

Rom. 2:28. Read also Luke 1-73, Where the father of John the Baptist interprets the promises made to Abraham. The oath which God swore to our father Abraham, that He would grant unto us that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life. Not a word there in the oath and promise about the Jews inheriting the land of Palestine, which was meant to be only a type to God's people of the experience of holiness for this life. Hence Zacharias gave us the spiritual interpretation of the promise.

But some one says did not Paul write to the Romans that all Israel shall be saved? He did, but who are the Israel? He says also, all are not Israel who are of Israel, meaning the same as he meant when he said, he is not a Jew who is one outwardly. He said they shall be grafted in or saved if they abide not in unbelief. Rom. 11-23, or in other words Israel or the Jews can be saved if they come to God through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus like all men must in this time now, which is the day of salvation. Jesus now is on the mediatorial throne as our mediator in the presence of God for us. Heb. 9-24. But, he says when once the master of the house is risen up and shut to the door, and you begin to knock and say Lord Lord open unto us; He shall answer and say I know you not. Notice, please, you folk who are looking for a chance to get saved after Jesus comes, either Jews or Russelites. How can sinners come to God without a mediator. Jesus now is our mediator, and all may come to God through Him. But when the master Jesus, is risen up and shut the door (Mercies Door), He will take the judgment seat and sit upon the throne of his glory and before Him shall be gathered All Nations (Jews included) then the day of mercy which is now will be past. Mat. 25-31. Then how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation. Heb. 2-3.

D. V. B. S. REPORT

You, who during the summer months remembered daily in prayer the various Daily Vacation Bible Schools being conducted in our churches, will be encouraged I'm sure by the report of a blessed and successful summer of service for the Master. It was you, who remained at home and quietly yet continually prayed God's blessing on our schools, that gave inspiration and strength to we who were out in the work.

For the directors and teachers it was a busy summer, exacting many hours of study, planning and class preparation; yet always accompanied by the inward joy and satisfaction of laboring for the Master. For many of the young people it has meant sacrifice, but which in contrast with the experience, blessing and sheer joy of service for their Lord seemed small indeed.

To fully appreciate the report of the year's endeavor let's first take a glance at what was accomplished last year. Only seven schools were held in '48, reaching less than five hundred children. This year under the leadership of some eleven directors we conducted 23 Daily Vacation Bible Schools, reaching over fourteen hundred children with the good news of salvation, to which over fifty young hearts responded. About thirty dollars was raised by pupil offerings for missions.

For this increase we do praise God but al-

ready we are looking ahead for a greater summer in 1950, as there are still at least a dozen of our church circuits which have not yet had a D. V. B. S. We trust next year's report will include every church!

Of special interest this year was the inauguration of a D. V. B. S. at both our Beulah and Riverside Camps which we trust was of benefit to children and parents alike.

The whole-hearted cooperation from entire communities, including peoples of other denominations, the willingness of local church members to teach or help in any way possible; little children walking miles over dusty country roads, mothers taking the family car to collect children for as much as a five, or ten mile radius; the frequent plea of an earnest youngster "Can't we have it all summer?" these and many other experiences are part of the abundant remuneration for all the work involved.

Among our corps of directors and teachers this year were the following: Miss Ruth Harding, Miss Vesta Dunlop, Mrs. Joseph Moses, Eileen Flanders, Jean Hammon, Frances Langille, Marion MacCallum, Alma Cox, Mildred MacGeorge, Belva Ingalls, Bertie Harvey, Beulah Green, Mrs. Aubrey McNulty, William Morgan, Roosevelt Benson, Fred McCormick, and Grant MacCallum. These along with many others from the local churches did a fine job presenting the Gospel to the boys and girls.

Due to sickness it was necessary for some schools to be cancelled. Those churches holding schools in Maine were: Presque Isle, Beals, Jonesport and Riverside Camp. In New Brunswick: Perth, Hartland, Woodstock, Meductic, Millville, Storeytown, Millstream, Killams Mills, Grey's Mills, Beulah Camp, Black's Harbor, Seal Cove, North Head. In Nova Scotia: Truro, Londonderry, Westchester, Port Maitland, Sandford, and Havelock.

Let's not forget these boys and girls during the winter months, but provide every opportunity for them to grow and advance in spiritual things. And let's pray and plan now for D. V. B. S. '50!

LETTERS FROM OUR PASTORS

Island Falls, Me.

Dear Highway Friends:

We wish to report victory from this part of God's vineyard. We have enjoyed the renewing of old acquaintances and meeting new friends since coming to this field of labor.

We entreat that prayer be made for revival services that shall begin with the Crystal Church, Nov. 6th. Rev. L. E. Stroud, his wife and a Sister Vincent have been engaged for this meeting. On Saturday evening, Oct. 22nd, a goodly number from the church and community met at the parsonage in honor of the pastor's birthday. A very pleasant time was spent followed by refreshments of ice cream and cake, including a beautiful birthday cake, served by the ladies. When prayer had been offered and good-nights spoken we discovered we had been remembered with a generous donation of farm produce and groceries. May God's richest blessings rest upon these good people.

In Christian Fellowship,

S. G. and MRS. HILYARD

Seal Cove, N. B.

Dear Highway Family:

We wish to report the meeting we conducted recently in our Wood Island Church, having

as our evangelist the Mullen Trio—Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Mullen and son Paul.

The meeting went four Sundays. Conviction rested upon hearts. Some yielded for which we praise God, but many for whom prayers have gone up for years still resisted the Spirit's pleadings.

Our workers labored faithfully and under the anointing of the Spirit, declaring the truth of God with no uncertain sound.

Our prayers are that the seed sown will yet bear a bountiful harvest.

Yours for souls,

RONALD T. SABINE

THERE IS NO BACK FENCE

J. B. Chapman, D. D.

All true Christians are evangelists by virtue of their obedience to the Great Commission of our Lord, found in the 28th chapter of Matthew. No matter how limited his activities, the true Christian possesses the spirit of evangelism, and the spirit of evangelism is the spirit of missions. Christians are the lamps through which the light of the gospel is destined to shine, and it is impossible to dim the light so that it does not shine abroad without also dimming its shining close at hand. The same spirit that makes one neighbor to the man across the street makes him neighbor also to the man across the sea.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is an unlimited message, and is adopted to men of every age and race and clime and station and condition in life. Its doctrines are adapted to man's intellect. Its ethics appeal to the conscience. Its atoning blood of infinite worth meets man's sense of insufficiency by offering him efficacy or merit which is adequate. The Holy Spirit is an efficient agent, and answers the requirements of man's heart by purifying it from all sin. The gospel's condition is faith, and faith is a condition that all men can meet. The assurances of the gospel are satisfying to man's innate demand for present and permanent safety. The hope of the gospel is the fullest and brightest possible and reaches out beyond all limits of space and time unto unbounded and unmeasured immortality.

Without the gospel men are without Christ, and without Christ men are lost. In and through the gospel all men may be saved, and there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby any can be saved. And since the hopes of all are wrapped up in the gospel, and since the gospel is the heritage and responsibility of the Church, therefore the salvation of all men is laid in the lap of those who have themselves been made partakers of this priceless boon.

If some men are harder to reach, that is their responsibility—it is still our task to give them the gospel and reach them and bring them to Christ. If it is more expensive of men and money to reach some than others, then we must pay that larger price, for we must give the gospel to men. Christ's field is the whole round world, and on such a world there is no back fence. Let us place the gospel trumpet to our lips and sound forth so that all may hear the universal call. "Whosoever will, let him come and take of the water of life freely."

Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth. God does nothing but in answer to prayer.—John Wesley.