

mourn for the fallen estate of Zion and stand and speak for the truth are made a laughing-stock and a derision.

For that reason true missionaries in these days are under compulsion from on High to raise again a standard for the Faith even against many who may call themselves by the same name but who actually fight against the everlasting Gospel. Too often has the professing Church lost her witness and sunk into apostasy and paganism for any who know the truth, know Him who is the way, the truth and the life, again to stand silently by while His name is being denied by those who say they are Christian but have denied the One who bought them and are busily engaged importing into the Gospel that which is foreign to it. Much less can any true Christian co-operate with, and encourage, those who are engaged in such practices.

Every missionary worthy of the name must face this situation though it make his task doubly, trebly, hard. No one likes a fight; but the only loyal thing any man can do is to fight for the crown rights of the Lord Jesus Christ when they are threatened, not because one is afraid for the truth, God will take care of that, but because one is filled with pity for those who will be kept from the truth if some one does not have the insight, the courage and the faithfulness to fight for it and for them.

Into this situation many missionaries must go. It has been a rude shock to many. But it is to young men and women who see these issues, who are aware of the foe and alert against him even though he be found among the supposed followers of the Lord, it is to young men and women of this character that the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions makes its appeal.

It is a constant joy that there is such a response. Many see this aspect of the struggle as well as the other and an increasing number cry, "Here am I, Lord send me." None should ever be sent to the field unless they do see it. But if they see it and if their hearts are filled both with a pity for a world out of Christ and with determination to oppose this terrible denial of Christ with firmness but also with love for all men, this Board is ready to do all that it can to send such "soldiers of Christ" to the field.