

(1). "The Hazard of Living for Jesus".

Introd:- (1). Centre of what say tonight will be a somewhat neglected, little-used..but HEROIC WORD.."HAZARD". Too often we use a degenerate substitute.."Gamble". "Chance".. Some seek justify gambling by saying "Life is a gamble.. Farming is gamble". NO. There is hazard in farming..and in life..But gambling is means of taking from somebody without rendering proper value in return. THOR. IMMORAL. "Hazard" means some enterprise involving danger of risk or loss. I remember seeing or hearing slogan "Take a chance with Air France". When saw beat-up hack that was to fly me over Alps..began realize what "hazard" meant!

(2). Root meaning:- "To surrender..to give alongside"..we would say "to lay it on the line". It is language of heroes. Thus taking this TOPIC. We know very little about this in Canada. Early X'ns knew it. To take very name of Jesus on line in pagan Rome was to risk life itself. Here we sing and pray and worship our Lord undisturbed. But still plenty of HAZARD in world concerning living for Jesus X. c/f Albert Erion..Somalia..lives daily in actual physical danger..life threatened. ("Pogo"..smart boys home). c.f Tommy Titcombe. In hut 12 days with group of bel's.. Out..Faced//Began sing..In one month counselled over 1,000. THIS IS RED BLOOD OF THE HAZARD INVOLVED IN LIVING FOR JESU

I. And let us make no mistake..we are living in hazardous day (a). Men, women,,face the facts! God forbid any of us hide head, cry "All's well". It ain't. Grave, serious days here X'nity being confronted with oppros.of all hell's powers. Have you not sensed it? What in the world is going on?

Something very strange..subtle..sinister.. CHANGING TIMES!

(b). Today we live in frightened world of atomic age.. Greatly changed from ten yrs. ago..in three ways. 1. This is time of increasing political upheaval..Feverish scramble for power and security..c/f Panama..Zanzibar..Cuba..Berlin..Viet Nam..Indonesia..Yemen..Cyprus..New Guinea..Malaysia..Congo..All involving missionaries of Cross in hazards daily. 2. Time of religio-nationalism..duel thing..c/f Israel look upon citizens as Jews nationally, religiously. Woe betide those who try change one of them..Traitor! In India a Hindu is such by nationality and religion. For similar reason the Sudan driven X'n missionaries out..that national Islam might remain supreme. So in Somaliland. In Russia, China, nationality and Comm'ism become one..and X'nty must go. ~~Recent word thr. Rev. Geo. Thomas, UPM..Brazil by April 1st~~ All this is breaking up familiar pattern of miss. enterprise 3. Time of spiritual lethargy. James S. Stewart, Moderator

of Gen. Assmbley of Ch. of Scotland says this: "It is disquieting to observe that in some quarters missionary ardour has ebated in force. One finds X'ns who are depressed, inhibited, anathetic, and a church crippled and immobile in its work overseas through lack of support". He speaks of young African churches, full of joy and zeal, coming into contact with our western world..and nonplussed by lack of vitality and urgency and joy found here. **THIS IS NOT IMAGINARY!** Not cry of a ~~some~~ critical old fogies saying old days better. Marion Swift writes from Colombia of need for ^{more} missionary pilots..then tells of surprise to hear from Moody B.T. that LESS are available, not more. c/f Report of SIM..1963. Of those who went to field from Alta. **JUST ONE!** Million and half people? Shirley Anderson..Berean. Two other accepted candid. from Alta. Bev Botheras..Beverly Waddell..! I und. Leone Higginson, Berean, applied to go to candidate school this year. No school..No other candidates! **WHAT IN THE WORLD IS HAPPENING IN OUR WORLD?** (SIM article). **This is our world today!** **IT IS!** Our Christian world! Sapped by worldliness, ensered by materialism, and bound by selfish fear of losing some fancied security. **WE HAVE LOST OUR DARING!** We have forgotten how to exercise the "Hazard of living for J".

II. It will do us good ~~tonight~~..look at two who did not forget.
 (a). Only use of this word "hazarded" in Bible..applied to two missionaries..Acts 15:25-26. 1st letter to X'n Church.. from Apostles at Jerusalem. **THREE** men set off on 1st miss. jour. Only **TWO** had this eternal record attached to names. **NOT JOHN MARK**..He was the "no risk boy". No hazard for him! Appar. nev. learned it is better to be scarred than scared! Paul and Barnab "leid their lives on the line" for Jesus X. A pair of heroes!
 (b). Time fails me to tell all story of that glorious 1st miss. journey..that **THEY NEED NOT HAVE TAKEN**..and left us in heathen darkness..as we can still leave others. They took the hazard! Later on Paul faced Diana of the Ephesians..and a riot over it. Faced materialism of Corinth..intellectualism of Athens..Legislative author. of Rome. **ONE LITTLE JEW!** Courage of a lion! These men hazarded their **LIVES** for the Lord Jesus.

Conclus:- 1. And whet of today? What do in hazardous days? Timidly retire? **OUR DAY CALLS FOR HEROES!** Calls for men to tak the hazard for X as nev. before! Jesus' orders that He le: for us were not "Quit"..but "Quit you like men".."Occupy till I come". Herd days make strong men. "The north wind made the Vikings". God helms us pluck up a little courage!
 2. This is more than merely being orthodox. There are some who have creed long as arm..but no more spirit of venture than a limpet. Theology like a mountain, but not courage of a mouse. Our jealousy for orthodoxy is not proof at all of value of our faith. **WHAT DO WE HAZARD FOR IT?** Measure of our hazard

reveals vitality of our faith. The HEART OF FAITH IS VENTURE. c/f 11th chap. of Heb.. Every record shows a vista of venture. Some man, woman is taking a hazard! Every memorial begins with majestic prelude "BY FAITH"... and the sentence goes on to describe a splendid risk. THIS IS LIFE! They are all diff..c/f Moses leading Israel. venturesomely putting himself at head..taking across untracked wilderness..with God. Here is a woman putting bit of scarlet thread in window..risking life on that venture. THERE IS NO TRUE FAITH WITHOUT VENTURE. Merely to hug a creed and take no risk is no more faith than to hug a timetable is to take a journey.

2. What will I hazard for Jesus X? MY LIFE? Or ten cents a week on collec. plate? Shall we toy with X'nty..or put our life into the business? WHAT? Will you venture to support a missionary? Will you hazard \$50.00 a mth, on cause of X? Risk? It may be. Danger? Perhaps.

Here is a bit of heresy. I hazard it bec. some of you, I believe, still afraid of Faith "Promise". Well, cross it out of wish. PUT DOWN "STATEMENT OF PURPOSE". You don't like to promise? YOU OUGHT TO HAVE A PURPOSE. "Den. purposed in his heart". What do YOU purnose? "I will do this, God helping me. I will hazard an additional \$10 a mth for J.C....I think I can do that...while some hazard their very lives....?" Young men, women..supreme challenge is yours to life of danger, risk, hazard...and "GLORY HALLELUJAH FOR EVERMORE." (What say you? What purnose to be?...

Stay on bottle..or get into battle?

Be a Victor or a vegetable?

Be a Conqueror or a cabbage?

As for me, I want to be recorded as one who hazarded SOMETHING for Jesus Christ...My life if God so wills.

WHAT?

He will not fail us. Dr. Jowett wrote this...

"If God is for us, who can be against us? Nothing else counts. It is ever a foolish and futile thing to count the heads in the opposing ranks. "God is always on the side of the big battalions"? It is a black lie of the devil! We need not fear the big battalions if only we are securely in the right. We are not to count heads, but to weigh and estimate causes. Which of the causes provides a tent for the Lord God of Hosts? Where has the truth its waving flag? Stand near that flag, my soul, and thou wilt ever be near thy Lord. And nothing shall separate thee from His love and leave thee weak and isolated on the field. Thou shalt be more than conqueror in Him who loves thee, and will love thee forevermore".

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Who's letting who down?

The widespread apathy of Christian youth toward missionary service is ready cause for church leaders to wring their hands. "Our young people are letting us down!" they moan. "They just aren't interested in being missionaries."

We are compelled to agree. And we, as a Mission Society, are chief mourners. Heartbroken, we watch the crowds of able-bodied young people sitting immovable at home while the whole world is in need of their help.

But before we rap these young knuckles too hard, there's something we really must show you. Come with us to the quayside and watch an ocean liner depart. See that platoon of soldiers lined up, kit bags packed, eager to sail? Watch them.

The gangplank is down, the band is playing, the crowd is cheering. The passengers stream aboard — tourists, business men, sight-seers, merchants, diplomats. But not the soldiers. Gay streamers float from the decks to well-wishers on the dock, laughter fills the air. Then the whistle screams and the tugs nose in to start their work. But still the soldiers do not embark. The gangplank lifts, the water churns, and the ship heads out to sea, leaving the soldiers forlornly at the water's edge.

Who are these disappointed warriors? Missionaries. Young people from almost every evangelical mission board in North America, including 44 from the SIM. Unlike their indifferent counterparts, these young people *have* volunteered for service. They *have* taken training. They *have* been appointed to the battle. True, they are not the "mighty army" of which the church so grandly sings. Indeed, they are not much more than a patrol. But the church has let *them* down. Some of them, after two years or more, are still plodding hopefully around home base, praying for the financial "miracle" that will enable them to sail.

We are very much aware, of course, that churches differ widely in their missionary interest. Some couldn't care less. Some couldn't care more. Some encourage their youth to go, back them up, pray and give until it truly hurts — and weep when they can do no more. To them we humbly doff our hats. God's continued blessing will most surely rest upon them.

But all too often missionary candidates are let down by the church. She tells them they should go, but when they volunteer she does not stand behind them. She waves the flags and banners, but does not pay the bills.

We offer no excuse for the many, many young people who are letting the church — and their Lord — down. They must answer to God for the stewardship of their lives, as must we all.

But, as we see it, the church cannot complain about the apathy of her youth until she is ready and willing to provide support for all who *are* prepared to go.