

the bishop, "I said, 'Come in—come in.'" "How brave of you!" remarked his host. "And did he come in?" "Yes; an old sallow-looking man, with bent figure and long hair." "Yes," said the host, "that's the ghost who haunts this house." "And what did you do?" Said the bishop, "I got out of bed and went up to him. I asked him if he belonged to the house, and he nodded assent. I asked him if he was a parishioner; he nodded assent. I then said, 'I am anxious to build some new schools; will you give me a subscription?' He disappeared and has never been seen since."

Now, we are going to make our collection, and we don't want you to clear out like that ghost did. Help us to the best of your ability.

IN HIS STEPS. † † † † †

"He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself so to walk, even as He walked."—1 John ii. 6.

It was a winter morning, and the snow lay thick on the ground. A man going out from his house to the stable heard a voice behind him: "I'm coming, too, papa." Looking back, he saw his little son lifting his little feet, and planting them carefully in his father's footsteps. So the children imitate. Let us take heed how we walk.

TIGHTEN UP. † † † † †

"Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God."—Heb. xii. 15.

"Fred," said his father, pointing to an empty tub in the garden, "fill this with water to-day, so that I can water the garden to-night when I come home." Fred did so, but, to his surprise, when at night he went out with his father into the garden they found the tub empty. The boy protested that earlier in the day he had filled it, and that someone must have taken out the water. His father turned up the tub, and a moment's examination showed that the hoops had slackened and left a leakage. He tightened the hoops, and next day Fred filled it again and the water remained. Oh, these leakages! so numerous and

so different. Yet all with one result, emptying our hearts of divine things, and leaving us dry. Let us tighten up.

A LOST OPPORTUNITY. † † †

"Hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me."—Ezek. iii. 17.

A few minutes' walk from my home there lived an old man who attended no place of worship, and refused to admit ministers to his house. Once I took him a *Young Soldier*, but he swore at me and bade me clear out sharp. Later, God distinctly told me to go and speak to him about his soul and pray with him. I tried to shake the impression off, but could not; when I prayed, this old man rose before me like a barrier between my soul and God. At last, knowing he was fond of music, I asked a sister to go with me on the Sunday afternoon, thinking we could sing outside his door, and so gain admission.

Sunday came, but she refused to go, saying, "I really see no good in going—don't go." Oh, how the Spirit strove with me that afternoon! every moment seemed an hour. I knew that if I went at all it would have to be before four o'clock, unless I waited another week. The thought flashed through my mind, "Perhaps he will be dead before next Sunday." I was thoroughly miserable, and to ease my conscience, promised God faithfully I would go next Sunday.

The following Saturday my younger sister came rushing into the house saying:—"Oh, mother! who ever do you think is dead?" "Not old Mr. Beasant?" said I, scarce knowing what I was saying. But it was so. I had trifled with my opportunity, and it was gone for ever.

All things are possible with God, and all things are possible to him that *believeth*. This implies a *present* act—not something in the future! "He that *believeth* on Me, though he were *dead*, yet shall he live." Oh the omnipotence of FAITH.

The Month's Changes.

Staff Promotions and Changes.—APRIL, 1901.

PROMOTIONS.

International Headquarters—Life Assurance Department.

Assist.-Supt. F. Ratledge, of Sutton District, to be Captain.

UNITED STATES.

Adjutant William J. Dart to be Staff-Captain.

INDIA AND CEYLON.

North India Territory.

Staff-Captain Jivanandham to be Major.

WEST INDIES.

Captain P. B. Richardson to be Ensign.

HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.

Adjutant Visser to be Staff-Captain.

Adjutant *Van-de-Werken* to be Staff-Captain.

Captain Pichal to be Ensign.

Captain Grundlehner to be Ensign.

Captain Nak to be Ensign.

Captain *Van Solingen* to be Ensign.

Captain *Debbe* to be Ensign.

Captain *Van Waart* to be Ensign.

Captain *Van-der-Hurk* to be Ensign.

AUSTRALASIA.

Adjutant Thomas Gault to be Staff-Captain.

Adjutant Robert Sandall to be Staff-Captain.

Ensign *Edith Spicer* to be Adjutant.

Captain *Catherine Stewart* to be Ensign.

Captain Ferdinand Butler to be Ensign.

Captain *Jessie M. Taylor* to be Ensign.

Captain *Caroline McCabe* to be Ensign.

Captain *Elsie M. Hansen* to be Ensign.

APPOINTMENTS.

FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND.

Staff-Captain Kupfer appointed to German-Switzerland, as Special.

Adjutant Lourde to be D.O., Paris Division.

Ensign Hauswirth to be Secretary, French-Switzerland.

WEST INDIES.

Staff-Captain E. Tucker to take charge of the Training Operations.

Ensign P. B. Richardson to be *War Cry* Editor.

AUSTRALASIA.

Staff-Captain G. Stagg to Men's Social, T.H.Q., Melbourne, Victoria.

Staff-Captain E. Bishop to Men's Social, Adelaide, S.A.

Staff-Captain A. Miller to Men's Social, Sydney, N.S.W.

Adjutant E. Jackson to Musical Department, T.H.Q.

Adjutant A. Kent to be State Accountant, N.S.W.

Adjutant Jos. E. Hayman to D.W.O., Auckland, N.Z. (Scribe).

CANADA.

Adjutant Byers to Springhill Corps and District.

Ensign Parsons, to St. John III. Corps and Training Garrison.

INDIA AND CEYLON.

Punjab Territory.

Ensign Satya Singh to Men's Training Garrison.

Ceylon Territory.

Staff-Captain Dev Das (Renfrew) to take charge of Colombo Prison - Gate Home.

Adjutant H. Perera to Chilaw and Madampe District.

Adjutant Fernando to Colombo Division.

Ensign Hancock to Colombo District.

Unattached Section (India).

Major Deleri Singh (Mellings) to be Manager of Industrial Land Colony, Gujerat.

Ensign Tuley to be Assistant Auditor of Bombay Headquarters.