

if I was to be possessed of the Spirit I had to be disentangled from the affairs of this life. I felt I must deny myself of some things which other Christians were permitted to have. God must have first place in my affections. We who are naturally affectionate must bring our affections to the Cross. It is so easy to make more of a girl than God, or more of a boy than God. I don't believe anyone can be a fully released servant of Jesus Christ until nails have gone through his human affections, and he has been crucified, and then resurrected—so that the centre of his affections is Christ Himself, and he is consumed with a passion to be poured out for Him. Christ is the centre, and all else is on the circumference. Paul, that holy and mighty man of God, knew what this meant, for he wrote, "I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." He looked on the things of time in the light of eternity. The natural desire of all of us is to have better clothes, better food, better homes, more gadget, more THINGS; but when we become a new creature in Christ our desires are reversed. Our passion then is to serve Christ, and to use as little of the things of this world as we can in order that God may have the more. That is when God will be able to evangelize the world—when His people will say, "I don't want to have more furniture, more money, more of this and that; I just want what I need. I'll spend as little as I can even on food, so that I can give as much as I can to God. I have only one life to live—I must give all of it to God for His work."

—By Norman P. Grubb.

THE ENEMY'S VICTORY

Often the missionary had a difficult time. The village folk were hostile, but if he could get a Gospel lantern talk going without too much interruption things usually turned out all right. If he was not successful he might have to pick up the scattered pieces of his projector that had been upset and thrown down by the angry crowd, and retreat as quietly and quickly as possible.

In due time the lantern Gospel meetings became the bait on the hook with which the missionary hoped to catch men and women for Christ. They were usually open air meetings in the comfortable temperature of an Indian evening that did not demand shelter. Then came a new idea to the missionary and his wife, by which they hoped to attract those who were really getting interested. This was to arrange a meeting behind an enclosure and make a small entrance charge (value about one farthing). With this they bought copies of St. John's Gospel in the tongue of the people and as each one left the gathering he was given a copy. In this way the people had their money back in the form of good literature with the message of Life. The experiment was most successful, and the satisfied crowd went to their homes with the Word of God in their hands.

About a week later, a Roman Catholic priest appeared in the village and put on a lantern service. The cost of entrance to the R. C. gathering was unusual—just one copy of the Gospel of St. John. The simple folk fell to the idea. The Gospels were collected by the robbers of Truth, and vanished from the village. The policy of the Church of Rome is to keep the Scriptures from the people at all costs, for the Scriptures reveal "Romanism" at its true worth.—Charlton Smith, in Floodtide.

MISSIONARIES

According to the latest available statistics, the ratio of Protestant missionaries to population in strategic world areas is:

Fifty-six missionaries per million people in South Africa.

Thirty missionaries per million people in South America.

Twenty missionaries per million people in Korea.

Nineteen missionaries per million people in Latin America.

Fifteen missionaries per million people in India.

Fourteen missionaries per million people in China.

Three missionaries per million people in French Indo-China.

1,448 ministers per million people in the United States.

—Gospel Banner.

ABOUT AFRICA

Population, 150,000,000.

50,000,000 to 70,000,000 still unevangelized.

One missionary to 18,000 population.

The latest conference on Moslem missions characterized the Moslem advance in Africa as perhaps the largest world missionary problem confronting the whole church.

In size, Africa is equal to the combined areas of the United States, India, China, and the British Isles.

It is as far around the continent of Africa as it is around the world.

Every eighth person in the world lives in Africa.

There are approximately 850 languages and dialects in Africa.

Africa has the longest river, the greatest desert, the biggest cataract, the longest lake, and the greatest need.

A trader passed a converted cannibal in Africa and asked him what he was doing. "Oh, I am reading the Bible," was the reply. "That book is out of date in my country," said the foreigner. "If it had been out of date here," said the African to the foreigner, "you'd have been eaten long ago."—Missionary Herald.

THIS IS NO TIME FOR FRIVOLOUS LIVING

Is there anybody who says that now is a time for us to throw life away, to fritter it away on inconsequential things? The trouble with too many people is that they are gadget-minded when they ought to be global-minded. They are lost among trivialities when tremendous tragedies are walking down through the world life, and nobody will wrestle with them. This is no time for frivolous living. This is no time for casual discipleship. This is no time for shallow thinking. This is no time for lack of physical service in the name of the great Master who said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work."

—Dr. Paul Rees.

A combined baptismal service was held in the Canaan River by the Salem and Killam's Mills Church on July 22nd, with Rev. Lawson Saunders baptizing five candidates. He was assisted by Rev. Bertram Hicks, who read the Scripture, and Rev. Sterling Hicks, who led in prayer. Two candidates joined the Killam's Mills Church and the three candidates who

joined the Salem Church, are planning to attend Bethany Bible College this year.

DAVID'S DELIVERANCE

"I hated pride, ambition, evil tempers, and vain thoughts," said David B. Updegraff, "but I had them, for all that, and they were a part of me. Not as acts to be repented of and forgiven but as dispositions lying behind the acts, and promptings thereto, natural to the 'old man' and inseparable from his presence in my being. I began to ask God, with a measure of faith, to 'cast him out.' Along with this desire there came a GREAT HUNGER AND THIRST to be 'filled with all the fullness of God.' I longed for a clean heart and a constant spirit."

"I went upon my knees with the resolute purpose of 'presenting my body a living sacrifice to God.' There passed quickly before me the obstacles in the way, and the things to be suffered for Jesus' sake—the misapprehensions, suspicions, and revilings of carnal professors, as well as the conflicts with the world, the flesh, and the devil. Selfishness, pride and prejudice joined forces and rose in rebellion, while the 'old man' pleaded for his life. But I could not, would not, draw back. 'Vile affections' were resolutely nailed to the cross, and those things that 'were gain to me'—denominational standing, friends, family, business, possessions, time, talent and reputation—were irrevocably committed to the sovereign control and disposal of my Almighty Saviour. With my all upon the altar, I had no sooner reckoned myself 'dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God' than the 'Holy Ghost fell upon me.' Instantly I felt the melting and refining fire of God permeating my whole being. I had entered into rest."—Selected.

AN AMBASSADOR IN BONDS

Eph. 6:20

Why Lord, these hindrances so like defeat;
This darkly frowning wall which cries retreat?
I hear Thy voice in accents strong and sweet—
An Ambassador in bonds!

But Lord, didst Thou not call me to proclaim
To captive souls the power of Thy Name?
Again I hear that Voice in words of flame—
An Ambassador in bonds!

In bonds, and yet in spirit free to reign.
By faith to break the pow'r of Satan's chain.
To triumph in the midst of stress and strain—
An Ambassador in bonds!

Forgive me, Lord, I now am full content
To be Thy willing captive, worn and spent.
This is the narrow way my Master went—
An Ambassador in bonds!

In weariness of flesh and even death,
Thine everlasting arms are underneath.
With joy I'll witness to my latest breath—
An Ambassador in bonds!

—The Overcomer

OBITUARY

Mrs. Alberta Ryder, member in good standing of Salem Reformed Baptist Church, died of eighty-three years of age this May. The funeral, conducted by Rev. Lawson Saunders, was largely attended and music was furnished by a choir. She was mourned by a host of friends and relatives.