

WHERE? HOW?

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Home Mission work in some respects is more difficult than Foreign. There is always the problem of place. So many towns and villages in the homeland are heavily church-ed that another seems quite unnecessary. This condition creates a bad psychology for the workers and for everyone concerned. To counteract this I have assumed the position that no community has enough churches until it has a holiness church. We do support a tenet of Gospel truth wholly neglected by practically every other church in the Maritimes. To us, this truth is so essential to the full recovery of man's moral state, that its propagation is imperative. If others are not interested in supporting it, we, in the language of John Wesley, "must be the more faithful."

Even so, where to campaign for our Home Missionary project confronts us with a problem. Some of our larger cities present a challenge. Thousands of people have little opportunity of hearing our message through our present facilities. We need not one, but in some centers, two or three churches. Over a period of years we have been requested to come to an enterprising town where we have at present some six or eight tried and true holiness members. To me, this offers the most promising field I know.

Nova Scotia presents a great opportunity. I don't think that the people are "crying for our message." That would be too easy. But I feel there are places in that Province we could go to where they don't want us and we could stay until they would feel that they couldn't get along without us. The churches we now have in that Province are on their toes to do something definite and effectual.

Maybe someone who reads this article is isolated from any really evangelistic church. If so, we would be pleased to hear from you and consider with you the possibility of establishing a church in your community. One thing is certain, we must reach out. Our borders must be extended. Too long we have bowed to the circumstances. As I drive through the towns and villages of these Maritimes and see churches of various denominations, I am confronted with the question: Why not a holiness church? These other churches were placed by prayer and sacrifice and are we not as capable of the same as they? My friends, these two things—prayer and sacrifice, with their accompanying fruits, will place holiness churches in village after village, town after town, throughout these Maritimes.

I have practically answered my second question, How? Investments are needed. Investments are a MUST. When our whole Church gets behind a forward move then move we shall. In some places we will need to assume a large portion of building expense. We have done it in the past, and who will say today that we made a mistake? I present our Doaktown work as an example. We invested a few hundred dollars in a building project there and they have paid us back in hard cash alone very much more than we paid out. They have given to us one of our best preachers and some of the finest members that we proudly own. I doubt if from the beginning they could have managed without some outside support. We have other flourishing churches—Barker's Point, Halifax, Grand Harbour, Sussex, Old Town—that have assumed tremendous financial burdens from the beginning, although each have received some assistance from our Board and one of the great needs still is a Home Mission treasury capable of supporting heavy expenditures but rewarded with Reformed Baptist churches going up in New Brunswick in Nova Scotia and in the State of Maine that will feed our School, our Foreign Missionary Staff, our Ministry with new recruits — a veritable army of consecrated, God-fearing, men and women

The King's Highway

A NEW MEMBER . . .

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By the way, it seems not quite correct to say that I am self-supporting, for it is God who always has and does support me in a very wonderful way, without any of the usual "home support", nor have I ever been a professional missionary; though it seems lovely to have more or less dropped into the family circle of you good missionary-hearted friends.

My hope is to be with Harold and Shirley in their big work around Livingstone by about this time next year; meantime I have to help carry through E. T. T. C. to the close of this college year, then take a brief trip home to England, as it is 21 years since last I left Africa and feel that for the sakes of my few remaining relatives and friends, I ought at this point to pay them a visit.

A short time back I was listening to an address by a preacher who said quite a number of things which impressed me, but the thing which impressed me most was this; - "In these present days there is urgent need to get people saved, but even more urgent than that is the need to get people lost". That seemed to put into words a thing which I have long felt, - That the thing of first importance is to shake people out of their stupor of self-complacency into a realization of their lost, hopeless condition, and so ready to appreciate and accept salvation yes, whether it be the white peoples, the Africans, or the Indians with their scorn for the whites and their commonly-accepted standards of Christianity, that seems the prime need; and more or less unconsciously, that always is my plan of approach - first help them to realize that they are lost, then lead them to the feet of the Saviour.

As time goes on I hope to be able to tell more of the work, and to get some pictures taken too, of the big Rhodesian venture (must remember to take my along). And we do all need your prayers; - the work is so big, often hard and discouraging, and the enemy ever ready to frustrate our endeavours; and of what use is the best we can do unless the Holy Spirit is behind, within, and overshadowing all? For myself especially do I realise this, so although we may never meet in this world, I would close with the request for your special and continued prayers, that my future steps and labours may be kept ever in the centre of God's plan, fruitful, a blessing to others, and redound to His glory alone.

In the fellowship of His service

Affectionately yours,

Henry J. Hockley.

BARRENNESS AND FRUITFULNESS

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warmness!

The power which "brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus" is available to us. This is the power which brings revival. But this power will only be known by the Christ and in the Church as we are "dead indeed unto self and alive unto God." Let us pray!

that will become the backbone of our movement, sharing with us the mighty responsibility of making Christ known in all His saving and sanctifying grace to the Nations.

Let the whole Church take seriously this appeal for an all-out effort on our Home Mission Sunday and lay on the altar such an expression of our desire and faith for the extension of the work God has entrusted to us that things can be done that otherwise are absolutely impossible.