

## TRURO MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Sunday evening, November 21, the Truro Church closed its five-day missionary conference. The missionaries participating in the conference were Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sanders, Miss Thelma Rose, and Miss Uta Chase.

From beginning to end the Conference was blessed by the Lord of the Harvest. The messages of the missionaries were in the order and power of the Spirit. People remarked about the messages, which stirred and enlarged their vision.

The services' topics were: Wednesday, a Brief General Survey of Our South African Work up to 1949, illustrated by slides; Thursday, a Presentation of Missionary Work in Haiti, followed by coloured slides of our native workers in South Africa and stories of their conversions; Friday, Extension and Evangelism in South Africa from 1949 to Present, dramatically illustrated by slides; Sunday, two messages on the urgency of doing something for missions now. These messages were used of the Spirit to convert vision into action and bring the conference to a beautiful climax. **Twenty-six people pledged approximately nine hundred and ten dollars. Cash receipts besides the regular church receipts were sixty-seven dollars, making a total of nine hundred and seventy-seven dollars for foreign missions.** As there was no pledge over one hundred dollars, all gave well and, generally speaking, in the spirit of sacrifice. Certainly as heartening as the financial response was the response of some youth as missionary volunteers.

We might have said, "We can't do it, because we have a local debt," but we did it and we are glad. We feel that God is going to bless the church as a result of its response.—Pastor.

## SEEKING THE LOST

Christianity is inherently missionary. It embodies the bloody sweat. It is the divine truth breaking into the world. Christ is on an errand. He comes needed but uninvited. He crowds Himself upon the race when nothing awaits Him but a manger and a cross. He intrenches in a hostile world and undertakes its subjugation. He is seeking the lost. He has the alertness of a hunter. We are to have His Spirit. Thus the New Testament church is the mightiest missionary society ever launched upon the sea of the centuries. If you cannot keep step with this cause, beware. You will be left in the wilderness alone. Christ always marches at the head of His church.—Bishop C. H. Fowler.

## LIVINGSTONE'S INSPIRATION

One day David Livingstone stood before the students of Glasgow University. He had spent many long years in the heart of Africa at a time when conditions were much more trying than they are today. It was the occasion of the commencement exercises, and Livingstone asked, "Shall I tell you what sustained me in my exiled life among strangers whose language I did not understand?"

A hush swept over the student audience. "It was this—'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'"—Selected.

## THE INTERCESSORY MISSIONARY

Some years ago my eyes fell on the record of a wonderful work of grace in connection with one of the stations of the China Inland Mission, where both the number and spiritual character of the converts had been far greater than at other stations, and yet the consecration of the missionaries at the latter had been just as great as at the more fruitful place.

This rich harvest of souls remained a mystery until Mr. Hudson Taylor on a visit to England discovered the secret. At the close of one of his addresses a gentleman from the audience came forward to make his acquaintance. In the conversation which followed, Mr. Taylor was surprised at the accurate knowledge the man possessed concerning this Inland China station.

"But how is it," Mr. Taylor asked, "that you are so conversant with the conditions of that work?"

"Oh," he replied, "the missionary there and I are old college-mates, and for years we have regularly corresponded; he has sent me names of inquirers and converts, and these I have daily taken to God in prayer."

At last the secret is found! A praying man at home, praying definitely, praying daily for specific cases among the heathen—this is the intercessory missionary idea. This man had become a real intercessory missionary.

How different the record of missionary service would be, if each missionary on the field had such an intercessory missionary to hold up his hands!

May we not have some such intercessory missionaries among our many praying readers? We are sure that great good would result.—Sel.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

"I have a precious little minute  
Only sixty seconds in it,  
Forced upon me  
Can't refuse it  
Didn't choose it,  
But it's up to me to use it;  
I must suffer if I loose it;  
Give account if I abuse it." —Anon

Not long ago, when a New York Communist took over a church building, he said: "We will win, for it is obvious to the world that you Christians do not mean business, and will never make the necessary sacrifice."

"The best argument is a clear testimony backed by a genuine experience."

## BE A MISSIONARY

Go, go, go; the Bible says to go  
To every land, till every man and boy and girl  
shall know,  
That Jesus died on Calvary's tree  
To bring to all salvation free,  
Oh, who will go? Oh, will you go?  
Pray, pray, pray; the Bible says to pray  
That reapers brave may harvest save, lest souls  
should die today;  
That boys and girls who never heard  
Be plainly told the blessed Word,  
Oh, who will pray? Oh, will you pray?  
Give, give, give; the Bible says to give  
Your service true and money too, that boys and  
girls may live.  
How much to give? with open hand,  
For Jesus' sake give all you can.  
Oh, who will give? Oh, will you give?  
—Wendell P. Loveless.

## "DO YOU BELIEVE THEY THINK I AM LOST"

(An incident related by Evangelist William A. Sunday)

I will never as long as I live forget a scene which I witnessed several years ago. I left the tent where we were holding meetings down in Paris, Illinois, one night, and among the number who left was a young man to whom I was especially attracted by his fine looks. I walked down the street with him, and put to him the invariable question, "Are you a Christian?"

He said, "No, sir, I am not."

Then I used every Scripture and every argument to get him to promise me to give his heart to God, but could not succeed. When about to separate I said to him, "Are your father and mother alive?" "Both alive," said he.

"Is your father a Christian?" "Don't know; he has been a steward in the church for several years."

"Is your mother a Christian?" "Don't know; has been superintendent of the Sunday School of the same church for some time."

"Have you a sister?" "Yes, sir."

"Is she a Christian?" "Don't know; she has the primary department in the Sabbath School."

"Do your father and mother ever ask the blessing at the table?" "No, sir."

"Did your father, mother or sister ever ask you to be a Christian?" "Mr. Sunday, as long as I can remember, my father or mother or sister never said a word to me about my soul. Do you believe they think I am lost?"

I could not answer such arguments, and I can hear his words still ringing in my ears, "Do you believe they think I am lost?"

## A COMMUNIST SAYS:

The gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than is our Marxist philosophy, but all the same it is we who will finally beat you. We are only a handful and you Christians are numbered by the millions . . . We Communists do not play with words. We are realists . . . Of our salaries and wages, we keep only what is strictly necessary, and we give up the rest to propaganda purposes. To this propaganda we also "consecrate" all our free time, and a part of our holidays. You, however, give only a little time, hardly any money, for the spreading of the gospel of Christ. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of this gospel if you do not practise it, if you do not spread it, and if you sacrifice neither time nor money for it? Believe me, it is we who will win, for we believe in our Communist message and we are ready to sacrifice everything, even our life, in order that social justice shall triumph. But you people are afraid to soil your hands.—Clipped.

## A SIN NOT TO PRAY

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and for man is to pray. It is not the only thing, but it is the chief thing. For if a man is to pray right, he must first be right in his motives and life. And if a man be right, and put the practice of praying in its right place, then his serving and giving and speaking will be fragrant with the presence of God.—Dr. S. D. Gordon.