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"And an highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness."

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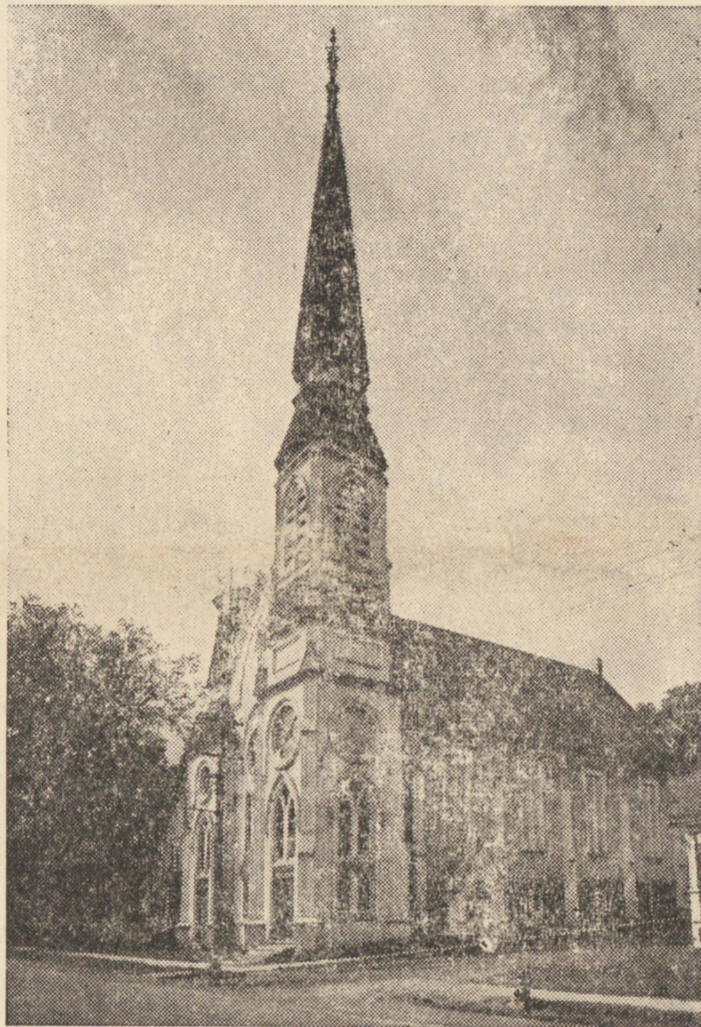
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BETHANY PAST AND PRESENT

On October 3rd, 1945, history was made for the Reformed Baptist Church, with the opening of the Holiness Bible Institute, at Woodstock, New Brunswick. For many years the need of such an institution for the training of the young people of our church for Christian service had been recognized, and concerned individuals had sought from time to time to stir up interest in the establishment of a denominational Bible School. At the Alliance of 1945 committees were appointed to formulate definite plans towards the project and as a consequence H. B. I. opened in the fall of the same year.

Our Bible Institute had its beginning in the same town where our denomination was born, Woodstock, N. B., and the parsonage of our church there was used as headquarters for the Institute during the first few months of its history, classes being held in the church also. On the inaugural registration day of H. B. I. nine students enrolled, and before the end of the school year the enrollment was just about double, seventeen students. This increased enrollment taxed the capacity of the house which was being used and in the spring of 1946 a proposal to purchase a larger building was approved by the Alliance. The "Hammond House," a commodious building on Court St., Woodstock, was obtained and served as a fine headquarters building for the Bible Institute for a year and a half.

At the Alliance Sessions of 1947 a proposal to change the location of the Institute from Woodstock to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, was considered and approved. While the building at Woodstock had been crowded by a growing student body, the lack of space on the property for new buildings necessitated our looking elsewhere for a property which would provide space for expansion. Such a property



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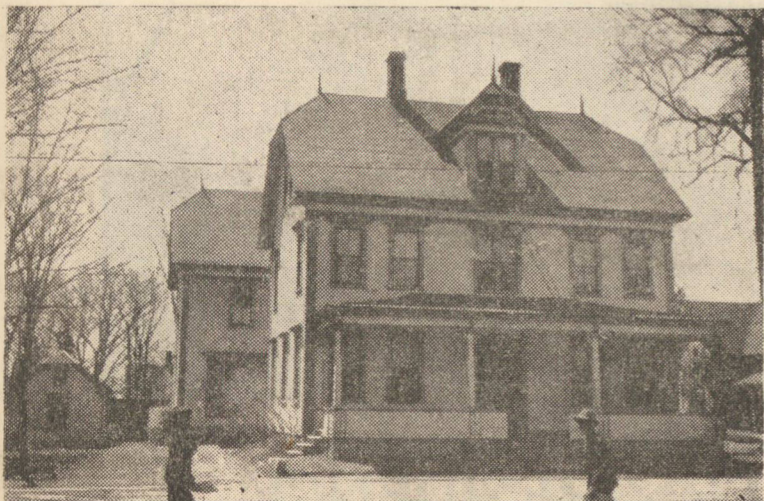
being available at Yarmouth, the Alliance voted to change the location of the school provided satisfactory arrangements could be made to dispose of the building at Woodstock. At the same Alliance it was decided that the name of the school be changed to Bethany Bible Institute. The property at Woodstock was sold without difficulty and the Yarmouth site purchased. Our new buildings included some three acres of land, a large building, well suited to serve as an administration building for the school, and some smaller buildings. Twenty-seven students enrolled at Bethany on registration day in September, 1947.

With the continued growth of the student body the urgent need of more buildings was apparent, and plans for a boys' dormitory was approved by the School Board. Work on this building began in the spring of 1948 and was ready when the students arrived in September. It is a fine three-story structure with about eighteen bedrooms, a lounge room, dining room, kitchen, showers, etc. This building is known as Rogers Residence, in honour of the late Rev. G. A. Rogers. Last fall another build-

ing project was undertaken, the erection of a suitable Chapel building. As a consequence, a fine building for worship now stands near the administration building. It is known as "Crosby Memorial Chapel," in memory of the late George Crosby, whose widow had donated the sum of \$2,000 towards this enterprise.

When our Bible Institute opened at Woodstock, the Faculty was comprised of Rev. H. L. Robertson, Rev. G. A. Rogers and Miss Mary Campbell. Brother Robertson was principal of the school and head of the High School department, Brother Rogers served as Bible teacher, and Miss Campbell assisted in the High School Department. For the year 1946-47 the Faculty was Revs. H. L. Robertson and G. A. Rogers, H. R. Ingersoll and Miss Uta Chase. Rev. H. E. Enty, of Houghton, New York, joined the Faculty for the second term. At the beginning of the 1947-48 year Rev. E. H. Enty was appointed Principal of the College, with Rev. G. A. Rogers co-worker in the Bible Department, and Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Ingersoll in the High School Department. In the summer of 1948 Rev. G. A. Rogers went to be with the Lord, and Rev. F. A. Dunlop was appointed to his place. For the year 1949-50 the Faculty of Bethany will be: Rev. F. A. Dunlop, president and head of the Bible Department; Conard Stairs, Bible Teacher; Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, principal and head of the High School Department; and Kathleen Ingersoll, teacher in the High School Department.

Bethany is going forward. Enrollment for the past year was thirty-four. Prospects are for a larger student body next year. Plans are being formulated to include senior matriculation in the High School Department. May the record of our Bible College through future years be a story of continuous progress and growth in the great task of training young men and women for service in the Master's Kingdom.



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