

## MISSIONARY PAGE

### MARTYRDOM ON THE MISSION FIELD

In recent years many Christians have "Loved not their lives unto the death" in devoted and loyal service for the Master. In countries overrun by Communism many have suffered and died for Jesus' sake. In other lands where Roman Catholicism dominates the political as well as the religious life, Christians have been cruelly persecuted but have demonstrated the spirit of fortitude and heroism which characterized the early history of the church. Events in this twentieth century bring to light the welcome discovery that there are followers of the Lord in this era who love their Master as did the saints of old.

The Christian world has been startled, saddened, and stirred to hear of the heroic ministry and terrible death suffered by five missionaries serving the Lord in South America's Ecuador. In the southeast section of this equatorial land lives a tribe of fierce, uncivilized aborigines called Aucas. Numbering about 2,000, they have been described as "the worst people on earth" and "human beasts". Living in the tropical forests between the Curaray and Napo rivers, tributaries of the mighty Amazon, these people "seem to hate everybody", killing those who venture into the area and sometimes preying viciously upon one another.

About six months ago, a party of five American missionaries decided to attempt a Gospel crusade in behalf of these people who had never been contacted by white men. Believing that the first move to be made would be an effort to establish some basis of friendship with the Aucas, they flew over the area in their tiny plane "Wings of Mercy" about a dozen times a week for some four months, dropping gifts of various kinds. About the middle of November the Indians began returning gifts, placing them in the buckets which had been lowered from the plane. Encouraged by these, and other signs of friendliness, the missionaries decided to attempt a landing in the area, set up living quarters, and seek to establish personal contact with the Aucas. For many days they flew over the site chosen as a base, dropping supplies and equipment, and on Thursday, Jan. 5th, a landing was made. A rude house was built high in the trees and two days later three of the Aucas came out of the forest and spent a little time with the missionaries. Having a slight knowledge of the native language through an Aucas that had fled from the tribe and lodged with the mission station, they were able to have some exchange of conversation with them. They seemed friendly, and, after a brief visit, faded into the forest again, leaving the missionaries encouraged with the results of this first personal contact with these people whom they hoped to win to Christ.

Keeping in constant contact with the mission station through portable radio equipment, the missionaries reported on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8th, "here come a group of Aucas we have not seen before". After this message was flashed the receiving sets at mission station headquarters "went dead", and all efforts to re-establish radio contact with the party proved fruitless. Fearing for the safety of the missionary party, a rescue party was organized and hastened to the area. A grim sight met their view on reaching the place from which the last radio message was flashed. Five mutilated bodies, some of them half

submerged in the river, and a stripped plane, told the story of a murderous attack by the savage Aucas. At least one of the bodies was pierced through with a primitive lance.

The bodies of the missionaries were buried in the forest, monuments to the courage and self-sacrifices of these heralds of the Gospel. The widows of the missionaries were flown over the area later and from the air a simple and unique memorial service was performed. The spirit of martyrdom is still alive in the hearts of the disciples of Christ, it takes but the demands of barbarous opposition to the Gospel to bring it to the surface. And, as it was in the early days of the church, so it will be to-day. The witness for Christ of those who have "suffered, not accepting deliverance", will produce saving effects for the Kingdom of God. In China, Korea, Spain, and South America, history will repeat itself as "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Christian church". We honour the memory of the heroes of the Cross who have fallen in Ecuador, we unite in prayer for their widows and children, and we believe that God will bring great victory out of what seems stark tragedy.

### LESS THAN A MONTH BEFORE EASTER!

With just a few weeks remaining to plan and work for the special missionary offering, we solicit the whole-hearted support of pastors and missionary-minded people in a supreme effort for a record-breaking offering. Our missionaries write that the present situation on the field presents us with the greatest challenge in the history of our missionary endeavour. Capable and consecrated workers are coming forward to volunteer for service. The only thing that may hinder us from an historic advance is the lack of funds. The Easter offering for foreign missions will be significant. If it is generous, totaling thousands of dollars, it will be equivalent to a message from the people at home saying: "Go forward with haste in missionary work. We are behind you, prepared to support this great ministry to the full extent of our ability". If the Easter offering should be disappointing to those who realize the financial support absolutely necessary for expansion of our missionary work, it will indicate that the appeal for help from those who sit in darkness as well as those who would bear the Light to them, has failed to register on our hearts. God help us to meet the tremendous challenge of this "hour of decision!"

### 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 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.

### MRS. H. C. SANDERS WRITES

Dear Friends:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in remembering me at Christmas time, with cards. Oh, such a lot of the most beautiful ones I have ever had.

Here is why I am so earnestly concerned about our Foreign Mission work: First, at my sanctification God called me and I must, all my life, obey His call. Matthew 28:19-20 is my real commission, with His dear promise which He is always fulfilling, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," I am sustained. Next, Dr. Sanders and I founded our first Mission Station and spent the years between September 6th, 1901, to March, 1929, save one furlough in Canada from March 2nd, 1908, to March, 1912, on the Mission Field in Africa. Those years were crowded ones but fruitful ones, and we saw many hundreds of heathen lives made over by the power of Jesus Christ. "Old things passed away and, behold, all things became new."

Lastly, the following, from "Cut From The Loaf" expresses better than all words of mine, my sentiments and meaning of Missions to me:

1. It is the biggest business under the sun. Its highness appeals to me. No other business has such Heads, has so many splendid servants, and carries on its work in so many lands.
2. Because the God of the Bible is a Missionary God.
3. Because His Son was a Missionary. When He was on earth He opened a school for Missionaries, gave them three years training, and then sent them out.
4. Because the Bible is a Missionary Book.
  - (a) It shows the need of Missions.
  - (b) It calls Missionaries.
  - (c) It commands them to go.
  - (d) It promises support.
  - (e) It is the Missionary's Credentials.
  - (f) It is his message.
5. Because the pioneers (the apostles) were all Missionaries. It is said that out of the original number, not one died in his native land.
6. Because of the condition of men and women in heathen lands.
7. Because of my relationship to the race.
8. Because they present the greatest opportunity for heroic service.
9. Because the world needs our message.
10. Because Christ's plans will never be fulfilled without them.
11. Because Heaven's glorious company will never be gathered without them."

Today I am busy in Home and Foreign work and expect to be until He calls me home to Heaven. I want to see His face and hear Him say: "She hath done what she could."

Yours in Jesus,

Mrs. H. C. Sanders

### PIONEERS NEEDED

There is a great story to the effect that a certain society in South Africa once wrote to David Livingstone: "Have you found a good road to where you are? If so, we want to know how to send other men to join you." Livingstone replied: "If you have men who will come only if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all."

What a crying need there is for such men in the work of Christ today!—Prophecy Monthly.

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### "The Exceeding Greatness Of His Power"

A Sermon by the Late Rev. Seth C. Rees  
In "Pilgrim Holiness Advocate"

"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 1:19-20).

In these days of genius and invention, men are discovering and applying the latent forces of nature to every department of both business and pleasure. All kinds of production have been revolutionized in the last few years. These forces of nature were not in operation until they were both discovered and applied.

At my first visit to Niagara, all that mighty energy was running to waste; and even now, not more than ten million horse power is in use. Much more than that is still wasted.

Everywhere we turn in the natural world there is a vast amount of unharnessed, and unused power. God is so exhaustless in resources, so extravagant in production that no one has ever approached the limit. Ever since water and fire came in contact with each other, the tea-kettle has roared and bubbled, but it was wasted energy until Watt harnessed it to the locomotive. In all ages the atmosphere has been charged, trembled, and fairly quivered with electricity, but it was practically of no value until Morse and his successors applied it to practical use.

The disuse of power and energy in the natural world, is an illustration of conditions in the realm of grace. God is far more resourceful, and prodigal in grace than he is in nature. Vast currents of celestial energy are unused because undiscovered and unknown. Oh, that by some magic touch from the skies we might have wisdom to discover and apply the latent powers, the hidden forces of Divine grace! It would lift us so high into spiritual blessedness that we could never be the same.

Think of the energy that God has stored up at the cross; the exhaustless reservoirs of grace, power, love, joy, peace, protection, and comfort; the exhaustlessness of everything that a human heart can need.

The power mentioned in my text is the power wrought within us. It is clearly stated that it is the power by which he raised Jesus from the dead. This power is the endowment which the Pilgrim Holiness Church needs more than anything else.

What is this power? Thousands ask and get no answer. Thousands more ask and get a fictitious answer. But there is an answer. This power is the third person of the adorable Trinity. There is no power, or fire, or glory without him. In the Old Testament he is usually called the Spirit of God. Three times he is called the Holy Spirit. One member of the board of revision proposed to eliminate the Holy Spirit from the New Testament, but this was not adopted. Whatever his title, he is the same always and forever.

From the time that he brooded over the waters in creation, he has been active in the role of redemption. In this present dispensation he is pre-eminently active. Not as an agent, but as a member of the firm, he is doing business for Headquarters on High. The Father and the Son both recognize the Holy Ghost as the one doing business for heaven in this country. But the Holy Ghost is recognized by comparatively few people. Thousands talk

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### The Lord's Supper

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The Lord's Supper is not a temporary but a standing and perpetual ordinance. The sacrament of baptism, in the fitness of things, is to be received once only, while the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be observed frequently. Baptism is a public affirmation of our faith in Christ; Communion is a confirmation of our faith in Christ. "As often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup ye do shew the Lord's death till He come." How often, neither the Scriptures affirm nor do I find competent authority elsewhere. I believe we can be governed by Denominational practice here. I understand some observe the ordinance every Sunday, others monthly, others quarterly, and others when convenient to do so. At least this suggests that no universal opinion has been effected. I favor a set time, and the monthly observance of the Supper.

Two statements, one by Paul and one by Christ are deserving of consideration before I cease writing on this subject, viz: "Till He come," and, "But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine until that day that I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."

The words of Jesus here, were very much in keeping with the circumstances. His earthly life and earthly companionships as the God-Man were fast coming to a close, hence, He would prepare His disciples for the shock by this highly prophetic statement. No future event, immediate or afar off, was unknown to Christ. The separation was immediate but not eternal. Present partings were so tied in with pending prospects as to make possible the blessed hope of future reunion in the Father's Kingdom.

Coupling the words of Christ with the words of Paul the implication is very clear that the kingdom referred to will be established at Christ's second advent and will possess quite material aspects. The event will be marked with most blessed fellowship, and the "fruit of the vine" will still be in order. His coming is unto salvation. His reign is a reign of righteousness. Wars shall cease, peace shall prevail, nations shall be born in a day. "No man shall say, Know the Lord. For all shall know Him from the least to the greatest." The whole creation will revert back to Edenic splendour, and "Holiness Unto the Lord" will be so popular that it will be inscribed upon the "pots and the pans."

Aren't you glad Christ didn't leave the battle-field defeated? He had His own good reasons for going, but He's coming back! "Then cometh the end when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He MUST reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." This is the hope of these desperate days. Eisenhower and Eden cannot straighten things out, but Christ can and will.

So my friends, the Table of the Lord brings hope. Christ will have the final word. Let us come to the Supper knowing that He who came to be our Saviour is coming to be our Sovereign Lord.

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Charity.—"It is often our imperfection that makes us reprove the imperfections of others."  
—Fenelon.