

Physician to give life, and light, and health.

Or to think of China, which during the war has sent us a great army of labour. There in that great and wonderful country, which has seen the rise and fall of Babylon, Assyria, and Nineveh, or Greece and Rome, which has a great tradition of culture, and of art, and which to-day contains a quarter of the world's population. One of China's leading patriots has thus described her dire need: "The outlook for China is exceedingly dark and very seriously dangerous. The whole country is torn by factions. As a result there is really no spot in China which you may call safe, where life and property are adequately protected. Whether China will live as a nation I do not know. We need Jesus Christ to-day because we need more light. There is utter darkness, and it is largely the ignorance of the people that has been the cause of all the great trouble in China. We need Christ because of the richer life which He brings, and I do not believe that richer life can come to China unless we have a penitent life with which to begin. The root of all evils in China is the love of self; the evils produced by such sins as concubinage, gambling, seeking power and wealth, are largely due to selfishness, and to the ideal that man himself is the most important. Christ comes and teaches us to think in terms of God, and terms of humanity. This is the only hope so far as I can see."

And as if to prove it, the little Christian Church in China stands firm when all about it is breaking up. As in the great days of the Renaissance of Europe, it is the Church of Christ which shows men how to live, and how to carry on. I think it is fair to say that the patriots of China are saying what the great poet and patriot of India said just lately: "Our lamp has gone out; will not Britain let us light it at hers?" In these great lands the lamp of Confucius, the lamp of Buddha, and the lamp of Mahomet are all burning dimly and fitfully, and in spite of all our sins in the West, we have the wonderful asset of the life and death of Jesus Christ telling us what God is like, and this is what the world is hungry to know.

Think of Africa, again, with all its dim, child-like peoples, in the grip of fear and suffering unnameable things. Think how one nation after another from the West has gone in and exploited these simple peoples. We

think of the terrible record of the Germans in German South-West Africa. It is not worse than that of our allies, the Belgians, in the Congo, and neither we nor the gallant French are without blame in the way we have exploited the weak peoples of Africa. But when they meet with Englishmen, who are also Christians, they show us, as they showed to Livingstone, how magnificent is their loyalty and their child-like faith.

When the body of Captain Selous, that mighty hunter, was lying out in No Man's Land, two brave men went out to bring it in. One was his African servant, and the other was a young Englishman, and side by side they fought for it, and brought it back. The young Englishman has given us his name as one who wishes to go back immediately as a missionary to that great dark continent, because he realised as in a flash what sterling qualities there are in African hearts, and because he knows that his Master needs the gifts that Africa has to offer.

And so I think we may say that His Kingdom will not be accomplished nor His heart satisfied until He sees the idealism and the spiritual vision of India, the cheery optimism and the practical genius of China, the loyalty and rugged faith of Africa laid at His feet, and made available for the great Commonwealth of Nations. The task offered to you is to help, whether at home or abroad, in building up that great Commonwealth, and the needs of these countries for people of sympathy and vision are clamant to-day; for in China, as in the West, in India, even in Africa, a new world is being born, and Christ is making all things new. Let Him speak to our hearts through the lips of the great dead, His challenge to us to carry on.

They have won the war; it is for us to win the world. Not to dominate, but to serve; so will Britain carry to a worthy end the great word of the past; so will she complete the great struggle for the freedom and democracy and righteousness of the world.

It is not for nothing that the Anglo-Saxon race controls one-third of the habitable surface of the globe; that it handles half of the world's wealth. It is a great stewardship from God. Let us use it in His Name, and for His Kingdom. And the lives He has given us—shall we not dedicate them in His service.

WAITARA.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE.

Will the lady from Waitara who sent 5s in payment for "White Ribbon" up to June, 1919, please send her name, as the letter was unsigned.

VALEDICTORY.

Mrs Napier, who has laboured among us for over a year is now on the ocean hastening back to Old Scotland. She entertained a party of W.C.T.U. Officers at the Savoy, Dunedin, on Saturday, May 31st. The opportunity was taken to present Mrs Napier with a book as a small memento of her work among us. Mrs Hiett, Mrs Driver, Mrs Cowie, and Mrs Peryman voiced appreciation of Mrs Napier's work, and wished her a pleasant voyage and a speedy return to New Zealand.

THE GOLDEN RULE.

Some of the facts stated by a deputation representing the shearers, which waited upon the Minister lately, make interesting though most unsavoury reading. According to their statements, the worst features of Slumdom are to be found on large stations around Gisborne. Where the owners live in palatial residences, the quarters of the shearers are "indescribably filthy, alive with vermin," and in some cases both sexes were sleeping in the one room. Mention was made of at least one station where several married couples were sleeping in the men's dining-room.

The speakers did not ask for luxuries for the men; their demands were for (1) comfortable sleeping quarters; (2) decent sanitary arrangements; (3) facilities for bathing. The big squatters are the chief offenders, smaller farmers as a rule obeyed the law, and provided the common decencies of life. Evidently the Government does not compel the "big man" to comply with the law. Is this fair to the smaller farmers?

Even the most conservative members of our famous National Government will admit that the home is woman's sphere. Why not appoint a few capable women inspectors, and send them round armed with powers to enforce the law, and see that "homes" are provided for the workers on stations.