

CORRESPONDENCE

Jonesport, Maine,
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Dear Highway Friends:

I wish to express through the columns of The Highway my sincere appreciation to the Dorcas Missionary Class of the Reformed Baptist Church in Jonesport who remembered me so kindly at a recent meeting.

This class was organized in September, 1947, and since then we have met at the different homes twice each month. As well as enjoying Christian Fellowship we have completed two quilts, 6 pairs pillow cases and pot holders for Beulah and have packed at least six boxes for Africa.

On May 9th we met at the home of Mrs. Emelia Christensen. During the evening Mrs. Juanita Chandler on behalf of members and friends presented me with a beautiful chenille bedspread, embroidered pillow cases and a framed poem. I tried to express my thanks for these gifts of appreciation and trust that the Lord will continue to bless this group of women who work so faithfully for Him.

At the close of the evening Mrs. Christensen served a delicious lunch.

May His richest blessing be their portion.

In Christian service,

MRS. S. G. HILYARD

GUEST EDITORIAL

CAMP MEETING VALUES

There are many values to be received in attendance at a Camp Meeting. Too many Americans in this mad race which we call life, fail to stop long enough to give their souls a chance to catch up with their bodies. The gathering together of spiritual people in some quiet spot, conducive to relaxation, where one is next to nature, and can commune with her visible forms, brings not only relaxation to the body, but also rest to the spirit.

In addition to the physical environment where one read from God's green-growing scriptures, the meeting together of holy people many times creates an atmosphere in which the Holy Spirit can work in an unusual way. By their pooling of faith and prayer, many times great conviction settles down upon the lost. Lukewarm and backslidden Christians are brought back into a definite experience in salvation, and believers go forward to receive the heart-warming experience of Pentecost.

As an institution, the Holiness Camp Meeting in many communities is a great collective witness to the doctrine of full salvation. Whether it is sponsored denominationally or interdenominationally, it proclaims the secondness of the second blessing, and with this emphasis presents a truth which God has peculiarly blessed. Since this truth is often neglected in the preaching heard in many nominal Christian churches, many would be deprived of hearing it if it were not for Camp Meetings.

Another outstanding evidence of God's blessing upon the Camp Meeting is proved by the conversion of sinners, which usually results from every fruitful effort at evangelism. In many communities there is no great, intensive drive put on during the year. If it were not by the large crowds attracted to the Camp Meetings, many people would be unreached. In the mind of some, there is prejudice of the attendance of churches, yet these same people are

often being attracted to a Camp Meeting where enough gospel is preached that the speaker can get a hook in their jaw even though they may be standing on the outside of the tabernacle or tent. Many who have "come to scoff" have "remained to pray."

One criticism sometimes raised against the carrying on of our Camp Meetings is the expense. This does not seem to be a legitimate objection. The world turns out in large numbers to its entertainments, such as the street fair or to a County Fair. Many times large sums are carried out of communities, with no definite value which one can see that has been received. It seems that such people are of mole-like vision who would make the remark that the expense of a Camp Meeting is excessive in the light of the amount of money spent many times for unnecessary things by professed Christians. The average Camp Meeting budget is very modest, and is only a nominal sum compared to the average church for a year; yet, many times there is more actual preaching and more lasting results at the altar of prayer than what one witnesses in the average church during the period of a year's time.

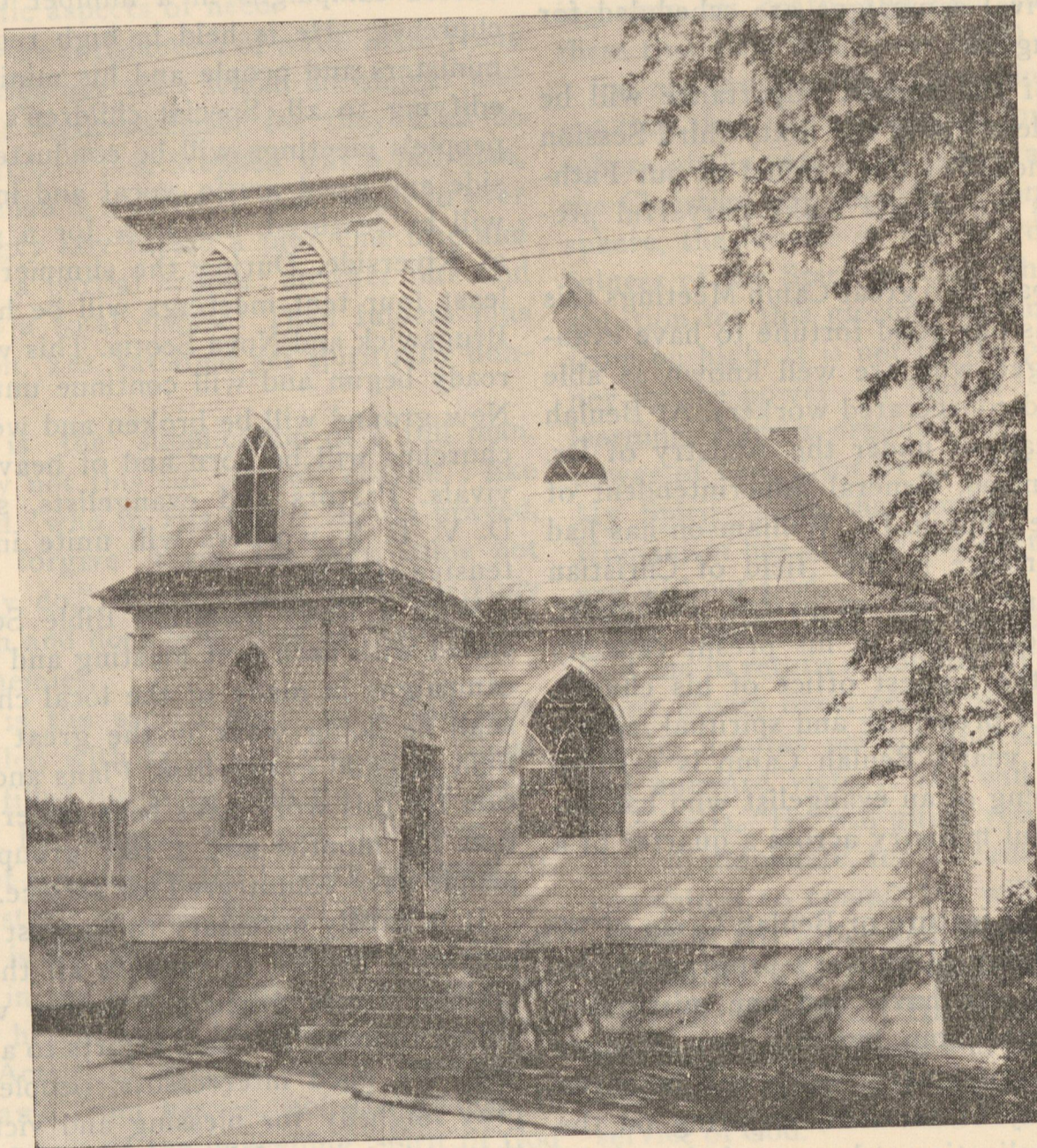
There are countless missionaries today on foreign fields, who early attended Camp Meet-

ings, and during that time while listening to the Word of God, or by hearing some Spirit-filled missionary tell of the need in some benighted land, first heard the call of God to go forth into his vineyard as a laborer. There are preachers in the pulpit, and teachers in many of our schools, who first were moved at a Camp Meeting when they saw the "truth on fire," and determined to go forth to devote their life to full time Christian service.

One of the most tragic sights in my own section of the country, is to pass along the highway where there was once a great Holiness Camp Meeting. It is now a municipal park with a vast swimming pool. It is usually crowded now with pleasure seekers. As a child I can remember attending services there when my feet could not touch the floor as I sat on the benches and heard some of the greatest preachers of our century as they passed that way. This death and decay is a grief not only to my heart, but to all of those who love the Lord, because it represents the drift of the age.

I trust that in this year as we launch into our concentrated Camp Meeting programs, that we shall not go as sermon tasters, but that we shall go to pray for the lost and to expose many of our friends to their first introduction to Full Gospel preaching.—James A. DeWeerd, Editor, Christian Witness.

New Church at Doaktown, N. B.



On Sunday, June 12th, the Doaktown Reformed Baptist Church was dedicated to the glory of God and the ministry of the Gospel. Special services were conducted throughout the day with Revs. B. C. Cochrane, F. A. Dunlop and Brother Conard Stairs as special speakers. The pastor, Lic. Randolph Nicholson, was in charge of the services and special singing was provided by the Gospel Trio of Frederickton, and Brother Donald Wilson, of Point Lepreau, and Brother Gerald Mitchell, of Doaktown. The dedication service proper was held in the afternoon with the church crowded with people from various parts of Maine, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The dedicatory message was preached by Rev. F. A. Dunlop

and the prayer offered by Rev. P. J. Trafton. Other ministers taking part in the services were: Revs. H. C. Mullen, F. A. Watson, H. E. Mullen and B. C. Cochrane, with the pastor presiding. A feature of this service was the subscribing of \$450 to purchase and install church pews. This amount was pledged in a very short time and is sufficient to provide all the pews the church requires.

Ideal weather was enjoyed for these special services and capacity crowds attended. The church building is a credit to our work and an asset to the beautiful Miramichi town. May God's blessing be on the pastor and people of the Doaktown Church!