

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

Fourteen candidates were received into church membership at Moncton Sunday morning, December 29th, in an impressive service. The right hand of fellowship was given by the pastor, Rev. B. C. Cochrane.

Rev. G. A. Delong will conduct the radio devotional period over C.H.S.J., Saint John, N. B., January 6th—11th, 8.30—8.45 a.m. Dr. David Wilson will assist Brother Delong in some of these broadcasts.

Rev. B. C. Cochrane will speak over radio station CKCW, Moncton, January 14th—17th, 8.45—9.00 a.m.

The second semester of our Bible Institute opens January 7th; and it is expected that the enrollment will be highest since the school opened.

Rev. F. A. Dunlop will assist Lic. Hubert McGeorge in special services at Presque Isle, Maine, Jan. 5th-19th.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Last summer our Alliance voted as follows: "Resolved that Executive of Alliance be associated with the Hartland Circuit in providing a missionary home and that the matter be attended to at once." (Page 13 in Minutes). Since the meeting of the Alliance the Executive have worked with the Hartland Circuit and a location has been agreed on; some materials have been provided, with expectation of building as soon as spring weather permits. An experienced contractor has agreed to do the work at that time and it is with our good people to do all we can to make this home available to our present returned missionaries. Will you please send all contributions to Rev. F. A. Dunlop, Fredericton, N. B. An acknowledgment will be made in The Highway.

PLEDGES RECEIVED ON NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Mrs. E. E. Camereon	\$100.00
A. D. Cann	25.00
H. S. Wilson	50.00
Roland Linton	30.00
G. R. Symonds	25.00
Wm. Morgan Jr.	50.00
Olin Hilman	56.00
P. J. Trafton	50.00
Wm. Brown	50.00
Miss Uta Chase	25.00
Chester Greene	25.00
Pearl True	5.00
Harry Hayward	10.00
F. L. Blackwell	25.00
Alton Urkhart	3.50
Mrs. Manford Pitt	5.00
Randolph Nickerson	25.00
Beatrice Bamford	5.00
Mrs. Joseph Parks	50.00

We appreciate so much your support in this matter. If others who have pledged toward the payment of our School Property can make a part or full payment of their pledge in the very near future, it will help us very much. Send all money for the payment of the School buildings to me. Send all money for the current expenses of the School to Lic. Ralph Ingersol, Woodstock, N. B. Money, for these purposes, have been sent to different parties connected with our work. This makes for confusion. Please note this, and mail all Denominational funds to the proper persons.

FRASER DUNLOP,

Alliance Treasurer.

PERTH PARSONAGE FUND

Marysville Church	\$25.00
Slipp Sisters	25.00
Weymouth Church	15.00
Perth Sunday School	3.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Reid, In Memory	
Fleda Smith	10.00
Judson Saunders	3.50
Rev. P. J. Trafton	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tompkins	25.00
Rev. R. T. Sabine	15.00
Friend (Fredericton)	25.00

This makes a total on hand of \$638.00 for which we sincerely thank the good people who have given.

We would like to be able to raise enough money to put this building up in the spring.

Please send your donation to H. G. McCrea, Perth, N. B.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

If your Highway subscription is in arrears, will you kindly send your renewal to us as soon as possible? Every label should read 1947 to be paid up. We are supplying our pastors with information concerning the subscribers of their churches and communities, so if you are in doubt as to when your renewal is due, he will help you. Please co operate as we seek to bring all our subscriptions up to date. Thank you for your assistance in the past and the help we know you will give us in response to this appeal.

THE EDITOR.

We wish to extend to all our Highway readers everywhere sincere and prayerful good wishes for 1947. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

EXAMPLE OF THE EARLY CHRISTIANS

(By R. Barclay Warren)

That the early body of Christians were eminently successful is evidenced from the fact that from their beginning, the Gospel has now encircled the earth. The Church was not perfect. There were hypocrites in it, as Ananias and Sapphira. Improvements had to be made in the ministration to the widows, yet in spite of its imperfections, thousands were added to the Lord.

Acts 2:42 gives a brief description of the Church, "And they, continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." The Christians accepted the teachings of the apostles, who had been taught by Jesus Christ and by the Holy Ghost. They did not try to modify the teaching of repentance or the declaration of God's wrath against the ungodly who persistently rejected His Son as their Saviour.

There was a marvellous fellowship. As partakers of the common Lord, they were members one of another. The practicality of this fellowship was seen in the fact of their willingness to share and distribute to all, as every man had need.

Though their mode of worship was simple, they did not neglect the observance of the Lord's Supper. They were also a praying people. They communed with God. He heard their prayer of faith.

The people were steadfast in all of these. They were not spasmodic or merely Sunday Christians. If we would pattern more closely

after the early Church we would without a doubt be a more effective instrument in the world today. The world is in dire need of such a body of people who will continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

PERSEVERANCE IN PRAYER

"And shall not God avenge His own elect, which cry day and night unto Him, though He bear long with them?" (Luke 18:7).

No service in the Lord's vineyard is easy. It takes quite a number of years before vines are ready to bear fruit; consequently they require much care, attention, cultivation and pruning before they will yield a bountiful increase. When, finally, the fruit has ripened, it requires more work—that of picking it before it is over-ripe.

The evangelist has no easy time of traveling about in his work. The missionary must persevere through all sorts of hardships in order that those to whom he is sent may learn of the Christ, and be saved. Neither is the ministry of intercession an easy one.

The foregoing Scripture text speaks of the children of God crying to Him day and night, earnestly pleading with Him to answer, because of the urgency of the need. Perseverance is the sign of real faith, for anyone who really believes that God is "a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" will certainly "pray through," although it may be long before the answer comes.

God always works in answer to fervent, believing, persevering prayer. Moses became so wearied in holding up his hands in intercession for Israel that two men had to hold up his arms for him; and Israel conquered so long as his hands were raised toward Heaven. George Muller prayed for more than fifty years for an unsaved friend, and though he did not live to see the answer to his prayers, shortly after Muller's death his friend was saved.

In a small village in Canada, an evangelistic quartet garnered in some fifty souls in one evening's evangelistic service. But it was not all as easy as that. A faithful Christian woman had spent many long hours in unceasing prayer for the people of that district.

Just a year before the Nazi invasion of Norway, a great revival swept that country. In tent meetings hundreds of souls found Christ as their personal Savior. People of all ages, classes and occupations cried out to God for mercy. Evangelists reported that at times there was not stepping-room, for people lying on the floor, weeping over their sins. Even the Bishop of the State Church of Norway was saved in the old-fashioned way; and afterward when he was put into an internment camp, he led Nazi soldiers to Christ. And reports came through that because of Nazi persecution, the revival grew immensely, and increased in effectiveness.

But how did it all come about? A little band of Christians had prayed for twenty-three years that God would send a real Holy Ghost revival.

"I tell you, he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8).

—W. T. Laskowski.