

town called Creswick, a number of Chinamen began to build on a marshy place which was lying waste. After some time the Government was advised to prevent them from building there, so as to save them from destruction by the insalubrity of the place, but they pleaded to be allowed, assuring the Government that they could live there and prosper; and so they have. I have visited the place, and was told the above by one of the medical men of the town. I have met with many Chinamen in the colonies, some of whom are very wealthy. I have also visited several of their *Josh Houses*, and I must say that they have a profound sense of the mysterious and the wonderful. They are not at all devoid of a religious faculty, if we judge from the expense and style of their temples, which might well put to the blush many of our christian places of worship. Not but that God can be worshipped as devoutly and spiritually without a house, as with one; but then when a house is built to His name, it should be something like the thing, especially when people have the means to do so. You are not to suppose from this that there are not fine churches in the Colonies; the truth is, the most of their churches and school houses are very creditable to them. In returning to the subject of the heathen temples, it would be too much for my feeble powers to give a clear description of their *Josh Houses*, so I shall pass over the subject. A word or two, however, about some of the Christian Chinese. Some of them are men of mark. I have heard a Chinese preacher in Sydney address over a hundred of his countrymen, with power, and another at Ballarat, who was once an image-maker, but who is now much more zealous and anxious to beget his fellow-countrymen into the likeness or image of Christ, and see them walking in accordance with His teaching and example. There is a story told of a Chinese preacher, whose subject was the poor man Lazarus. Dwelling for some time on his sores, while addressing his fellow-countrymen, he had wrought so powerfully on their minds, that they all began unconsciously to feel about them, as if they were all affected in the same way. Now, sir, if we could get such men as this, what a glorious work could be done,

with God's blessing; and there is no doubt God will raise up wonderful men among these very interesting people who shall revolutionize the present order of things in their own country. It is high time for the Church of Christ to gird on her beautiful garments, the spirit of love, prayer, and zeal, to take possession of the world for Christ, and use wisely the trust and means committed to her. There is wisdom in gathering up the fragments that nothing be lost, even when the multitude is fed, or filled; and let us see, after all God has given us, if there is anything left, or to spare, or going to waste, which may feed or be useful to others. But let us not imagine that there is nothing more required than the fragments, or what is left, or what we can spare; although but few give even that, we must give our best, yea, even ourselves also, for Paul says: "Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and spirit, which is God's." "Freely ye have received, freely give," says Christ Himself. God expects His church to do the work He has given her to do; and if it is expected of every Englishman that he will do his duty, how much more should it be expected that every christian will do his, because the work of the King of the universe is much more important than the work of the King or Queen of England.

We expect to be in Liverpool by the beginning of July.

In the close of this very interesting letter, Mr. Goodwill mentions that Mrs. Goodwill had a son on Feb. 3rd. He himself is far from well. He has had calls from congregations in Australia, but his affections are evidently in Prince Edward's Island, where we hope to see him settled soon.

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#### WORDS OF COUNSEL TO CONVERTS.

It is a matter for devout gratitude to the Giver of all good that He has been pleased to bestow upon His people in many sections of our Province an abundant time of refreshing, and that the Holy Spirit's presence in the midst of