close hotel bars from 6 p.m. till 8 a.m. during the war, and for 6 months after, and to introduce "anti-shouting" legislation. The C.W.B.M. held their monthly meeting on Thursday evening—P.S.N., June 2.

Queensland.

BRISBANE—The Y.P.S. is in full swing; interesting programmes are being refected, and the attendance is very satisfactory. Yesterday there was a good attendance at the Lord's table. John Swan spoke on "The Personal Testimony of Paul." The gospel meeting was well attended. Bro. A. C. Rankine spoke on "The Dear Old Bible." An offering was taken up for the British and Foreign Bible Society. During the week a "Six o'clock Closing" demonstration was held in Murray Square, at which Bro. Rankine spoke.—H.C.S.

ALBION—A good morning meeting. Bro. Ross Graham spoke on "Jesus Meeting the Needs of our Unpublished Lives." The Company of Friends still grows. The Lord's day School is preparing for the anniversary. We are glad to see the men folk attending the evening service. The church extends its sympathy with the relatives of Sister Beatrice Ruddle, once a member with us, who was called home suddenly in Bundaberg.—H.W.H., June 6.

BOONAH—Bro. and Sister Wendorf and family have removed to Brisbane, and received letters of transfer to the church there; also two other sisters. Four more of our young men have volunteered for active service. Len. Stubbins has gone into camp. Our meetings for worship are improving. Our meetings at the State School for the Bible School at Mt. Alford, Our School of Methods is progressing. Six o'clock closing is the great theme at present. We are working for a referendum.—W. H. Nightingale.

West Australia.

CLAREMONT—On Thursday, May 18, the church gave a send-off to Bro. and Sister E. H. Eaton. Bro. Eaton, who was secretary for the Claremont church, having decided to give his whole time to the work, will be sent by the Home Mission Committee to take up the work in Brookton district. Bro. Connor, Conference Vice-President, took the chair. Speeches were given by Bro. H. J. Banks, W. B. Blakemore, E. L. Finck, J. Bell, and E. H. Eaton. During the evening Bro. Eaton, on behalf of the members, presented Bro. Eaton with a time log for carrying his books, etc., and Sister Eaton with a nice umbrella. The chapel was nicely filled, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.—F. B. Eaton.

PERTH—On the morning of May 28 Bro. H. J. Banks gave a helpful message from Philippians 1:19. We held an Empire Day service in the evening. The chapel was crowded by an audience which included a large number of the boy scouts. Special music was rendered by the boys and the congregation, and Bro. Blakemore spoke on "God and My Right." We held a special business meeting on Wednesday evening last. We unanimously decided to ask Bro. Blakemore to reconsider his decision, and to grant him six months' leave of absence. We have received news that Sister Wade aged sister was a regular attendant at the Lord's table for many years past, and a few days before her death had partaken of the memorial loaf.—W.A., June 3.

South Australia.

MELBOURNE & BOULEROO CENTRE—Fortnightly we meet in the Melrose Institute, as has

been the custom for over three years. It has been a hard field, and there had been no apparent results until five weeks ago, when, Bro. E. C. Smith, of B. Centre, speaking, Leslie Wallidge, also of B. Centre, that part, made the good confession. Last Sunday day at the bend of the Mount Remarkable Creek the young believer was baptised, the writer officiating. Bro. Frank Smith, afterwards gave the gospel address in the Institute. Before the Lord's Supper Bro. Wallidge received the right hand of fellowship.—H.

SEMAPHORE—Meetings have been keeping up splendidly, five having confessed their faith in Christ. Our sisters have just held a very successful sale of work from which £13 was raised to be used for building improvements. Another of our members, Bro. Will. Pirie, left last week for Fremantle. One of our Bible School scholars, Kathleen Lawton, passed away last week, after a short illness with diphtheria. Bro. Saunders exhorted this morning, and preached to-night on "Catholic Baptism," continuing his series of addresses on "A Union Basis on Catholic Principles." The conclusion of the address, two Sunday School scholars made the good confession. Among our visitors to-day was Bro. Thomas, of Kaitiaki.—E.C.M., June 4.

WALLAROO—On Thursday, May 25, a social was held to welcome Bro. and Sister Taylor. Bro. Neil, President of the Northern Conference, presided. Ministers of the town were present, and extended a welcome. Bro. Killmer spoke on behalf of the church. Bro. Wedd for the Kading church. There was a good number present, and the welcome was sincere and hearty. Opportunity was also taken to say farewell to Bro. and Sister Redda, and to wish them blessing in their new associations. Last Lord's day we had a good day, with a large number present at the evening meeting, to hear Bro. Taylor preach the gospel. The interest is good.—E.J.K., June 3.

PROSPECT—Bro. Haines was received by letter from Strathallan, on June 4. He will be a help to us. A wet day spoiled the audience, but at night one young girl from the Bible School confessed Christ. Tent mission commenced to-day. W. C. Brooker addressed the church in the morning, and at night preached to a large audience. One confession. Prospects are good for successful mission. One baptised believer received his membership at the morning meeting.—P. June 11.

GILOTT ST.—Yesterday E. McPhee presided, and Bro. J. E. Thomas gave a farewell address from Phil. 1:27. Crowded attendance at the gospel service, at which Bro. Thomas delivered a powerful sermon. Five adults confessed Christ. The officers have arranged a farewell public meeting to Bro. and Sister Thomas, on Tuesday, June 13.—E.W.P.

KADINA—The Girls' Guild held on Tuesday evening last a gift evening for the soldiers. A very good sum of money was given to be used for the Cross work, also some very warm and useful articles, which with a nice appreciation by the Guild.—Ruby M. Chantam, June 11.

STIRLING EAST & ALDGADE VALLEY—Last week, Bro. J. Fischer preached at Stirling. Members of the C.E. Society visited Summerton last week; the writer addressed the gathering there. J. T. Train, of Murray Bridge, commended his labours with the churches here on July 2, the his writing commencing at Murray Bridge the same day. The "Willing Worker" bridge the same day, made their last evening semi-social one in order to bid farewell to Sister Edwards, Sister McMill, on behalf of Valley sisters and friends, and Sister W. Halliday, on behalf of Stirling. Presentations which were greatly appreciated by the recipient.—T.E.

YORK—Since last report two welcomed by audience. A number of members took following for their speedy recovery. His wife, Mrs. W. F. Frieder, of Glen Iris, on vacation, spoke very nicely one morning. Bro. Ford, Teague, in morning, had left for the front. To-day, morning meeting good; Bro. Swain presided; writer spoke on "The Church and its Doctrine." Evening meeting small because of rain. Subject,

Crise that Never Fails."—E. J. Paternoster, June 11.

QUEENSTOWN.—On Monday, June 5, Pte. Thompson was immersed, and received into fellowship immediately, owing to his leaving with the 4th Battalion on Friday last. Wednesday, the Alberton Branch, W.C.T.U., held their annual thanksgiving services in our building. Atkinson, A. G., Saunders, H. A., Semshore, and McE. E. Conley, all Union Methodist, delivered splendid addresses. Evening, Mr. Victor Stanton gave a temperance address. Recitations and solos were rendered at both meetings. To-day, good meetings. Q.Y.P.M., A. Harris spoke to the young people. Worship, A. Coim presided; Bro. Hawkes delivered an inspiring exhortation on the morning lesson. Evening, Bro. Brooker being at the Prospect Mission, Bro. Jenner, of Norwood, gave a splendid address on "Never man spake as this man."—D.L.W., June 11.

COTTONVILLE.—To celebrate the opening of our new chapel, a tea and public meeting were held on Thursday last. A large number were present. Bro. Morrow, A.C., presided at the public meeting, and delivered an address by the chairman and Mrs. George Barkness, Huntman, and Samuels. The choir rendered two anthems very creditably. Our thanks are due to Miss Plumpton for her valuable assistance in training our singers. During the evening Mr. Manning, on behalf of the Bible Class, presented a silver sugar-bowl to Mrs. John McNeil, who laid the foundation stone of the new building. To-day the opening services were continued. Bro. Huntman gave the address at the morning meeting, and there was a good audience to hear Bro. Manning's gospel address. A married lady made the good confession. A special Sunday school service was held in the afternoon. We were attended by 45 new scholars enrolled. The objective—250 scholars on the Sunday School roll by the date of the opening services—was more than attained, the total reached being 298. The total result of our Sunday School increase campaign is 128 scholars; of these 69 were gained by the Reds, while the Blues secured 59. We were rewarded by the assistance given to the cause at Cottonville by brethren throughout Australia, and more particularly to the church at Park-st, Unley, for their splendid weekly contribution, without which we should find it very difficult to carry on the work.—H. June 11.

New South Wales.

HORSBY.—The writer presided at the anniversary service on June 4. Sister Lockley was received into fellowship. Bro. Gordon gave us a fine address on "Religious Enthusiasm." Bro. Gordon addressed a large gathering on Horsby Park during the afternoon, in favor of the closing of the bars at six o'clock; the writer, chairman of the Horsby League, presided. The church was almost full at night. Bro. Gordon gave a magnificent address on "The Five Revolutions from Romanism." On June 11, L. J. Thompson presided; J. Sashy, of Enmore, exhorted. Splendid attendance at the gospel service. Bro. Linley Gordon excelled himself. Great victory in Horsby for six o'clock. Every member was a six o'clocker. We intend to work to make six o'clock a permanent closing hour.—Thos. E. Rote.

ENMORE.—Bro. Dr. Verco presided over our morning meeting on June 4. We were pleased to see amongst us again Bro. William Wilson, from Victoria, with his son and daughter. Our Bible School attendances continue to be good. On May 28, afternoon, there was a record attendance of 427. Bro. A. E. Illingworth conducted the evening meeting. Bro. William Wilson preached the gospel, and Miss Wilson sang an invitation solo. There was a baptismal service at the close.

CHATSWOOD.—Fair attendances on June 4. Bro. Bazley spoke at both services. The Bible School organiser, Bro. Gale, attended the school in the afternoon in connection with the establishment of the School of Methods for Teachers. Chatswood teachers have decided unanimously to attend the school. A meeting was held at night at which it was decided to re-organise the choir, with Bro. Rich as leader.

ERSKINEVILLE.—Preacher's second anniversary here on June 4. Broen, Forscutt, E. Taylor (former pastor of Dunooner (Lismore) took part in morning meeting. Four new members received. Six new scholars in the afternoon. One man came forward at the evening service, for restoration. Sister Miss Baines very sweetly rendered solo. Attendance at morning meeting was greater than total of membership, and in the evening 50 per cent. high attendance were present to represent municipality at both meetings.—P. J. Pond.

NARRABRI.—Sunday evening list, the writer ministered to Bellara, 29 miles distant, and conducted a service, at which some 30 people attended, half or more were men. At the conclusion several voluntarily asked that they might have regular visits and services, with the result that arrangements have been made for monthly services in the future. Bro. Carlisle preached at Narrabri. In the afternoon the school brought the efficiency contest with Wagga to an end. The attendance during the contest was well maintained, to reach the creditable whole last Sunday the collection was 50 per cent. better than at the commencement. Our library has been augmented during the month by gifts; we thank those who are planning to send us other books that are so urgently needed.—P. Warburst, June 6.

PETERSHAM.—Splendid meetings on June 4. Bro. Gordon presided. Attendance the visitors was Sister Buckley, from Lyons, N.S.W. An encouraging stirring addresses. Our attendances at the mid-week services are steadily increasing. Bro. Abbott has been working very hard in connection with the six o'clock movement. We took up an offering at our evening service, which will considerably help the movement.—A.M.T., June 7.

RUGGAWALBYN.—On May 21, an excellent meeting was held around the Lord's table. At the evening service the chapel was full, a large number of men being present. After the gospel service a large number gathered on the bank of the river to witness the baptism of a young woman. This was a very impressive service. We had a fine meeting of the C.F. Society on May 29, over J. J. Jones.

BANGALOW.—We have had some fine meetings, especially around the Lord's table. The church gave a welcome send to Sister Jones, and presented her and Bro. Jones with a beautiful silver water-kettle inscribed. On May 7, Sister Jones was received into fellowship. We were pleased to have with us Bro. and Sister Keatings, who have come to reside in the district. The Bible School had a very successful picnic in the Show Grounds on May 27. The teachers of the Bible School met to discuss future work. Sister T. J. Jones was appointed superintendent of the kindergarten, Sister O. Platt assistant superintendent. Sister D. Day, also, assisted, and Sister E. Collins, treasurer. Five new scholars have been added to the Bible School lately. The writer being absent at Bungalow on May 21, Mr. Frewin, of Byron Bay, kindly filled the platform.

BELMORE.—Our evangelist, after rather a serious illness, has been recuperating at Blackheath. During his absence we have been indebted to Bro. Cecil Hall, Bro. T. Morrison, and his sons, Will and Alf. Bro. Frank, who has been preaching for some time with great regret, we learn that his second illness; he has to undergo an operation to have some bone taken away. Bro. Crawford gave us his valuable help. Yesterday Bro. W. Day gave us an excellent exhortation. Attendances all day were good. We are suffering a serious loss in the passing of Sister Ruthie Collins, who was sister with our evangelist's wife, and frequently visited her from Queensland.—John Rodgers.

PADDINGTON.—Sunday, June 11, good attendance at morning service. Several visitors, including Bro. H. G. Harward, who gave a splendid address on cooperation and partnership in the Kingdom of God. Bro. Harward, Bro. Collins, conducted the gospel service. A note of thankfulness for the success of the six o'clock closing referendum ran through both services. We regret that Sister Collins is very unwell.—A. W. Shearson, June 12.

TAREE.—Many of our members, including Bro. Burns and family, have been sick. Bro. Edwards addressed the church on Lord's day morning, and Bro. Lucas, of the Scotch Mission, W.A. Alliance, preached at night. He made a strong appeal in favor of six o'clock closing. The services all day were well attended.—T.T.M., June 7.

AUBURN.—Good meetings morning and evening. Bro. Saunders speaking at the two meetings. His text for the morning was Luke 16: 10; and this evening's discourse was based on Luke 16: 1-8. His fine addresses were much enjoyed by all.—G. Stieh, June 11.

NORTH SYDNEY.—Twenty per cent. of our members were in the referendum battle. In addition a number of Bible School scholars and K.S.P. boys helped by distributing literature and handbills. In our district the majority of six o'clock votes was three to one. Among visitors lately we have had Bro. Garrett, of the A.I.F. We regret to have to state that Sister Medral is in the hospital. Sickness is prevalent.

HURSTVILLE.—Good meetings to-day. Bro. Crawford exhorted this morning on "The Unchanging Christ." A band of five young men from Dulwich Hill Baptist Church, conducted the singing at night, each one taking part in Bible readings, solos and addresses.—B. E. Heasman, June 11.

MARRICKVILLE.—Bro. A. E. Illingworth this morning gave us a helpful exhortation on "The name of the Lord is a strong tower." Bro. Rush spoke to night on "The War and Its Effects." He also made reference to the six o'clock victory. The congregation sang the Doxology, and special thanks were offered to God. A very happy time was spent by the Willing Workers and friends last night, when a farewell social was rendered to Bro. Jack Morris, who left for the front on Monday, about go being present. Glad to see Miss Irene Frazer with us again after her sickness. We have succeeded in raising £20 amongst the members to clear off last year's deficiency. Bro. Stan Garner has been home on final leave, and left for Melbourne last night prior to leaving for the front.—J. J. Taylor, June 10.

Victoria.

WINDSOR.—Things are moving quietly. The semi-annual church business meeting was held, and routine business transacted. Four deaconesses were appointed. The Bible Class has entered a three months' competition with Carnegie and Malvern. The vestries have been caldinned, and new linoleum placed on the floor. On 8th inst. Bro. Ciappell gave his lecture on New Hebrides.

NORTH MELBOURNE.—On May 29 a kitchen tea was tendered to Bro. H. Greenwood and Sister E. Peirce, who were joined in matrimony on June 4. Useful articles were presented to the newly-wedded couple. For advice on the front we thanked the donors. We began our anniversary services yesterday, when our evangelist spoke morning and evening. In the afternoon Bro. Franklin addressed the children in a very pleasing manner.—W.B., June 12.

PIAHMAN.—We had a fine impressive service on Lord's day morning. Reference was made to the nation's great loss in the death of Lord Kitchener, and our gallant sailors. Special prayers were offered on behalf of the bereaved. Our gospel meeting was a little thinner in attendance than usual, but still it was a fine, uplifting meeting, and the singing of a visiting male choir of eight voices was particularly impressive.

MARYBOROUGH.—Good meetings to-day, to-night a good number of strangers were present. Bro. Southgate was the preacher. One confession since last report, by a fine young man.—A.P.A.B.

NORTH RICHMOND.—Splendid meetings last Lord's day. Bro. More, of Brunswick, exhorted in the morning on "Peter, his Denial and Forgiveness." Our Bible School members are in good condition. At the gospel service Bro. H. A. Proster preached, his subject being "The Uplifted Christ." A large attendance was recorded, many strangers being present.—A.H.T., June 12.

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Baramati Indian Mission.

H. H. Stratton.

The work here consists of regular preaching services held daily in the town and in outlying villages, with an occasional itinerating trip further afield. The number of these services varies from 60 to 75 per month, and the number of addresses given from 150 to 200 per month. The chief centre is the weekly bazaar, at which opportunities are obtained of reaching large crowds with the gospel, and at which sales of Scripture portions form a part of the work. This branch of our work has been very much helped of late by the introduction of a blind orphan boy, who is a trained musician, and who plays drums and the organ at such services, and is thus a great help in increasing the crowds who listen. Outside villages are visited by two preachers every morning.

The Medical Work has grown in importance, and is a good opportunity for spreading the gospel. Dr. Gaiakwad, who has charge of this, gives the gospel personally to each patient. Beyond a special amount expended on special medicines for orphans and Christians, and free treatment for the Bhampta Settlers, the cost of medicines is defrayed from the nominal fees charged. The Mission Dispensary is becoming increasingly popular month by month.

Orphans. There have been 15 orphans at Baramati, and 10 in Poona for the year. These latter will either be transferred to Baramati shortly, or others will be taken in their place, who will live at Baramati. Three from amongst the orphans have married during the year. Others have become self-supporting. Two are now with the forces in the Persian Gulf, earning their own living and serving their country. On the whole

this work has been very encouraging. Most of the children here are very young, and are brought up in separate homes by Christian women; treated as their own children are, and paid for by the Mission.

Industrial Work. Weaving is still the most important work done at Baramati; but owing to the war and the consequent great increase in the price of dyed yarn, this industry has been hit very badly. We have managed, however, to avoid any serious loss by doing all the plain work, or work on undyed cloth, we could during the year.

Building and carpentry is also done. The workers in this branch are earning their living for the most part, on outside jobs, thus costing the Mission nothing for their support. Several families are supported in this way. Two or three families have been supported for the year on field work. We were able to do this by leasing some larger fields for the purpose of cropping and letting those families work them, as the fields belonging to the Mission are not sufficiently large for this purpose, even in good years.

Bhampta Settlement. This work has now crystallised, and a permanent settlement is opened at Baramati. In his report to Government, Mr. Starte, the official in charge of the Criminal Tribes Settlements of the Bombay Presidency, wrote favorably of what had been done by this Mission during the past two years in conducting a gang of 150 to 200 of these thieves, while engaged on contract work on the Nera Canal excavations. He also said that he would subsidise for one year, as an experimental settlement, the Bhampta Colony the Mission had then opened at Baramati, consisting of forty families. The amount promised is Rs. 300 (£20).

This has now been received, and has enabled us to employ a well-educated Christian overseer (Government trained), whose duty it is (1) to take the roll call every am.; (2) see to it that regular employment is provided for all of the men and women; (3) that the children all attend the Mission school; and that the general behaviour of the people is good. He will also help in the evangelistic side of the work. There will be a sufficient balance, after paying the Settlement officer's salary for the year, to defray the cost of erecting the mud and thatched houses for the families to live in; 13 of these have now been erected on the extreme south of the Mission's new property, towards the village. As the settlement will be fixed at 40 families, other dwellings are being erected and paid for as they go up. These are laid out in the form of streets; so far the settlement is proving a success; work plentiful; wages are good, and there have been no cases of crime recorded during the past nine months. This will form a profitable side of our mission work in time, as one of the conditions laid down in the settlement is, that the children attend the Mission school, and the Mission has a free hand to teach Christianity to the settlers. This has not been allowed in all of the Government settlements under the Salvation Army.

School Work. This is under the charge of two teachers. One is a trained kindergarten, and the other is educated in English. With their combined efforts the school in Baramati is improving very much. The Bhampta children attend regularly, and low caste children from wadas near by put in spasmodic appearances, which depend more upon the periodical distribution of sweets than upon a thirst for knowledge.

Meetings for the training of preachers and teachers or Bible women, are also part of the work here, and a Mutual Improvement Class meets every Saturday evening. The appointment of two elders in the persons of Dr. Gaiakwad and Mr. Sathu, has made for the improvement of all matters in connection with our native churches. These are both men of good address and standing, and during the many absences of the missionary in charge, while visiting the outstations, are proving of invaluable aid in the conducting of the work amongst the Christian communities at Baramati, Dhakal and Wadgaon.

Baptisms. There have been ten during the year. One of these baptisms was a striking character, and had thoroughly sought out the truth of Christianity; he is now serving in a hospital column in the Persian Gulf, and writes bright letters. The two orphans who joined the forces a year ago continue to write and receive letters regularly. That they have been preserved is a source of thankfulness to us all.



A Baramati Street Scene.

"Think truly, and thy thoughts
Shall the world's famine feed;
Speak truly, and each word of thine
Shall be a fruitful seed;
Live truly, and thy life shall be
A great and noble deed."

The Appeal of the Missionaries.

B. W. Huntsman, President S.A. F.M. Committee.

Standing on a temporary platform at a street corner in the city of Adelaide, a returned soldier was addressing a recruiting meeting. It was the noon hour; crowds of young men had left office and store for lunch. Hearing the strains of patriotic music, many were drawn to see what was going on. Prominent men in the political life of the State had spoken to the crowd, they

reasons why the soldiers of the King of kings on the world's missionary frontiers should be supported, and recruits sent to their help. But the strongest appeal comes from the workers themselves. They know the needs, they face the opposition, and fight the good fight which must go on till the victorious flag of the Kingdom of Christ floats over every land and people. The appeal that comes from the advance guard is urgent and imperative, that the work shall not only be fully maintained, but strengthened and increased. Any lack in this respect means the weakening of our forces.

Bountifully, willingly, have the people of Australia responded to the help of our soldiers. More cheerfully and gladly should our churches answer the urgent call of our great missionary enterprises, by large offerings on the first Sunday in July. The victories of the spiritual struggle in missionary lands will help to bring in the golden age of peace and goodwill among all nations. Let our churches show that they have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.



School and His Family (Shrivangda Christians).

had advanced weighty arguments on the Empire's needs, and the urgent necessity of able-bodied men offering themselves to defend the land they love. Apparently there was no response. The listeners admitted the soundness of the reasons given, but their wills were not moved. A new feeling ran through the crowd when the returned soldier began to speak. He bore the scars of active service; he spoke from personal experience, recounting what the soldiers were doing, and were ready to endure. Such a message touched the springs of patriotism, and in response to this appeal many stepped forward to enlist.

Out on the firing line of the world's evangelism, a great war is going on, not with material forces, but the all-conquering power of the gospel against superstition, idolatry and sin. It is a tremendous struggle, weighty and eternal in its consequences. Those who stay at home may advance good

Our Work in the New Hebrides.

A. B. Chappell.

The work which the Churches of Christ are doing in the New Hebrides depends very largely upon native teachers. We have a school in every village where the natives are willing, and a native Christian teacher has charge of each school. The teacher holds a meeting in the early morning just after daybreak, and another one in the evening after dark. In these meetings hymns are sung, prayer is offered, and a portion of Scripture is read and explained. The teacher endeavors to lead the people to Christ, and also does what he can to strengthen them in the faith. During the day he mixes with the people, and engages in occupations similar to those in which they are employed. His difficulties he takes to the missionary, that he might be instructed regarding ways of overcoming them or that the missionary might overcome them for him. The missionary, while at his headquarters, takes charge of the meetings there. But he also pays fairly regular visits to all the schools in his district. While in a village he generally sees almost all the natives in it and holds meetings in the school. Thus he keeps in touch with and controls the work under his care.

On the island of Pentecost Bro. and Sister Filmer are our missionaries. Here, besides over 20 of the ordinary schools, Bro. Filmer has a training institution in which he is preparing natives to become teachers of the Word. A native cannot teach if he is not trained and educated to a certain extent, and this institution is supplying a great need. Already some teachers have gone out

from it to the work, and because of its existence we have been able to enter villages for which we would otherwise have had no teachers. Those in training are taught both to study and to work with their hands. On the mission property at Banmatmat Bro. Filmer has had over 2000 cocoa-nuts planted. The oldest of these palms are just beginning to bear nuts, and in a few years' time they should produce sufficient to make the training institution self-supporting. Sister Filmer holds some classes for the wives and girls who are to become wives of boys in training, and also at times conducts meetings for all the women of the village. Bro. and Sister Waters are stationed on the island of Oha, where they have the oversight of more than 30 schools. Bro. Waters also holds classes for the teachers who are working near his headquarters. Sister Waters works amongst the women and children of Nduindui and the surrounding district. The writer has charge of nine schools on the island of Maewa, and four in the north-eastern portion of Oha.

There are still some villages on each of the three islands, the residents of which refuse to have teachers live amongst them to take to them the gospel, and some natives in the villages where we have schools have not yet yielded themselves to Christ. But the Word of God is winning its way amongst these people. Every year some decide for our Lord, and very few go back to heathenism. We do not see so much Christ-likeness in these Christians as we wish. Still, when they make the stand there is a change in their lives. They leave their heathen customs and endeavor to live as Christ would have them. In the thirteen schools in my district there are 132 Christians, while in the districts where the work has been longer established the numbers of converts are larger.

"Let Us Pray."

Yes, let us pray! 'Tis good when cares are vexing.

To kneel and tell the story of our woe
To Him who notes our fears and griefs perplexing.

And doth the end from the beginning know.

Yes, let us pray, for we may reckon never

How many heavy burdens, hard to bear,
Have rolled from many shoulders aching o'er,
To Christ's dear feet at hush of holy prayer.

Ah, pray, for oh, like mother land, soft prairie
In sweet approval felt on child's soft head.

The peace of God which passeth all our knowing,
When knees are bowed, on worn hearts shall be shed.

If for our woe the boon so sorely needed,
Though long withheld, shall bless the earnest plea,
No prayer on Heaven's kind ear fall short and be heeded,
Or where for human need could comfort be heeded.

Then let us come, our Lord's best offering,

To pray unceasing, 'till with glad obeying
We stand where never more is need of praying,
For every tongue is tuned to endless praise.

—Schmidt

Reports from the Field.

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COLAC—Thursday, 8th, splendid attendance of members and friends at a social to welcome Bro. and Sister Robbins. The secretary, Mrs. L. Schowald, presided, and welcomed Bro. Bluhm, Bro. Brennan, Williamson, Kenyon and Lewis who expressed words of welcome. Bro. Robbins gave a short talk on future work. A good programme was arranged, and all spent an enjoyable evening. Sunday, good meetings, and we all hope for a bright future.—E.H.L., June 11.

MELBOURNE (Swanston-st.)—We had several visitors last Lord's day morning, amongst whom were Sisters Mrs. Morley and Miss Morley, from In Corowa; Bro. Streifford, from Lake Boga, and several other brethren in the King's uniform, including Bro. Lightfoot, from W.A., who leaves for the front this week. Bro. George Moore gave an excellent address on "Receive ye the Holy Spirit." In the evening Bro. Franklyn spoke to a large audience. The opportunity was taken to make special reference to the passing of Earl Kitchener. The choir sang "Gallia" and "Across the Bar," and at the conclusion of the service the Dead March was played. There was one confession. On Monday, June 12, the Bible School opened their annual term demonstration. The attendance was all that could be desired, and the excellent programme provided by the school was much appreciated by all present. Bro. Franklyn distributed the prizes.

MALVERN—Good meetings all day. Bro. Clay exhorted in his usual powerful manner. One received in by letter; two by faith and obedience. Two confessions at night by Lord's day School scholars. Bro. Oldfield preaching. Working bee is still doing good work on improvements.—Jas. Hillaway.

BAYSWATER—Pleased to report good interest in our meetings lately, and also good results. During the last three weeks we have received seven into our membership, three by letter and four by baptism. The ship is doing good work. We are looking forward to more additions in the near future.—C. J. Martin, June 11.

MORLELAND—This morning our Junior Endavor Society had a grand meeting. Several surprise items were rendered, the principal events being presentations to the superintendent, Mrs. T. Hager, and the energetic secretary, Mr. L. Phelan. Helpful exhortation at the meeting for worship from Bro. Ewers. A crowded house at the gospel service, when Bro. Ewers delivered the third of a series of addresses. We are sad to report that there is much sickness among our members.—V.C.K., June 11.

CARLTON (Lygon-st.)—We had a great day on Sunday. The attendance morning, afternoon and evening was the biggest we have had for some time. Rev. Emiss presided at the breaking of bread, and J. J. Franklyn exhorted. The address was an uplifting one. Bro. Emiss gave another nice talk to the Bible Class, and a fine discourse at night, his subject being "The Possession of a Precious Treasure." Special reference was made to the death of Lord Kitchener. "The Dead March in Saul" was played by Miss J. Dickens on the organ. The large choir also rendered a beautiful anthem. We are indebted to Bro. Gifford Gordon for his helpful message at the week-night prayer meeting. We are planning for a big day on Sunday next, when Jas. E. Thomas will begin his work as evangelist, speaking morning, afternoon and evening.—J.M.C.

FOOTSCRAY—The work is very bright. Successful Bible School and anniversary just concluded. Special speakers, Bro. T. Hager, H. Swain, and G. D. Vereo. There were large attendances both Sundays. The singing of the children under the patron of Bro. J. B. Gray was excellent. They were assisted by a fine orchestra. The meetings last Lord's day were good. Bro. Wickham spoke at both services. At night there were two confessions, husband and wife.

SWAN HILL DISTRICT—Our work of expansion continues. Permission to conduct meetings in the Nyah State School has been granted.

We intend to hold three gospel meetings a month in this thickly-populated irrigation settlement. Bro. Cambridge and Aulich are doing good work in the old centre, where we are still loved and respected. Bro. Aulich has taken up the work of religious instruction in the Swan Hill State School. We are looking forward to a great and successful time in August, when our district conference will be held. Last Lord's day was Circuit Sunday. A special offering was taken up in each church for circuit work. The result was very gratifying.—D.A.C.

KERANG—Yesterday Bro. Bell, who has held the fort so long time in this place, presided at the Lord's table, and evangelist Cockroft exhorted. Considering the number of members in the town, it was a good meeting.—June 12.

CHELTENHAM—During the month Bro. S. H. Mudge has been with us, we have had some very nice meetings. Our brother is making a very good impression, and we feel assured that his work will be helpful to the church, and a blessing to the district. Last evening, after an inspiring address, we had the joy of becoming members of the ladies from the Bible School of Christ. A feature of the service was the splendid singing of the choir. Our aged Bro. Bluhm has been laid aside for some time past. Our prayers are for him during his great weakness.—F.W.M., June 12.

CASTLEMAINE—Interest in the Bible School rally is beginning. Total attendance, 93 to-day; new scholars, 8. Blues are leading in new scholars; both sides even in attendance. Bro. Clippstone exhorted this morning, and preached the gospel at night on "Can I be saved without baptism?" We expect Bro. Chappell on Tuesday with the lantern.—D.S.

STAWELL—We regret to report that Sister Johnston is at present in ill-health. A welcome social was to have been tendered Bro. and Sister Johnston last Friday evening, but owing to our sister's illness the function had to be postponed. The services yesterday were attended. Our preacher spoke morning and evening, the subject for his latter address being "Abel's Grungphone," which is the first of a series. All thoroughly enjoyed the meetings. Our Y.P.S. evening on Tuesday, and the prayer and devotional meetings on Thursday, have also been exceedingly well attended of late.—Arnold Sheppard, June 12.

FITZROY—June 4, our meetings were good. Bro. McCallum speaking at both services. During the week we lost our aged Bro. Cranley, who was called to higher service at the age of 85. Our brother had not been identified with us long, but he was most regular at our morning worship, and we shall miss his kindly face and support. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved ones in their loss. June 11, nice meeting, with increased attendance. Bro. McCallum exhorted at morning worship; also the gospel service. We are expecting a great day on July 9, our home coming day.

NORTH FITZROY—A great deal of interest has been aroused in this district in connection with the opening of the fourteenth year of Bro. Baker's ministry. On Wednesday, 7th inst., a public meeting was held in the chapel to celebrate this unique record. The chair was taken by Bro. A. Mills, who was for many years associated with us, and formed one of our best band of officers, whose wisdom and piety contributed in no small degree to the triumph of the cause in this place. A fine programme was provided, and excellent addresses were given by the chairman, H. A. Procter, Bro. Emiss, and J. W. Emiss. When Bro. Procter rose to respond, he was accorded an ovation, the large audience rising and waving handkerchiefs as an expression of appreciation. During the past thirteen years a great work has been performed by Bro. Baker. Fully 500 members have received letters of transfer to other churches, but the leeway has been made up, and the financial arrangements of the church have also paid off the chapel; £500 has been spent in improvements and additions, while £700 has been raised in cash and land toward a new Bible School building. At the same time our collections for

Home and Foreign Missions, etc., have largely increased. Bro. Baker has been the central figure in all our spiritual and financial activities, and we trust that he may long be spared to continue his good work for the Master.—A.E.S., June 12.

HAWTHORN—Another great gospel service to-night, the building being crowded. Bro. Scandler delivered a stirring address on "A heart set upon great things." At the close four made the good confession. During the meeting Sister Jessie Jolly, from Swanston-st., sang two solos. We were helped by Bro. J. C. F. Pittman's exhortations this morning. Bro. A. B. Chappell gave an interesting lantern lecture at the Kinetic meeting last week on the work in the New Hebrides.—P.R., June 11.

GEELONG—One baptism on Monday, June 5—a young man. A large attendance at the mid-week prayer meeting on Thursday. Six women and one young man were baptised at the close of Lord's day meetings. Bro. Chandler exhorted, and also extended the right hand of fellowship to one young man and four young women. A full house at the gospel service at night. Our evangelist preached a fine sermon. Two men and two women took their stand for Christ.—W.I.L.L., June 12.

COMING EVENTS.

JUNE 18 and 22.—Sunday, Lygon-st., Mr. J. E. Thomas, morning, afternoon, and evening, 22nd (Thursday), Welcome Meeting—Tea, 6.30; Tickets, 1/- each. Public meeting, 8 o'clock. Prominent speakers. Congregational singing.

JUNE 26.—Monday evening, June 26, 8 o'clock, Swanston-st. church, Melbourne, public debate meeting to J. J. Franklyn. Representative speakers: A. R. Main, President of Conference; J. E. Thomas, H. A. Procter, G. D. Vereo, Secretary, Conference Temperance Committee; C. F. Crosby, President, Y.M.C.A., Melbourne. Special selections by choir. All kindly invited.

IN MEMORIAM.

STREADER—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dearly loved father, Alfred John, who was suddenly called home on June 21, 1912. Only "Good-night," beloved—not farewell! A little while, and all His saints shall dwell In hallowed unity—individually.
Good-night!

—Inscribed by his loving wife and family, 47 Elizabeth, Bendigo, Vic.

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Foreign Mission Sunday, July 2.

J. W. Webb left Melbourne for South Australia on Monday.

A good start was made with the mission in the A'out Vale (Vic.) chapel last Sunday.

H. B. Robbins has now taken up the work at Colib, Vic. This address is Queen-st., Colac.

We are glad to note the splendid progress being made at Cottonville, S.A. B. W. Manning is rendering excellent service.

If you are pleased with this issue, and are not a subscriber, will you please see the agent of your church, or write to Austral Co.? The paper may be had for 6/- through agents, or 7/- posted direct.

The matter for this issue of the "Christian" has been prepared by I. A. Paternoster, Secretary of the Federal Foreign Missionary Committee. Will our agents please use to advantage the extra copies sent?

If church secretaries have not received envelopes for the taking of the offering, please write at once to your State Secretary, stating the number required. These will have been sent, but sometimes miscarry.

The Victorian Women's Council are desirous of forming Women's Missions in all our churches this year. Will those who have not these classes please write to Miss Remetch, 59 St. Vincent-st., Albert Park?

Any of the Victorian churches wishing the Home Mission Committee of the Women's Conference to conduct meetings, should communicate with the Superintendent, Mrs. R. Thompson, 57 St. George's-road, North Fitzroy.

As a result of Bro. Gale's visit to the Chatswood Bible School, every teacher present enrolled in the School of Methods. One brother offered to present a copy of the text book to every lady teacher of the Chatswood school that enrolled.

Isolated members who have not received envelopes are asked to have a part in the offering. Up to 2/6 in stamps may be sent. Over that amount in postal note or money order. Addresses of State Treasurer to whom money should be sent are on another page.

Several Schools of Methods will be conducted simultaneously in the suburbs of Sydney, in addition to individual country Schools, and a correspondence course. A large aggregate enrolment is confidently expected. A canvass of every teacher is being made.

Do not forget the time for the offering, Sunday, July 2, 11 a.m., but do not wait till then to get ready. That may be a wet day, or you may not be able to get to church at that time. Do your best to find your offering in at that hour, or as soon after as possible. Get ready now!

A series of gospel missions will be arranged to be held in Auckland and suburbs, commencing June 4, and continuing until August 13. Advantage is being taken to utilize the services of Bro. P. D. McCullum before he returns to Australia. Prayers are requested on behalf of the united effort.

On Monday evening next in the Swanston-st. lecture hall the quarterly meeting of church officers and members of the Victorian churches will be held. The theme to be discussed will be "The Conduct of Church Business," which Bro. Geo. D. Veres will introduce. There should be a large attendance.

At the Victorian preachers' meeting on Monday last, it was resolved to recommend our preachers to comply with the request of the Council of Churches and give special prominence to Temperance reform on Lord's day, July 9. A small committee was appointed to provide for exchanges where practicable.

The address of the secretary of Marlborough church (Bro. Burden) is now Palmerston-st., Marlborough, Vic.

A number of pictures used in this issue were kindly lent by the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, for which we return thanks. We are glad to include a picture and article from the pen of J. C. Martin, Australian Secretary of the Baptist Board. Mr. Martin has many friends among the readers of this paper.

A second edition of "Chips," a book of 150 pages, containing some of the writings of the late D. A. Friers, is now in the hands of the printer, and will be ready for circulation early in next month. Any desiring copies should send orders in early to W. L. Ewers, 13 Cameron-st., Colarug. The price will be 1/3 per copy, postage paid.

In some States, suggested appointments have been sent to the churches. These are, as stated, but suggestions, based on previous giving. Churches are urged to do their best to reach these appointments, and send the money at once to your State Treasurer. The committee has an overdraft and does not want to pay interest longer than necessary.

The sisters of the Victorian General Dances will meet on Wednesday, June 21, in the Swanston-st. lecture hall, from 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m. This meeting is to be devoted to Red Cross work, and all sisters are asked to attend and help in the work of providing comforts for our brave boys, who have left their homes, and gone away to fight for us on the field of battle.

J. W. Baker has entered upon the fourteenth year of his ministry with the church at North Fitzroy, Vic. The work has been crowned with blessing. During the past thirteen years, 500 members have received letters of transfer to other churches, but the North Fitzroy church is today stronger than ever. Read the whole report in this issue. We wish Bro. Baker continued blessing in his work.

Attention is called to the farewell meeting to Bro. J. Franklyn in the Swanston-st. chapel on Monday evening, June 20, at 8 o'clock. Representative speakers will take part. Bro. Franklyn has done good work in Victoria for the past two years, specially in connection with temperance work, and he has the best wishes of the brotherhood for a successful time with the church at Grotting-st., Adelaide. There should be a large gathering at this meeting.

The new chapel at Mt. Compass, S.A., will be opened on Monday, June 25, at 2.30 p.m. Bro. Marrow, M.L.C., has been asked to perform the opening ceremony. Other leading brethren will take part. Tea will be provided, with public meeting at night. Brethren and sisters in the city and Southern churches should, if possible, attend this gathering, and so help the good brethren who have labored faithfully, making his sacrifices, that they may have a home of their own, at very little cost. Accumulation, and trains met at Willunga, on writing to Bro. G. N. Jagers, Mt. Compass. The appeal is still open for any one who would care to give towards laying material for seats, the work being done by the brethren—W. S. Velland, Secretary, Southern Conference.

Chaplain F. J. Miles, who represents Churches of Christ as well as Baptist and Congregational Churches, writes from "Somewhere in France": "I wish to thank you for copies of 'The Australian Christian,' which are beginning to reach me now. It is one to be kept in touch with your progressive work, and to know what my old friends and colleagues are doing in the Master's cause. It makes prayer more definite for others, and helps on them by taking one's thoughts off one's own, that centre round us, and force themselves constantly on our attention. When aeroplane fights and bombardments are the order of the day, and big gun fire scarcely ever ceases night and day, there is the danger of becoming so obsessed by the spirit of warfare as to lose vital interest in other matters, so that everything that is in front of the Lord's work at home is a great help. You have the address wrong. It is Chaplain F. J. Miles, 6th Battalion, and Infantry Brigade, A.F.F. France."

The N.S.W. Bible School annual examination will be held on Tuesday, August 8.

Robert W. Chambers has this to say of the stuff that is put up in bottles to ruin men's lives: "It has not the slightest compensating value for internal use. It isn't a food, a beneficial stimulant, nor an aid to digestion; IT'S A POISON. It's a parasite, fester, thief, plunderer, liar, brutalizer, murderer. There isn't, and there never has been, one word to say for it." We cannot change the nature of the stuff in the bottle, but we can change the man by putting the bottle down, and helping him up. Your contribution to the 1917 Fighting Fund will help to do this. Send it now to Geo. D. Veres, Doncaster, Vic.

Our business manager advises us concerning a man who always paid for his paper a year in advance. As a reward he was never sick in his life, never had a corn on his toes, or toothache, his potatoes never rot, the frost never kills his pears, his babies never cry at night, his wife never scolds, and he has succeeded in saving three terms on the school board without being hit upon. Our friend does not know how far certain weather-proof happy results would follow putting subscriptions to religious newspapers, or not, but he guesses that it wouldn't do any harm to try it—"Australian Baptist."

The Brisbane "Courier" recently reported a speech of His Excellency the Governor of Queensland, in which the following utterance on Christian Union was delivered: "As a layman he did wish that something more could be done to reconcile the differences of the various churches throughout the whole world. He knew there was a move in that direction, and he expressed the greatest regret that one or two churches were doubtful and hesitating, and as a member of the Anglican Church he regretted his church was one of them. Could not the laity do something to encourage the clergy to draw together and let the people know what were the doctrine the Christians should follow?" A later number of the paper contained an interesting letter on the subject from the pen of Bro. A. C. Rankine.

We congratulate N.S.W. on its magnificent temperance victory. The best figures at the time of our going to press were:

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The absolute majority for 6 o'clock over all the other hours combined has thus been increased to 1,250,026. A few returns from country places and the absent votes remain to be counted, and until these have been dealt with the result of the straight-out win for 6 o'clock cannot be officially declared. Victoria will be helped by this victory. In this State we are privileged to have no such question. Every Christian man is his part.

With the rest of the Empire, we mourn sincerely the loss of Lord Kitchener. The loss of each of the thousands of our brave sailors and soldiers causes us sadness. In Lord Kitchener we have lost a host. The nation had implicit trust in him as a leader, and felt that its interests were safe in the control of the marvellous leader. He was an organizer of armies will not be forgotten. His genius was admitted by friend and foe. His splendid advice to the soldiers at the outbreak of the war is remembered. He has greatly assisted the cause of temperance reform. Those who have him testified to the warmth of his heart, and the sincerity of his religious beliefs. The Dean of St. Paul's (Dr. W. R. Inge) said that he knew that Lord Kitchener was deeply religious and a good Christian. He did not parade his religion, but served God as he served his country, truly and unostentatiously. We regret that no national memorial service was arranged in the Commonwealth. In the larger cities special services have been held.

Our Mission.

Thos. Hagger, Victorian Home Mission Secretary.

The word mission implies both a sending and a going. In the mission we have called "ours" Christ sends, and we go (Matt. 28: 18-20). The sending is an evidence and exercise of authority; the going is a performance of duty.

Our mission is to preach the gospel (Mark 16: 15), and we must not turn aside to deliver philosophical or scientific lectures, or to merely moralise, all of which may be good in their places, when we should be busy delivering the great message which alone can comfort and save. If we would obey the Christ, do our duty, win men to the One who died for them, we must "preach the gospel."

The mission on which we are sent is to all men, everywhere. To all men in the home land, and to all men in other lands. It



Awaiting the Glad Tidings.

is a world-embracing mission. And while there is one man of the most obscure tribe, in the most remote region of the world, who has never heard the message, our task, in part, remains undone.

For the sake of convenience we divide the work into two parts—Home Missions, and Foreign Missions; but in no sense are these halves of our work antagonistic, but mutually helpful. The more interest we can create in Foreign Missions, the more we shall have in Home Missions, and *vice versa*.

In all her history the church has never had a greater opportunity than that presenting itself in this day to carry out to its full the mission imposed upon her by the Head—Jesus Christ. Facilities for transit are marvellous. The gates of the nations are open to the missionary of the Cross as never before. It will be criminal if we do not now make a big, enthusiastic effort to fulfil our mission.

Even the great war, which some think is and will continue to be a tremendous hindrance to the work, can, and should be turned into a golden opportunity. In many nations hearts are broken with grief, and the load of care and anxiety is crushing men and women to the earth. They need some comfort; they need to be inspired with hope for the future. Only the message of the Cross can do this. After the war changes will come, and it is not likely that things will ever be the same again in this old world. Men are already anxiously looking for something that will make such hellish things as war impossible. The old idea that preparations for war will secure peace has been proven to be a delusion and a snare. It is possible that many will turn to socialism as the cure for international greed and disputes. But socialism will prove to be a "broken cistern" that holds no water also. The one cure for all such things is Christ and his gospel.

Many in heathen lands are amazed at the spectacle of so-called Christian nations being engaged in such deadly strife as that now going on. How necessary, then, for us to go about our work in a thorough and whole-hearted manner, so that the wondering heathen, through the presentation of the loving Christ may learn that such things come not through following Christ, but through a failure to carry out the principles of his religion.

Let there be such giving for Foreign Missions on the first Lord's day in July that we shall show our confidence in the Christ and his gospel, and our determination to seize the present opportunity, and get busy in our great mission of gospel preaching everywhere.

Which are You?

H. Clark.

"Now while Paul waited for them at Athens his spirit was stirred within him when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market place daily with them that met with him" (Acts 17: 16, 17).

Paul saw a need. He felt for that need. He then sought to meet it.

The church must know of the world's need, must feel for that need, and then endeavor to meet it. The intellect must be enlightened, the emotions moved, and then the will must operate.

Do you know that 750,000,000 persons each with a soul more valuable than the entire material universe have never heard the message of Calvary? Africa is still subject to the Moslem menace, though the danger is less acute than before. Japan, the nation which is said to be leading the Orient, is passing through a crisis, and the imperative

need is that her leadership shall be Christian. China is rapidly adopting the civilization of the West. Shall we allow her to have our civilisation without Christianity? India, whose sons have fought side by side with our own men, is largely under the influence of Hinduism, a religion of despair.

As we view the multitudes in their need we are surely moved to compassion.

"But drops of grief can never repay
The debt of love I owe."

Bishop Tucker, of Uganda, left his studies to become a missionary. He had been painting a picture of a poor, thinly clad woman pressing a babe to her bosom as she wandered homeless on a stormy night in a dark, deserted street. As the picture was nearing completion, he suddenly threw down his brush, exclaiming, "Instead of merely painting the lost, I will go and save them."

We must act in the living present, for only we can tell this generation, and we can only tell this generation the story of Christ's redemptive work.

We must evangelise the world. As Gordon says, "Though our task is not to bring all the world to Christ, our task is unquestionably to bring Christ to all the world."

Had Paul not known the need of the world we should call him ignorant. Had he known it and remained unmoved, we should say he was callous. Had he merely been moved with compassion, we should call him sentimental.

Paul saw the need, was moved with compassion, and spent his life seeking to meet it and we call him Christian. Which are you?

Why Not?

H. W. Hermann,

Treasurer, Queensland F.M. Committee.

Bountiful rains have fallen over the greater portion of the State of Queensland. This will greatly improve the general outlook and set the people on their feet again.

With greater advantages the needs of the Foreign field will not be left wanting. Our offering last year was fair, but we want to do better. Remember, where your heart is, there will your treasure be also. The Master looks to us to do our share; let us not be found wanting, but this year eclipse anything that we have before attempted.

Give, Give.

The sun gives ever; so the earth.
What it can give, so much 's worth.
The ocean gives in many ways—
Gives paths, gives fishes, rivers, bays.
And so the air, it gives us breath;
When it stops giving, in compass death.
Give, give, be always giving;
Who gives not is not living;
The more you give, the more you live.

God's love hath to us wealth upheaped,
Only by giving is it reaped.
The holy withers, and the mind,
If put in by a selfish kind,
Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give aid,
Give time, give prayers, but first give yourself.
Give, give, be always giving;
Who gives not is not living;
The more you give, the more you live.

—Ann

Victory or Disaster?

Robt. Harkness, B.A.

Of all the news which has reached us from the scenes of war, none has had a more depressing effect than the intelligence that General Townshend, with his brave band of soldiers, was forced to surrender to the Turks at Kut-el-Amara.

It may be urged that as far as the ultimate end of the war is concerned, this incident may not have any great effect; but we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that it has strengthened the resistance of Turkey, given inspiration to the enemy, and produced an unfavorable impression upon wavering neutrals.

It gives us pleasure to think that General Townshend was not to blame, that he and his noble band of warriors did all that was humanly possible, but that the disaster was wholly due to the insufficiency of men and supplies.

For us who have at heart the conquest of the world for Christ, this incident has surely some valuable lessons.

"A fellow feeling makes us wondrous kind," and we feel sure that every missionary working in heathen lands will have a deep sympathy for General Townshend, for knowing the greatness of the task, they say, "How much to be done, and how few of us to do it."

We do not know why General Townshend's request for more men and supplies was refused, but possibly it was thought that these could not be spared from the fields and operations nearer home, and thus the disaster. And is not this the idea in the minds of many of the members of the comfortable home churches, that there is quite enough to do at home without trying to extend the borders of the church into the lands beyond? Are there not, they ask, enough heathen around our own doors, and is it not a big enough struggle to keep the work going in the home land? So to the missionary looking at his tremendous task they say, "We cannot let you have any more men or supplies, for if we do the work at home must suffer. Thus, on account of this feeling in Christian lands a wholly inadequate force of missionaries is fighting Christ's battles against superstition, cruelty and error, and God's messengers who bring hope to the despairing are woefully few."

The fallacy of this reasoning needs scarcely to be proved, as it has been shown again and again that support given to Foreign Missions does not impoverish or diminish the work of the home church, but that in a contrary way it has an invigorating and reviving effect.

In the words of John R. Mott, "The Christians of to-day need some object great enough to engage all the powers of their minds and hearts. We find just such an object in the enterprise to make Christ known to the whole world. This would help to save the church from some of her gravest perils, ease, selfishness, luxury, materialism, and low ideals. This is not a mat-

ter of theory, for history teaches impressively that the missionary epochs have been times of greatest activity and spiritual vigor in the life of the home church."

Again, does not the fact that a force from a Christian country has surrendered to the followers of Mahomet remind us of the challenge which the religion of Islam gives to Christianity?

Shall we remember that in time past Mohammedanism spread like a flame through Arabia and Northern Africa, and that the



A Daughter of India.

flag of the prophet was even planted and his religion established in the very city where our Saviour taught his precepts? Not only did the armored knights of the Crusaders contend in vain against the wily Saracens on the plains of Palestine, but Christian Europe itself hid fair to be overrun by the sword and religion of Mahomet. And this false religion is not dead, but is a mighty power in the world to-day, and in the sight of the world the peoples of dark Africa are upon their Mount Carmel; their choice is between Christ and Mahomet. Truth, we are told, must prevail; Christ is true, and Mahomet is false, therefore Christianity must conquer; excellent reasoning, but let us not forget that truth must be carried, and that those sitting in darkness cannot hear without a preacher. The desert winds will not wait to the minds of the Southwestern truths of the gospel, nor will the flying locust bear the message of Christ to the dwellers by the great lakes. The gos-

pel needs living witnesses who shall teach and preach the word, and if they be sent it must be the Christian church in the home land which sends them.

Shall we then do our part that the army of the Lord shall be adequately equipped for its mighty task? Remembering that insufficiency often means disaster, but that given the necessary men and means, the messengers of Christ shall speedily make him known unto the ends of the earth.

Good Friday at Shrigonda.

R. F. Tilley.

What a memorable time it was! During the week the Indian Christians talked about Easter, and what it must have meant to our heavenly Father to give his Son for the world's ransom. They also remembered the Australian Conference meetings in prayer. We all met in the meeting-room at the Wadi about 10 o'clock. Three of the preachers exhorted. The messages were all most helpful. After the service, farewell messages were given and prayer offered for my journey, future return, etc., and that those dear to me might be strengthened and blessed. Some of the women I have been teaching said they felt as if they were parting from a sister. I shall always value the little tokens they gave me. We had very interesting times visiting the homes. The Patel was doing all he could to induce the men to enlist. Some from our district are already at the front, and their relatives were very patriotic, and were interested in the way we held our meetings and worshipped God. On Good Friday we were cheered by the children's welcomes. At one Wadi on seeing us coming the children began singing the hymn, "Jesus is the True Saviour." May the gospel light illumine many hearts, and there be a great turning to our Lord.

Conscription.

Winifred H. Ludbrook.

Just now nearly all the thought of British subjects in Australia is war, and then conscription.

This note is to Christians in Australia in reference to Jesus' army and Jesus' service.

We who go, and we who give, are volunteers of love, or conscripts of conscience. What matter which, since either way we strive to the glory of God?

But those of us who do not go! Those who do not give! How can the appeal best be put? For we must go; we must give.

God so loved that he gave. Think of those who need your help, and in love volunteer your assistance.

Think of what the master of evil is doing in other lands, and do not countenance his work by remaining passive.

Enlist under Jesus for conscience sake. For the sake of those who suffer wrong; for the sake of those who have gone before and have left the work to be finished; for the sake of the dear home church, who longs to be ready with many jewels to meet her Lord; for the sake of our Lord, who calls us all, enlist to go, enlist to give.

The Family Altar.

WATCHING FOR SOULS.

At a critical period in American history, the order went out from headquarters, "Put none but Americans on guard to-night." To-day, and every day, the Christian watchman has even greater responsibilities resting on him. The readers of these words will meet many of this work who are seeking the way to Zion, and God, who could send angels to guide them, gives to us that sweet privilege and great honor. May we ever show ourselves worthy of his confidence. May we not only never do that which might cause one of these heaven-bound travellers to stumble, but, on the contrary, make it our interest to keep the road clear and the travellers warned and encouraged.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25.

Gen's of Thought—"They shall ask the way to Zion, with their faces thitherward" (Jer. 50: 5).

We're marching to Zion,

Beautiful, beautiful Zion;

We're marching upward to Zion,

The beautiful city of God. —Watts.

The watchman swung the white lantern as the train came sweeping onward, and the engineer, encouraged by the signal, urged the iron horse to greater speed. In a moment the train, crushed, twisted, torn and burning, was in the ditch, and many of the passengers were in the realm of death. The watchman, by mistake, had used the white signal instead of the red.—D.

Bible Reading—Jer. 50: 2-5: Publishing a message of salvation.

MONDAY, JUNE 26.

Gen's of Thought—"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed"—Mark 1: 35.

If the chosen soul could never be alone,
In deep mid-silence, open-doored to God,
No greatness ever had been dreamed or done;
Among dull hearts a prophet never grew.
The nurse of full-grown souls is solitude. —Lowell.

None sing so sweetly as they who, like the wood thrush, sit on the twilight edge of solitude and sing to those who pass in the twilight on the outside.—Beecher.

Bible Reading—Mark 14: 32-38: The Saviour in solitude.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27.

Gen's of Thought—"If ye be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above"—Col. 3: 1.
O, may I join the choir invisible
Of those immortal dead who live again;
In minds made better by their presence; live
In pulses stirred to generosity,
In deeds of daring rectitude, in scorn
For miserable sins that end with self,
In thoughts of building that pierce the mill like stars,
And with their mild persistence urge man's search
To wester issues. —George Eliot.

Well is it known that ambition can creep as well as soar.—Burke.

Bible Reading—Col. 3: 1-2: How the Christian should live.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28.

Gen's of Thought—"Make to yourselves friends by the mammon of unrighteousness"—Luke 16: 9.

Of great riches there is no real use, except it be in the distribution.—Haeon.

Men have a touchstone whereby to try gold, but gold is the touchstone whereby to try men.—Fuller.

Bible Reading—Luke 16: 1-9: How to use wealth.

THURSDAY, JUNE 29.

Gen's of Thought—"It is written"—Matt. 4: 4.

If I would work, the Bible is my tool;

Or play, it is a harp of happy sound.

If I am ignorant, it is my school;

If I am sinking, it is solid ground.

If I am cold, the Bible is my fire;

And it is wings, if boldly I aspire.

Since thus thou givest of thyself to me,

How should I give myself, great Book, to thee? —Amos R. Wells.

Bible Reading—Matt. 4: 1-11: How to use the Bible.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30.

Gen's of Thought—"Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? To his own master he standeth or falleth"—Rom. 14: 4.

In a certain village in Scotland there lived a half-witted man whose coat presented a most curious appearance. All down the front of it was covered with patches of various sizes, mostly large. When asked why the coat was patched in such a remarkable way, he answered that the patches represented the sins of his neighbors. On the back of his coat there was a small patch, no bigger than a threepenny piece. He said, "That's my sin and I canna see it!" Is not this a fair picture of the attitude of the Pharisee in Christ's time. And how about our own attitude to-day? —Mary E. Watson.

Bible Reading—Rom. 14: 1-4: Judging others.

SATURDAY, JULY 1.

Gen's of Thought—"The wicked is driven away in his wickedness; but the righteous hath hope in his death"—Prov. 11: 32.

The longest day will wear until its close—

Then, heart, look up, nor faint beneath the weight;

God in his own good time will stanch thy tears,

And for thy sufferings shall compensate. —Anon.

There's no defeat in life save from within;

Unless you're beaten there you're bound to win. —Anon.

Bible Reading—Prov. 14: 27-32: The blessedness of hope.

—From the American "Christian Standard."

Correspondence.

THE ANGELS AT MONS.

To the Editor of the "Australian Christian."

Dear Sir,—
Despite your correspondent's unbelief in the reported incident at Mons, and your own expressed doubt regarding the reliability of the story, I venture to submit the following:—

The following is published in the May issue of the "Parish Magazine," of "All Saints," Chilton, England. See "Church Record" (Sydney), dated 9th July, 1915:—

"Last Sunday I met Miss M., the daughter of the well-known Canon M., and she told me she knew two officers, both of whom had themselves seen the angels who saved our left wing from the Germans, when they came right upon them during the retreat from Mons.... One of Miss M.'s friends, who was not a religious man, told her that he saw a troop of angels between us and the enemy. He has been a changed man ever since. The other man met in London. She asked him if he had heard the wonderful stories of angels. He said he had seen them Emswell, and under the following circumstances:—

"While he and his company were retreating, they heard the German cavalry tearing after them. They saw a place where they thought a stand might be made, with sure hopes of safety; but before they could reach it the German cavalry were upon them. They turned round and faced the enemy, expecting nothing but instant death, when, to their wonder, they saw, between themselves and the enemy, a whole troop of angels. The German horse turned round terrified, and regularly stampeded. The men tugged at their bridles,

while the poor beasts tore away in every direction from our men. The officer swore he saw the angels, which the horses saw plainly enough. This gave them time to reach the little fort, or whatever it was, and save themselves."

Brotherly yours,

Jos. J. Franklyn.

To the Editor.

Dear Brother,—
The letter of "Countryman" in your issue of June 1st touches a matter that is of importance to our growing work in the State of Victoria. There seems to be a fairly general desire for more time at our Annual Conference; the difficulty seems to be just how we can secure it, with efficiency. If Victorian readers will send to me at 15 Walsh-st., Coburg, the suggestions they have to make, I will ask the Executive to consider the whole matter before next Conference.

It is scarcely practical to issue reports earlier than we do, while our Conference year closes the last day of February; it is hard enough now to get them out as early as we do. The printer worries the Conference Secretary for copy, and he in turn has to keep at the various committees, in order to get them out before Conference at all.

Personally I am glad of the interest shown by your correspondent, and shall be glad to hear from him or others about the matter further.

Yours fraternally,

Thos. Hagger.

Auckland Sisters' Conference.

The sisters held their seventh annual Conference in the chapel, Pomsbury-road, on Tuesday, April 25. It was rather unfortunate that the celebration of Anzac Day fell upon the same date. This accounted for a smaller attendance than last year. In the afternoon a very bright business meeting was conducted by Sister Hannah, President, preceded with a short devotional session, during which feeling reference was made to the passing away of several sisters since last Conference, viz.: Sisters Carroll, Scott, Page, Kitching and Downey, senr.

The reports of the various committees were for the most part very encouraging. The treasurer's report showed a substantial balance, and contained an item of £18/8/6 given to the Home Mission Committee, collected by the penny-per-week scheme; whilst the proceeds of a Foreign Mission rally had been devoted to our Bulawayo Mission.

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Sister Mason warmly welcomed the visitors. The Executive Council's report demonstrated the fact that our sisters scattered over the province were all in harmony with the Sisters' Union, and credit was largely due to Sister Laminar, our country representative, for this unity.

The Custody Home (for the aged) Visiting Committee, as also the Hospital Visitors, gave sunny reports of their regular visits to these institutions. The Drama Class still plied a busy needle, and newly ones had been assisted as well as the church necessities supplied.

The Temperance Committee, led by Sister Mason, reported decided action on every opportunity. The Avondale sisters read a very interesting report of their monthly sewing and prayer meetings. This little band of consecrated workers had attended to the wants of their local church, and assisted financially with Foreign Mission and Red Cross work.

After the business was transacted, the sisters were served with afternoon tea, and enjoyed a happy conversation.

The evening session, commencing at 7.30, was again presided over by Sister Hanham; over 100 sisters were present.

The roll-call of the churches was responded to by Pensworthy-road, Dominion road, Richmond, Onehunga, Point Chevalier, Avondale, and Whosover Mission.

Letters of encouragement were read from sisters representing the following districts: Wellford, Pappkura, North Albertland, Te Ara, and Backland; also a message from the Sisters' Conference in Wellington, and greetings from the C.A.W.M.

A striking feature of the evening's programme was a most effective dialogue, representing the work of the Ambulance, which was performed by tiny Red Cross nurses and scout boys, under the leadership of Sisters Perkins and E. Turner. A collection taken up after this item was given to the St. John Ambulance Funds.

The other contributions to the evening's varied and enjoyable programme were Sisters Marston, Payne, Cammell, Downey, Evans, E. Bryden, Welch, and Morton. A harmonious Conference was brought to a close by singing the Doxology.—J. C. Morton, Secretary.

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To Maintain Present Strength

**Two Workers must go to take the places of
Miss Tole and Miss Tilley**

(Temporarily Absent).

REINFORCEMENTS.

Some time ago Miss Tole was given leave of absence to offer her services to the Empire for the purpose of nursing wounded soldiers.

In May, Miss Tilley was called home owing to the serious illness of her mother. Both these workers for the time being are lost to us, so we must fill their places.

We are fortunate in having Miss Elsie Caldicott, of Adelaide, who is a qualified nurse, being a member of the Royal British Nursing Association.

She should go out in October, as that is the time to reach India to avoid entering at once on the extreme Indian weather.

In order to send new workers forth we will need increased giving this year, as while two of our former workers are not now depending upon us, there will be money needed for passage, equipment, and language tuition.



Nurse Elsie Caldicott, R.B.N.A.

SHANGHAI.

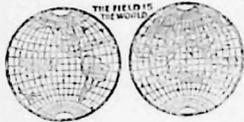
For a number of years the American brethren have been working Shanghai as a missionary centre. Owing to a desire to do more intensive work, they have decided to dispose of the work here, and the Baptists have bought it.

It is thought wise not to withdraw Miss Tankin wholly from China, and thus break our connection with that great land, so the Committee has instructed Miss Tankin to rent premises for one year with right to purchase, and are seeking to gain more information as to the possibilities of work in Shanghai. This move calls for an additional £200 this year, and so for this reason also we are calling for a liberal response. This work spells *advance*, and so it is with confidence we make the appeal. Forward! is our watchword.

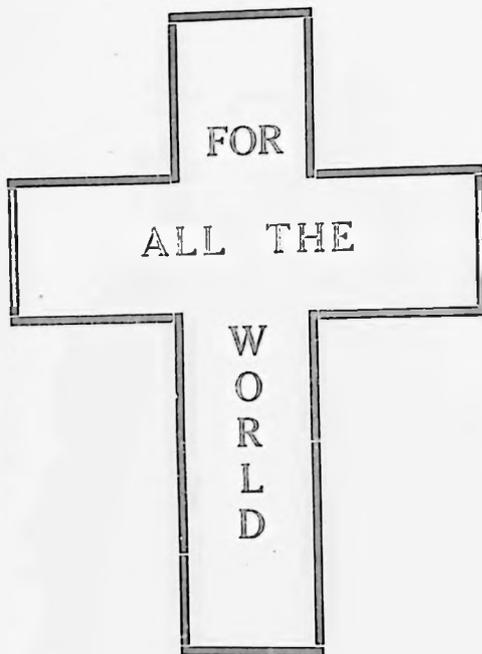
As a result of the Offering we hope to send out two women.

We also expect to extend in Shanghai by opening an
Australian Station.

**To do it we must
Increase Our Offering!**



By This Sign We Conquer



"I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will
Draw All Men unto Me."

