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EDITORIAL

SPIRITUAL RECOVERY

It is not easy to recover lost ground. Easier to hold what we have than regain what has been taken from us. Too few people get back to the heights from which they have fallen, and fewer churches "repent and do the first works" after finding that they have "lost the first love." As a result multitudes of Christians and hundreds of churches are forced in all honesty to say "The former days were better than these."

We do not, in this instance, speak so much of people and churches who have drifted into outright backsliding, as of those who still maintain a good profession, have "works of faith, labour of love, and patience of hope," and yet are worthy of the Master's accusation: "I have somewhat against thee . . ." To all such, our Lord addresses a tender appeal: "Remember from whence thou hast fallen, and repent, and do the first works."

"Remember turn back to the days which preceded the time of spiritual decline; recall the spirit of your service, the temperature of your devotion. 'What fear, what vehement desire, what zeal . . .' moved the heart in those first-love days! What jealous care over your fellowship with God, what singleness of mind in the work of the kingdom! Remember, and stirred by the recollections . . ."

"Repent . . ." Dwelling in the searching atmosphere of that place "from whence thou hast fallen," we may be moved to tears and prayers of penitence quite easily. What we have seen in the backward look, what we have felt in the retrospective mood, creates a sense of lack and a hunger of soul, that will, if yielded to, bring us in repentant mood to Him who longs for the kindling of love's sacred fire.

"Do the first works . . ." Bowing in humble contrition at the mercy seat, giving vent to tearful plea for forgiveness, discovery is made that spiritual decline is due to lack of spiritual diligence. Loss has been suffered through neglect, and recovery can only be genuine and permanent as we take up the tools we have laid aside and set ourselves to the tasks too long left undone. In the renewal of diligent service the repentant delinquent will find the way to spiritual recovery.

REPORT

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in the Master's name.

In September, 1944, I accepted a call to become pastor of "The Gospel Tabernacle" at Presque Isle, Maine. They extended to me the privilege of remaining with them for two years. I agreed to stay for one year. My year closed on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, 1945. My stay in Presque Isle was a pleasant one. I found a loyal little band who loved the Saviour and enjoyed the preaching of "Full Salvation." While I was their pastor they purchased a new lot and plan to build greater in days to come. Besides giving to "The Oriental Society" for missions, they gave the same amount to our R. B. work in Africa. God gave us a few souls while we were in the Tabernacle at Presque Isle. They hated to have me leave and I hated to go. I was trying to listen to the voice of God. He seemed to be calling me elsewhere and I said, "Here am I." I am glad to learn that Lic. H. McGeorge has become pastor at "The Presque Isle Gospel Tabernacle." May God give the pastor and people a fine year.

The Reformed Baptist Denomination has become conscious that the dream of years has become a gracious reality. That dream was a Holiness Bible Institute under the auspices of our own church. In the early thirties, Rev. E. A. Keirstead dreamed and talked school. In the twenties some of us talked school, but seemed to talk in vain. I am informed that over 50 years ago Rev. A. Kinney (father of Rev. Ella Sanders) and others dreamed of a Bible School.

Before going to Beulah this past summer the Bible School seemed to be getting into the system of the entire denomination. It was talked over by little groups and dealt with at the Young People's Convention and at the Quarterly Meetings.

At Beulah the writer in his report for the churches dared to predict that our denomination was about to take the great step—the establishment of the new Bible School. We dared to state with Caleb of old, "We are well able." At the ministers' meeting the question of the new Bible School was dealt with. At a session of the Alliance plans were formulated and committees named. At Riverside the plans were finally made and the faculty named.

We had a very short time in which to secure students and funds. The task was a gigantic one. My health was not at par. I was asked to be the Field Representative. I didn't have much faith in my strength, but I did have faith that our God was able, and that we would open our new school in October. In three weeks I visited the following places: Belvidere, Me. (Crystal uniting), Presque Isle, Me., Fort Fairfield, Me., Gordonsville, N. B., Hartland, N. B. (Victoria uniting), Lr. Brighton, N. B., Meductic, N. B., Fredericton, N. B., Marysville, N. B., Saint John, N. B., Black's Harbour, N. B., Head of Millstream, N. B., Killam's Mills, N. B., Salem, N. B., Moncton, N. B., Seal Cove, N. B., North Head, N. B., Amherst, N. S., Westchester, N. S., Calais, Me. (Crawford uniting), Jonesport, Me., and Beals, Me. I think I received about three thousand dollars in pledges in about three weeks. Revs. H. S. Dow, F. A. Watson, A. D. Cann and Lic. Mary Campbell helped me out by visiting other places. They received pledges that amounted to seventeen or eigh-

teen hundred dollars. They visited Perth, N. B., Woodstock, N. B., Middle Southampton, N. B. (Lr. Southampton and Greenbush uniting), Millville, N. B. (Maple Ridge and Hainesville uniting), Port Maitland, N. S. (Sandford, Havelock and Wood's Harbour uniting). The Seal Cove Church gave me a pledge of five hundred dollars. That was the highest single pledge that I received. Miss Campbell was designated the pleasant task of taking pledges at Woodstock. She received pledges between eight and nine hundred dollars. Thus the Woodstock Church stood at the head of the list.

On October 3rd, 1945, the Reformed Baptist Denomination (which organized in Woodstock in November, 1888) again made history by registering their students at the Reformed Baptist parsonage, Woodstock, N. B. The classes are held in the basement of the R. B. Church. Rev. H. L. Robertson is the principal. He and Miss Mary Campbell are very efficient teachers in the High School department. The writer has been given the task of teaching in the Bible and Theological Department. By God's help we stepped out and by His help we shall advance. Rev. F. A. Watson is our capable business manager. We also have a fine Board of Trustees, with capable men as additional members. We believe that we are backed by a denomination of loyal members who will support with their prayers and means. Fifteen fine young men and women are already in our school. Others are coming later. God has planted, God is watering, and God is going to give the increase. To Him be all the glory. Amen!

Yours for a bigger, better and more blessed "Holiness Bible Institute." G. A. ROGERS

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF OUR HOME MISSION BOARD

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings:

A word to you regarding the Home Mission work of our denomination. We are committed to considerable expenditure as a Board and we would remind you of our needs as such.

Due to the fact that we purchased a new property at Beulah, and the launching of the Holiness Bible Institute, we decided not to make any special drive this year as formerly. That is the setting of any special day and offering.

But we do not want our societies and churches to forget us. Our work is great so our needs are great. "The fields are white unto the harvest" and He is sending our young men and women into His fields and we want to help these young pastors, evangelists, teachers, in spreading Scriptural Holiness and establishing Holiness churches, and one great way will be to finance them, at least in a measure. So remember the Home Mission Board. Rev. G. R. Symonds is our treasurer. Keep him busy.

Yours for the strengthening of our home work: J. A. OWENS

WEDDINGS

Nash-Hilyard

On the evening of Jan. 2nd, 1946, Betty Mae, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hilyard, of Fort Fairfield, Maine, was united in marriage to Clayton Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Nash, of Addison, Maine, by Rev. S. G. Hilyard, uncle of the bride.