

"Awake! Awake! Put on thy strength." Sleep is necessary, but too much sleep robs a man of his strength.

Weak, sickly soldiers are of no use to go to war, they must be men of might, soldiers of Jesus should be strong to pull down the strongholds of the devil.

"Put on thy beautiful garments." Feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace; loins girt about with Truth; and on thy head the Helmet of Salvation; in thy hand the Sword of the Spirit; upon thy arm the Shield of Faith; and having on the Breastplate of Righteousness; you will be clothed with the finest suit of uniform that it is possible to get, suitable for all climates, with these you will conquer, without them you will be conquered.

JIM TURNER, Captain, Lerwick.

HOW TO COME TO CHRIST.

(Read Luke xix.)

Verse 3.—Wanted to see Jesus, but there was a *difficulty* in the way, *i.e.*, the shortness of his stature.

Apply.—The devil always brings up some difficulty to prevent souls from coming to the Saviour. What is it in your case? Pride? Fear of man? Are you too bad, or too good? Is it unbelief in Christ's power, or His willingness to meet *your* need?

Verse 4.—His downright earnestness; he ran; he climbed; was not afraid of taking trouble, neither did he care what folks said or thought of him. This is just how to come to Christ.

Verse 5.—Note the readiness of Jesus to reveal Himself to an earnest seeker.

Verse 7.—There are a ways murmurs about when the Saviour comes to dwell in the heart of a sinner; he is either reckoned

too bad to be saved, or too good to require saving.

Verse 8.—The genuineness of his repentance. He made the way clear for Jesus to save him. Many do the opposite, *i.e.*, keep that in their heart and on their conscience which hinders God from bringing His deliverance into their souls.

Is this what you are doing?

Apply and enlarge at discretion.

Major DRABBLE.

"BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR."

(Rev. iii. 20.)

1. Consider the house to which the door belongs. Man himself a noble being, capable of knowing and loving God; but house now in ruins and decay. *Sin, drink, gambling, swearing* and other sins have spoiled its beauty. The heart is cursed with longing after money, pleasure, fame, etc.

2. Christ knocking at the door. He will not always knock, neither will He break open the door. Sometimes He knocks loudly, sometimes softly, as by death, affliction. Spirit whispers, "Why wilt thou die?"

3. The door opened to admit Christ. The dweller opens the door by *repentance, prayer, faith.*

Jesus enters like a rich man with food in an empty house. Brings bread of life; invites all (*Matt. xi. 28*).

4. The awfulness of keeping Christ out—will not always knock—how great His love—not satisfied with dying, stops knocking at your heart for days, months, years. Let Him enter now.

Captain H. BRATT.

The Month's Changes.

STAFF PROMOTIONS AND CHANGES.—MARCH, 1898.

SOUTH INDIA.

Major GNANAPRAKASAM, to Telugu Division.
Adjutant GNANATHESIGAR, to Shovalay District.
Adjutant DEVASIGAMONI, to Arcot District.
Ensign DAYA BAI (HOWE), to Arestespuram District.
Ensign MANIKAVASEGAR, to Agasteespuram District, as Assistant.
Captain PAVITHRA (Goggins) to the Rescue Home, Madras.

CANADA.

Brigadier READ, Provincial Officer, C.O.P., to the Auxiliary Department, Territorial Headquarters.
Staff-Captain HARGRAVE, Territorial Headquarters.

to be Sectional Commander to the Southern Section of the C.O. Province.
Staff-Captain MINNICE, C.O.P., to be Sectional Commander to the Northern Section, C.O. Province.
Adjutant TOM STANFON, C.O.P., to Territorial Headquarters, General Sect. Department.

AUSTRALASIA.

Major ERNEST KNIGHT to be D.O., Melbourne Division.
Staff-Captain CHARLES DENNIS to be D.O., North Adelaide Division.
Staff-Captain ALBERT HOWARD to be Trade Manager Sydney Depot.

I.H.Q. STAFF PROMOTIONS AND CHANGES.—MARCH, 1898.

Lieutenant JOSHUA SMITH, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Captain.
Lieutenant THOMAS DRAGE, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Captain.
Lieutenant LIZIE NICOL, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Captain.
Lieutenant ANNE THOMAS, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Captain.
Lieutenant KATE CARTER, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Captain.
Lieutenant W. G. SYMONS, of the Foreign Office, to be Captain.
Lieutenant GEO. A. RICHARDSON, of the Central Staff Department, to be Captain.
Lieutenant WALKER, of the Publishing Department, to be Captain.
Lieutenant MERRIFIELD, of the Trade Department, to be Captain.
Lieutenant ORCHARD, of the Trade Department, to be Captain.

Brother J. HARPER, of the Life Assurance, to be Captain.
Brother SMITH, of the Accountants' Department, to be Lieutenant.
Brother WILLIAMS, of the Accountants' Department, to be Lieutenant.
Brother PERRY, of the Cashiers' Department, to be Lieutenant.

TRANSFERS.

Adjutant ROGERS from the Subscribers' to the Cashiers', under Brigadier BATES.
Captain H. MILTON, of the Life Assurance Department, to the Central Staff Department, under Commissioner Pollard.
Captain SKELTON, of the Postal Department, to the Life Assurance Department, under Commissioner Carleton.

Births, Marriages, and Promotions to Glory.

BIRTHS.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Brigadier and Mrs. HOGGRIE, daughter, South London Province, on February 20th.
Staff-Captain and Mrs. ROGERS, daughter, 2nd February, at St. Ike-on-Trent.
Adjutant and Mrs. BROWN, son, 5th March, at Clanton.
Adjutant and Mrs. ZADLEY, daughter, 14th March, at Sheffield.
Captain and Mrs. YOUNG, son, 11th February, at East Grinstead.

AUSTRALASIA.

Adjutant and Mrs. HOLLIBROOK, son, at Hawthorn, Victoria, on December 6th, 1897.

MARRIAGES.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Ensign Arthur KEMBLE, who came out from Cheltenham in 1889, and is now stationed at Glasgow II., to Captain Anne TAYLOR, who came out from Cheltenham in 1891, and was last resting on February 21st, at Glasgow II.

Captain George MORRIS, who came out from Wex in 1890, and is now stationed at Salford II., to Lieutenant M. OGDEN, who came out from Bamber Bridge in 1897,

and was last stationed at Glasgow IX., on February 10th, at Salford II.

FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND.

Captain GERTSE to Captain Willebrand, on January 10th; the ceremony was conducted by Major Rausel-Schoch.

PROMOTIONS TO GLORY.

SOUTH INDIA.

Ensign Gnanapuran, 29 years of age; length of service, ten years; she has been in charge of C. Imbatore, Trichinopoly, Coimoor, Madras, and several stations in Travancore.

AUSTRALASIA.

Major Charles Robinson, born Field Secretary, who came out from Christchurch, New Zealand, on November 10th, 1881, was promoted to Glory from East Melbourne, Victoria, on Wednesday, December 15th, 1897; aged 40 years; length of service, 14 years.

Mrs. Major VICE, who came out from Seabam, England, on June 15th, 1883, was promoted to Glory from Benligo, Victoria, on Thursday, December 16th, 1897; aged 35 years; length of service, 14 years.

FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND.

Lieutenant Veranun, at Nimes; aged 13 years, entered T.H. March 15th, 1883; resting from August 26th, 1893.

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR SOUL.

Keep thy soul in the presence of God.
Nourish it by good works.
Give it peace in solitude.
Get it strength in prayer.
Make it wise with spiritual reading.
Enlighten it by meditation.
Make it tender with love.

Sweeten it with humility.
Humble it with patience.
Cheer it with praise and thanksgiving.
Let it imitate the guardian angels, which, although they attend to human affairs and to the lowest of mankind, yet "always beheld the face of their Father which is in Heaven."