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## (AND GOD'S MESSENGER)

That ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.—Jude 3

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### THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA

#### Further Details of the Activities of the Anti-Christian Movement

By W. H. TURNER

In a previous article the writer gave a brief historical sketch of the anti-Christian movement in China and had something to say of its activities. In this paper we will speak more of the activities and results of the movement rather than of the movement itself. Since writing the last article many news items with regard to the persecution of Christianity has reached us in one way and another and it is a few of these incidents which I hope now to pass on to our readers with the hope that you will better understand our problems and difficulties in China today and therefore be better enabled to pray for the Church in this land.

Most of you realize that today the Christian Church in China is going through a great trial and that the religious horizon is clouded with many uncertainties but few realize that there is a serious and determined effort, led by the ultra modern and Bolshevik elements in the nation, to drive Christianity and especially foreign missionaries who represent it out of the land, particularly in South China. Of course, from the study of history we know that this is not the first time Christianity has gone through great periods of severe persecution but we do know that

in the past the opposition has either come from the ruling class or the ignorant mob, never before, as now, has Christianity been attacked by the literati or the educated class of the nation, as well as from the ruling class, and in some instances the ignorant unthinking. Here lies the difference between the present and the past and herein lies the danger for every one who is acquainted with China know very well that no class in China wields the power to influence the nation as does the literati. In the West we look upon learning as a common heritage, in China it is for the fortunate tenth and an educated man in China is looked upon more as a kind of a god than an ordinary human. In no nation on earth does the educated man receive the honor and homage as in China. Therefore it will be easy for you to see that to have this class arraigned on the side of the opposers of Christianity is no small matter and constitutes a serious danger to the Church. The Christians of American and other Christian nations must soon realize this and meet it with such a flood of prayer that it may be overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit and not by the wisdom of man which is powerless unaided.

From various provinces, in fact, almost every province in the union, reports have reached us of persecution and disturbance. From Szechuen news has been received of serious outbreaks. In Nantu the Christians have suffered much persecution and intimi-

dation and soldiers have several times entered mission premises. Shunking has been the center of violent anti-foreign and anti-Christian agitation. In Topaosi Christians were beaten and insulted and no work to speak of has been possible for some time. In Suiting there has been severe persecution and much bad feeling against the Christians. In Chungking a fierce campaign of persecution was waged by the anti-Christian movement, but the faithfulness and stout heartedness of the Christians locally overcame the attack and came out victorious. All down through Central China a wave of anti-Christian and anti-foreign feeling has swept. God is to be thanked that the majority of the Christians stood firm under the strain but a good many have fallen out.

#### The Anti-Christian Christmas Demonstration

Before Christmas many rumors were rife as to anti-Christian demonstrations during Christmas week. There was a nation-wide campaign put on by the anti-Christian movement to break up all Christmas services in the schools and churches. As I pointed out in a previous article, the movement has branch organizations the nation over; these were given specific instructions as how to carry out the anti-Christian demonstrations during Christmas week. Things were set for a serious effort to break up all Christmas services and would probably have succeeded but for the timely action of the

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### THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER, OR THIS IS THAT.

Bro. Hall's new book, "The Promise of the Father, or This Is That," is proving to be a popular book. It is written in the Hall style, in a convincing manner. You will enjoy it and will want your doubting friend to read one. It contains 15 chapters. One on the Lost Gospel, one chapter on the Sign of Tongues, another on the Gift of Tongues and another on, "Do all speak with tongues?" and the concluding chapter, Bro. Hall's own experience. This book sells for only 50 cents each. Order one or more at once from Dan T. Muse, Box 762, Oklahoma City, Okla.

We urge especially that our readers take time to read the article, "The Persecution of Christianity in China," by Bro. Turner. It is enough to thrill your soul to know the faithful ones standing true in that darkened land.

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### MANY PRAYED THROUGH.

We have so many things to praise God for this morning. The Lord is good and His mercy endureth forever. The Lord gave us a precious meeting in San Antonio, saving about 65 and sanctifying and baptizing several. There were some wonderful healings, one a Mr. Monroe had a cancer on his face, suffering terribly. we anointed him and prayed and the Lord instantly took the pain away and the next morning the cancer dropped out, praise our Christ, he said he had never had another pain in his face.

I am in Birmingham for my third revival, they have been meeting at the church every day

for a month praying for a revival. Last night our first Sunday night we could not seat the people and surely the old time revival has begun. Yours in Him.

WILLA SHORT

### A CRYING NEED

One of the greatest needs of the hour is God-called, sober, praying Pentecostal Holiness preachers to enter the myriads of open doors in Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Arkansas. It is amazing how many communities with no preaching whatever and hundreds and hundreds of them without any Pentecostal preaching. The many letters coming in telling of no preaching—no meetings to attend—no one to tell the Gospel story—brethren, it grips my heart and soul. The spiritual condition of the land is appalling—the call of the Gospel to these neglected fields is urgent—and so many of us idling our time. If you want an open door they are all around us. If God sounds out the call again as He did once before, who will go for us? Will you answer, "Here am I, send me."

### A NEEDY FIELD

Garlington, Okla.—May the Lord bless the Faith family in general and those that are accorded the privilege of attending good meetings. I don't know of a place in Oklahoma that needs the Gospel as we do in the Panhandle strip of Oklahoma.

MRS. SADIE TATE.

### WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Bowling Green, Ky.—I see my subscription has expired. Enclosed find 50 cents for renewal. I don't want to miss a copy. When I finish reading my paper I feel as though I had been to a real Holiness meeting, praise the Lord. This evening finds me saved, sanctified. I love to praise Him and sing praises to Him, praise the Lord. Your sister in Christ dear name.

RENA E. THOMAS.

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### A SINNER'S REQUEST

Townley, Ala.—Please pray for me, a sinner boy, that God will save me. Also pray for my father, J. A. Bozeman, who is afflicted, that God will heal him, as he is a good Christian man. But we need your prayers that papa and mamma may hold out faithful. Pray for this place that God will send some one here to preach the full Gospel to the people of this place. This is a very needy field, as we never hear any Pentecostal Holiness preachers here. Pray that God will open a way for a meeting here, and please pray for us.

ELMER BOZEMAN.

### HEALED BY THE LORD

Bonnerdale, Ark.—Thank God this morning for victory in my soul. Can't ever say or do enough for what Jesus has done for me. Glad His Blood reached a sinner like me, saved, sanctified and Baptized with the Holy Ghost. Glad Jesus had mercy on me and healed my body after doctors said I didn't have long to live. Had spent all we had for doctor bills and was nothing bettered but rather grew worse, but when I obeyed God's word in James, 5th chapter, God did hear and raised me up, and I give Him all the glory. Glad Jesus is my burden bearer. Makes my burdens light. I know that what God has promised He is able to do.

EATHE WACASTER.

### NO PREACHING

Sedan, Okla.—I do love and praise God for His blessings. We don't have any preaching out here, but I am praying that God will send some one this way to preach His word. I do enjoy reading the little Faith paper. Pray for me. I feel that I need your prayers that I may be able to stand true to Jesus and do His will.

MRS. JESSIE TUCKER.

Gainesville, Texas.—This finds me saved, sanctified and praying for the blessed Holy Ghost. I count it a great privilege to be a child of the King and how I do want to be found faithful until the end. I have a brother and

sister who have been recently saved and dear ones, please pray for them, that they will go on and put on the whole armor of God that they may be able to withstand the wiles of Satan. And pray for me also, for the greatest desire of my heart is to be a worker for the Lord and that I may be hid behind the Cross and follow on to know the will of God. Pray for the work here in Texas. The harvest white and the laborers are few. Bro. and Sister K. E. Jolliff are our pastors and they are certainly blessed ones in the Lord.

### NOTICE

I am deeply grieved to bring to you the sad words that our beloved brother, Dr. George M. Ryder, president of Kings College, is now down with two broken bones just above his right ankle. This came about through an attempt of his a few weeks ago to spend the week ends visiting some churches, preaching to them and stirring the people up about the needs of the college. So intensely interested was he to see the school go on that he was willing to "rough it" here and there through the bad weather and other inconveniences. He went to Bethel church near Wewoka, to spend Easter Sunday school rally day. After preaching Saturday night there he, in stepping out of the door, his foot slipped off of a rock and then he fell over a rolling stick and broke both bones above his ankle. He braved it back home via Okmulgee a few days later by catching a ride in an automobile. While his leg is in a plaster paris cast he is cheerful and hopeful of going ahead with his instructions in Kings College. Now, who will respond to send in the needs both to the college, Dr. Ryder and the other worthy and most sacrificing teachers? Since Bro. Hall and Bro. Ryder both are held up from the field we need a host of volunteerse—volunteers both for special prayer and financial help. Seven more weeks of this term now but awe are far behind in paying the teachers. Send to Dr. Ryder, Checotah, Okla.

DAN W. EVANS,  
Pres., Ed. Board.

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authorities in several provinces stamping out the movement and sending soldiers and police to the churches and schools to protect them as was the case in Canton. But still in many places the movement was successful. The methods used varied in different places. There were parades, mass meetings, hand bills, and posters some of which were of a highly inflammatory nature. In Peking the campaign was carried into the public press in order to reach the local church membership. There were many cases where church members were intimidated and in different churches and schools there was violence used.

At Foochow the Christians and the church were accused of revolting crimes and at Kaifong and Shang sha the tracts distributed spoke in slanderous terms of Jesus and charged Christianity with being out to "destroy Chinese civilization." At Changsha posters were stuck on Christian buildings calling on readers to "smash Christianity". A handbill also stated, "We do not fear the imperialism shown in machine guns, in the custom conference held by the allied powers, in the unequal treaties. What we do fear is the subtle, invisible, cultural invasion of Christianity, because it brings with it the deceptive instruments of tenderness and philanthropy." At Fuchang there was an anti-Christian parade and demonstrations consisting of 3,000 people. At Anking bricks were thrown and windows broken. At Chinking the Christmas celebrations in the Christian hospital were broken up. At Nanking several churches were disturbed; the decorations being torn down and services broken up. The Methodist church at Taiping-sien Anhwei, was attacked during the Christmas celebration on Christmas night. The seats and window panes were smashed. The disturbance lasted three hours and could not be controlled by the police. At Chaochowfu the demonstrators broke up the service in the Presbyterian church. At Changsha meetings in four churches were disturbed and

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three separate attempts made to break up the service at the Y. M. C. A. Here in Pakhoi the celebrations in the English schools on Christmas night were broken up. The disturbers numbered about 1,000. They smashed windows, gates, doors, flower pots; tore down the decorations and were only controlled upon the arrival of the soldiers.

In Hainan, at a place called Kacheek, where Mr. Byars of the American Presbyterian Mission was murdered about two years ago, a mob of about 1,000 attacked the hospital and beat up the workers (native) and drove them away and some damage was done, the gate was broken down and other minor damages. In Liemchow, 18 miles above us, a chapel of a certain mission was taken over by the military for living quarters. When appealed to return it they said that it was only a matter of time when all mission property would be taken over by the government. In Pakhoi the Chinese pastor of the Church of China requested the English co-pastor to not attend the services any more. He has now gone from here. Report has it that he was driven away by the authorities. Twice the Church has been used for political speech making by the military during the last few months. An English lady was returning from furlough from England via Hong Kong, but the local officials would not permit her to land in Pakhoi. She is a member of the English mission here. I requested the local officials here to permit Miss Payne to land here from Hong Kong but they flatly refused, but said she could land if she came in via Canton. These are the conditions as they prevail with regard to church and mission work at the present time.

With regard to the schools that is, mission schools, the conditions are no better. In Tientsin, Changsha, Wuchang, Soochow, Peking, Canton, Foochow, Chungking, Waihowi, Hanchow, Sincang, Chongtau, Limchow, Pakhoi and almost every mission the attendance has fallen greatly, in some cases from an attendance of 50 and 300 to 60, and in a good many cases they have closed

down altogether.

Today Christianity in China is being weighed in the balance, is being tried in the furnace of fire and for missionaries and native Christians it is a time of great stress and a time which calls for much patience and prayer and a faith which waivers not, anchored in God. Those in the homeland who are outside of it all cannot possibly realize the pressure of our lives in China today.

On the doors of our front gate was written, a few weeks back, in big boxcar letters the following, "Crush the Christian Church." "Down with the Christian Religion." "Christianity Is a Superstition." In Liemchow, a city near us, was written on posters, "Opium is poison but there is one thing more poisonous than opium, viz., the Christian religion." If any one doubts that there is a serious campaign on to drive Christianity out of China he has but to read the Native Press to be convinced, these papers are filled up with such talk. In a city near us the talk was open, even posted on the streets that the natives should drive out the foreigners, take away their schools, chapels and hospitals. The question every one is asking today is, what will happen next?, but no one is willing to risk his reputation with an answer. What are we as missionaries going to do? It is my considered opinion that we should work now as never in the past, that we should take quick advantage of every opportunity to preach Christ in every possible place. For instance, our pastor has been preaching in the Government schools of Yamchow; ordinarily that would be impossible at this time. I believe we should open more work if possible, that we should send out NOW more missionaries and better ones. I believe the Church at home should make a special effort for its China work at this time, we must do it. I have seen somewhere something to the effect that now we missionaries should keep quiet and even probably return home for the time being until the trouble blows over. That kind of a thing is just what the

devil is working for. Nothing would please him better! It has been advocated that the boards send out no new missionaries. This is one of the greatest mistakes that could be made. If ever China needed Christ it is now. It may be that many in China will not listen to the Christian message now and even wish to drive the missionary out, no doubt there are many of these classes, but that is no reason why we should not come; on the contrary, it is rather a reason we should come. Are we to stand back because of danger? Have we become faint-hearted? Are we to allow the devil the victory? As for me, I say a thousand times "no." We must, like our fathers, face the issue squarely in the face and show the anti-Christian agitators in China that what they say is untrue and above all things, demonstrate, as well as preach, the love of Christ.

I am praying that our people will rally to the standard of the Cross and that you will now support and pray for the work in China as never before. I earnestly hope that our board will see its way clear to send us some at Pakhoi and Yamchow. We need them more than words can tell. We need ladies as well, but first of all men, for ladies cannot go into these unopened fields alone and do the pioneering. Brethren, don't be discouraged because of the present persecution. The Church will be ever the much richer if we should have to seal our testimony with our blood. Just send on more forces as we weaken. We brethren are in the front trenches. We today face "no man's land," so to speak, but I am said to confess that our strength is small and that we are weak. Pray for us in the midst of this fearful pressure, that we may keep calm and patient and be ever a living testimony of Christ love.

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I just can't get along without Faith.—W. M. Bright, Munday, Texas.

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Lexington, Okla.—We certainly enjoy reading the little paper.—Mrs. Hazel Womack.