

Well, now, this was very definitely a mission project. We went in there and they simply announced there is going to ~~a~~ be a church service in the school house, tonight. We went into the school house, and the local Sunday School missionary who covered an area ~~as~~ as big as the whole State of Penna., I believe, ~~was~~ conducted the service, and I preached. And they announced that I would hold services every Sunday after that. I had another ~~px~~ place seventy miles away from there, and I had to hitch hike between the two places. So that the amount of attention that you could give to either place was not great. But I could see that the effect upon the people, of having the whole ~~bt~~ business handled by an outside Board, which paid expenses, ~~a~~ was not a very healthy or salutary situation. They had the money, they could provide, ~~ixk~~

I heard Mr. Hitchcock say a statement once that impressed me very much. He said, ten people ~~if~~ if they will tith~~e~~ can support a minister. He said, twenty, if they will tith~~e~~, can certainly support a minister and pay necessary ~~a~~ expenses for their church. He said, thirty if they will tith~~e~~ can support a missionary and pay necessary expenses to support a foreign ~~missionary~~ missionary. Now, he may be a little more extreme in the number, but yet it certainly is true that all of our churches can do far more than they are doing. And this method of supporting the ~~a~~ pastor, of having the money paid by some ~~out-~~ outside body has very ~~great~~ great disadvantages. ~~A~~ A somewhat similar matter is that which is used in the Free Church of Scotland today. Not exactly similar by any means, but somewhat similar. There, all the monies that are taken in the collection from the various churches go into a central fund. And then from the central fund the salaries of all the ministers are paid. And all the ministers in the church get the same salary. So, that if you have a church of 25 people or if you have a church of 2,000 you get exactly the same salary. The ministers always have received the same salary, and all the collections go into the central fund.

Now, I stayed at the home of ~~amn~~ who had a country church with three or four hundred people there, most of them walking from a large distance, many of them, walking to the church on ~~Sundays~~ Sundays. Very beautiful to hear them