

the sorrows, the joys of the church, should not be confined to any one portion of the body, but pervade all our parishes, and extend to the remotest hamlets, ay, to the most distant settlement in the colonies wherever a brother or sister lived. This is what every one should endeavour to effect to the utmost extent of his influence, and just as the church thus "moveth altogether, it it move at all," can we hope to become a real felt power of good, in advancing God's kingdom. But, is not this too seldom aimed at,—too seldom even thought of? And what if many are contented to sink down in a dead sea of selfish indifference? For ourselves, we are ashamed that we have said so little in these pages upon great public questions, affecting Christ's kingdom and the Church's duty. We would feel deeply thankful if, by so doing, we roused up the humblest reader to see that with such questions they had to do, and that about them they ought to think, and be informed, if they wish to be intelligent members of the Church. What our readers may fairly require of us cannot be silence, as if these were mere political or "Church questions," in a party sense, but such a treatment of them as becomes Christians, accurate and truthful statements, an absence of all selfish factions ends, whether of person or party; justice towards those who differ, and love to all. Within these limits, we again ask, why should not some of our pages, read by so many of our Church members, be occasionally occupied with the discussion of public questions? If the movements of the British army are heard of with intensest interest by every citizen, why should not movements of the army of Christ be heard of with equal interest and intelligence by every Christian?—*The Edinburgh Christian Magazine.*

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WE beg to assure our readers that they may place the most perfect reliance upon the unadorned and unexaggerated truthfulness of every statement recorded by our Missionaries in these journals, as they are sensitively alive to the bare suspicion of their colouring their stories in the slightest degree, by way of giving what is called "interest" to details, supposed possibly, by some, to be otherwise too prosaic and matter-of-fact. We cordially agree with them in thinking, that a missionary's journal loses all its "interest" unless above the suspicion of being "cooked" for the public, instead of being a plain, honest narrative of things as they really occurred.

July 1.—Sunday. Preached in Palace Hospital at ten. Attendance smaller than formerly, several of the men having been sent home, and some having returned to duty during the past week. Preached for Mr. F. in the Barrack Hospital at two, to an audience of about twenty, and in the General Hospital at four, to about the same number.

July 2.—Visited in General Hospital. Saw C. J., and had some interesting conversation with him. He speaks affection-

ately of his relatives at home, seems to have been piously brought up, and says, that if spared to join the family circle again, his return will be hailed like that of the prodigal son. He is busy revising the Shorter Catechism, which had been bound up with the Bible he received a few days ago. He wishes to prepare himself for joining the communion of the Church, should an opportunity occur. He is still very weak.

Saw also A. W. of the 42d., a man who had been in Prince Edward Island, and attended my church during the winter of 1851-2. He did not seem to recognise me at first, but was glad afterwards to talk over the past. What a day will that be when pastor and people will at last meet, and be brought face to face! Oh, what need of grace to improve present opportunities!

July 3.—Visited Palace Hospital. Th. goes out to-day, T. getting better. Called afterwards at General Hospital, and left *Doddridge's Rise and Progress* with C. J., who had expressed a desire for a book of prayers.

July 4.—Visited lower wards of General Hospital. C. A. told me something of his history. Like many others he feels the want of a sufficient early education but appears desirous to learn. Promised to get a Testament for him, and if possible direct him to someone who would read with him and assist him, for which he expressed gratitude. Promised also to write for him to his former master.

July 5.—Visited in General Hospital, and found six new men from the camp to add to my roll. Also F. W., after being a few days on duty, now sent back to hospital. C. J. promised to read with C. A., said it would remind him of old times when he used to read verse about in the family circle. Hope this may be a means of stimulating both to greater diligence in heavenly things.

July 6.—At Pera—did not visit.

July 7.—Visited in General Hospital. Some more men to be in to-night.

July 8.—Sunday. Preached in Palace Hospital at ten. Audience five, besides invalids in bed within hearing. Four new cases to add to my list, some of these in bed. Preached afterwards in General Hospital at four. Audience nine or ten. Was afterwards told by some who were not present, that they mistook the bell. As it had formerly been rung at three for the English service, and did not ring to-day, they fancied that our bell, being the first, could not be for the Scotch service.

July 9.—Visited in Palace Hospital, and saw the men who came in on Saturday. None seem dangerously ill, though all are weak. Left some tracts and books.

July 10.—Visited in General Hospital. W. J., who came in last week, goes out to-day.

July 11.—Visited in Palace Hospital, and exchanged tracts and books. M. J., after being kept in suspense for some time as to whether he should be sent back to the

Crimea, has received orders to embark to-day for home. He has been nineteen years in the service, and will not be required to leave Britain again. M. G. gave me an affecting account of his brother. It seems that on the 18th May. M. G. had been put into hospital at the camp, that his brother hearing of his illness had obtained a pass to see him, which he did on the 19th. That M. G. about three weeks later hearing that his brother's regiment was in the neighbourhood of the hospital, obtained leave to go and see him, and that on inquiry he was shocked to find that he had been dead for some time. He had died after a few hours illness of cholera, which he may have caught in the hospital during his visit to his brother. Even here how often do we find that saying of our Lord's fulfilled, "The one shall be taken and the other left." How impressive the teaching which follows, "Watch, therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

July 12.—Visited in General Hospital. Saw one or two Irish Presbyterians, who seemed grateful for a visit. Saw again C. J., who is going on with Doddridge, and says it is just the kind of book he wants.

July 13.—Visited Palace Hospital. R. J. has read *Bunyan's Grace Abounding* since I last saw him, and was disposed to converse upon it. Called at General Hospital on my way home.

July 14.—Visited in General Hospital. Found one or two Irish Presbyterians in addition to those formerly seen.

July 15.—Preached in Palace Hospital at ten to an audience of five, besides one or two in bed. Also in General Hospital at four to an audience of twenty-six, the largest I have as yet had. Some Episcopalians present, the hour of the English Church second service having been lately changed from three to half-past six. The men were very attentive, and I felt the necessity of speaking plainly and earnestly to them, it being, probably, as indeed is the case every week, that some were hearing me whom I should never have an opportunity of addressing again, at least from the pulpit.

July 16.—At Pera and Bayukdere—did not visit.

July 17.—Visited in General Hospital. Found several men displaying their kits, before embarking on board for England. Hope to have an opportunity of seeing them to-morrow before they have gone out from Hospital. Received a letter to-day for F. A. who is gone home.

July 18.—Visited in Palace and General Hospitals. E. G. leaves Palace Hospital to-day to go on board transport. S. J. went out yesterday to duty, but it seems doubtful if he will be able for it. Several men from the General Hospital go on board to-day. S. H. had been reading *Bunyan's Grace Abounding*, and expressed a desire to have the book. M. D. would write when he got home if he knew the address. After some time I found out, that those