

able religious awakening in the Province of Nova Scotia. Indeed, for about thirteen years previous to this time there had been local revivals at Horton, Falmouth and Newport. But there came a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people in connection with the preaching of the Rev. Henry Alline. It continued through his public life, a period of eight years. This revival began about fifteen years after the Puritans came to occupy the lands vacated by the expelled Acadian French. There was at this time in the religious life of the clergymen and the churches under their care a state of apathy and gross worldliness. The Episcopal and Puritan ministers and churches were droning away their lives. Godless living in its manifold forms was in the ascendant. Doubtless some of the ministers, and not a few members of the churches, were pious: but their influence had been neutralized until it had diminished almost to the vanishing point. The voice of Alline to the people was: Awake from the dead and Christ shall give you light. Both the Puritan and Episcopal ministers were startled and shocked, and at once took an attitude of hostility toward the leader of the revival.

Henry Alline, when twelve years old, emigrated with his parents from Connecticut to Falmouth in Nova Scotia. After a long season of agonizing spiritual conflict, Mr. Alline says that he came fully into the light. In his account of his conversion he says, "My soul that was a few minutes ago groaning under mountains of death, wading through storms of sorrow, racked with distressing fears and crying to an unknown God for help, was now filled with immortal love, soaring on the wings of faith, freed from the