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## The Million Shillings Thanksgiving Fund.

### WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS?

#### By THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

We have passed the first stage in the great campaign for the raising of the Million Shillings Thanksgiving Fund. The preliminary steps have been taken; the necessary spadework is done. Reports from the Districts, which have all been canvassed, are without exception gratifying. Those reports indicate without shadow of doubt that our official laymen are thoroughly sympathetic and wholly committed to the task of removing the financial burden which hangs so heavily over the Friendly Society. The project cannot fail provided the Districts realise the amounts at which they have voluntarily and cheerfully assessed themselves. So far, so good. It is highly encouraging to note that the reception of the scheme has been so cordial and its endorsement so hearty. On that score the most enthusiastic advocate can have no ground of complaint. And even those disposed to caution will be encouraged by the fact that the District Courts have set their seal to the undertaking in no uncertain manner. "Courage moutheth with the ocean," and the ocean calls for courageous and confident action.

The decision of the Districts points unmistakably to the inherent justice of the scheme. This is fundamental, and opens the way to success. The thing is just, and besides being just, is also within attainable limits. It may to some extent lack the fascination of the Missionary Jubilee Fund, which captured the imagination of our people, yet it has its own attraction and appeal which must command support. Equitable, reasonable and possible of achievement as the scheme is, a plain statement of the facts of the case will win general approval. We may, therefore, go forward in full assurance of faith. If with faith we combine works failure need not be contemplated.

The reception of the scheme also furnishes indisputable evidence of loyalty—loyalty to the past and the present. The appeal to the past has touched chords which have vibrated healthily and responded gladly. The past may be a dead-weight or it may supply living energy. In this case it is a lifeless tradition, but a vital impulse. We have a godly heritage, a priceless possession bequeathed to us by men who toiled, endured, and suffered, who "through faith subdued kingdoms and wrought righteousness." Can we lightly esteem this spiritual heritage? Perish the thought! It is the price of great price, to be jealously guarded and warmly cherished. The heritage won by sacrifice demands reciprocal sacrifice. And the appeal to the present, so potent, does not pass unheeded. We are debtors to the past, and the repayment of the debt will ease the burden which our ministers have borne far too long. So much is true. And much because of their worth and work. The relations

existing between ministers and laymen are those of comradeship and mutual trust. The removal of the Friendly Society incubus will be a fine illustration of loyalty, and will gladden the hearts of ministers, and cement still more firmly the bond between ministers and laymen.

Then the connexional spirit is being promoted by means of this appeal. The Jubilee Fund was a striking expression of healthy Church life—life with a big content. The material success so great was not comparable to the connexional outburst which accompanied it. The spirit which prompted it became greater as the result of it. Here is an appeal calculated to expand still further the connexional spirit. Love for one's own "Bethel" is always praiseworthy. We are grateful for the devoted men and women whose loyalty to their Church remains unshaken in fair weather and in foul. But in particular church must be seen in perspective—an integral part of a great spiritual community—and love for it, coupled with sympathy and practical interest in the life of the denomination, is the mark of the virile Primitive Methodist. The wider outlook redeems the life of our churches from the little, the local, and the parochial. Every great achievement has its by-products, and the success of the Friendly Society appeal will assuredly stimulate and strengthen interest in the life of our Church as a whole.

This project, stamped with the seal of endorsement by the blessing of the Districts, is now remitted to the Circuits and churches to receive the support which is deserved. The Districts have assessed themselves in specific amount in the confident expectation that such support will be forthcoming, and in no grudging spirit. Circuits and churches are thus called upon to vindicate the Districts and redeem their pledges. The first essential to this end is efficient organisation. Every Circuit should have its own secretary and treasurer, in sympathy with the movement and enthusiastic in its advocacy. A cause which is thoroughly organised is on the way to success. Two men in each Circuit, convinced of the justice of the case, working steadily and systematically, and exploring every avenue leading to practical results, this is really imperative. Along with such organisation must be linked persistent appeal. A word in season should never be wanting, nor yet a word out of season; but the word, the appropriate word, the decisive word must be uttered here, there, everywhere. If the first word fails, let it be repeated again and again, line upon line, precept upon precept. Complete organisation and continuous appeal—these are the agencies which will prevail.

And the response—this will be ready and requisite, ample and ade-

quate. No worthier cause can claim our attention and enlist our sympathy. The obligation is upon us to be diligent, to clear away this financial obstacle, and what good Primitive Methodists ought to do, that they will do. One million shillings are wanted from two hundred thousand members; sovereigns from those who possess plenty, and shillings from those who are in the order. Let the order, and the shillings will be at the service. The Friendly Society will be safe, sound and solvent.

## Manchester Debt

### Extinction.

The church anniversary at Moss-  
man, Manchester, was celebrated on  
October 30th to November 1st. Great  
interest was manifested by reason of  
the effort to extinguish the debt of  
£2675 on the splendid school institute  
built in 1903. Stimulated by the  
services of Mr. J. R. Shaw, the  
Meredith to give the last £200, the  
friends worked vigorously through  
their various sections. The anniversary  
commenced on Saturday with a  
reunion of past and present members,  
presided over by Mr. John Beales.  
During the evening Mr. Meredith un-  
derwent an enlarged photograph and  
Mr. Stanley Bent, who died in  
February last. On Sunday Rev. H. G.  
Mecham, B.D., preached to large con-  
gregations, and gave an address in the  
afternoon. Mr. John S. Lilley pre-  
sided. On Monday there was a fine  
attendance at the tea and meeting.  
The proceeds presented, supported by  
Revs. H. G. Mecham, E. A. Stien,  
A. Morton, Wm. Barker and Chas.  
Kelly, B.D. Several addresses were  
given. When Mr. S. Leggett gave a  
report showing that the amount neces-  
sary to claim Mr. and Mrs. Meredith's  
offer had been raised, great enthusiasm  
prevailed. Mr. Meredith immediately  
burnt the promissory notes for the £200  
which he held. The Doxology, very fer-  
vently sung, brought this memorable  
seventh anniversary to its close.

## Missionary Circuits.

Shotley Bridge Circuit missionary  
anniversary has been an unqualified  
success. In the midst of a strike which  
has caused unemployment amongst the  
vast majority of our people, we have  
exceeded all our hopes. One little  
society community consisting of thirty-  
one members—living in one row of  
houses—raised £31 12s., as compared  
with £20 last year. Bradley College  
Society is honoured for its missionary  
enthusiasm. The circuit total for the  
year was £326, an increase of £60 on  
the previous year. The congregation, Dr. H. S.  
Gerrard, Rev. John Pinchen, and Mrs.  
T. Bowan, served excellently. The  
final meeting at Consett, presided over  
by Rev. E. J. Goss, was a triumph of  
missionary enthusiasm. The whole  
circuit was represented, and the  
speakers received a great reception.  
The work in the midst of a circuit cam-  
paign, seeking to deepen the spiritual  
life of all the churches, and this happy  
interlude is not unrelated to the evangel-  
ical effort.

## Harrogate Orphan Homes.

On the initiative of Mrs. J. A. Smith,  
the Harrogate Orphan Home, the ladies  
decided to make an effort to aid the  
Harrogate Orphan Homes. The ladies  
arranged a "Bazaarette," which was  
conducted by Mrs. E. J. Goss, and Mrs.  
Southwell, under the presidency of Mrs.  
J. Ward. Rev. B. B. Hall explained the  
object. After tea a fine concert,  
arranged by Mrs. E. J. Goss, was  
given to a large company, refreshments  
being served by Mrs. Horsfield and  
friends. This effort was followed by  
the Harrogate Orphan Home, and an  
"Imaginary Trip to Harrogate." The  
idea worked splendidly, and netted  
£237 10s. The total net proceeds were  
£37 8s.

Rev. W. H. Lawson, A.C.F., has been  
elected a member of the Harwich Town  
Council.

## Missionary Prospects in Northern Rhodesia.

By Rev. J. R. SHAW.

In the Bailla section of the mission  
of our Church in Northern Rhodesia  
we are the only society at work in an  
area of two hundred miles by hundred  
and fifty. In this enormous area we  
have three central mission stations, we  
Nanzela, Kamanga and Nambala,  
and two peripheral out-stations at  
Nkala and Nambala. Owing to the  
nature of the country and the absence of  
roads, twenty miles is good day's  
journey. The representatives of the  
British South Africa Company are in  
the country administering justice and  
promoting law and order. Excepting  
these representatives, our missionaries  
are the only other power working for  
the enlightening and uplifting and  
saving of that enormous country. Taken  
as a whole, the country is thinly popu-  
lated, perhaps two to the square mile,  
but there are sections where the villages  
are very numerous and the population  
large. Our mission stations stand close  
by these sections.

The work of a missionary on this field  
covers the ordinary work of a Christian  
minister and also that of an education-  
alist and schoolmaster, builder, doctor  
and dispenser of farm-goods and other  
helps to all the people in his vicinity,  
who bring their needs and troubles, call  
him father, and expect to be treated as  
dear friends. The size of the country  
and the various demands made upon  
a missionary make it impossible  
for him to thoroughly evangelise the  
whole of the country and the population  
of the Gospel. As men have been con-  
verted and baptised they have taken up  
the work of local preachers, and the  
best of them have become general evan-  
gelists. Still, the number of people  
who have no opportunity of hearing the  
Gospel, or of hearing it only once or  
twice, is still very large. The need is  
constant and urgent for the missionaries.

In May, 1921, the first batch of teach-  
ers, evangelists, trained at the Kalima  
Institute, were to return to their  
home stations on the completion of their  
course of training. Then will begin the  
movement which the believers will aid in  
the evangelisation of the country and  
people given into the hands of our  
Church. The Church's missionaries  
will be able to do more of the work of  
day-school teaching, and will be able to  
give more time, thought and strength to  
evangelical work and to the training  
of the shepherds of the flock.  
Hitherto many who have welcomed the  
Gospel message have had to be neglected  
owing to the distance of their  
homes from the mission station and the  
full life of the missionary.

Wherever the chief and people of a  
large village or group of villages wish  
to have a teacher and preacher in their  
midst, we shall be able to station one  
of the Christian men trained at Kalima.  
The work of the missionaries in the  
field will be to train the people in  
which the New Testament will occupy  
a prominent position. He will also  
preach in all the villages within a few  
miles of the station, and will teach the  
classes formed from those who wish to  
know more of the Christian life and  
teaching. We also hope that because  
of his training he will be able to lead  
the people to more fruitful methods of  
agriculture and so help to drive famine  
from the land, also that his home life  
will be such a good example of hygienic  
living that it will work against many of  
the awful diseases of the people. At  
Nanzela six or seven such teachers and  
preachers will be stationed in the field  
of labour awaiting their arrival.

Owing to his freedom from day school  
the missionary will be able to visit  
every out-station and to give and en-  
gauge the work of the teaching evan-  
gelists and get into close touch with  
the catchment areas of every group  
of villages. He will also be able to  
prospect unworked areas and help to  
cultivate desires for a preacher and  
teacher.

This the scheme for the thorough  
evangelisation of our mission field. In  
past years the way was won into the  
country and the people have been brought  
most of all. Our missionaries laboured  
valiantly to build houses and churches  
and to give us the literature, consisting

of school books, grammar of the local  
language, and finally the New Testa-  
ment in the vernacular. It was to our  
Lord and His cause the men upon whom  
our hopes are fixed for the immediate  
future. Africa can only be fully evan-  
gelled through the instrumentality of  
African Christians.

## Death of Mr. H. J. Mein, J.P.

In the passing of Mr. Mein our  
Church has suffered great bereave-  
ment. He was one of our most out-  
standing laymen. In the councils of  
the Missionary Society and in the  
church courts it would be difficult to  
name a layman whose judgment carried  
greater weight than his. With absolute  
unanimity he was desired to accompany  
the Missionary Secretary on his visit to  
our West African Stations, and had he  
been able to accept the invitation the  
Church would have been greatly en-  
riched by his first hand knowledge. He  
was a statesman of the first order, and  
his unflinching kindness of heart made  
him a friend to all who came in contact  
with him. To his family so sorely stricken we tender our  
sincere condolence.

## DISTRICT NEWS.

### Methodist Union Discussed.

A special meeting of the Sheffield Dis-  
trict Committee was held on Tuesday,  
the 2nd inst., for the consideration of  
the proposed Methodist Union.  
There was a large representa-  
tive attendance. Rev. J. Watkin pre-  
sided during the early proceedings, and  
was succeeded by Brother Councillor James  
Sivil. The proposals were frankly and  
keenly discussed, and while the general  
attitude was sympathetic, numerous  
amendments were suggested. The re-  
render of the two to one representation  
in the higher courts was opposed, but  
eventually agreed to—rather than risk the  
possibility of a minority. The minutes of  
the session of the Conference were very  
unpopular, and, as a compromise,  
a ministerial committee to deal with  
purely ministerial affairs and report to  
the Conference was strongly recom-  
mended. The free election of the Presi-  
dent of the Conference, either minister-  
ial or lay, was suggested. Exception  
was taken to the appointment of chair-  
men of the Districts, but in any case  
they should be nominated at the  
Synods. The doctrinal standard was  
considered vague in statement, and the  
Union Committee was requested to  
make a more definite pronouncement.

### A Manse "At Home."

A largely-attended "At Home"  
has been held at Bethel Schoolroom, Wolver-  
hampton, on the 2nd inst., in the interest of  
beautifying and replenishing the  
minister's house. A vigorous district  
meeting has been re-established, and as  
the purpose intended, it has expressed itself in real concern  
for the comfort of the minister and his  
wife. The Bethel class (with an average  
of 200 members) and 150 young people  
took this work, apart from any request  
of the quarterly meeting. They linked  
up the Bethels and Parkfield churches,  
and the ladies of the district, and the  
Rev. and Mrs. W. Henry Richardson  
acted as host and hostess. Mrs. A.  
J. George stripped a money and  
the ladies of the district, and the ladies  
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Symphony Orchestra contrived a  
number of musical pieces. Mr. T. L.  
Glover and Mrs. A. E. Blewitt were  
the soloists. The ladies of the district  
were seven conversants at the Sunday  
service at Parkfield Church.

No author makes a wider appeal to  
the reading public than E. Phillips  
Oppenheim, the weaver of innumerable  
stories of mystery, love and romance.  
His many admirers will only need to be  
told that in the November issue of the  
"Primitive Methodist" he commences a  
series of stories entitled "The Adven-  
tures of Mr. Gray," which are told with  
a delightful sense of humor.

## Battersea Debt Gone!

### A Great Achievement.

Plough-road Church, Battersea, was  
built forty years ago. Shortly after its  
erection serious structural defects ap-  
peared, and a considerable sum of money  
was increased by hundreds of pounds.  
It became one of the most serious of our  
London problems, and there were times  
when the heroic workers were almost  
overwhelmed. More than once it be-  
came a question whether the church  
could survive. Its persistence consti-  
tutes a splendid record of faith and  
sacrificial service. Gradually the debt  
was reduced to £605. The church num-  
bers about eighty members. The neigh-  
bourhood has deteriorated, and is now  
one of the most squalid areas to be  
found in a great working class borough.  
When the minister suggested the liqui-  
dation of the debt by one swift and  
determined stroke, the people stood  
amazed. But soon the idea caught on,  
and stimulated by the promises of 25  
years ago, the people were urged on by  
Mr. Hartley, the last £35 from Mr. C. R.  
Maynard, and help from some con-  
nexional Funds, it was determined to  
make a final attempt. Success has  
resulted, and the debt is gone.

A bazaar was held last week, and to  
the amazement of all it was announced  
that the £2500 debt had been paid. The  
£750 had been raised! Stalwarts who  
did not create the debt, but who for  
forty years had borne the burden,  
were present in large numbers, and  
cheered, and led by a noble veteran,  
shouted "Hip, hip, hurrah!" The  
moment was one of indescribable re-  
joicing. The devotion and self-sacrifice  
of the people, and the thanks are due to  
those who were announced to take part  
in the ceremonies—Mrs. J. T. Barkby,  
Mrs. W. R. Maynard, Messrs. Lewis  
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## What Our Readers Say.

### Methodist Union

#### Information.

Sir,—A letter appeared in your issue of October 28th from Mr. George Atkinson in which he says he hopes "we may not have long to wait for information" concerning what the United Committee is proposing to do with reference to united meetings for the consideration of Methodist Union. Will you allow me, as governor of the Committee, to state that a letter has already been sent to the Secretary of every superintendent of a circuit of the three Churches (1,800 in number) offering to co-operate in the arrangement of such meetings in circuits. A band of qualified speakers is being arranged in each district so that the smaller meetings can be carried on at very small cost. A letter has also been sent to every Chairman of a District (or Secretary in the Primitive Methodist Church) with reference to the holding of one or more central meetings in the district and offering to co-operate in securing speakers from the United Committee. 4,000 copies of the Scheme have already been sent to the members of the Primitive Methodist District Committees, and in a short time members of the Wesleyan and United Methodist Synods will also receive copies.

An Annotated Edition of the Scheme is being prepared by the three secretaries, and, in the course of a few days, will be on sale at the three Book Rooms, price 4d. each copy. A pamphlet is also being prepared, detailing the provisions of the constitution of the existing Churches on the various points affected by the proposed Scheme. The changes involved in each Church, in the present proposals, is so readily to be seen at a glance. Other steps are being taken in order that it may be possible for every people to be in possession of all the facts.

Two things should, however, be remembered, if the task of the Committee is to be properly appreciated. The first is that the Scheme is the work of the Synods and District Meetings of the year ask for consideration of the scheme, and not for a vote on whether or not Union shall be consummated. The wider experience of the Synods will enable us to know whether any provision in the Scheme would, under all circumstances be regarded as a bar to Union before the vote is taken in either of the Churches. It follows that while the Committee is authorised to lay the question as a whole before the people its special duty this year is to make known the facts. The holding of meetings in the various localities depends upon the authorities of the Churches in those localities. The Committee can only assist if that is desired by the ministers and officials in the circuits and districts. If any one, therefore, thinks that more should be done in the neighbourhood where he lives his course of action is clear.—Yours etc., J. H. Atkinson, Secy.

Elmbourne-road, S.W.

### Methodist Union.

Sir,—Our Conference at Hull referred the scheme for union to the District Committees and District Meetings for consideration and suggestion. This was done without any reference to the scheme, all that was affirmed being that it "affords ground for the hope that a satisfactory basis of union may be found." Upon the District Courts, therefore, rests the serious responsibility of stating what is "a satisfactory basis of union." In the case of the scheme "a satisfactory basis"? No! Because it does not provide for the full franchise of the laity, for lay control in the churches, for the settlement of matters of the Church. That this is not a detail is shown by the fact that the Wesleyan Methodist Church has already serious discussions in agitation on this question. We have a special obligation, arising from our tradition and present policy, and from the intimacy of our contact with the

working classes, to stand for the unfettered franchise of the laity and for the refusal of direct or indirect clericalism (which usually tends towards sacerdotalism).

Sir Percy Bunting, M.A., in the "New History of Methodism" (p. 501-2, Vol. II.), says: "Methodism sprang originally from the clerical principle.... The different secessions from the Wesleyan Church have arisen from disputes as to the rights of this clerical system, the democratic spirit warring against the clerical spirit, and to some extent have been made by the clergy from time to time. All this is writ large in the constitutional history of Methodism."

The future development of the Wesleyan Methodist Constitution must be in the direction of the Presbyterian or democratic type. The polity of the proposed united Church must be adapted to meet the needs of the new age. We are entering upon a period which will be marked by the widest and most effective democracy the world has yet seen, and political enfranchisement of civilised peoples will be completed at a rate which will outstrip the progress of the masses by the transformation of our industrial system. Surely, then, this is no time to turn back to the traditional democratic position so far as the hierarchy maintain. I have recently re-read the history of Methodism with special interest, and have been struck by the fact that the preaching of the Gospel for Methodism Union. Two things have impressed me: one, the desirability of union on grounds of similarity of doctrinal views, more economical working, and unity in foreign missionary work; the other, the absolute necessity of the maintenance of the full ministerial privilege, and on the right of the laymen to share in final control of all the Church's affairs.

Let us maintain the original scheme. "The subjects which shall be within the province of the Ministerial Session of the Conference, and upon which its decisions shall be final, shall be: (The italics are mine). This is a direct rejection of the principle of full participation of the laity in the running of the government. There must be no subject upon which the decisions of the Ministerial Session are final. This is the basis of the union, and the laity must be subject to the authority of the Representative Session. Our District Courts should therefore insist that our Constitutional Session of the United Committee shall leave no ground for misunderstanding here. If the Wesleyan Methodists are not willing to concede this, then we will stand on our own work until they are willing.

Once this has been accepted, there is room for agreement as to what matters may be dealt with by a Ministerial Session, if the Wesleyans insist on such a session. Although we have got on the record as to the merits of union, and union will not turn it down—always providing that Conference alone is the final authority and can affirm or reject the findings of that session.

Even then there are certain subjects reserved in the scheme for the Ministerial Session which must be dealt with by Conference. The rights of ministers and laymen in the acceptance of candidates, and stationing. Observe the complicated procedure for stationing of the first reading of the stations shall be taken in the Conference when consisting of ministers and laymen.

Stationing Committee composed of equal numbers of ministers and laymen) shall meet between the two sessions of the Conference in order to deal with the question of Ministerial Session. The second reading of the stations shall be taken in the Ministerial Session, and all changes made at that session shall be referred to the Stationing Committee, which shall meet before the final reading. At the final reading in the Ministerial Session no change may be made. If the parties are agreed, it has been understood that the phrase 'all parties' refers to the acting representatives on the Stationing Committee. If the Stationing Committee is affected by any proposed change, any minister who is not a member of the Ministerial Session of the Conference shall have the right, if he so desires, to

state his case at the second reading of the stations, but shall have no power to vote at the second reading. At the first show how to satisfy Wesleyan Methodists the whole procedure has become involved. Why? To provide for the ministerial control of stationing? If not, why should not the Stationing Committee complete its task, and ministers (and stations) have the right to appear before it, as in the case of our own Church? Suppose "all parties" do not agree, who shall be arbiter? The final draft of stations must be sanctioned by the Conference, not by any Ministerial Session.

There are other features to which objection may be taken. First, the proposal that every trustee who is also a member of the Church shall be a member of Quarterly Meeting. This has been the rule in the Wesleyan Church, but in the United Methodist and our own Church the rule is that one representative shall be appointed from each trust. According to the proposed scheme, there may be up to, say, twenty trustees members of Quarterly Meeting from one church. Contrast the maximum number of representatives to be elected from each society as such, viz., one for every thirty Church members, and the maximum of eight. This clause tends to the concentration of wealth, since trustees are chosen often because of their financial position. Finally, there is the Ministerial Standard. Dr. Peake has done valuable service by securing the inclusion of the words "subject to the authority of the Divine revelation recorded in the Holy Scriptures." But our Wesleyan friends ought to recognise the wisdom and desirability of dropping the words "subject to the authority of the New Testament and the first four volumes of his Sermons, and let us have a Doctrinal Standard freed from Wesleyan statements of doctrine. We must resolutely keep in view as the main object of union the more effective service of the laity and the evangelisation of the world. If the Union Committee will revise its scheme in harmony with this, its professed aim, then I shall welcome union. I believe in Methodist Union, but not at any price—and as I have again and again read the scheme now submitted to the three Churches, I am not at all at one with it.—Yours, etc., T. R. Atty.

Long Eaton.

### Million Shillings Fund.

Sir,—In last week's column there is a statement which, I regret to think is misleading. It suggests that if £60,000 be raised, it may be possible to increase the benefits or reduce the premium. I am confident that in a position to which the actuary would not subscribe. The £60,000 is the minimum required to ensure the success of the scheme. The success of the society on the basis of payments now received and disbursed. To disturb either of these would vitiate the present calculations, and involve a new expediency to be considered.—Yours, etc., J. M.

The numerous friends of Rev. R. W. Keightley will learn with great pleasure that his condition, after his illness, has so far improved that he has been able to conduct public worship. He preached at Ebenezer Church, Grimsby, on Sunday evening last. Mr. Keightley now hopes to take occasional preaching services.

The final meeting of the local committees for the Bradford Triennial Shillings Scheme, was held on Friday night, and Rev. F. Collen (General Secretary) had a pleasant statement to submit. After paying all demands there was a balance of over £70. The sum of £35 was voted to the General Hall, Bradford; £25 to the Million Shillings Scheme; and £10 to General Sunday School Scheme; and the remainder to the Bradford Shipley Church Council. General satisfaction was expressed at so good a finish, and hearty congratulations and thanks were offered to those concerned.

Mr. J. E. Collins, treasurer of Great Clowes' street Church, Manchester Third, has been returned unopposed to the Salford Borough Council.

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## Chapped Hands & Chilblains

Hands and Feet in a Terrible Strife Cured by Germoline.

Mr. Henry Wright, 22, Edgware Road, London, W. writes: "For four years I suffered all through the cold weather with badly chapped hands and feet. The chilblains were both on hands and feet, and very often they broke and festered over. My wife, too, has used Germoline and her hands and feet were healed and handling money all day, as I have to do, made matters worse. I suppose the chapped hands and feet are a result of my fostered and my hands were in a terrible state. I tried many things, but nothing helped. I then tried Germoline. The chilblains were both on hands and feet, and very often they broke and festered over. My wife, too, has used Germoline and her hands and feet were healed and handling money all day, as I have to do, made matters worse. I suppose the chapped hands and feet are a result of my fostered and my hands were in a terrible state. I tried many things, but nothing helped. I then tried Germoline. 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# The East London Mission. BITTER CRY OF EAST LONDON.

DEAR FRIENDS,—I am taking the  
opportunity of putting before the  
Leader readers a statement regarding  
the pressing needs of this mission, in  
the belief that we shall be generously  
assisted by all who are genuinely in-  
terested in the evangelisation of East  
London.

One of the factors contributing to the  
present demands on the resources of  
this mission is the unemployment  
menace. In the Popular area, and all  
through the East End districts con-  
tiguous to the docks and within the  
area of this great mission, there are  
multitudes of men, women and children  
face to face with starvation. The ranks  
of the unemployed have increased  
greatly during the last few weeks, and  
mothers and children, who are already  
the greatest sufferers, in hundreds of  
instances have nothing at present but  
an empty grate and a bare cupboard  
confronting them. Men and women are  
losing heart and turning to drink.  
They have a feeling that nobody cares,  
and that if they do end their miserable  
lives prematurely, no future help will  
have nothing worse in store for them. It  
is also really pitiful to see the children in  
their hunger, and to observe the ap-  
pealing faces of the women who have no  
fire in the grate and no food.

These conditions in East London  
challenge the humanitarian spirit and  
generosity of the Primitive Methodist  
Church. We, your representatives  
in this area, want to do our  
duty to the unemployed, the friendless,  
the degraded and the needy. There are  
no conditions more deteriorating for  
men and women than unemployment  
and shortage of life's bare necessities.  
We have great opportunities here in  
East London for social and spiritual  
ministry, and we want your help to  
enable us to utilise these to the full,  
so that no one can ever accuse us, and  
the great Church we represent in East  
London, saying, "I was hungry and  
ye gave me no meat." A contribution  
from each reader of this journal would  
be an immense boon to this mission at  
this juncture, and would enable us to  
work wonders in East London.  
All gifts should be addressed to me at  
6, St. John's-road, London, E. 6, and  
these will be promptly and gratefully  
acknowledged.—Yours,  
JOSEPH JOHNSON,  
6, St. John's-road, East Ham, E. 6,  
November 8th, 1920.

## Yeaton Raises £1,325.

A most successful bazaar has been  
held at Yeaton, Otley Circuit. The  
Town Hall was taken for the occasion,  
and added excellent accommodation  
for the large number of visitors. The  
respective openers and chairmen for the  
several days were—Mrs. E. Denison,  
Messrs. J. Brantley and A. L. Whit-  
taker, Mr. John Whittaker, Alderman  
J. Shepherd and Mr. J. A. Rhodes.  
The children's spectacle was presented at  
the opening ceremony. Great interest  
was also taken in the bazaar by our  
Wesleyan and United Methodist friends,  
who rendered good service. There was  
great joy when Mr. P. L. Hudson  
announced the splendid result of  
£1,325. All worked with great zeal.  
The secretaries, Messrs. P. L. Hudson  
and W. Drives, were thanked for their  
splendid services, as were all the other  
workers. The visit of the famous Black  
Band drew great crowds to the  
meetings.

Lawrence, the son of Rev. J. W.  
Waddell, has been awarded a senior  
continuation scholarship by the West  
Riding County Council at Doncaster  
Grammar School.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. B. Marrs,  
Marshside-road Society, Southport,  
has lost one of its most loyal supporters  
in the death of Mr. B. Marrs. For  
many years he was Sunday-school  
cudgler for High-street School, Hind-  
ley Circuit. He passed away at the  
age of 71 years. An impressive service  
was held in Marshside Church, con-  
ducted by Rev. W. L. Lee, when Mr. Marrs  
remains were tenderly laid to rest  
in the Wigan Cemetery on November  
2nd. Rev. J. H. Hollison taking part  
in the service at the graveside.

## BAZAARS & SPECIAL EFFORTS.

The annual bazaar was held at Kil-  
burn on 4th, 5th and 6th inst. On the  
Thursday, Mr. F. W. Drew performed  
the opening ceremony. On Friday,  
Alderman J. McKenney, J.P., with Mr.  
Reynold in the chair. On Saturday  
Miss Kathleen Alderson, with Miss  
Cummins, of Reading, presiding. We  
set out for £220, but when Rev. J. A.  
Alderson announced £252 had been  
raised there was great enthusiasm.

The friends at West Green, Totten-  
ham, have for a long time been anxious  
to clear the debt of the W. H. Moor-  
mises. A special effort held on Wed-  
nesday took the form of a silver and  
note tree, aided by a concert. Mrs. Carlson  
presided, and also stripped the tree  
of the total, including Mr. H. R. Car-  
lson's donation, amounted to £25 4s. 4d.,  
this, with the percentage of £16 15s.  
from Sir W. T. Harcourt, made a total  
of £102 4s. 4d., thus clearing the debt  
and leaving a balance over of £30. Rev.  
Clark Hallam by his efforts has greatly  
encouraged the workers here.

The ministry of Rev. R. F. Wear-  
mouth is having excellent results at  
Tyselye, Birmingham Fifth. Special  
monthly people's services have been  
inaugurated, and as a result congrega-  
tions and offerings have doubled. At  
the harvest festival large audiences  
assembled, the treasurer, Mr. H. R.  
£55. A move has commenced among  
the young people. On two occasions  
conversions have been witnessed.  
Twenty-five people voluntarily came  
out to the front for decision. Last  
Monday night Rev. R. F. Wearmouth  
gave his first recital on "Joe Went-  
worth" (taken from Rev. S. Horton's  
Wentworth Series), and a large number  
of people attended.

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people are starved and starving cities. No! all the starvation is done  
quietly and decently at home, and when death comes it comes in  
the form of influenza, tuberculosis, heart failure or one of the new  
and mysterious diseases now arising under the war. It is a  
violation with the utmost ease. It is neither dramatic nor striking,  
and cannot be realised in a hasty visit."

## TO PREVENT CURTAILMENT OF MUCH MOST PRESSING WORK.

The Friends' Emergency and War Victims' Relief Committee has  
workers in the stricken areas administering relief. In Austria they are  
supplying some 45,000 children with weekly rations. A recent examina-  
tion of the school children of Vienna established the fact that there  
were only 23 per cent. who were not under-nourished. Cows have  
been bought, and Hospitals and Infant Welfare Centres are being  
supplied with 1,750 quarts of milk daily. In Germany the chronic  
under-feeding is producing a rate of malnutrition and diseased children.  
During the first six months of 1920 the Committee has sent £50,000  
of *Liebesgaben* (which is the term used by Germans when mentioning  
the "love-gifts" sent by English donors) which have been distributed  
through the Central Ausschuss, the large Central Committee at Berlin.  
The help from outside does not exceed 2 per cent. of the total relief  
work in Germany. Other measures to help children's homes, night  
class relief, and student feeding, in Poland were hampered by  
the war, but refugees and child institutions are being helped, and  
our anti-typhus unit is responsible for one of the most urgent pieces of  
mission work in Europe to-day. In the future, too, the suggestion  
of British Officers and with their promise to facilitate in the carrying  
out of the work, we have undertaken to provide one substantial meal  
daily to under-fed children on a medical certificate. We appeal for help  
towards financing their scheme.

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who remain indoors on Sunday nights enjoying their comfortable homes really grasp what it means to our populous centres for public-houses to be open until 10 o'clock! The last hour of the drink shop is usually the one wherein drinking is heaviest; the last is the most squalid hour; and the later the hour of the night the more squalid it becomes. Unfortunately, women—young and old—are now as much involved in this as men. Were it restricted to these the evil would be less. But who can watch any ordinary drink shop in a great town as night deepens without witnessing little children hanging around the doors for mothers who are inside?

#### Ten O'Clock at Night.

Every Sunday night at 10 o'clock—ten o'clock at night—this sink into every elegant mind—if this extension be permitted, as everything suggests it will be—outside drinking saloons in all parts of the country there will intrude the aggregate of many thousands of little children, boys, girls and babes in prams, waiting for mothers and others. This, too, is a severe condemnation of the trade. The direct effect is injurious to the bodies of our future population; indirectly it familiarises the coming generation with the worst sights and language to be found in the nation. We appeal to the Government at the last hour for the future of the State to save us from this further shame and degradation. And there are some members of the Government, particularly those possessing the greatest authority who are familiar with the evils. A decisive word from their lips would prevent this further moral deterioration of the land. Recently the "Times" stated that the licensed victuallers calculated that the later hour—from 9 to 10—would result in three times more liquor being sold. Cannot the Prime Minister be appealed to? Our Churches and Conferences loudly applaud abstract resolutions;

will they act now that a crisis and an opportunity have arrived? An outbreak of protest now would have a beneficial effect on the Temperance Bill, which is again promised for the near future.

#### "Do It Now."

Temperance Sunday comes opportunistically this week-end, and we hope in the interests of a lofty nationalism and of the noblest patriotism that some distinct message will be uttered in all our pulpits. This is not a political question; it is in its essence moral and social. It affects eugenics, it concerns childhood, and the motherhood and fatherhood of the next generation. It directly touches eugenics. In its great reaches it merges itself into a great international question. Those who occupy our pulpits have no reason to be deterred by fear that the introduction of well-based statements concerning the evil effects of drink will not be acceptable by our people. If in any Church there should be disapproval it would only show the urgent need of enlightenment and the correct statement of the problem from the Christian standpoint. Our churches on Sunday evening would gladly co-operate in sending forward to the Government a suitably phrased and clearly expressed resolution, urging the Cabinet to resist the demand to change the present hours of sale of alcoholic liquors from 6 to 9 to 7 to 10 p.m., believing, as all enlightened Christian peoples must do, that opportunities for late Sunday drinking are detrimental to the well-being of the community. On social grounds the demand is irrefutable. Let those who conduct worship on Sunday evening fearlessly face the crisis. And let the decision be forwarded at once to the Prime Minister, to Mr. H. A. L. Fisher, Board of Education, S.W. 1, and Sir John Sykes, C.B., Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic), 134, Piccadilly, W. 1. If we do all we can we shall have preserved our own conscience.

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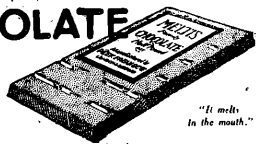
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## Scotland's "Dry" Campaign.

By WILL. H. CAMPBELL.

Scotland's great temperance test began on Tuesday, November 2nd. The voting shows that as yet Scotland is not going to slinger the vote, but she will at least do something bigger than has been attempted in Britain. She will also be able to pass on a few instructive hints to the temperance reformers of England and Wales, when the inevitable pamphlet is issued revealing the inside of the great experiment.

The results are a reminder of the incalculable power of "the trade," and the great need for courage and energy, persistence and thoroughness in all temperance work and propaganda. The figures are, nevertheless, a revelation of future possibility. We are somewhat crestfallen when we read that out of 37 Wards of the City of Glasgow, only four have gone "dry" and nine have decided for a reduction of licences, and that 24 have demanded "No change." But when we take the aggregate figures—for no change, 182,560; for 25 per cent. reduction, 8,449; for "no licence," 142,343, we are encouraged to believe there are greater possibilities before us at the end of other three years, when a vote again may be taken if requisitioned.

The Act itself has many imperfections and peculiarities which make it extremely difficult, under certain conditions, to secure "No Licence," though an actual majority of votes cast may be favourable. On a small poll "No Licence" may fail by falling short of 38 per cent. of the total electorate. On a large poll (one area on Tuesday polled 80 per cent. of its electorate) it may fail by falling short of 55 per cent. of the votes cast. Further, the requirement that all towns of over 25,000 should vote in wards has in many cases given the trade distinct

advantage. This demand has meant that some towns that would have gone "dry" taken as a whole have "wet" areas by voting in wards. Everywhere the trade, anticipating this, has used it with force and evident success, claiming that it would be better for people to remain as they are than create congested areas here and there. Subtly they have suggested that it were better to improve a little all round and reduce the most squalid "hooses" when necessary than risk full licence in one area of a town and no licence in its immediate neighbourhood. The "Trade" has been untiring, unstinted, and unsurpassable in its campaign. It is also doubtlessly true that much was lost to the temperance vote through insufficient attention to the thousands who are uneducated by the class and no change—the ordinary temperate person whose existence has never been touched by equal. This class is the key to the situation. The next campaign must be one of education of the indifferent and cultivation of the civic sense of individual responsibility. There is so far of this important test is not a mighty victory.

Yet it is a great beginning. Several towns have gone totally dry, many others will have the number of their licensed premises reduced by one-fourth, others again have gone half-dry. As a result of the poll Glasgow City will have ninety-nine per cent. of its premises "dry." Col. Kyle, of the Glasgow Citizens' Council, put the matter as we all probably ought to view it. He said: "While the poll generally falls short of what the rank and file of the Temperance Party expected, yet I have spent a quarter of a century fighting the Temperance Cause, and we were unable to secure anything like the present result. At the annual licensing

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court if eleven licences were dropped the fact was hailed as a striking success for temperance, whereas to-day no fewer than ninety-nine licences are disposed of in the City of Glasgow. And we must add, and it is a fact of not at the caprice of a few licensing justices but by the vote of the people. Surely, after all, it is a day of great beginnings. The time has come when the struggle of giants. We began with nothing. We shall end with at least some little spoil of battle in the shape of licences that will be disposed of throughout Scotland. We have unmasked the enemy and measured his strength. We have discovered our own resources, and, in consequence, found out the weak spots in our offensive and clarified our objective.

To have accomplished so much, and to have lost so much, in the first British trial of strength with the long entrenched and subtle foe will have its teaching for the Welsh and English units now moving towards "the day" when they shall try their strength with the massed formations of John Barleycorn. One thing truly may be said of Scotland: On the day of the day of freedom, she strikes till Freedom's men. The men of the Covenant have many sons, and while these live their quenchless struggle burns undimmed.

"... We fall to rise,  
Are baffled to fight better."  
Let England arise to the echo of these ever marching feet,  
"For with God we are marching on."

## Personal.

The condition of Dr. Guttery is unchanged, and we are glad to report that he has recovered somewhat from the effect of his journey home.

Rarely has there been a chapel difficulty even in London more acute than that of Plough-road, Battersea, concerning the manner in which the service is so nearing. For forty long and burdening years the brave people have toiled. At times the prospect seemed hopeless, and only devoted and attached men and women would have kept their faces towards the dawn of a better day. That day has arrived. Those who have known Plough-road Church will comprehend the significance of the report that the older people wept and the younger ones shouted hip, hip, hurrah! It was the shout of those whose bones were broken. It is a great triumph, too, for the minister. Mr. Mayles has faced many difficulties in his day, but never one that appealed to him more than this. It is the great source of the appeal was the heroic men and women who had held on so long waiting for this time to draw near. Thanks to the resourceful and untiring leader; to the brave church, too. The celebrations that are to follow during the current month will find the people jubilant.

Rev. J. E. Metcalfe, of Sydney, New South Wales, writes:—"The Churches here are taking a vote of the people on the question of the inclusion of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches. The returns so far show an overwhelming vote in favour of union from the Congregational Churches, and it is anticipated the other Churches will give a substantial majority in favour of union. My own Church shows a majority of four to one for union."

Primitive Methodism in the North has been honoured in the appointment of Councillor Andrew Oates, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. Mr. Oates is an official of Kingsley-terrace Church, a resident of the Young Men's Bible Class, and an enthusiastic worker among the young people. As a Churchman and a business man he is known and honoured throughout the Sunderland and Newcastle District. Of genial temperament, generous and mag-

nanimous, he is beloved in the West-end of Newcastle. A friend to the needy, an exemplary employer, of noble public spirit, our Church through him sends forth into civic life a refining and elevating influence. In appreciation of the honour, the new Sheriff proposes to entertain the District Committee to tea in the Central Church, when it meets on Wednesday 19th to discuss the union proposals.

The sad news is to hand of the passing away of Mr. C. E. Bickon. Earlier news received from Eastbourne conveyed the message that there was no new development, but that the weakness had increased. A telegram as we go to press conveys the sad news that our devoted brother, a worthy Christian knight, passed to his reward on Monday evening, November 8th, at the age of fifty-seven years.

Mendelssohn's "Elijah" was recently rendered at Greenbank Church, Derbyshire, to a crowded audience. The principals were all local: Miss Woolley, Miss May Taylor, Mr. J. Bowman and Mr. D. Ormerod sang exalted parts. The church, consisting of eighty voices, under the conductorship of that musical veteran, Mr. W. Heslop, sang their numbers with marked effect. The orchestra was under Mr. W. Boynes, the organist being Mr. W. Nelson. Mr. W. H. Hudson presided, being introduced by the Mayor.

Birmingham has been divided into thirteen districts for the administration of War Pensions and citizens' cases, and Mr. J. T. Buckley, a local preacher, of the Fifth Circuit, has been re-elected Chairman of an Eastern District, also a delegate to Divisional Committee for the whole of Birmingham area.

A beautiful individual communion service has been presented to the West Houghton Church, Bolton, by Mr. and Mrs. Halliwell, of Brantford.

Councillor John Peatfield, for many years a leading official in the Retford Circuit and Sheffield District was on Wednesday elected to the Mayor of the Borough of East Retford, a position of his last term of office in 1898 by his colleagues. The Mayor, Mrs. Peatfield, is to the fore in all the activities of the church. Their son, Rev. W. J. Peatfield, is the missionary secretary of the Tunstall District.

The aldermanic term of Mr. J. Ashworth, of the Bourne-street Church, Oldham, having expired, he has continued the Hollinwood Ward, and has won the seat for the Liberals. Alderman J. Berry's term has also expired, but he has decided to retire from the Council, and the seat has been paid to him for the manifold and able services rendered during the twenty-two years of his public life. He is an active worker in the Church, and auditor of Hartley College. Both Mr. Ashworth and Mr. Berry have worthily filled the position of Mayor of the Borough.

Rev. J. W. Pegman, of Redruth, has been appointed District Sunday-school Secretary for the Devon and Cornwall District in place of Rev. E. J. Saddy, who has relinquished the office through ill-health.

At Platt Bridge, during the coal strike, the members have been digging for the foundations and chipping bricks preparatory to building an organ chamber. By their labour they will make a great area in the cost.

After thirteen years of prominent service on the Town Council, Mr. John Grimsby, of the St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby, has been re-elected with a large majority.

Councillor J. R. Foley retained his seat on the Beverley Council, and Mr. A. Napier Ellis was returned at the head of the poll. Both belong to Wednesday evening District. Out of six elected four are Methodists.

Councillor J. S. Pickup, steward of the Holborn Central Church, again returned to the Harington Town Council. Mr. Pickup is also chairman of the Board of Guardians, on which he has served for fifteen years.

Rev. J. E. Thorpe desires gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of \$5 from "Joe and Ruth," per Rev. S. Horton, for Whitechapel Mission.

Our readers will see from our advertisement pages that the London Primitive Methodists are having a Valued Society to Revs. J. T. Barkby and J. H. Hirst prior to their leaving for Africa. The social will be held at Holborn Hall on Monday next, the 15th, at 7 p.m. Mr. T. Proud will preside, and addresses will be given by Revs. A. Baldwin, G. Armistead, and Mr. Joseph Johnson. Soloists will be rendered by Mr. Shilton Gariety and Miss Lena Cooper. Mr. Herbert Griffiths, F.R.C.O., will preside at the singing. There will be an offering to day's expenses; the balance to be taken to the London Ladies' Missionary Federation. We hope there will be a great rally of our London people on Monday next.

At the close of his year of office the Mayor of Mansfield (Councillor F. Hardy) entertained all the officials of the circuit, together with their wives, to a tea and concert on Saturday last. About 250 were present. Both the Mayor and Mayoress responded to resolutions of appreciation. During his term of service Councillor Hardy has greatly enhanced his reputation and local influence.

Mr. J. R. G. Bowman, eldest son of Rev. J. G. Bowman, has removed to Newcastle to engage in the business of his uncle, Mr. Robert Bowman, J.P. Since being domiciled Mr. Bowman has taken an active part in the Church at Harrington, and done a great deal of preaching in other London circuits. He was presented by the Harrington Christian Endeavour with a beautiful copy of the Hymnal and Supplement with music.

The joint secretaries of the "Padres Fellowship" write:—"Kindly allow us to announce to all ex-chaplains and chaplains, through your valuable paper, that the annual general meeting will be held on November 18th, at 2.30 p.m., at Southwark Diocesan Chapter House, St. Thomas-street, S.E. (near London Bridge Station), and that the Central Council and delegates will meet at 11 a.m. at St. Martin's Lane, Trafalgar-square."

Rev. H. J. Taylor, St. George's, Hall, gratefully acknowledges—"A B. D.," 10a; "Barbara," 20a; "A. P. M." (Whichurch), 10a; "Anon." (Poynton), 10a; "Grimsby," 10a; "18s. 6d." "For Christ's Sake," 2a. 6d.; B. M. Taylor, 5s.

The Friends' Emergency and War Victims Committee (No. 37, Chancery Lane, W.C. 2) gratefully acknowledges an anonymous donation of £2,000 towards its funds for relief work in Central Europe. The outlook for the coming winter is very dark, thousands of women and children, who might be saved by the generous help of subscribers in England.

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## International Lesson.

### The Prophet from the East.

Numb. xxiii. 1-25. xxiii. 12. G.T. Numb. xxiii. 1-25. Num. 21.

By HENRY J. PICHETT.

I.—The teacher will find a valuable key to this lesson and to a true estimate of Balaam in the three New Testament references to him, wherein in each case he is used as a warning against persistence in wrong-doing. The Scriptures referred to are: 2 Peter ii. 15, Jude v. 11, Rev. ii. 14. The time of the story is toward the close of the forty years' wandering. The scene of it is the land of Moab, a great sheep-breeding district coming down to the River Jordan, on the east side of it, opposite Jericho.

II.—When we speak of Balaam as a Prophet, we must not associate him in character or quality with men like Elijah, Amos or Isaiah five or six hundred years later. Balaam belongs rather to the school of Eastern diviners, who were in the habit of writing down what they said, and so far as our Scriptures are concerned, he breaks in upon us as suddenly as Elijah, though, alas! his exit forms a complete contrast. Clearly, he was a man of great intelligence, of wonderful gift of insight, possessing unusual knowledge (for example, his knowledge of Israel's God, of that in a time when every generation and even tribe was believed to have a deity of its own), and with undoubted powers of leadership and influence over his fellows. We cannot follow the narrative here. The teacher will give in general outline the story. The main points for teaching centre in the opportunity in the weakness and the wickedness of Balaam.

III.—Take BALAAM'S OPPORTUNITY. The deputation from Balak was almost certainly the most important in the history of the Israelite nation. How he knew of Israel's God we have no means of ascertaining. But he certainly knew much. And he knew the God of Israel to be a God of character, utterly unlike, vastly better than rival deities. The deputation was therefore for Balaam a great moral test of his own character. It formed one of those occasions of moral choice met every day by members of the class. If he were to be true to his better knowledge, to his sense of right and wrong, to that Divine leading, which is never refused if we seek it, the first result would have been an enormous advance in his own religious training. He might have paid the position of a great Prophet of Israel. Our own best training lies in the right use of choice.

IV.—Balaam's sin was evident in every part of the story. And the same weaknesses are very much in evidence everywhere in the year 1920. (a) A constant toying with the idea of compromise. We see that in the definite Divine reply of ver. 12 and the miserable human subterfuge of ver. 19. (b) Love of position and of money. (c) Love of expediency and compromise. The second deputation would have been instantly dismissed by one jealous of his position, and one who, with conscience, and trying to find an excuse for doing the wrong thing, we are on dangerous ground.

V.—Balaam's wickedness and ruin indicated the downward slope of evil. He wished well (see ver. 10, chap. xxiii.). He ended terribly (see Numb. xxiii. 8). He was a man of great power (see Ps. 10-22), (b) his attempts to alter Divine permissions, (c) his definite encouragement to sin (chap. xxiii. ver. 10). For an ungodly man to be so good, to be actually encouraged the women of Midian to bring upon Israel the curse he was not allowed to utter, by introducing to them the worship of their gods, is a tragedy. (d) His final loss of everything.





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His name was Raymond Lull, and he was a knight of the island of Majorca, in the Mediterranean Sea. He longed to conquer the followers of Mahomet, but not with the sword. He dreamed of doing it by love and prayers, by the pouring out of his tears, and even of his blood, if needs be. He determined to fit himself for his great task by learning Arabic and studying the Koran, while he was the Bible of the Mahomedans. He wished to be able to argue with them, and overcome them by reason as well as by love.

For this purpose he hired a Saracen servant who taught him this strange tongue. One day he was arguing with this servant, who was a Mahometan, when the servant uttered a horrible blasphemy against the name of Jesus. Lull's blood boiled at this. He sprang up and hit the Saracen a blow in the face. Immediately the servant drew a small dagger and plunged it in Raymond's side. Friends came running in, and the Saracen was put into prison, where he committed suicide.

Lull slowly got better, but he realised that if ever he was to take the Gospel to Africa he would have to learn, not only Arabic, but also how to control anger. He was well again, and after further preparation, he decided to set sail. His precious manuscripts and luggage were put on board a vessel, but when the time for sailing came Lull was sitting in his room trembling and afraid. He knew he would have to meet the persecuting Saracens at Thina. He would have to face torture, prison and death, and he dared not go. He sent and had his luggage brought ashore again, and the ship sailed without him.

He was so ashamed of his cowardice that he got into a state of high fever. A second ship was ready, and he implored his friends to carry him on board. This they did; but he was so weak that the time for sailing came and Lull was lying on his back, unable to live on the ship, so they carried him home again. When, however, a third ship was ready Lull was put on board, refused to be carried home again. Almost before he was out of sight of land all the fever left him.

How he landed at Tunis, how he began and carried on his good work among the Mahomedans, and at last died for his Master is too long a story to tell now. Perhaps I may tell it another time. You will see that Raymond Lull was a true knight, who fought his first battles in his own nature that he might afterwards conquer in his glorious missionary Crusade—so much more noble and grand than the fighting of the hosts who went out to capture Jerusalem from the Moslems. You can all be knights and ladies of that order, and I am sure you will.

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Langley Moor.—A series of successful services have been held in connection with the "coming of age" of the Endeavour Society. Among the special preachers and lecturers taking part in the various meetings were Revs. J. W. Collingwood, C. H. Green, G. Crabtree, B. A. Barber and F. Winterburn. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stokes supplied the musical items and Mr. C. B. Robinson, Esq. Wundring gave an organ recital. Mr. R. Johnson and Mr. J. M. Wood served well as ushers.

Leigh.—A Cobweb Social was held on Saturday. Mrs. (Dr.) Corbett presided. The web and presents (some 200) were provided by Mrs. S. Fearnley and Mr. A. Squires. Supper was provided by the ladies. Proceeds, £16. At Glazebrook, on Saturday, Mrs. A. Ratcliffe presided over the first meeting of the Band of Hope, when a lecture was given by Rev. J. R. Riggall. On the Sunday, the first anniversary of the Ladies' Missionary Auxiliary was held. Mrs. James Bell preaching to appreciative congregations.

The cobweb social at Bickershaw was opened by Miss Prescott. This was followed by a splendid recital by Mrs. Clamens, of Elland, assisted by Messrs. Hughes and Hirst. The week-end services were very successful.

Mallon.—Excellent harvest services have been held. Mallon, 250 0s. 4d.; Norton, 227 10s. 7d.; Old Town, 213; Hovingham, 27 3s.; Coulton, 25 0s. 2d.; Seakleton, 23 5s. 6d.; Terrington, 25 0s. 10d.; Swinton, 212 10s. 1d.; Billington, 237 15s.; Duggleby, 24 6s. 7d.; Seaghebbrook, 28 6s. 3d.; Huttons Ambro, 24 10s.; Leavening, 29 8s. 4d.; East Aikton, 27 10s. 4d.; further sums, 17s. 10d.; total, £220; increase, £25.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Mr. W. Clasper, society steward, Victoria, Gateshead, celebrated his sixtieth birthday by holding a birthday party for the benefit of the old minister's house fund. A large number assembled at the reception, which was followed by concert and supper. The Gateshead friends loyally assisted with Mr. Clasper with their gifts, and over £45 was raised.

Newcastle Third.—Two successful efforts have been concluded at St. Anthony's. The chapel anniversary was conducted by Rev. J. Barber. A fine public meeting was presided over by Mr. Teasdale, of Whitley Bay. Revs. B. A. Barber and W. Daw were the speakers. Proceedings, £73.

On November 2d the new organ was opened by Mr. G. W. Harvey, circuit steward and organist of Hoxton-road Church. A largely attended service was held in the afternoon, when Rev. B. A. Barber preached. There was generously provided by Mrs. Bell, Newcastle, who also gave a donation of £20. In the evening Mr. Ralph Gull of North Shields, presided, when Mr. G. W. Harvey, Esq., Newcastle, assisted by Miss G. Annan and Mr. A. J. Watson, soloists. Rev. W. Daw gave the benediction. Result, £85.

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OLLEY.—The ladies' effort was held at Burley on Saturday. A well-provided service was followed by a splendid concert. Proceeds over £220. Quite recently a pipe organ has been installed. Hartley presided, the minister reading out the gifts. On Sunday afternoon the New-road Prize Choir gave a fine sacred concert. Rev. S. C. Delaford was the preacher, and at the sacramental service welcomed new members, three of them being ex-Servicemen. Total offering, £100.

Peterborough Second.—The annual effort at Woodston took the form of a Note and silver tree, which was unveiled by Mrs. J. Hartley presided, the minister reading out the gifts. On Sunday afternoon the New-road Prize Choir gave a fine sacred concert. Rev. S. C. Delaford was the preacher, and at the sacramental service welcomed new members, three of them being ex-Servicemen. Total offering, £100.

Penrith.—On Thursday a social gathering was held to bid farewell to Mrs. Hollwell and her daughter, who are leaving and taking up their



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