

The Jet Age

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It is no news to us to be told that we are living in days of speed and progress. The world can be traversed in a matter of hours. People can talk to each other across continents. Scientifically-Medicinally-Temporally, **PROGRESS** is the key word. Expense in all these fields is considered negligible in the ultimate aim and end of all man's effort and endeavour. Nothing is too great a sacrifice to achieve a certain conclusion. Money, time and Thought go into every project that men feel is worthy of promotion. If the motives be right in all these fields of endeavour, what a civilization would be ours. We would need a better word than, "UTOPIA" to describe it.

How does all this apply to the realm of Christian effort? Ringing in my ears are the words of Jesus, "The children of this world are in their generation WISER than the children of Light."

Speed and progress are about the last two words in the vocabulary of the Christian Church. Stagnation and immobility is only too well known and seen. Our history speaks against our reason for existence. Whitened fields still unrequited after 2000 years. One third of the earth's population in want of food and shelter. Millions of people still without the Word of Salvation.

The Home Mission Board has endeavoured to enlighten all the Reformed Baptist Churches and people that we must hurry and progress if we are to keep alive the proclamation of our message.

For a small insignificant sum of \$4.00 a year through the JET system every one can have a part promoting and sustaining the work in new places. Since the inauguration of our JET program, new communities have been entered, buildings purchased or built, pastors supported, Churches organized, souls saved and sanctified; all this because YOU have given in answer to our appeal.

This coming "HOME MISSION SUNDAY" let us pledge our allegiance to the work and become in the truest sense ALIVE in this JET age.

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It Was That

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It is difficult to determine at times just what single thing brought about failure or success, but usually, if there is a careful "backtracking" of the signs along the trail one arrives at the spot where some deed, attitude or person turned our pathway upward or downward. We have patiently and prayerfully waited at the altar while some frustrated and bewildered soul was going back over the chain of events that had brought them to that place of sorrow and tears—the beginning was hard to find. Then suddenly the Holy Spirit would reveal that insignificant little link. "It was that!" would be the sudden exclamation, and from there on the way back to victory and blessing was comparatively easy.

I stood beside an elderly man in his office on the third floor of a business establishment in one of the New England cities last year. This man had lived a decade past his "three score years and ten" and had acquired nearly a million dollars, a worthy reputation for himself and many friends. I stood quietly as the old gentleman went back across the long years. Suddenly he turned to me with tears in his eyes and spoke with emphasis. "It was that! I just had to succeed with that influence in the beginning of my life". If we can clear away the debris and the ashes of failure, or the laurels of success, it will be there—little or big, the thing that counted so much.

A short time ago a sister denomination that was losing her place in spreading the gospel at a point where she had once excelled, began to "backtrack," or search for the source of failure. Barring human frailties, they had done their best. They were continuing to do their best. There were just two ways to regain the status of success they had enjoyed in the past: they would have to tap new resources; have more adherents. They had arrived at the place where they could say with assurance, "It was that." They had failed to keep their Home Mission Program on par with the other projects. That denomination is making some real adjustments. We trust it is not too late.

May we, as a denomination, have the measure of success that will cause us to say, when the saints go marching, "It was that." We kept Christ at the head and every project received the right attention. While we strengthen our denominational body, let us remember the feet on which we stand. PLEASE NOTE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF HOME MISSION DAY.

HOME MISSION DAY

September 28th

THREE NEW PLACES WITH THE GOSPEL THIS YEAR

- We solicit the prayers of **All** our people for Home Missions
- Strive to have **every** member on the **Gospel Jet** list.
- We are desperately in need of a **Generous Offering** from **Each** Church on Home Mission Day.

The King's Highway

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