

## POINTED ILLUSTRATIONS.

We commend the use of good and appropriate illustrations, to every F.O. Let them follow the Lord Jesus Christ's example. Think how often He says, "It is like." If He, the Divine Master of language, needed to use them, how much more do we?

### WHY USE ILLUSTRATIONS? †

"I will incline mine ear to a parable."—Psalm xlix. 4.

A hammer-head is a good and useful thing, but if you wanted to drive in a nail with it, your hammer-head becomes a thousand times more effective when it is fitted with a handle. Illustrations are the handle that enable us to get hold of the truth and drive it home. Only if you don't take care that your hammer-head and handle are fitted properly and fastened tight, trouble will come.

### DOING AND KNOWING. † †

"This we commanded you, that if any would not work neither should he eat."—2 Thess. iii. 10.

There is a legend that comes down from the early ages with regard to Thomas Didymus, one of the apostles, which, whether true or no, is worth remembering for the lesson it teaches. As will be seen by John xi. 16; xiv. 5; xx. 20-29, Thomas was troubled with doubts and fears. The story goes that some years after the interview with the Lord, described in John xx., Thomas again fell into doubt. He went to first one apostle and another to tell them of his troubles, but they were all so much occupied that they had neither time nor inclination to listen. He went to several devout women, but they, Dorcas-like, were far too busy and too short of time to listen. It gradually dawned upon Thomas that possibly one reason why his brothers and sisters were so little troubled with doubts was that they were so busy. Accordingly the legend states that he went into Parthia, preaching and teaching the Gospel there and was never troubled with doubts any more.

The surest pathway to knowing is doing. Said Jesus, "If any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine" (John vii. 17). And again He asks, "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that

cometh from God only" (John v. 44). The prevalence of doubt and uncertainty in modern times arises from the heart and life not being in accordance with the will of God. It is little use combating men's doubts and unbelief, these are only symptoms of the disease at the back. We need to get the heart and life right, then these things will rectify themselves.

### FIRE! † † † † †

"Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?"—Isaiah xxxiii. 14.

The newspapers record the terrible death of an infant boy named Meckleburgh at Aldeby, near Beccles. He was in a stack field with a brother, aged six, when the latter began to play with matches. In a few seconds two stacks were blazing furiously, and, paralysed with fear, the boys stood until the flames reached them. First the little fellow was wrapped in fire and was horribly burned, while his brother, powerless to move, watched his death-agony. Then, as the flames reached the older boy, the frantic mother rushed into the field, and, careless of the fire, seized her children and ran with them to the road, where, dreadfully burned, she fell fainting. The younger child died in great suffering.

Think of the heroism and daring self-sacrifice of that mother. Then let us ask ourselves what we feel about sinners with the fires of sin burning in their souls. How much are we really concerned? Should we not pray that God may open our eyes to the sinner's true position, and then let us do something for their salvation proportionate to the awful issues involved?

### STEP IN. † † † †

"Speaking the truth in love."—Eph. iv. 15.

A king of Arabia, showed his courtiers a Damascan sword that had been presented to him. It was their opinion that it's only fault was being too short. The king's son, who was present, said that there was no weapon too short for a brave man, as there needed no more but to advance one step to make it long enough.

There has been too much long-range fighting all down the history of Christianity. If S.A. swords are a trifle short—well, all the better, provided we step in, get to close quarters with the enemy and let them have it.

### A GOOD PLAN. † † †

"Let not the sun go down upon your wrath."—Eph. iv. 26.

Two good men on some occasion had a warm dispute. One of them later in the day remembered the exhortation of the apostle, "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath," and just before sunset went and knocked at the door of the other. His offended friend opened it, and seeing who it was, started back in astonishment, the other at the same time cried out, "The sun is almost down." This unexpected salutation softened his friend's heart, and he said, "Come in, brother, come in, and let us settle our differences."

### WHAT HE REMEMBERED. †

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me."—Psalm xxiii. 4.

When the pious Beveridge came to the closing moments of his life he did not know his nearest friends. A minister, with whom he had been well acquainted, visited him; he said, "Do you know me?" "Who are you?" asked Beveridge. On being told, he said he did not know him. An intimate friend then came and failed to obtain recognition. His wife then came to the bedside and asked him if he knew her. "Who are you?" said he. Being told she was his wife, he replied that he did not know her.

Said one to him, "My brother, do you

know the Lord Jesus Christ?" "Jesus Christ!" said he, reviving, as if the name had produced on him the influence of a charm, "Oh, yes, I have known Him these forty years; precious Saviour! He is my only hope."

### WHO MADE THEM. † † †

"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God."—Psalm xiv. 1.

There was a celebrated poet who was an atheist, or at least professed to be so. According to him there was no God. Very strange. A rude heap of bricks and timber shot from a cart upon the ground was never seen to arrange itself into the doors, stairs, chambers, and chimneys of a house. The dust and filings of a brass-founder's table have never been known to form themselves into the ingenious mechanism of a watch. The types loosely flung from the founder's mould never yet fell into the form of a poem. The rudest hut of Bushmen, the Indian's simple canoe, fashioned by fire from a forest tree, the plainest clay urn on which savage affection had enshrined the ashes of the dead, were never supposed to owe their form to the hands of chance.

Yet this man believed (if it is possible to think so) that nature's magnificent temple was built without an architect, her flowers of glorious beauty coloured without a painter, and her intricate complicated, but perfect machinery, constructed without an intelligent mind.

## The Month's Changes.

### Staff Promotions and Changes.—OCTOBER, 1900.

#### INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

##### Promotions and Appointments.

Staff-Captain FLETCHER, of the Printing and Publishing Headquarters, to the City Colony Headquarters.  
Staff-Captain BRUCE, of the Printing and Publishing Headquarters, to the City Colony Headquarters, under Colonel Sturgess.  
Staff-Captain OLDENBURGH, of the Battersea Wharf, to the Industrial and Land Colony.  
Adjutant CHARLES T. ROSE, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Staff-Captain.  
Adjutant WILLIAM MCCARTHY, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Staff-Captain.  
Ensign M. E. GROVES, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Adjutant.

Ensign JOSEPH REARDON, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Adjutant.

Captain BESSIE FIRMIN, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Ensign.

Captain EMILY YOUNG, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Ensign.

Captain ALEXANDER P. LOWRY, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Ensign.

Captain THOMAS DRAGE, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Ensign.

Captain JOSHUA SMITH, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Ensign.

Captain FRANK H. CURTIS, of the Life Assurance Department, to be Ensign.

**PROMOTIONS.****AUSTRALIA.**

Captain HARRIET McNEE to be Ensign.

**FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND.**

Captain TZAUT to be Ensign.

**HOLLAND AND BELGIUM.**

Ensign LEROUX to be Adjutant.

**UNITED STATES.**

Captain MARY IRONSIDE to be Ensign.

Captain MARTIN to be Ensign.

Captain STANLEY NORRIS to be Ensign.

Captain RIKKE ISEN to be Ensign.

**APPOINTMENTS.****INDIA AND CEYLON.**

Adjutant RAJA PRAKAS to be School Inspector and J.S. Secretary, Ceylon Territory.

Adjutant OBEYESKERA to Statistical Department, Ceylon Headquarters, Colombo.

Ensign HANCOCK to Colombo I. and C.N. and M. Work.

Ensign PREMAWANTAYA to Moratuwa District and Men's Training Home.

Ensign KARUNERATNA to Rambukhana District.

Ensign DIAS ABERJASINGHA to Talampitiya District.

Ensign GEORGE SHERLOCK to be Private Secretary to Commissioner Higgins.

Ensign THUMBIMUTHU to Allur District.

**NORWAY.**

Adjutant E. WIK to be Private Secretary to the Chief Secretary.

Adjutant BERTHA HANSEN, Training Home Assistant.

**AUSTRALIA.**

Staff-Captain KATE BOLTON to the Women's Training Home, Melbourne.

**SOUTH AFRICA.**

Staff-Captain CLACK to be Territorial Headquarters representative for Special Financial Efforts.

**CANADA.**

Adjutant FRANK MORRIS to Territorial Headquarters, as Cashier.

Adjutant TURPIN to Newfoundland Provincial Headquarters.

**UNITED STATES.**

Staff-Captain MERRIWEATHER to take command of Southern Michigan District.

Ensign MARY IRONSIDE to Rescue Department, National Headquarters.

**Births, Marriages, and Promotions to Glory.****BIRTHS.****GREAT BRITAIN.**

Major and Mrs. Malan, a son, September 18th, 1900.

Adjutant and Mrs. Cheadle, a son, September 17th, 1900.

Adjutant and Mrs. Wass, of Norwich, a daughter, July 7th, 1900.

Adjutant and Mrs. Kington, a son, October 4th, 1900.

Ensign and Mrs. Fred Hall, a daughter, August 3rd, 1900.

**INDIA.**

Captains Swami Das and Ghana Vadivu, a daughter, July 28th, 1900.

Captains Deva Danam and Martha, a daughter, August 25th, 1900.

Captains Yuddha Prakas and Kristina, a son, July 20th, 1900.

Lieutenants Kristo Das and Mariamah, a daughter, July 9th, 1900.

**SOUTH AFRICA.**

Adjutant and Mrs. Morris, a son, August 29th, 1900.

**NORWAY.**

Staff-Captain and Mrs. Tandberg, a daughter, September 28th, 1900.

**MARRIAGES.**

Adjutant William Warr, who came out of the Borough on May 5th, 1881, and now of the Custodians' Department, I.H.Q., to Lieutenant Eleanor Wells, who came out of the Borough on May 23rd, 1899, and last stationed at St. Neots, on September 20th at the Borough.

Ensign William Sales, who came out of Clapton on December 27th, 1887, and now of the Life Assurance Department, to Captain Jeannie Pickering, who came out of Camberwell in April, 1894, and was last of the Life Assurance Department, on September 10th, at Kennington Lane.

**NORWAY.**

Captain T. Strand to Captain Anna Sande, at Trondhjem, on September 20th, 1900.

**UNITED STATES.**

Ensign Fields to Captain Johannesen, at Midlake, Illinois, on July 31st, 1900.

Captain Stauffer to Captain Thomas, at Asbury Park, New Jersey, on August 13th, 1900.

**PROMOTIONS TO GLORY.****CANADA.**

Mrs. Staff-Captain Phillips, who came out of St. John I., New Brunswick, in 1891, promoted to Glory from London, Ontario, Provincial Headquarters, on August 23rd, 1900.

Lieutenant Bertha Burlog, who came out from Hillsboro' in 1897, promoted to Glory from Belmont, N.D., June 11th, 1900.

**UNITED STATES.**

Captain Stewart promoted to Glory from Hannibal.

Captain B. F. Miller, who came out from Canada, promoted to Glory from Manistee, Michigan, on July 28th, 1900.

**SWEDEN.**

Lieutenant Lydla Johanson, promoted to Glory from Home of Rest, Sodertelge, September 5th, 1900.

# THE FIELD OFFICER.

"Go straight for Souls, and go for the worst."—THE GENERAL.

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## SPECIAL NOTICE TO FIELD OFFICERS.

MY DEAR COMRADES,—

The General's Letters to Soldiers have been so heartily received and appreciated, that it will give you special pleasure to hear he has also decided to address himself in a similar form to the Bandsmen of The Salvation Army.

The First two Letters appear in this number of THE FIELD OFFICER as another Special Supplement.

Commanding Officers must read the introductory Letter at a Special Bandsmen's Meeting, which must be held during the second week in December. Letter Number Two must be read during the last week of the month. Future Letters must be read during the second and last weeks of the particular month in which they appear.

The directions given in reference to the reading of the Soldiers' Letters will apply to the reading of the Letters to Bandsmen :

- (A) The Letter should be read after much prayer.
- (B) It should be read with emphasis, remembering the high store your Bandsmen will put on words from The General.

I am quite sure you will do your very best to make these Letters all the blessing, help and inspiration The General desires they should be.