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EDITORIAL

FINANCE FOR ADVANCE

Last fall, when visiting our churches, I recall stating on several occasions that if our denomination was to accept the present challenge to go forward in its extension, educational and missionary endeavours, strong financial support must be given by one and all. I suggested that our advance for God would call for a spirit of giving that would carry us far beyond tithes and budgets, pledges and loans, a spirit of vision and consecration that would lead to the investment of not only tens and hundreds of dollars, but thousands.

We cannot do God's work without money. It takes money to support evangelistic campaigns in home mission work, to buy or build churches, and support workers who are willing to do pioneer work in our extension programme. It takes money to build new dormitories, chapels, etc., that our Bible School property may have suitable facilities to accommodate a growing student body, and it takes more money to increase the personnel of the teaching staff to the expansion of our educational programme and the provision of more advanced training for young men and women who need and desire the best preparation possible for the work to which God has called them. It takes money to send missionaries to the foreign field, to support them after they arrive, and to bring into being the visions they have for churches, hospitals, schools, and other projects necessary to the spread of the gospel among the underprivileged and unenlightened people who sit in darkness. Yes, it takes money, and much of it, to support the onward march of the armies of the living God.

We wish to acknowledge the splendid response of our people in respect to the financial need created by the plan for progress adopted by our denomination. Acceptance of the challenge of God for advancement in the various fields referred to, called for our assuming financial responsibility that seemed out of all proportion to ordinary standards of giving, but the pressing demand of needs unmistakably obvious, and the clarion call to advancement and progress for the glory of the Lord and the salvation of souls, called for but one decision—forward in His name! And faith has been honoured, honoured by a spirit of giving unprecedented in our denominational history.

At last year's Alliance we were asked to consider purchase of a beautiful property in Truro, Nova Scotia. The purchase price had been set at \$20,000. Heavy expenditures in

support of the work during the years immediate preceding left treasuries sadly depleted. To raise \$20,000 for one project while maintaining support of numerous other interests seemed a tremendous task, and it was. Where was the money coming from? We did not know. Only one thing was plain—this was a great and effectual door, evidently opened by the Lord, and faith called for acceptance of the challenge. Owners of the property were notified of our acceptance of their offer before we had one dollar on the project. \$5,000 was subscribed at Beulah Camp towards this work. But we still needed \$15,000. Where would such a large sum of money be found? Banks and trust companies explained that it was contrary to their policy to make loans on church property. Efforts to raise money through mortgage were unsuccessful. And then to our glad surprise, one man, a brother whose liberality towards the work of the Lord is well known, offered to loan the entire sum of \$15,000, with a low interest rate, and first payment on the principal not due until 1950. What a stimulus to faith was this incident.

Last spring, at Bethany Bible College, the building of a new dormitory was begun. This move was absolutely necessary to the accommodation of the prospective student body of 1948-49. Again consecrated friends supported our advance by the investment of thousands of dollars towards the erection of this fine building. Then, at the September meeting of the School Board, the urgent need of a college chapel was presented. Though sorely lacking in funds, the Board felt the need demanded action, and so they approved a plan for the enlargement and improvement of the building that had been used for chapel services. Where would the money come from? Nobody knew, that is, none of the members of the School Board. And then, with the work nearing completion, a friend whose name, with that of her husband, is very familiar in the giving column, donated \$2,000 to care for the expense involved in this good work.

Very recently, as readers of the Highway have noticed, one of our consecrated laymen has made three gifts of \$1,000 each to our Home and Foreign Mission work, and Bethany Bible College, an outright gift of \$3,000 to the Lord's work to be used according to the needs in the fields for which the gifts are designated.

Never in the history of our denomination has such a spirit of liberality been manifest. Never has there been greater reason for us to "attempt great things for God and expect great things from God." Those who have contributed so largely of their means have invested wisely. They will draw interest in heavenly riches through an endless eternity. May this spirit continue upon us. As it does, we shall go forward from victory to victory.

GUEST EDITORIAL

THE ADVOCATE

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As the individual stands before the court of justice, guilty of the act against society with which he has been charged, could there be any words fall upon his ear that would bring him more happiness than those of his lawyer who would arise and stand before the court and say, "The wilful transgression of my client has already been atoned for, the entire

penalty has been paid, and nothing can be imputed to him"?

A greater statement, giving more than such happiness as the above would bring to one convicted of a criminal act, is found in I. John 2:1, "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." These words follow the Apostle's instruction concerning the reality of sin and the possible deliverance from such, as given in the preceding chapter. They are a mighty persuasion to constant victory for the child of God.

The fact that the Christian has "an advocate with the Father" is of great value, in that it is given with the thought of keeping the child of God from committing sin.

Too many misconstrue the meaning of this statement, and seek to make it teach that sinning is a continuous necessity. This verse then acts as a drug to their conscience and gives them a false sense of security and peace. John certainly did not so intend it.

The Advocate is often referred to as the Holy Ghost, and such He is, as He abides within the heart in the fulness of the experience of entire sanctification. But John says that this Advocate, of which he writes, is in heaven. How beautiful! Just as certainly as the Holy Ghost, the Advocate within, teaches one to pray and intercede for one's self, and gives assistance in witnessing to full salvation; so does the Advocate in heaven plead, intercede and present the Christian's case before God the Father, or Judge.

Be not utterly cast down because you have been overtaken in a fault, and have stumbled. So would John encourage every Christian.

As one is overtaken by a fault or failure, it is his glorious, blood-sought privilege to turn to the Advocate, "Jesus Christ the righteous." No whips of divine wrath can fall upon such an one until they have first fallen upon the Righteous One; yea, have already fallen, and regardless of the mistake or fault constituting the sin, it cannot get to the throne of God before the Advocate gets there. He is ever there to plead the case of the conscientious, obedient and trusting soul. What a privilege! Praise God for the Advocate who can intercede on the grounds of "penalty already inflicted." Keep the communication lines open between you and your Advocate, and all will be well.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

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in the Church depends upon the life of the Church. The City of the Living God comes through the Spirit of the Living God. That is why an ecclesiastical dignitary may know less about conversion than a Hallelujah lass of the Salvation Army! That is why spiritual power is so often in reverse ratio from scholastic accomplishments! It is not by might of carnal strength, nor in the power of organized authority but by the Spirit of the Lord. Life is greater than all the resources of material power.

A Factory or a Garden

The factory works with dead stuff; the garden works with the resources of life. The works of the flesh manipulate the materials of death, and death and damnation are the inevitable end. The fruit of the Spirit comes not by man's striving, but by the indwelling of the life-giving Spirit. Is the New Year to be lived in the factory of fleshly lusts or in the fruitful realm of the Garden of God? Spirit determines life in function, form, and issue. What is your life?—Heart and Life.