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## **EDITORIALS**

"THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE"

Consideration of the church union proposal, scheduled for July 7th, will bring our ministers and lay people under a rigid "unity test."

While we would be delighted if final discussion of this important matter were followed by a unanimous vote for or against, we can have little hope of such perfect unanimity of thought and judgment. In all probability there will be difference of opinion in discussion and variance of judgment in voting.

What we do hope for, and with reasonable expectation, is unity of spirit and desire for the will of God. Differences of opinion and judgment can be borne if we are "one in hope and charity."

The subtle strategy of military men of history, "divide and conquer", is a favourite method of Satan in his warfare against the people of God. A house divided against itself, cannot stand." If the house is divided, it is against itself. It is not the individual who suffers most from the blight of division, it is the cause he is associated with.

In this brief admonition we have no intention of suggesting what any minister or delegate shall decide when confronted with the necessity of decision on the proposed churchunion. What do we advocate; and that most earnestly, is that we assume personal responsibility in guarding against the devil's subtle attempts to divide the host of the Lord.

May the sanctifying Spirit be upon and within us!

## MORE TRAVEL NOTES

There have been so many expressions of interest and appreciation concerning my travelogues, that I feel to give our Highway readers a little information regarding our activities the past few weeks.

On Easter Sunday evening, I had the privilege of preaching in the fine new church at Marysville. This building is a real asset to our denomination and a most favourable setting for the promotion of an aggressive full salvation work. The pastor, Rev. F. A. Watson, and the people of this, my "home" church, have a vision for a continuous advance.

Leaving Marysville, we journeyed to Hartland for good meetings and enjoyable fellowship with Rev. A. D. Cann and the people of Lower Brighton and Victoria, and at WoodSouthampton. We did enjoy our fellowship churches.

Moncton and Westchester supplying.

the right hand of fellowship by the pastor, sionary tour through this area. and the seal of God was upon the meeting. This church is a product of the vision, faith, and labour of Bro. and Sister Nicholson and the good people of our Doaktown church. This one new church establishes another, the scriptural order. The people of Blissfield have a vision for a new church building (pray about this please), and are already looking toward nearby communities where holiness is needed. We had fine services at Doaktown morning and evening and were much blessed as the pastor received five people into church membership in the evening service. With new pews installed (have you paid your pledge?) the Doaktown church has a building of which its people and our whole denomination may be justly proud.

We left Moncton May 18th for Grand Manan, planning to attend the Quarterly meeting of District No. 3 convening at Seal Cove. We just arrived on the Island when a wire and phone call informed us of the tragic death of Norman Sanders. In order to return to the mainland and reach Amherst in time for the funeral, we took a plane to Eastport, Maine and just a few hours after we had taken ship for Grand Manan, we were in our car travelling back toward Moncton and Amherst for the sad occasion of Bro. Norman's burial.

On Sunday, May 28th, we made an unscheduled visit to Saint John and had the privilege of fellowship with Bro. P. H. Greene and the people of our Saint John church.

The week-end of June 2nd—4th we were at Black's Harbour for a few meetings and baptismal service. The blessing of the Lord was upon the meetings and it was a happy privilege to be with Bro. and Sister Fernley and the good people of Black's Harbour. This church has been under a revival spirit for more than a year.

Leaving Black's Harbour after service Sunday evening, we drove as far as Beulah Camp, where we spent the rest of the night, and the next day travelled to Robinson, Maine, for the union meeting referred to in the Ministers and Churches column. The Camp grounds from Maine and New Brunswick were present. The following night we had a fine service at Bloomfield with Bro. Kimball and the folks of the Bloomfield church. This is surely a work of God. A fine church building, complete with pews, pulpit set, fine heating plant, etc., constructed by the people at actual cost of \$3,000 has a total indebtedness (?) of \$80.00! The blessing of God is upon them and the church stands as a monument to the vision and sacrifice of the pastor and people.

stock with Rev. B. M. Hicks and the people first Quarterly Meeting to be held with our of our "mother" church. On Friday evening, new church of Nova Scotia's beautiful "hub" April 14th, I had the privilege of speaking in town. Rev. N. E. Trafton and his people had a union service at Bristol, N. B. Sunday, we ventured by faith (and works) to invite the were with Rev. Herman Anderson for services District Meeting and they very kindly and efat Meductic, Middle Southampton, and Lower ficiently cared for more than thirty visiting ministers and delegates. The fine church with Bro. Anderson and the people of these building at Truro provided a splendid setting for the Quarterly and the blessing of the Lord On the following Sundays we were at was upon the meetings from the beginning. All the preachers brought good messages and Sunday, May 14th, was a special day for us. the fellowship was enriching. Our denomina-Bro. Nicholson had requested our coming to tion can boast of no property more beautiful be with him for organization at Blissfield. Our than the Truro property and a fine work is souls were blessed at the baptismal service being done by Bro. and Sister Trafton and Sunday afternoon and blessed again in the or- their people. A special feature of this Quarganization service at Blissfield. Fifteen peo- terly was a stirring missionary address by ple, seven men and eight women, were given Mrs. Louise Chapman who was making a mis-

> We are conscious of the presence of God as we travel here and there in our service for the Lord. A spirit of faith and blessing prevails among our people and we look forward to the future with the expectancy that victory will be given in every venture we launch for the glory of God and the extension of His Kingdom.

## CLOSING EXERCISES AT BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

The closing exercises of Bethany Bible College, June 4-5 marked another milestone in the history of the College.

Rev. H. R. Ingersoll preached his farewell message to the students in the morning service, using for a text, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk ye in

At the baccalaureate service Sunday afternoon the guest speaker, Rev. F. A. Anderson, of Beals, Maine, gave a wonderful exposition on Christ's closing words in the Sermon on the Mount. Speaking of the two builders, Rev. Anderson made it very plain that all men are builders, but all are not necessarily wise builders, the permanency of the building depending on the materials used and the place chosen. Hearing Christ's words and obeying or disobeying them determines the resultant character of each builder.

In the evening the service took the form of a prayer and praise service. Conard Stairs was in charge. Both parents and students expressed their appreciation of the work that Bethany is doing, and what the school has meant to them. sme there and dishonour, there must ment

Monday evening commencement exercises were held in the chapel. There were six graduates in the class of '50-Belva Ingalls and Leslie Hicks from the Bible department; Jean Farnham, Beulah Green, Verna Sallows, Lyle Harvey from the High School department. The girls wore floor length gowns and carnation corsages.

The prayer of invocation was made by Conwere filled with cars and hundreds of people and Stairs. Leslie Hicks, of Havelock, N. B., brought the Salutatory. This was followed by a solo by Marion MacCallum.

Rev. H. R. Ingersoll then presented the diplomas to High School graduates and Rev. F. A. Dunlop presented diplomas to the graduates of the Bible department. Jean Farnham, of Victoria, N. B., delivered the Valedictory. The address to the graduates was given by Rev. F. A. Anderson, the topic of his address being "Workmen." To assure success a workman needs, first, proper tools, and an ability On Wednesday, June 7th, we left Bloom- to use the same. This, the speaker suggested, field for Moncton and Truro, to attend the is the work of the College, and ought to be