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Total received to March 26th...\$1,035.63

Kindly address contributions simply to
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A WELCOME ADDITION.

Since the above list was made out, a
welcome surprise has come in the form
of \$35.00, forwarded by the teachers of
S. S. No. 13, Ekfrid, Ont., to be added
to the "Dollar Chain."

This brings our total up to \$1,070.63.
The following letter explains how the
money was raised. All honor to S. S.
No. 13, Ekfrid! Thirty-five dollars will
do a great deal of good to someone in
need.

Appin, Ont., March 26, 1915.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

"Dear Sir,—The pupils of S. S. No. 13,
Ekfrid, held a small patriotic concert
and bazaar in the Town Hall, Appin, on
St. Patrick's evening, March 17th. They
were assisted in the programme by a
few of the ex-pupils. The members of
the Women's Institute served the lunch.

It was decided to send the proceeds,
thirty-five dollars (\$35), to the "Dollar
Chain," and so help in the relief work.

WINNIFRED GALE,
LEWIS PAYNE,
Teachers.

Hope's Quiet Hour.

Jesus Met Them.

As they went to tell His disciples, be-
hold, Jesus met them, saying: All hail.
And they came and held Him by the
feet, and worshipped Him. Then said
Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell
My brethren that they go into Galilee,
and there shall they see Me.—S. Matt.
xxviii.: 9, 10.

I said, "I will find God," and forth I
went

To seek Him in the clearness of the sky,
But over me stood unendurably
Only a pitiless, sapphire firmament
Ringing the world, blank splendor; yet
intent

Still to find God, "I will go seek,"
said I,

"His way upon the waters," and drew
nigh

An ocean marge, weed-strewn and foam-
bespent:

And the waves dashed on idle sand and
stone,

And very vacant was the long, blue sea;
But in the evening, as I sat alone,

My window open to the vanishing day,
Dear God! I could not choose but kneel

and pray,
And it sufficed that I was found of Thee.

—Edward Dowden.

The quest for God is as old as human-
ity, it is a primal instinct of the human
heart: but the quest of God for man is
older still. Even when man, in shame
and fear, tried to hide from the Presence
of God, it is written: "The LORD God
called unto Adam, and said unto him,
where art thou?"

A few days ago I was talking to a
young woman who said she had been for
years seeking the Living JESUS and yet
had failed to find Him. She seemed to
think that historical proof was all she
needed, for she said, "I believe in God,
but I am not even sure that JESUS
ever lived in the world at all."

That remark only proved—that she
afterwards admitted—that she had never
studied the history of the first centuries
of our era. No one who has studied
history with any thoroughness can deny
that the Christian Church, which now
numbers its members by millions, began
in Palestine less than 2,000 years ago,
and has from the beginning traced its
existence to JESUS Christ. Even the
men who deny His Divinity and refuse

to believe in His Resurrection, must own—
if they have any knowledge of the history
of those times—that the Founder of
Christianity was put to death by Pontius
Pilate. Pilate was appointed Roman
Procuretor, or Governor of Judea, about
A. D. 26, and his rule lasted for about
ten years. Our Lord was crucified about
A. D. 33, and the words "Suffered under
Pontius Pilate," in the Apostles' Creed,
bear witness to the fact that we "have
not followed cunningly-devised fables," as
St. Peter says, "when we made known
unto you the power and coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ."

Name. (Acts iv.: 13-22). Their be-
lief in these facts only increased their
wickedness in refusing to follow Christ.

Our Lord, after His Resurrection, only
revealed Himself to those who really
wanted to know the truth in order to
follow it. He showed Himself alive to
some who were slow to believe the wit-
ness of others, and He even offered the
physical test demanded by St. Thomas,
but these "many infallible proofs" of the
Resurrection were only granted to those
who wanted to do the Will of GOD and
were eager to know the truth.

There are two kinds of unbelief. One

vealed Himself to them? They fell at
His feet in joyous worship, and then
were sent on to deliver their message—
the same message the angels had given
them—that the Lord would meet His dis-
ciples in Galilee. St. Matthew tells us
that the eleven disciples obeyed the com-
mand to go into Galilee, that there they
saw their Master and worshipped Him,
"but some doubted." To them also was
the commission given to go and tell the
good tidings. This command was em-
bedded in two encouraging declarations.
The first: "All power is given unto Me
in heaven and in earth." The second:
"Lo, I am with you always, even unto
the end of the world. Amen."

The Living JESUS does not usually
reveal Himself in blinding glory, as He
did to Saul of Tarsus. These women,
who were hurrying to pass on the good
news they had just heard, were met by
the Lord Himself. Because they tried
to be missionaries, giving light to sor-
rowing hearts, they received more light.

The Easter message must be passed on.
We have no right to keep to ourselves
the good news that our Master Lives and
has conquered death. But those who
would convince the world of His Living
Presence in our midst to-day, must show
by their words and actions that His
service has power to uplift the soul and
rejoice the heart. If professing Chris-
tians are unlovely in their lives their
witness will not be believed, and they
will drive men away from Christ instead
of attracting them to Him.

Jowett says: "Some years ago, in a
certain northern town, I saw a street
lamp exceedingly dirty and dingy, from
which there hung an inscribed index
hand, pointing the way to the municipal
baths! And we have seen its analogy
in the Christian Church. Unclean lives
proclaim the powers of the kingdom of
purity and light, and the defiled garment
puts the Saviour to shame. The mes-
senger is not worthy of the message, and
therefore the message itself is treated
with derision and contempt."

We, who claim to be Christ's disciples,
must not bring shame on His Name by
carelessly indulging habits of selfish-
ness, conceit, or bad temper. If one of
our soldiers at the front should delib-
erately torture a wounded German or help-
less child, his action would bring shame
and dishonor on the whole Empire. So
a professed soldier of Christ, if he acts
disgracefully, can do more harm to his
Master's cause than any outside enemy.

Each day should be an Easter Day to
us. Every morning we should meet our
Living Lord, should kneel at His feet
and accept our orders for the day.
JESUS Lives! He is

"No fable old, nor mythic lore,
Nor dream of bards and seers,
No dead fact stranded on the shore
Of the oblivious years:
But warm, sweet, tender, even yet
A present help is He;
And faith has still its Olivet,
And love its Galilee."
DORA FARNCOMB.

"It's Better Further On."

By J. W. Bengough.

Take heart of hope; look up and trust:
"It's better further on!"
The clouds will pass for pass they must;
"It's better further on!"
Though life be hard and dull to-day,
With leaden skies of dismal gray,
Look up, and sing along the way,
"It's better further on!"

Remember when your foes assail,
"It's better further on!"
Remember, when you try and fail,
"It's better further on!"
The summit may be dim and far,
But o'er it shines Hope's radiant star;
Then bravely cry, "Excelsior!"
"It's better further on!"

Drop not beneath the wand of Age;
"It's better further on!"
You still may write life's brightest page;
"It's better further on!"
Make your last years your noblest, best;
In fruitful toil still find your rest;
Still sing, as glows life's golden west,
"It's better further on!"

—Christian Endeavor World.



In Shorncliffe Canadian Hospital.

Of all the difficulties which people find
in believing, the fear that the story of
the Life and Death of the Founder of
Christianity is a myth is most easily set
at rest. Any sceptic who uses that
idea as an argument against belief in
Christ is simply proclaiming his own
ignorance of the ordinary facts of his-
tory.

But, though the overwhelming evidence
for the Life, Death, and even the Resur-
rection of our Lord cannot be disproved
by anyone who honestly studies the early

is the unwilling unbelief of those who
love the light and are earnestly seeking
for it, as St. Thomas was. The other is
the willing scepticism of men who
want to do their own will, and who re-
fuse to examine any of the proofs of
Christianity. Those who are seeking for
the light need not be discouraged though
the quest be long, for those who seek
shall find. Our Lord has promised to
manifest Himself as the Divine Teacher
to all who will obey the Will of GOD.—
St. John vii.: 17. Those who are earn-



Canadian Nurses at Shorncliffe.

records, that evidence can only convince
the mind—it cannot change an unbeliever
into a Christian; for, as St. Paul told
the Romans, it is only with the "heart"
that man can believe unto righteousness.
Faith is dead and worthless if it fails
to uplift the life. The Jewish rulers did
not attempt to deny the fact of the
Resurrection of Lazarus, but they wick-
edly plotted to put him again to death.
They could not deny the fact, the
healing of the lame man at the gate of
the Temple, but they tried to put down
by threats any preaching in Christ's

estly seeking God, with the full purpose
of serving Him when found, will not be
left in the darkness of uncertainty for
ever. If the sheep stray helplessly in
the wilderness, seeking for the Shepherd,
they will be found by Him.

On Easter Day the women were run-
ning to tell the good news they had
heard, eager to announce to the disciples
that their Master had risen, when
JESUS Himself met them. They had
sought Him at the tomb and failed to
find Him. What did their short failure
matter, if only He found them and re-