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— Editorials —

THEY WAIT FOR THE LIGHT

"The people sat in darkness". Thus the Word of God describes the moral condition of the world to which Jesus came. Two thousand years after Calvary millions are still in darkness.

In India a missionary was preaching the gospel to a group of villagers. At the close of his message, an old man tottered up to him and said, "Is all that you have been telling us about in that Book in your hands?" "Yes", said the missionary. "Well then", said the old man, "who has been hiding the Book?"

More than half the world is without the light of the Gospel. Millions have never heard the name of Jesus. Darkness prevails within the souls of these who are unevangelized. Eternity is to them a yawning, bottomless chasm, black and terrifying.

Jesus came to bring light and hope to the soul. "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness", He said, "but shall have the light of life". And gladly all who know Him will witness that He dispels gloom and fear when He comes to the heart.

But He who said of Himself! "I am the light of the world", said to His followers, "Ye are the light of the world". He was the light-giver, we are the light-bearers.

"Bring me a light! bring me a light! cried a dying man, "I'm afraid to go out in the dark! And that is the frantic appeal of ten thousand times ten thousand people who face eternity without "a light in the valley". "Over the restless wave" the call comes ringing. The urgent request for a generous, sacrificial Easter offering for foreign missions is but an echo of that call. What answer shall we send back to them that wait for the light?

"Shall we, whose souls are lighted with wisdom from on high,

Shall we to man benighted the lamp of life deny?

Salvation! O Salvation! the joyful news proclaim,

Till earth's remotest nation has learned Messiah's name."

IS IT FAIR?

We are told that only one of every ten trained Christian workers in the English-speaking world ever gets to the foreign field. In contrast, but nine per cent of the world's population is English speaking. "This means that 90% of the workers are staying with 9% of the people". Is this a fair distribution?

Most, and in some cases all, of the monies raised by the churches of our country is spent at home. In our own Church, only eight of our churches gave 10% or more of their last year's income for foreign missions. A number were down between 2% and 5%. A few gave nothing, according to the report given at Alliance. And some will venture to suggest that we are giving too much for foreign missions!

In the city in which I live and labour, a city of less than 20,000 of a population, there are some twenty-five church buildings or halls in which regular weekly meetings are held for the advertised purpose of preaching and teaching the Bible. In foreign countries, even where missionaries are now labouring, they ask for one church and minister for 10,000 or 20,000.

"No man has a right to hear the Gospel twice, until every other man has had the opportunity of hearing it once", said Dr. Oswald Smith.

Giving too much for foreign missions? We're not even close to that level in giving. Not when the statistics read as they do.

Carry the question to the congregation, carry it to the Alliance, carry it to the mission field. Ask the thoughtful layman what he thinks of this kind of distribution, and he will say "It is unfair; we should not spend so much for ourselves and so little for others". Ask the minister of the Gospel as he seeks to weigh the obligation of the Church to the unevangelized, and he will say, "It is unfair; we should not pour out our resources that those who have already heard may hear again and again, when so many have never heard at all". Ask the missionary on the field, and he will quickly say, "It is most unfair; why should twenty-five men preach in as many buildings on a Sunday, when we do not even have resources to provide one preacher for the same number of people as are in the Homeland community".

But what if we should ask the heathen, who has never heard of Jesus? If we could make the question plain to him, what would he say? If we weren't embarrassed to ask the question, we probably would be to hear the answer. Perhaps we need nothing more than a real effort to be fair to those who have never heard of Christ, for a record-breaking Easter offering for missions!

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formation about the Work here. To be honest, we have not had time enough to visit even a small fraction of the Outposts, or meet all of the Native Workers, so most of your questions will have to remain unanswered. We do have the Clinic at Hartland, recently granted Official Govt. Registration with the Welfare Organizations Board, and several Schools. Most of the latter are in our buildings on Reserve Land, so the Missionary does not have direct control or responsibility as is the case with Farm Schools.

It has been a real joy to meet the Morgans again after 8 yrs. And we Thank the Lord for the interest they were able to stir up while on furlough.

It is also encouraging to hear Reports of Revival at Home, and we pray that the Lord will abundantly Bless the efforts of your Pastor as well.

In Christian Love,

Karl & Helene Gorman

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