

Society for Irish Church Missions.

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Dear Friend,

Less than a year ago we were mourning the loss of our friend and former colleague in the work - Archdeacon T.C. Hammond. It was the Committee's recent intention to invite those who knew and valued his friendship and wonderful scholarship, and all the qualities that made up his exceptional personality, to subscribe to a Memorial in his name.

Since the idea was formulated another great loss has overtaken us in I.C.M. in the sudden and totally unexpected death of our beloved Irish Superintendent, the Rev. T.R. Horan, on August Monday last at the early age of 53.

His death has left a gap not only in the Society, but in the Protestant and Evangelical world in general, for he, like Archdeacon Hammond, under whom he served and trained in Dublin, was a "Mr. Valiant for the Truth", and there are few of their calibre to "follow after". However, we know that the Lord never makes mistakes, and that in His all-wise and loving plan there must be some purpose. He came into the work of I.C.M. in 1933, and we are grateful that he was spared to us for so many years. "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord".

It is now the Committee's hope that we may raise a combined Memorial to these two fine men. We remember them for their dedicated lives, poured out unsparingly that men and women might come to know the Lord and be saved.

The form of the Memorial is dependent upon the response, but if sufficient funds are forthcoming a house will be purchased in Dublin for future ministers of the Mission Church. Such a house would be a great asset to the Society, giving a permanent home for a man called by God to labour for the furtherance of the Gospel in Ireland. Your gift for the Memorial Fund will be very gratefully received.

With prayerful good wishes for the Lord's richest blessing,

Yours very sincerely,

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