



Missionary Album



THE SOWER

"A sower went forth to sow;  
And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way  
side, and the fowls came and devoured them up;  
Some fell upon stony places, where they had not  
much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because  
they had no deepness of earth:  
And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and  
because they had no root, they withered away.  
And some fell among thorns; and the thorns  
sprung up, and choked them:  
But other fell into good ground, and brought forth  
fruit, some hundredfold, some sixtyfold, and some  
thirtyfold."

Matt. 13:3-8

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*Missionaries of the  
Lutheran Free Church  
and Views from  
Madagascar and China.*

*The Lutheran Board of Missions*

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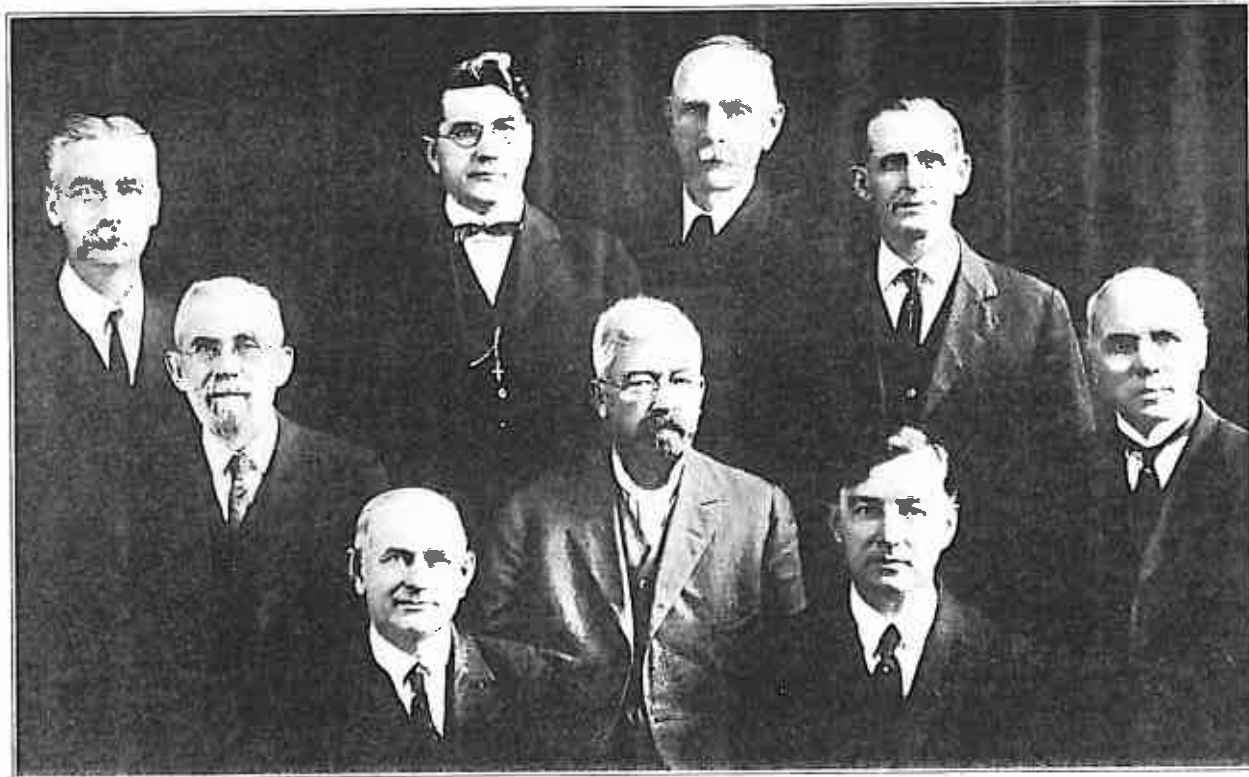
*The silent little cemetery in the midst of a heathen land is a witness to the love that is more powerful than death.*

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"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

Rev. 14:13.

IN memory of those who made  
the Supreme Sacrifice for the  
Cause of God's Kingdom in Foreign  
Lands is this Album dedicated.



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*Go Ye—*

ONCE the master gave commands:  
Go ye into all the lands;  
Bring the nations unto me  
In the name of Trinity!

Many listened to the call,  
Left their father, mother, all,  
Brought the Gospel's blessed light  
Out to lands that dwelt in night.

We who in the home-land dwell  
Pray the work may prosper well,  
And that many more may go  
Forth the Gospel light to show.

Lo, the Master's loving hand  
Always guards His faithful band,  
Till the truth shall evermore  
Light all lands from shore to shore.

P. A. SVEEGEN



PROF. GEORG SYERDRUP, SR. is the father of our Foreign Missions.

Under his leadership a warm and active missionary interest was awakened and nurtured at Augsburg Seminary that found its first expression in the formation of a Missionary Society among the students, an organization still in existence.

In his lectures on Theology, Prof. Sverdrup pointed out God's plan for the salvation of the whole world and he stressed our duty as Christians to carry the Message of salvation to all the nations of the earth.

In his numerous articles in the Church papers he appealed to the congregations to make the Foreign Missions a part of their life and activities.

He served as Secretary of the Lutheran Board of Missions from its beginning until his death in 1907.





REV. AND MRS. J. P. HOGSTAD, The pioneers to the foreign field from the Norwegian Lutherans in America. Rev. Hogstad was born in Norway, near Trondhjem in 1858. Came to America 1866. Studied at Augsburg Seminary from 1879 to 1887, and the same year he, together with his wife, went to Madagascar as the first missionary from the Norwegian Lutherans in this country. Their first station was Ft. Dauphin and later Manantenina, both on the east coast of the island. When division of the field was agreed upon between the United Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Free Church, Rev. Hogstad's station came to be on the field of the United Lutheran Church, and he then joined that church. He died in Madagascar in 1911.



Rev. E. H. Tou, The second missionary to the Foreign Field from the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America. Born near Stavanger, Norway, October 11, 1857. Came to America in 1881. Studied at Augsburg Seminary from 1881 to 1889. Went to St. Augustin on the west coast of Madagascar the same year, and the following year moved to Manasoa, about one week's voyage on the Onilahy river from the coast. He was the founder of the station at Manasoa. In 1898-1900 he was at home on furlough. Went back to Manasoa where he stayed for three years. He came home, resigned as missionary and served on the Home Mission field in the Dakotas until his death in 1917.



Mrs. ELIZABETH TOU went to Madagascar with her husband in 1889. After 9 years of service in the field they came home on furlough. They returned for their second term in 1900, and in 1901 Mrs. Tou died and was laid to rest in Malagash soil.



SISTER PERNILLE PEDERSON, The first single lady worker to our foreign field, was a consecrated deaconess from the Lutheran Deaconess Home in Minneapolis. In the fall of 1896 she sailed for Madagascar to take up work as Matron at an asylum for native girls at Manasoa. After a little more than a year in the island she succumbed to Black-water fever on January 31, 1898. She was the first of our representatives to the non-Christian world to be buried in foreign soil.





SISTER CAROLINE OLSON went to Madagascar in 1898 to take the place of Sister Pernille Pederson who had died in the early part of that year. As a consecrated Sister from the Lutheran Deaconess Home in Minneapolis she went to the dark island ready to give all for the salvation of the people. Her service, however, was destined to be short. The deadly fever took her life in 1900, after two years of service.





MRS. J. B. HOIGAARD, nee Larson, sailed for Madagascar in the spring of 1898. Shortly after her arrival she was married to Rev. Hoigaard. In January 1900, she died from an attack of Black-water fever. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erik Larson who have given so many of their children to the foreign missions.





1898

One of the most quiet and unassuming and one of the brightest students at Augsburg Seminary was N. A. HYLLEN. Shortly after his graduation from the Theological department in 1898 he went to France, and the following year to Madagascar for the purpose of serving as teacher in that field. After one year's work as a missionary he died from Black-water fever in 1900.



REV. J. B. JERSTAD graduated from the Theological department at Augsburg Seminary in the spring of 1898. In July the same year he and his bride went to the mission field in Madagascar. In 1907 they came home on furlough, and in 1909 returned for their second term in Madagascar, leaving the two older children in America. Two years later he died and was buried in the cemetery near Manasoa.



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SISTER MILLA LARSON, a consecrated deaconess from the Lutheran Deaconess Home in Minneapolis, went to France in 1899 and to Madagascar the following year. After two years of service as nurse in the medical mission her work came to an end and she was called to rest in 1902.



MRS. H. O. SAGENG went with her husband to France in the fall of 1902 for the purpose of studying French. They went to Madagascar in March 1904, to take up mission work among the natives of the island. In November of the same year Mrs. Sageng died, and left her husband with a little daughter. The cause of her death was Black-water fever. Mrs. Sageng was a daughter of Sven Heskin, who for many years was a member of the Board of Directors of L. B. M.



MISS RAGNA DAHLE, a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. O. Dahle, Aitkin, Minn., sailed for Madagascar to take up educational work at Manasoa in 1916. But her day in Madagascar was not long. She succumbed to Black-water fever in 1919, and again a grave was opened and filled in the cemetery near Manasoa.



REV. AND MRS. J. K. NYGAARD, who had accepted a call as missionaries to Madagascar, did not reach the field. They sailed from New York in July 1917. Near the coast of South Africa the steamer struck a mine and sank. Some of the passengers were rescued, but Rev. and Mrs. Nygaard were among those who found their graves in the sea.

