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Editorial

ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF CHRISTIANITY.

The world has had one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven years of Christianity. That number of years have expired since Christ came among men and taught them through His own manner of living the meaning of sacrifice, patience, long suffering, forbearance, tolerance, love. The religion which He brought to the children of men, even in its moral aspect, is far superior to any other which the world has ever known. And still, Christianity has not yet, even in these 1927 years, gripped the hearts and conscience of men as it should have. Many nations and races have accepted it in name but not in spirit. They have built magnificent edifices in which to worship Him, they have beautified them with silver and gold. They have placed His image therein, but alas, they have left His Spirit out. They have founded their altars and thrones on the bodies and souls of living men. They have His Spirit to shiver and suffer in the cold, but they have taken into their churches the spirit of caste, greed, racial arrogance and pride of color. They have sent missionaries to Christianize the heathen nations, armed with prayer books and bibles but following closely in the wake of these missionaries they have sent men armed with gun powder, lead, and steel, whose business it was to plunder, steal, murder—to take possession of whatever they considered "good" by any means whatever. They have told the heathen of the spirit of Christ but they have lived in their very midsts, the spirit of the devil. They have told the heathen that all men are brethren and still they marked off certain zones in the heathen's own land in which he dare not go, if his skin is not white. Verily the heathen has often exclaimed in his confusion: "I see what it is that you worship! It is not a spirit but your white skin. That is your Christ!"

The nations which have embraced it have never given Christianity a fighting chance nor a square deal, and if, perchance, Christ should visit us again after these one thousand nine hundred and twenty-seven

years,—well, let the immortal Lowell express it for us:

"Said Christ our Lord, I will go and see

How the men, my brethren, believe in me."

He passed not again through the gates of birth.

But made Himself known to the children of earth.

Then said the chief priests and rulers and kings.

"Behold now the Giver of all good things;

Go to, let us welcome with pomp and state

Him who alone is mighty and great."

With carpets of gold the ground they spread.

Wherever the Son of Man should tread.

And in the palace-chambers lofty and rare

They lodged Him and served Him with kingly fare.

Great organs serged through arches dim

Their jubilant floods in praise of Him;

And in church, and palace, and judgment-hall,

He saw His image high over all.

But still, wherever His steps they led,

The Lord in Sorrow bent down His head.

And from under the heavy foundation-stones

The Son of Mary heard bitter groans.

And in church, and palace and judgment-hall

He marked great fissures that rent the wall,

And opened wider and yet more wide

As the living foundation heaved and sighed.

"Have you founded your thrones and altars then

On the bodies and souls of living men?

And think ye that building shall endure

Which shelters the noble and crushes the poor?

With gates of silver and bars of gold

Ye have fenced my sheep from their Father's fold;

I have heard the dropping of their tears

In heaven these eighteen hundred years."

"O Lord and Master, not ours the guilt.

We build but as our fathers built; Behold thine images how they stand

Sovereign and sole through all our land."

"Our task is hard—with sword and flame

To hold Thine earth forever the same,

And, with sharp crooks of steel to keep

Still, as Thou leftest them, Thy sheep."

Then Christ sought out an artisan, A low-browed, stunted, haggard man,

And a motherless girl, whose fingers thin

Pushed from her faintly want and sin.

These set He in the midst of them

And as they drew back their garment hem,

For fear of defilement, "Lo, here," said He,

"The images you have made of me."

OWEN SOUND

Rev. H. F. Logan has been for the last few weeks, busy rehearsing, making, and arranging the scenery, paraphernalia and costumes for the Logan Living Picture Concert which with the help of the splendid local talent of Owen Sound, was deemed the best in the city in years. Everyone was at their best. It included solos, musical duets and trios, recitations, statuary and an extra fine pantomime, well rendered. Scenes from Egypt to the present day. The youngest performer, Beverley Johnson, as Moses; the eldest, Brother Jerry Smith. A fine audience and everybody pleased.

SEATTLE CITIZENS ENTERTAIN AFRICAN SAILORS.

Seattle, Wash., (PCNB) Eighteen native African sailors from an English vessel docked at Smith's Cove were entertained last Monday night at the colored Elks home by Atty Oscar Hudson of San Francisco and former resident consul for Liberia, West Africa. The sailors, although natives of Africa, reside in London and speak English.

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