

chains of death and darkness, and crying out—'My Lord and my God!' In the midst of all my joys, in less than half an hour after my soul was set at liberty, the Lord discovered to me my labor in the ministry, and call to preach the Gospel. I cried out, 'Amen. Lord, I'll go, I'll go! Send me, send me!'

He looked abroad on what is now the Maritime Provinces, and saw the religious condition of the people. Mr. Alline's ministry began in 1776.

The holy passion to save souls consumed him, and blinded him to all obstacles. He seemed to fly over the country. Where he found no bridle path he dismounted and, both in summer and winter, either threaded his way through forests or along sea-shores or risked the peril of the sea in schooners or open boats.

The eight years into which Henry Alline poured the rich treasure of his life, made a new epoch in the religious history of these provinces. Only the omniscient Christ, the head of the Church, sees the full fruitage of that ministry on the souls saved and in the faith-life of the people of the Maritime Provinces. It has pulsed in every revival since that day; and will go on throbbing to the end of time. The tendency of the sentiments and powerful preaching of Henry Alline was to upset usages so hoary with age that they were considered by them who practised and defended them as their special possession, received by an inherited and Divine right. The central principle operating in Alline's teaching and general labors was, in effect, an attack upon the foundations of this state of things in the Province. Upon each man and woman and intelligent child, the evangelist rolled the personal