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## EUROPE FACES A NEW TRAGEDY

scale. Above all, it is incumbent on Christian people to come to the aid of the Christian Churches of Czechoslovakia at a time when they are feeling very bitter, and to help those Churches to recover their courage, as they certainly will. Bohemia has been the bulwark of Protestantism in Europe for five hundred years, and it would be a major tragedy if it were to lose heart. Our hope and prayer should also be that, in its desperation, it does not fall under the blight of dictatorship.

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### An Interesting Experiment

One of the most interesting experiments in organized evangelistic work which has been made in recent years in China is that which has been made by the London Missionary Society with the aid of funds placed at their disposal by the late Mr. Sidney Clark (World Dominion Movement). The grant, which has amounted, on the average, to about £1,200 per annum, has been used for the support of mobile evangelists in country districts through a period of some thirteen years, and so the work may be said to have passed beyond the experimental stage. The bands have operated in North, Central, East and South China, and in each of these areas encouraging results have been obtained.

The principles laid down by the donor, and accepted in the main by the London Missionary Society, for the prosecution of the work, are as follows :—

- (1) The money is to be used for the support of 'mobile' evangelists, either men or women, who shall devote themselves to the work of 'church-planting' in the rural field.
- (2) The main objective of the movement is to plant in each 'market-town' area of the London Missionary Society field, a 'live Church' within a prescribed period of from twenty to twenty-five years.
- (3) As soon as the local Church fulfils these conditions, the band which has been instrumental in 'planting' it should move on to new ground.

As the ultimate success of such a movement essentially depends on the spiritual character of those engaged in it, care is taken to ensure that the workers are spiritually alive, and also that they have the support of 'prayer-bands' who engage in regular intercession for them.

The members of the bands must, by example as well as by precept, be able to lead the new convert to direct access to the source of all spiritual life, and enable him to appreciate the value of fellowship with other Christians. He must be introduced to the written source of enlightenment and power, and, therefore, emphasis must be placed on making each convert 'literate.' Obedience to God is the medium of spiritual knowledge, so the convert is taught to seek the secret of growth in active service of the community.

These bands have undoubtedly been instrumental in winning men and women to Jesus Christ, and some of the cases of conversion are striking and full of encouragement.—*Extract from Report to the Madras Conference.*