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EDITORIAL

HOME MISSION SUNDAY

With the various articles and announcements in this issue of The Highway, concerning Home Mission Sunday, there is little need for me to write further on the subject. Yet we would give wholehearted support to it. The importance of Home Missions, with its programme of church expansion and evangelism cannot be over-emphasized. The need is overwhelming.

The preservation of our country depends upon it. Catholicism, Communism, Modernism, Formalism, the many false cults, and abounding wickedness of every kind threaten the nation from coast to coast. Together they are a mighty host, financially strong, powerful and subtle in conflict, battling on the scenes and behind the scenes against the cause of Christ. And they are advancing, possessing territory, taking captives, enlisting followers, strengthening their hold, and preparing for further onslaughts. Our only hope lies in the Christian Church taking the offensive. We must do more than "stand in the evil day," we must advance. We must launch a new offensive in the spiritual conflict.

Then there is the need of enlarging the Home Base. It is necessary for the expansion of our work for God, both at home and abroad. A bigger business, properly conducted, will bring increased revenue and produce greater results. We agree that quality must come before quantity; but the Early Church dealt in big figures. "Thousands" and "multitudes" are familiar words in the Acts of the Apostles. That same book says the churches were "edified" and "multiplied." Being edified, they grew spiritually; being multiplied, they grew numerically. Of course we ought to grow spiritually; but can we grow spiritually and not increase in numbers? We ought to have a chain of churches with links throughout the whole of this great area in which God has placed us. We must expand if we are to do the work God has given us to do.

And that brings us to the responsibility we have, to reach the souls for whom Jesus died. We must intensify our crusade for souls. All men are hastening to the Judgment and to Eternity. Soon will the season of rescue be o'er. To be free from the blood of all men we must intensify our efforts to reach them. We dare not be satisfied to labour in our present limited sphere of operation. We must enlarge

our borders, establishing new churches to become new centres of evangelism.

Last, but not least, is our God-given responsibility to spread the message of holiness. It is not enough that we believe it, stand for it, and preach it to those who worship within the walls of our churches. Multitudes of others need this same message, and the glorious experience it proclaims. Let us do all within our power, with God's help, to open their eyes, that they may receive their inheritance among the sanctified.

The special Home Mission Sunday appeal is for a "budget-plus" offering. Let us all give liberally and joyfully. Let us do OUR BEST. God loves and rewards cheerful giving.

E. W. T.

ANOTHER REMINDER

Permit us to remind you again that November is Highway Subscription Month. We need the help of all to assist us in securing renewals and new subscriptions. Let all pastors and churches enter the contest concerning which we wrote recently.

BUSY

When you get too busy to help a friend;
When you get too deaf to hear a cry;
When you get so blind you can look at pain
With never a tear in your thoughtless eye;
When your heart gets hard so it doesn't
ache,

And your feet stick firmly to the sod;
Then you'll make the hearts around you
break,

For you've got so busy you've left out God.
—Mary R. Lindke

A GOAL FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY

We always do better when we set a goal for ourselves. And so why not present a definite challenge before your people, brother pastor? A "budget-plus" offering is of course the highest and best goal. That is, aiming at raising the amount your church or churches have been asked to give towards Home Missions for the 1953-54 church year, plus something extra, an "over-the-top" effort. Fifty per cent of the budget allocation should be a minimum objective as the church year will be almost half gone. Set a goal pastor, and challenge your people to make it. They'll do it gladly and be enthused with the success of their effort!

WHAT TO DO WITH GRIEF

You stand alone. It may be at the grave of him nearest you. Or, you stand alone by the side of a grief deeper, longer than death. What will you do?

You could bury your grief; bind it up, and lay it away, seal it with the seal of a deep longing ache. You may have others to grieve with you while you sit, bound in that silent, locked-in hurt that cannot bear the daylight. You can go on, numbly, about the day's duties and wish that the comforting Lord might come, that he might change circumstance.

But no!

Jesus is here. Go meet him! See, he walks to the tomb Himself, the tomb you have longed to forget. And there He weeps. There is a manliness about it! And you have thought to lock your tears within.

We hear Him speak, "Believest thou?"
"Yea, Lord."

The pent up hurt of all the yesterdays bursts forth. Your Lazarus, the figure of your mournings stands before you. Unbind it! Let the resurrection glory of the Savior Lord Himself transform your dead husks of sorrow into beauty.

You can never forget grief completely, but out of the old can come the new—the forward stride, the Lazarus step that has been to the very tomb itself and back—because of the power of Jesus!

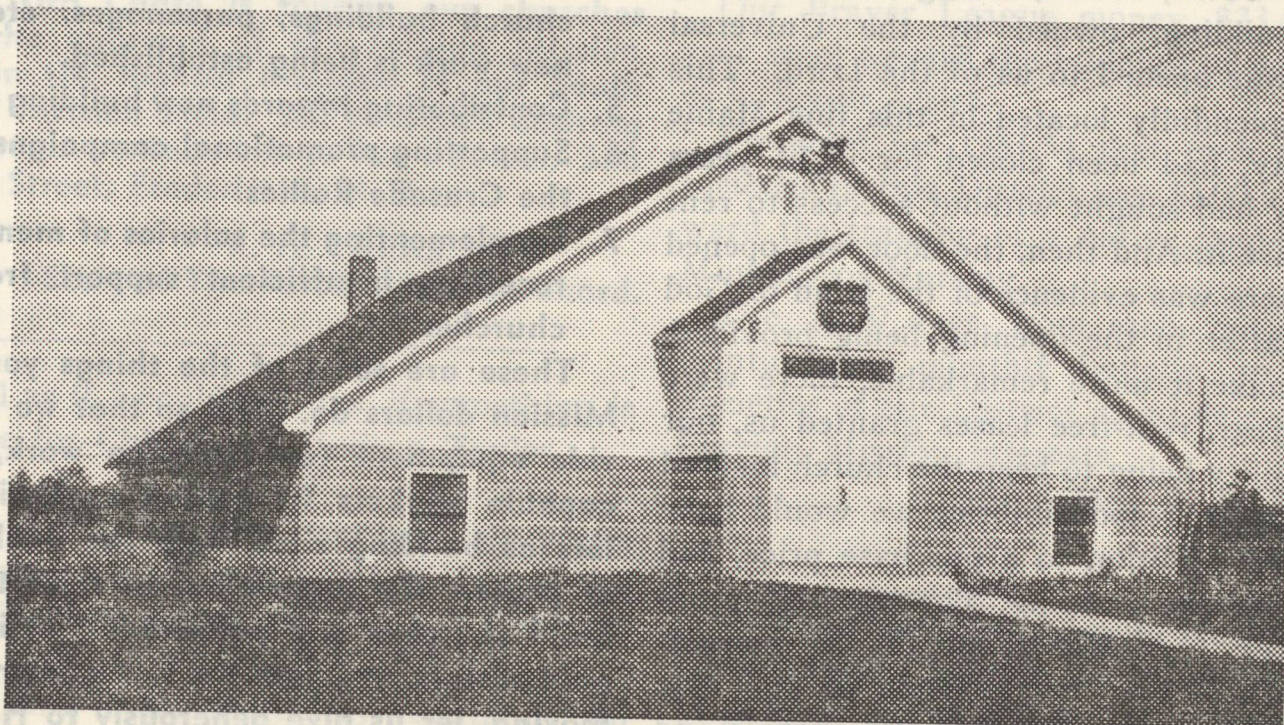
Put your grief to work. Up! Do the Master's bidding. Go on and many shall see this your miracle of new, risen Life, walking out among them. They shall see and believe the glory of our God.

—Arvilla McKenzie, In Wesleyan Methodist

THERE IS A PLACE

There is a place in the hidden and committed life with God where we may be saved from anxious care, where all the friction of worry and distrust may be eliminated, and where the claim of perfect submission with all at rest and with the comfort and assurance of a trust that takes out fear may possess our inner selfhood, and result in the kind of triumph that adorns the doctrine of God, our Saviour.—Heart and Life

"Contention will have no place in the life of the man who abides in the secret of God's Presence."



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