

Collection.

5.00 p.m.—Hymn, adjournment.

Union platform meeting, to be held Tuesday evening, October 2nd, at 8 o'clock. Rev. G. C. Rock in the chair.

Hymn—"All Hail the power of Jesus' Name."  
Scripture—Prayer.

Chairman's Remarks.

Solo—Miss Minnie Washburn, Smith's Falls.

Address on Foreign Missions—Miss Agnes E.

Baskerville, India.

Violin Solo—Mr. Will Trons, Perth.

Address on Home Missions.

Collection—Hymn.

Prayer and Benediction.

### A STARTLING CONTRAST.

What a spectacle amazes all the wondering world to-day,  
What loud, long "hurrahs" are ringing here and there and  
far away!

Hostile eyes are wide with wonder, and friendly nations echo  
cheers,

England thrills with pride, and blesses her brave band of  
volunteers,

Into being as by magic, springs an army great, full-grown,  
Ay, from many shores where soldiers hitherto have been  
unknown;

Home and comforts all behind them, yet so eager, bright and  
brave;

Hardships, toil, and blood and danger all before them—and  
the grave.

And for what? For freedom, honor of their country and  
their Queen;

Unought sacrifice and service, how magnificently seen!  
Oh! how mean, how mean a contrast does the church of  
Christ afford,

Camps at home so full of soldiers and the fiercest foes  
abroad!

Though for them a glorious Monarch died, and left one last  
command

They should bear His blood stained banners into every sin  
cursed land;

Though enslaved millions call them to the rescue "Come,  
oh, come!"

They are busy, far too busy, caring for the needs at home.

Say, would any earthly army hesitate to rise and go,  
When their marching orders reached them, howsoever fierce  
the foe?

Yet down all the centuries ringeth that last order calm and  
clear

Many seem too deaf to hear it, few obey it when they hear,  
And no crowds step forth to cheer them, banners waving in  
the breeze,

And no nation pours its treasure forth to furnish such as  
these!

Nay, alas, for oft in sorrow they must wait at home until  
Pounds and pence are begged and prayed for, ere the slender  
purses fill.

For the force at home is needing stately buildings, costly  
drees,

Richest food and grandest music, care and cultured love-  
liness.

So the little bands that venture forth against such mighty  
hosts

Vainly plead for reinforcements from so many dangerous  
posts.

This though men at home by thousands seek employment oft  
in vain,

While those marching orders echo thro' their ranks again,  
again.

Shame, oh, shame! The blessed angels e'en in heaven well  
might weep

O'er a word so keenly active, and a Church still half asleep!

(This poem from an English paper was sent us by one of  
our missionaries, on seeing the statement in *The Baptist* that  
our Board was calling for another man to go to India and no  
one had responded. The readers of *THE LINK* will know  
that since then a man has responded, and a Dr. Woodbourne  
is to go out with Mr. Imrie this fall.)

### A QUESTION.

An Address delivered at the Northern Association.

How should New Testament Christians at  
the close of the nineteenth century, living in a  
civilized country, and an unevangelized world,  
spread their table, dress and regard the ques-  
tion of personal expenditure generally?

I have asked this question for years, and have  
received widely different answers. One young  
lady told me that I was not generous-minded  
on the subject. That we owed it to those around  
us to dress as well as our positions allowed.

I asked another young lady, also a Christian,  
if she considered it justifiable in Christians in  
the present state of the world, with so many in  
utter ignorance of the gospel, and our mission-  
aries sending heart-rendering appeals for help,  
assuring us that instead of advancing on the  
enemy they must retreat unless reinforced by  
the home churches. The home churches, who,  
if not wealthy, are, at least, well housed, well fed,  
and well clothed.

My friend's reply was to the effect that she  
considered it quite compatible with New Testa-  
ment discipleship to spend as we do. She said  
she had heard a minister who had studied the  
question say, that if each church member gave a  
certain sum (a very small it was, but I forget  
the exact amount), that missionary enterprises  
would be abundantly supplied. Therefore, if she  
gave this, her legitimate share, that was all that  
God expected of her in regard to missionary  
giving. God did not expect her to give her  
share and that of others, and so give them an  
excuse for negligence.

I pointed out the fact others — somebody,  
many bodies in fact, did not, and apparently  
would not give even this small share, and, con-  
sequently, the missionary cause was suffering.

She said she could not help that, that so long