

people in Queensland. If such an opportunity is given, the Committee have very little fear which way the matter would go—a reduction of hours for the sale of the devil's holy water.

May God grant to the Churches and all interested people a glorious victory in the liquor fight.

Yours, etc.,
ROSS GRAHAM,
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CHURCH INTELLIGENCE.

BOONAH.—Engelsburg is in the grip of dengue fever, so the Mission is turned down. Bro. Way is conducting a short mission at Boonah. Bro. Nightingale is gradually recovering.

BUNDAMBA.—The Church received a spiritual uplift through Bro. Way's recent visit. The young woman who confessed Christ has been immersed and received into the Church with her mother.—Geo. Green.

WEST MORETON CIRCUIT.—A day of blessing was experienced at Marburg on March 19, when ten adults were received into fellowship by the evangelist—four restored, one immersed, and five formerly immersed, a total of eleven for the month.

The annual Conference at Rosewood on March 17 proved successful. Bro. A. C. Rankine's messages were much appreciated. Our work is healthy at each centre.—C.H.P.

ZILLMERE.—Brethren H. Barker, R. Ratcliffe and C. Stitt have helped us by exhortation and gospel declaration. On March 14 the Band of Hope held an open-air meeting, followed by one in our building. Brethren Barker and Ross Graham gave stirring addresses on "6 p.m. closing of liquor bars." Bro. W. A. Church, will (d.v.) be welcomed with Sis. Eagle, who comes to us from the Baptist Eagle on March 31 at Zillmere. Bro. Eagle will labour with Zillmere and Sandgate.—J. Bruce.

CHARTERS TOWERS.—An elderly man and a young lady were immersed recently in the new baptistry which was given by Mr. H. Hall, and installed by Bro. Hinspeter. A good crowd witnessed the baptisms. The Church only owes £96 on their splendid new property. Bro. W. O'Brien's work continues to prosper at the Towers.

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WAR AND PEACE.

A. C. RANKINE.

As one takes a look out on the things of the world at the present time, and sums them all up, he must conclude that something is wrong

somewhere. Things are terribly out of joint. During the past year and more we have been shocked with the sufferings and sorrows consequent on the conflict of nations engaged in a desperate and determined struggle to overthrow one another.

To say the Almighty is a partner in these things is, in our humble opinion, decidedly wrong. War is one of the things which eventually will be one of the evils to be forever abolished. But the time has not yet come. A great deal has been spoken and written concerning that which some have described as "The Last Great War." If we, however, understand the Scripture aright, this will not be the "last great war."

So long as unregenerate human nature is in this world, just so long will wars occur. Our idea is that after this dreadful carnage is over and the nations concerned are at peace again, efforts will still be made to maintain large navies and great standing armies.

We have no confidence in the flesh. Man has been a failure all down the ages. And while man is man and the devil rules in human hearts will wars occur. "From whence come wars and fightings among you?" asks Apostle James. "Come they not of your own lusts?"

It is not our purpose here to argue as to whether it is wrong under some circumstances for nations to take up arms.

At the same time, it seems clear to us that the reason why nations seek to maintain great armies and navies is because they are suspicious of others and afraid they may be attacked. All this goes to show there is a dreadful distrust of one another. And the pitiful part of it is such things as we witness to-day are possible after nineteen centuries of gospel influence and enlightenment. One and another have raised the question—"Has Christianity failed?" We may answer with an emphatic "No!"

This dreadful struggle is the result not of Christianity, but the want of it.

The Master who taught "love to enemies" and "prayer for those who spitefully use you," and also "to do to others as ye would that they should do to you," would not sanction the disgraceful and diabolical things which are taking place on the field of Europe at present. And if men had carried out these teachings this cursed war would not have taken place.

"Jesus came not to destroy men's lives but to have them." We cannot allow the Peaceful Christ to be linked with this blood business of wounded and killing. God rules and overrules, 'tis true, among the nations. And "He