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THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IS MISSIONS

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At the close of the Nineteenth Century, Protestant churches were recruiting their young people for overseas service under the slogan, "The Evangelization of the World in This Generation." They felt that their generation could and should "evangelize to a finish" and "bring back the King."

Unfortunately the Twentieth Century Protestant churches have so far, for the most part, given priority to security, liberal education and nationalism. As a result, roughly one-third of the world's population and one-fourth its land surface is under the control of Communism.

China is an example. Madame Chiang Kai-shek stated twenty years ago, "The time has passed when we can determine a man's status or his nation's by the color of his skin or the shape of his eyes."

Obviously we in the West have failed to accept our share of missionary responsibility. Simply giving a little money to the cause of missions is not enough. When Jesus saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them because they were "plagued" and "beaten down" as sheep having no shepherd. "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matt. 9:37, 38.

We need more missionary interest and more missionary knowledge. There must be more contact between ourselves and the mission field. We must "get our feet down" in our missionary effort or Africa is likely to suffer the same fate as China.

"What can the average person do about the situation?" That is a good question. The Apostolic church gave priority to missions and they gained the fields. If missions is really the mission of the church, then missions must be given priority in our education, our praying and our paying. I heard someone saying, "if I had \$10,000. I would give it to missions." We are not accountable for what we do not have. We are accountable for what we do have. Let us give a record-breaking Easter Missionary offering in 1964. Let us give at least \$10,000, so that we can meet our current obligations to our missionary program. Then let us pray the "Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

"HOLINESS TO THE LORD"

Let us see—and with the conviction that we cannot do without it—that all selfishness be extirpated, pride banished, unbelief driven from the mind, every idol dethroned, and everything hostile to holiness and opposed to the Divine will crucified; that "holiness to the Lord" may be engraven on the heart, and evermore characterise our whole conduct.

David Livingstone.

FOR MISSIONS — \$100 PER MONTH HOW ONE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY DOES IT!

"It all started last May," said Doug MacCallum, President of Marysville Young People's Society. "We were looking for something different to stimulate interest. We hit upon the idea of making a personal pledge to missions, apart from our tithe. I had no idea how it would be received, but I approached our young people about the project a week or so later . . . There was no pressure whatever put upon them to give. We made it an individual matter. Each was asked to decide what he or she wished to pledge (if any), and then to indicate the same on a slip of paper and pass it in . . . When we looked at the slips of paper, we found that the pledges ranged from \$1.00 to \$25.00 per month, above their tithe. They had really accepted the challenge!"

I asked Doug if this idea had any visible effect upon the young people, and their services. He replied, "Since we have started this project, there hasn't been a night when we have not had new people present. I have noticed a spirit of enthusiasm among the young people which I feel is a direct result of this missionary project. God is really honouring."

It was my privilege to be guest speaker in their missionary meeting in January, and I saw in action all that Doug MacCallum had been telling me. I felt their thrilling enthusiasm in the singing, the praying, and throughout the service. It was a privilege to be with them.

O yes—their offering that night? \$145.00!

God does indeed honour missionary giving. Try it and see!

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A CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

(Acts 10:35)

While Robert Morrison was in New York, on his way from England as a missionary to China, he was taken seriously ill. A kind gentleman took him to his own home, and put him on his own bed. In the same room was a little child, sleeping so quietly in her crib that they decided not to wake her. Sometime afterward the child awakened and turned to her father's bed. She was startled at seeing a stranger there. Gripping the sides of her crib, she stood up and looked at Mr. Morrison steadily for a moment: then rather falteringly she asked, "Man, do you pray to God?" "Oh, yes, my dear," came the quick response, "every day. God is my best Friend." The answer reassured the child. After a moment she sank slowly down into her crib, laid her head again upon her pillow, and fell asleep. Morrison said that he never forgot that child's lesson of confidence and faith: and that among the worst hardships and dangers of his missionary work, he was always able to lie down and sleep, a stranger in a strange land, but always under the protection of the Almighty God.—From Youth's Companion.