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FROM LIVERPOOL, N. S.

To Our Many Highway Friends, Christian Greetings:

We invite you to praise the Lord with us, "as we declare His works with rejoicing". (Psalm 107:22).

It has been a little over two years since we arrived in the Mersey town of Liverpool, pitched our tent and began to proclaim the good tidings of Christ's gospel. Especially at this Thanksgiving season do we have much reason to rejoice.

On Thanksgiving Monday our church here was organized with the receiving into membership of eight precious people. The service was marked from the beginning with the presence of the Lord. Our home Mission president, Rev. M. W. Bagley brought a stirring challenging and convicting message. Almost all our churches on the district were represented and several of the ministers took part in the service. Our Halifax church should be given special thanks for, while not on this particular district, over twenty attended with the pastor Rev. G. B. Bridgeo who sang two numbers, "Each Step I Take", and "Little is Much When God is in it."

How thankful we are for what the Lord has accomplished in so short a time. With a church erected and now organized how grateful we all should be as a Holiness people for the door He has opened for us here. Another Holiness church, "tho' only begun" causes me to say "Glory be to God!"

Also we would like to report a baptism, (our first in Liverpool) when five who have been saved in our work followed the Lord into the baptismal waters.

Since writing last to you through the Highway we have had Rev. A. D. Cann and Dr. E. H. Brown for evangelistic services. In both meetings much good was accomplished and the preaching was of the highest order.

We appreciate the privilege that is ours today of labouring for the Master. The people here have treated us in a wonderful way. The altar was lined with many good things for Thanksgiving and only recently a gift of money to purchase a front-room carpet was donated.

Elsie and I wish to extend our deepest appreciation to those of you who have helped and have shared in "Liverpool" in any way. To all who have prayed, supported the Home Mission Budgets, sent us personal gifts, clothing, Sunday School papers and have stood with us we say, "Thank You."

Our expectation for Liverpool is that while only in its infancy and beginning now it shall be in the near future a powerful influence for righteousness and Holiness.

In coming here we felt it was attempting something too great for us, but we expected our Christ to do just what He has done, for this is just the kind of a God He is. For all His accomplishments and the workings of His grace we can truly say, "It is the Lord's doing and marvellous in our eyes".

There is still much to be done and may the Lord richly bless you as you continue to stand with us in prayer for souls to be saved here in Liverpool.

Yours in Christ,

Elsie and Oland Kent

MISSIONS: A POINT OF NO RETURN

by Rev. A. D. Cann

"You cannot tempt me with any money to descend again the cliffs of Southern Head," stated Vernon Bagley to his friends of Grand Manan." But, "if it involved saving a life, I would return again," he confessed.

Bagley had reference to the terrible night of February 25th when he was lowered by a rope a distance of about two hundred feet to rescue Floyd Jones from certain death.

"Lord keep your hand upon the rocks," Vernon prayed as he stepped over the bank into the teeth of a biting gale plus rocks, ice and snow.

A point of no return has been defined in terms of travel. When a plane reaches a point when the distance to destination is nearer than the distance to starting point, it is called a point of no return. This term was used by pilots in the last war. It was reached over enemy territory when the risk to return to base was equal to the risk of the mission. This is the point of no return.

Missions is a point of no return. Too much dedicated energy and money has been put into missions to retreat. Too much is involved. We must respond to the challenge to go forward. Not to go forward is to lose our motivation. THIS WE MUST NOT LOSE. The missionary program is the life-line of the church. This must be strengthened with a vigorous promotional program at local and denominational levels. Stern motivation for our missionary work gives direction and dynamic to every area of Christian service.

We appeal for prayer support for our work on the Reef. This is a wide area about sixty miles in length which is rich in gold. It runs East and West through Johannesburg and is the home of one and one half million Bantu people.

About a decade ago Harold Kierstead and his father witnessed in several of the homes of these people. In 1955 Paul and Mary Sanders began missionary work in this area. Prior to this time Paul had served many years in this field as a prison chaplain. Consequently he was well acquainted with the people and the great need. God has blessed the dedicated efforts of our missionaries and already we have churches in Daveyton, Natalspruit and one planned for Kalfontein.

The Reef is the most densely populated area of Africa. It is one of our newest mission fields. It requires our prayers and financial support. To fail to give this dual support is to tie the hands of our missionaries. This we cannot do without making our hands red with blood. Missions is a point of no return. We must go forward or die.

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Just in the proportion in which we believe that God will do just what He has said is our faith strong or weak. Faith has nothing to do with feelings or with impressions. If we desire to couple them with faith, then we are no longer resting on the Word of God, because faith needs nothing of the kind.—George Muller.