

Recently the Ladies' Association for Bible Mission Work in Kingston informed the City Missionary, whose salary they sometime since undertook to provide for, that owing to want of funds they would not be able to pay him for two months during the summer. This is very much to be regretted, not only on account of the many years of efficient service Mr. Jack has rendered, but also from the fact that he is constantly at work, whether paid or not. If any labourer is worthy of his hire then the City Missionary is, for he reaches a class and does a work that no pastor of any denomination can accomplish.

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The end of the Afghan War and the apparent speedy close of scenes of bloodshed in South Africa give occasion for thanksgiving to all Christian British subjects. Many a heart shuddered when Britannia unsheathed the sword and serious have been the sacrifices made, especially in South Africa. But will there not be more than an equal recompense for it all? If the snarls and growls between the Lion and the Bear over Asiatic territory shall be quited by a nature's scientific frontier boundary to India, and the Afghan tribes through English influence placed under a firm and progressive rule, the outlay of blood and treasure is not too much. If, too, the fell power of that African Chief, with the unpronounceable name, be broken, and his savage hords be released from the slavery of his tyranny and brought under the influence of civilization and Christianity the severe sacrifice made has not been too great. Shall not those who have given up their lives become in part saviours of succeeding generations. While we shrink from war we must remember that sometimes the sword is ordained of God to do his will.

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The sudden death of Bishop O'Brien, the highly esteemed head of this Roman Catholic Diocese, has given occasion for deep sorrow to Protestants and Roman Catholics alike. In the widest and best sense, was the late Bishop *Catholic*, and he spared no effort to promote harmony among all