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— Editorials —

AFRICA CALLS!

The needs of our foreign missionary enterprise press us continually. The hardy growth of the work in South Africa and Rhodesia creates increasing demand for support.

At last report, the Rhodesian hospital was receiving an average of about forty-seven patients a day! Thus, as was predicted by our missionaries out there, the increase of patients since the arrival of Dr. Emmett has been very, very high. And the expansion of the Rhodesian work resulting from hardy growth, has been almost phenomenal. And more hospital patients, more schools, more preaching appointments, add greatly to the demands, physically, financially, and spiritually, upon those who are "bearing the burden and the heat of the day".

And in the Union of South Africa the picture is somewhat the same. Our missionaries are continually writing of new opportunities. The Evangelical Holiness Bible School at Altona has outgrown all its accommodations; the segregation of thousands of natives in townships poses a terrific challenge to evangelize them; and just recently we receive word of possibilities of opening new work among the Europeans, work that might in turn become missionary.

And added to these extra demands which arise out of opportunities literally thrust upon us, there is the problem of under-paid missionaries and native workers; other native workers trained and ready for service but without any support; and the urgent need of a systematic plan for missionary furloughs which would bring some missionaries home every year.

More than \$2,000 a month is now needed to finance our missionary work abroad. That's right. More than \$2,000 a month! That's why our Foreign Mission Board has to issue special appeals when a steady income from churches is lacking.

We need the help of our people just now. And the call we issue to pastors and churches is but the echo of a call that comes to us "o'er the restless wave". It is very difficult for the men of our Mission Board to inform the missionaries that we have insufficient funds for salary payments; that we can do nothing about assisting with the extra and unexpected financial demands made upon

them; that we must ask them to tell the natives who are trained for service, and eagerly waiting for the support to enable them to serve the Lord full time, that due to the lack of funds we cannot issue the command to "go forth"; that they must stop their ears to the cries for help that come from countless thousands who need the Gospel. I repeat—it is very difficult for the men of your Mission Board to send such word to the missionaries on the Field. But that is the word they must send when funds are lacking.

Last year about this time our Foreign Mission Board issued a special appeal to our people and they responded magnificently. In a little more than two months, \$10,000 came into the treasury, sufficient to meet pressing demands. Our situation this year is about the same, so our appeal must be the same. Can we have the same wonderful response? We ask this year, as we did last: (1) That churches send in as much as they can for foreign missions during the month of March; and (2) that every effort be made for a record-high offering for missions on Easter Sunday.

Africa calls! We transmit the message to you. What will your answer be?

REVIVAL ON THE MISSION FIELD!

No, it has not happened yet, but our missionaries send urgent request that we pray for revival in South Africa and Rhodesia. And what better basis for common concern and co-operation between pastors and missionaries, churches in Africa, United States, and Canada than a general and united volume of intercession for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit?

The annual Easter offering for foreign missions brings this important phase of our work into the foreground. The urgent financial needs of the work are brought to the attention of our people. So it should be. An enterprise as important as foreign missions merits a denomination wide emphasis at least once a year, and it is in order that the financial demands and needs of this branch of our work be placed before the people. It is a matter of history in our church, that when a need is made known, the people rally in support of the project presented.

However we must guard against the fatal mistake of an emphasis that would make it appear that the financial need of the mission work is the most vital. We do need money to send missionaries to the field, provide homes for them, build churches, pay salaries, build and maintain schools and hospitals, etc., and without money the work just could not go on. But money is not our prime need. Nor can we hope for a permanent solution to our financial problems through resort to financial appeals.

The greatest need of the missionary work is spiritual. The call for support of this vital enterprise of our denomination and the Kingdom must carry this emphasis or we shall make a mistake that will have disastrous consequences. So let Easter Sunday be not only a day when request is made for offerings. Let us pass along to our people the petition that has reached us from the hearts of our missionaries: "Please pray that we may see revival out here in South Africa and Rhodesia"!

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