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20th August, 1940.

My dear Brother,

The war in Europe seriously threatens disaster to Missions. One outstanding example is that of the Missions of the Dutch Churches in the East Indies—our close neighbour. I quote from a document lying before me :—

"The missionary work of the churches in the Netherlands is almost entirely in Netherlands Indies. The successful work of these missions is a noteworthy fact in missionary history. In 1938 the native churches established by these missions had over a million members, many of them converts from Islam. The missionaries numbered 328. In recent years the annual field budgets of the Dutch societies have averaged £120,000.A."

Now that Holland has fallen into German hands, all help from Holland has been cut off.

America, through the International Missionary Society, has made a gift of something over £2,000. More may come later ; of that I know nothing. But the reason for this letter is to let you know that we have been asked for some help. Both the Church Missionary Society and the Australian Board of Missions are anxious to do whatever is possible. The Archbishop of Sydney, through whom the appeal came from the Missions Consul in Batavia, asked the Board to send at least £10 a month. That is £120 in a year.

Would you lay this appeal before your congregation ?

Dividing the £120 into £1 shares, I wonder whether your parish would take up one share, or more.

As we can only send what is given, and the need for regular and prompt contributions being urgent, may I express the hope that any help you are able to give will be given immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Helping Collection on Nov 10th.

J. S. Needham

Chairman, A.B.M.

Recd 3rd Sept. Letter from his office 27th Sept

10 Separate appeals.