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THE INDIGENOUS CHURCH IDEAL

Finally, in a few isolated districts on some of the fields, the matter of building entirely on a strictly self-supporting basis from the very beginning has been adopted as basic policy. In some instances it has proceeded beyond the purely theoretical stage and promises great things, but, though full of encouragement, it is still largely an unknown venture, filled with the many perplexing problems that come from the inevitable compromises with reality that theory, rightly or wrongly, sometimes makes.

This brief summary of Alliance policy and experience, in regard to the whole question of the indigenous Church, has of necessity concerned itself with some of the more matter-of-fact aspects of the Christian Church from the dead level of heathenism. Every detail of that rise, every problem, and even every trial has been an occasion of man's extremity wherein the mighty power of God has triumphed in salvation, blessing, and the overflowing richness of Christian grace and spiritual maturity in our brethren in Christ of whatever race or language.

Self-support is Possible Everywhere

Self-support is possible anywhere if we think in terms of a Church that is truly indigenous and is willing to meet anywhere that may be available—the 'church in the house of' John Smith—and think in purely spiritual terms. The Rev. Roland Allen says:

'Self-support in a strictly financial sense is now one of the popular cries in the missionary world. For a long time men thought it impossible: they declared that the poverty of their converts was so profound that to expect them to provide the material for their common religious life was absurd, and many of our missionaries still say the same thing to-day. But that self-support from the very beginning is possible has been abundantly proved, not only in rare sporadic instances, but by the wider experience of those missionaries who set themselves to encourage the evangelization of the country by their converts from the very beginning, and that in spite of the fact that they laid upon them a very heavy and wholly unnecessary burden, by insisting that they must support paid teachers and catechists, and sometimes clergy, paid at a rate which approved itself to the foreign authorities.'

Roland Allen, in *The Spontaneous Expansion of the Church and the Causes Which Hinder It*.