

## MEMORIAL

### IN MEMORIAM—T. STANLEY SOLTAU

On July 19, 1972, Dr. T. Stanley Soltau, missionary statesman, pastor and author, was called to heavenly glory. He had preached twice the preceding Sunday and died quietly with his finger marking the spot where he had been reading in a book. He had just celebrated his 82nd birthday five days earlier.

Dr. Soltau has born in Tasmania of English parentage. Members of his family had been associated with the China Inland Mission in the early days. At the age of fourteen he came from England to New York where his father was teaching in what later became the Biblical Theological Seminary. He graduated from Northwestern University and worked for two years as a Civil Engineer, then went to Princeton Seminary, graduating in 1914. After graduation, he was ordained and sent as a missionary to Korea under the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

He served as a missionary for twenty-five years, first in pioneer work among Koreans who had emigrated to Manchuria, and then in Korea itself. As an official in the mission there, he resisted the encroachments of modernism from the U.S.A. on the one hand and on the other hand, the pressure of the Japanese to compromise by worshipping at the Shinto Shrines. At the same time, he helped in guiding the Korean Church in the Nevius methods of mission work by training national leaders in the Bible and establishing a truly indigenous church. War with Japan was clearly approaching, and he at last had to leave the country.

For about another quarter of a century, Dr. Soltau pastored the First Evangelical Church of Memphis, where he greatly advanced the cause of missions and also engaged in a wide radio ministry. In 1954 he joined the ministry of what is now the Reformed Presbyterian Church, Evangelical Synod, and has served on its boards and agencies. At the time of his death, he was President Emeritus of its mission board, the World Presbyterian Missions, and was a director of its Seminary, Covenant Theological Seminary. He also was on the board of Columbia Bible College and the North Africa Mission and other agencies.

His books include *Missions at the Crossroads*, *Facing the Field*, *Who Do Men Say That I Am?* and numerous other studies and articles.

Surviving Dr. Soltau are two daughters, (Mrs.) Mary Johnson of Memphis; Eleanor Soltau, M.D., serving in Mafraq, Jordan; the Rev. George Soltau of Dallas; the Rev. Addison Soltau of Tokyo; and a host of friends who cherish his life and testimony.