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FOREIGN MISSIONS WORTH WHILE?

Read the evidence from Americans who have "inside information":

From an American Soldier in Iran, to his Pastor:

"A visit to the mission is a sure cure for the soldier's blues. Such close association with the missionaries has revealed a story for us all that was heretofore only half understood, and certainly, for the most of us, one in which we were only mildly interested."

From an American Doughboy in India:

"One can readily appreciate the need for missions here. I have seen some of the good they have done, and their work must be continued at all costs."

From a Navy Officer to his Pastor:

"I see more than ever before what a small world the people and all the rest of the U.S. were living in. I've met so many people from so many countries, and I am beginning to understand their side of things. What narrow-minded stupid people we have had that wouldn't support our missionaries. What fools we have been. We just can't live to ourselves for one moment. I don't believe anybody will come back from this war without being 100 per cent for foreign missions."

Lowell Thomas in one of his summer broadcasts told the story of an American lad, co-pilot on a transport plane flying between India and China, who had to bale out over the trackless jungle. After many days of agonized wandering he was rescued. In a letter to his mother he gave God credit for bringing him through, and inclosed a check for \$200.00, (all the money he had) to be given to his home church, with the expressed desire that three-quarters of it be used for missions.

WENDELL WILKIE ON MISSIONS

From an Address to the Presbyterian General Assembly.

"On my recent trip, I saw at first hand a multitude of concrete instances which convinced me of the value of foreign missions both to the lands they serve and to the cause of goodwill for America. Everywhere I went I found American colleges, schools, hospitals, and churches. . . . I found American missionaries, men and women exerting a leadership. . . vital to the future hopes, not alone of other nations, but of our own United States.

"I asked people in every land whether they were not resentful that these foreigners (i.e., Americans) should invade their country. The answer was universal enthusiasm for what American missionaries have done and for the lives they lead.

"When Hitler wanted to prepare his people for war, he (continued on page 4)

WORLD MISSIONARY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1943

9:30 A.M. The Church at School. Classes for all.

10:30 A.M. The Church at Worship. The Sermon: "RICHES FOR SERVICE"

6:30 P.M. Youth Laboratory and Practice Hour: Fellowship Groups.

7:30 P.M. Evening Worship: "THE IDEAL IS THE REAL," a Study of The Book of Hebrews.

"Civilization has only two choices—Christ or chaos. That is the challenge to us—to turn China in the right direction."—Pres. Y.C. Yang, Soochow University, China

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Let us enter the sanctuary reverently, beginning our worship in silent prayer.

WORLD MISSIONARY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1943

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

The Organ Meditation:

The Hymn Chime: "Jesus Shall Reign Where E'er the Sun"-----Duke Street
"The Rising Sun"-----Karg-Elert

The Processional Hymn No. 482: "Heralds of Christ"-----National Hymn
The People rising at verse two

The Choral Call to Worship

A Prayer for Needed Blessings (to be said by all)

When we consider our own need of Thy mercies, O God, we inevitably bow in humble confession, praying that Thou wilt forgive our trespasses and feed our souls with the bread of life; but when we remember the tasks that today rest upon us as Thy servants and upon Thy Church we cry out to Thee in the desperateness of our need. Give us purity of heart, Most merciful God, and give us strength and wisdom that we may be true soldiers of the Cross, holding fast to the shields of faith and wielding the sword of the Spirit with flaming zeal. Fit us, this day we pray, more fully to do Thy will. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer and Choral Amen

An Anthem of the Coming Kingdom: "Springs In the Desert" ----- Jennings

The Responsive Reading: "The Armor of God" page 610

The Gloria Patri

The Second Scripture Lesson

The Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response

Hymn "Ask Ye What Great Thing"-----Hendon

The Offertory Anthem: "Soldiers of the Cross, Arise!"-----Thompson
The First Methodist Quartette

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings, with the Doxology

The Sermon: "Riches for Service"

Hymn No. 484: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains"-----Missionary Hymn

The Benediction and Choral Amen

EVENING WORSHIP—7:30 P.M.

The Organ Prelude:

"Prayer and Cradle Song" Woodman

The Choral Call to Worship:

"Lord of All Being, Throned Afar"

Hymn No. 346:

"O Thou In Whose Presence" Beloved

The Evening Prayer and Choral Response.

An Anthem:

"The Twilight Shadows Fall" - Wood

The Evening Scripture Lesson

Offertory and Prayer of Consecration

The Sermon: "The Ideal Is the Real"

Hymn No. 165:

"Look Ye Saints!"----Cwm Rhondda

The Meditation Hymn

The Benediction and Choral Amen

The flowers at the altar on this Sunday are presented by Mr. W. F. Gilmore in memory of Mrs. Gilmore.

METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

All church young people will combine forces this Sunday evening at 6:30 to hear Mr. Karl Gooseman, Superintendent of our Canton Goodwill Mission, on the theme: "Christian Neighborliness." Representatives of the three groups with Doris Brison presiding, will conduct the worship service. This can be a great meeting, if everyone gets out. Come!

**BRING BOOTH FESTIVAL GIFTS
THIS SUNDAY, OCT. 24th**

You can help greatly by bringing your gift of canned fruit, produce, or money to the church. Date of the festival, next Thursday, Oct. 28th, at Crystal Park Church. Church School Classes making cash gifts should take action this Sunday. This vital aid for the children and aged folk in our Methodist Homes will help others and bring you gratification. Let everyone do something.

"Beside every responsibility you will find power awaiting you, if you will take it up with courage and consecration. You will not have to walk alone."—R. L. Smith.

THERE'S A GREAT DAY COMING THE CHRISTIAN MISSION ON WORLD ORDER

Last July Dr. Walter VanKirk chanced to be talking with our Pastor at Lakeside. He spoke of one hundred one-day meetings to be held by United Protestantism throughout America. These meetings were to bring Christians together to consider the sort of World Order to be built when this war is over. Dr. LaRue suggested to Dr. VanKirk that Canton, his own boyhood town, would like to have one of these great meetings. That started the ball rolling. Later the Canton and Stark County Ministers Association requested of The Federal Council that a meeting be arranged here.

A few days ago we learned that Canton does get one of these meetings. It is to be held here on Tuesday, November second. Christian people from this whole section of the State are invited to participate. There will be morning, afternoon and evening sessions. All meetings will be in The First Christian Church.

For us Methodists this great meeting fits perfectly into the Bishops' Crusade about which we will be hearing a great deal these coming months. Let every teacher and officer of the Sunday School, every officer and worker of the Woman's Society, every leader and member of the Youth Fellowship, every leader in any church society plan now to attend every possible session.

Five outstanding speakers will be with us that day. Among them will be President Willis King of Atlanta Georgia and Dr. Paul Hutchinson of Chicago. The entire team will be announced next week.

The purpose of The Mission on World Order was summed up by a soldier in a letter home. He wrote: "It is a great encouragement to us on the fighting fronts to know that strong forces are at work back home to make the peace, once won, just and durable." This meeting is a start in mobilizing the Christian forces of Canton for study, discussion and action touching the issues at stake in winning the peace.

A Committee including laymen and ministers from Canton, Alliance, Massillon, New Philadelphia, Dover and other communities has been created. The General Chairman is Mr. Henry Ernst. Other chairman are: Publicity, Rev. Osborne Keeler; Program, Dr. John Barker; Finance, Dr. P. H. Welshimer.

FLEAS AND ELEPHANTS

by Dr. P. H. Welshimer

(continued from last week)

Every preacher is more disturbed by fleas than by elephants. Some of my fleas are these:

It is 9:50 Sunday morning. The teacher is in the class, with a prepared lesson, and many pupils who should be appreciative of that teacher's labors and sacrifice are at home in bed, having roamed around through Saturday night. That's a poor recompense for a busy teacher.

The anthem has just been sung, and the preacher arises to begin the sermon; a choir member arises at the same time and leaves the choir, as much as to say, "I have done my stunt, goodbye, I am not interested in the rest of it."

One is absent from church, a call is made, and lo and behold we learn the cause of absence is that there has been a misunderstanding with somebody else

in the Church, somebody has done something that cannot be approved, idle words have been spoken, there is friction between two people, and that becomes
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THAT STRANGE BOOK

Hebrews is something of a mystery and perhaps little read but it has a central message that is fascinating and just as practical today as when it was written. The evening sermon deals with the heart of Hebrews. You might read a few chapters by this unknown author during the week.

PRINCE OF PEACE CONTEST NOV. 7

There is still time to get in if you do it at once! Orations may be secured at the church. Call Mr. Farley.

New Members received on Sunday, October 17: Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Stout and Miss Louise Stout, 900 Roslyn SW.

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"All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth."
—John Oxenham.

OUR CHURCH IN ACTION

Missionary Sunday, October 24

- 9:30 Church School
- 10:30 Morning Worship.
- 10:30 Junior Choristers
- 5:30 Girls' Youth Choir
- 6:30 Youth Fellowship Meetings
- 7:30 Evening Worship

Tuesday, October 26

- No Red Cross Sewing. Materials are not available.
- 7:45 Oxford Class Party at the home of Miss Edna Criswell, 1251 Oxford NW. Assistant hostesses: Miss Wharton, Miss Frances Budd and Miss Esther Gates. Devotions, Mrs. C. H. LaRue.
- 7:00 Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 27

- All Day The ladies will quilt.
- 7:30 Prayer Meeting.

Thursday, October 28

- 7:00 Booth Festival at Crystal Park Methodist Church.
- 7:30 Senior Choir Rehearsal.

Friday, October 29

- 7:30 Youth Fellowship Parties in the Gymnasium.

WENDELL WILKIE ON MISSIONS

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burned the books. We who want to prepare for peace must open them—open them all over the earth. The missionaries have everywhere stimulated a desire for education. China, for example, is now going through a kind of educational revolution, with millions going to school. . . They are just beginning to glimpse a future which they know is inevitably tied with the western democracies. The germ of this process, in my judgement, was planted fifty, sixty years ago, under the patient work and leadership of men and women who received little acclaim and no reward except the satisfaction of accomplishment. All America knows some of their sons and daughters.

"The missionaries themselves are leaders—but that is not the point. They teach the people to provide their own

leadership. . . They develop within their missions a sense of well-being, of self-reliance, of self-respect; others in nearby communities are awakened to these new forces; the movement, constantly nourished by western ideals, spreads outward to revitalize an entire nation . . . And that, I believe, is one of the chief causes for the goodwill toward the United States that now exists in almost every corner of the earth."

FLEAS and ELEPHANTS

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a reason for one's absence from the church, just as though the Church could help it. That's giving too much rank to your supposed enemy. You are putting that one above the entire Church. Such honor should not be bestowed upon any individual.

People who have been absent are met on the street, in their place of business, and in the home and talked to about church attendance, and they reply, "I'll try to be there next Sunday," or "I'll come if I'm living." Sunday comes and they are not present. They didn't try, and they didn't die. So what are you going to do about it?

There is sickness in the home. The doctor is called, the neighbors come in, a few friends are notified, and they call, and one says, "Has the preacher been here?" Their reply is: "No, he hasn't called." Then the query, "Has he been notified?" And the answer, "We didn't notify him, but we thought probably some of the neighbors would." Well, he was not notified, therefore did not make the call, and then he is criticised for not giving attention to the sick members of his flock.

Seemingly these are little things, but they are terribly annoying. Thank the Lord that they are very, very greatly in the minority. But two or three fleas can disturb one's equilibrium. And so we pray, "Lord, protect us from the fleas—we'll take care of the elephants."

—P. H. WELSHIMER
in the Canton Christian

In Service: Gene Dawson.