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EDITORIAL

UNION AND UNITY

The special services on church union, announced in the Sept. 30th Highway, are history. The first meeting was held at Saint John, N. B., Oct. 19th, and the last at Jonesport, Maine, Oct. 30th. Nearly 2,000 miles were covered by land, sea, and air and meetings were held in ten churches.

The attendance at all the services was very good. Because of the nature of the meetings, no effort was made to attract those outside our church membership. However, our own people responded splendidly and attendance ranged from church auditoriums half filled to capacity congregations. The pastors of the entertaining churches are to be commended for their fine co-operation in planning for the services. Our people responded generously, as usual, in contributing of their means to assist in caring for the financial obligations of the meetings.

Dr. Williamson dealt with the proposed union frankly and fairly. He stated his belief that the uniting of our churches would result in a more effective ministry by both our groups in home and foreign missionary efforts, educational work, and the general work assigned to us. The messages were followed by question periods when Dr. Williamson was asked to explain the position of the Church of the Nazarene on such matters as property holding, church financing, calling of pastors, baptism, divorce, etc. There was evidence of a thoughtful consideration of the matter by our pastors and people and the question and answer periods, usually lasting for an hour or more, were invariably interesting and illuminating. A fine spirit prevailed. There was no contention or strife. Christian candour and courtesy were beautifully blended.

We are firmly united on two fundamentally important points: (1) We want the will of God; (2) We purpose to keep united whatever the ultimate decision on the proposal under consideration. Whether union is consummated or not, we purpose to "keep the unity of the Spirit." God knows what is best. "He knows the way, he holds the key, He guides with unerring hand." If we seek His will carefully and prayerfully and then do it together, all will be well. Let us keep united at this important point.

OUR BUDGETS FOR 1949-50

The Budget System as a plan for financing our denominational work was introduced last year and with very encouraging results. Not every church accepted the responsibility allotted to it, nor did every church that agreed to co-operate reach the goal set by our committee, but a strong majority of our churches did co-operate and many reached the goals set for them. As a consequence, we had a record year in the financial phase of our work. More money was raised for all purposes last year than in any other year of our denominational history.

The budget allocations for this church year have been set and sent out. The needs of our work in the field of education, home and foreign missions, and denominational organization require at least as much support as they received last year, and more if possible.

It is our hope that all pastors and people will co-operate in seeking to reach the goals set for them. Some churches have heavy local committments in pastoral support, building programmes, etc., but do not forget that if the work of the denomination is to continue and advance provision must be made for its support. No pastor will be the poorer for encouraging his church to support the work of the denomination, and no church will need neglect its building programme by giving according to request to missions, school, etc.

Our various funds are in need of support right now. The heavy demands on our General Fund have drained the treasury, our Alliance Treasurer states, and the home and foreign missionary efforts, constantly expanding, need financial support.

All our churches are requested to send a portion of their budget allocations to the treasurers as soon as possible. If each church could send 25% of the amount asked for our present needs could be met.

BUDGET FUND TREASURERS

Alliance Fund: Rev. F. A. Dunlop, Bethany Bible College, Yarmouth, N. S.

Foreign Missions: Rev. F. A. Watson, Marysville, N. B.

Home Missions: Rev. G. R. Symonds, Perth, N. B.

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THE CONQUEROR

No matter how the storms may rage
Upon the sea of life,
No matter how the waves may beat—
No matter what the strife,
The Lord is just the same today
As when He walked the sea,
And He can conquer every storm
That life may bring to thee.

The waves are raging everywhere,
And men are sore distressed;
But all they need is found in Him
Who giveth perfect rest;
So cast your care upon the Lord,
Whose strength shall never fail;
He calms the waves for your frail bark,
His power shall e'er prevail.

-Sel.

THE MANHOOD OF JESUS

By Dr. Peter Wiseman

The man Christ Jesus (I Timothy 2:5)

"The greatest thing in the world," said Dr. James Gordon, "is personality." The greatest personality in history was Jesus Christ. The greatest thing about Jesus Christ was the truth which He uttered. His words—truth in expression. His acts—truth in illustration. His miracles—truth in demonstration. His life—truth in splendid incarnation. His character—truth in living manifestation. Here we have a system of theology in six words—"As the truth is in Jesus."

"The man Christ Jesus!" "Behold the man" is the prophetic cry. The angel of the Lord said, "Thou shalt call his name JESUS." Paul said, "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." He is verily and truly man. The human nature that He assumed, that He took, and the human conditions under which He appeared, included all that belongs to man—sin excepted, of course, for He knew no sin.

The expression "Son of man" is found about eighty times. He was made flesh, born of a woman, became a child, made in the likeness of man, revealed in His life the qualities of a real human being; grew, hungered, slept, sorrowed, was tempted, grieved, suffered, died, and was buried. The first man is of the earth, earthly; "The second man is the Lord from heaven."

"This man," Christ Jesus, is greater than all His predecessors; greater than all the prophets, priests, and kings of the old economy; for they, in typical offices, pointed to Him who was to come. "For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses." We often speak about the great, such as "Alexander the Great," "Frederick the Great," "Napoleon the Great," "Alfred the Great"; but He alone is supremely worthy to bear the title. 'He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest."

"This man," "the second man," is perfect, and ideal. "The integrity of His manhood admitted no defeat in any of its elements, nor any superfluity." He was sinless, "without sin," "knew no sin," and His life proved the truth of scripture declaration on this line.

Ideal! What a wonderful ideal for young men! "Follow me," He said, "and I will make you," and He does make all who follow. "Walk in love," said Paul, "as Christ also hath loved us, and given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."

"This man" is noted for His activity and obedience; "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day." He "went about doing good." 'I do always those things that please him."

"This man continueth ever." Where is Mohammed?—Dead. Where are all the great leaders of sects and religions?—Dead. Where is Christ?—Alive. "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." "I know men," said Napoleon to General Bertrand, "and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man. Superficial minds see a resemblance between Christ and the founders of empires, and the gods of other religions. That resemblance does not exist. There is between Christianity and whatever other religions the distance of infinity. Everything in Him astonishes me. His spirit overawes me."