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## EDITORIALS

In this issue of The Highway you will find several articles on D. V. B. S. work. At no time in the history of our denomination has work among the children of our churches and communities been given so much attention. Junior Crusader groups are active in a number of the churches, and for the past few years more and more Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been held. Through these D. V. B. S.'s hundreds of juniors are being taught and trained during the summer months. A competent and consecrated group of young people have volunteered for this good work and their service is much appreciated by our people.

All churches that have had D. V. B. S. in past years will want to repeat this year. Any churches that have not ventured in this field will do well to lay plans for a D. V. B. S. this summer. Miss Eileen Flanders, Clifton, Kings Co., N. B., will be glad to assist you in planning for the work and securing capable helpers.

Let's boost the D. V. B. S.!

### Blessing at Bethany

From March 25th to April 2nd, I enjoyed the privilege of being at Bethany Bible College for a short campaign. The president, Rev. F. A. Dunlop, and his associate faculty members, were kind and courteous and it was a joy to fellowship with them. It was likewise a pleasure to associate with the members of the student body.

The blessing of the Lord was upon the services. Crosby Memorial Chapel is a fine building for the Spiritual programme of Bethany, and the good atmosphere which prevailed in the meetings was felt likewise in the dormitories, dining room, kitchen and even on the grounds.

We have a great investment in Bethany Bible College and a splendid work is being done there. The teachers were capable and consecrated and a finer group of students could not be found. The classes provide inspiration as well as instruction, for Bethany has the much desired balance of a good educational programme supported by a wholesome spiritual emphasis. A visit to Bethany impresses one with the great importance of this phase of our denominational work and stimulates zeal toward sacrificial support of its aims and purposes. Money given to Bethany is money well and wisely invested.

### A New Venture

The students of Bethany Bible College, under the leadership of Bill Morgan, have launched a "Christian Youth Crusade" in the town of Yarmouth.

The C. Y. C. is a work similar to Youth for Christ with Saturday night meetings designed to meet the Spiritual needs of young people and bring unsaved youth to Christ.

The first services of this Crusade were held March 25th and April 1st in the Rotarian Hall of Yarmouth. An aggressive advertising campaign and much prayer preceded the beginning of this new work, and faith and work were rewarded with the hall being filled for both meetings.

The fine talent of Bethany was in use in these first services and all faculty members and students co-operated splendidly. The attendance at the second service was even better than at the first and a fine interest was manifested. The community of Yarmouth has been very friendly to our Bible School and a like attitude is being shown this new Youth Work. The support and co-operation of all the Christian people of the town, and especially the young people, is being sought on a volunteer basis.

Pray for this new venture.

### HOW TO CONSERVE THE RESULTS OF D. V. B. S.

Ruth Harding

During the brief two weeks period of the summer, a wonderful never-to-be-forgotten D. V. B. S. is held. Boys and girls find God and are so happy. The D. V. B. S. is over; the Bible School teacher leaves town and who is going to shepherd this flock of little lambs?

So often older folk do not realize it, but we become hindrances to child evangelism by our skepticism. We fear that children who profess to accept Christ will not be regenerated. There is a small minority who never really get through to God, but we who are working with children constantly see them regenerated so many times by the Grace of God. So often we begin to doubt if a child will hold out and be faithful. The Lord holds us accountable for what we do, not what we cannot do. Of course, some of the work done in evangelizing children is superficial and that hinders. But let us do our best to persuade our children to come to Christ as lost sinners, not asking them to "follow" or "love" Jesus and then counting them as Christians.

Let us remember to show the right attitude toward a child who has accepted Christ. A little child that is a new convert is "a babe" and must be fed or disaster is sure to come. He cannot be expected to feed himself; others must feed him. He needs encouragement; he needs teaching; he needs sympathy when he fails instead of condemnation. We must do our part in caring for him loyally. We do wrong to him to expect perfection of child believers. We make a grave mistake when we do not seek to lead him into a life of courageous witnessing and living. To coddle a saved child is to do him a terrible injury.

After Bible School is over, a number of new childish converts are ready to join your ranks. Some boys and girls have almost made the decision, but need a bit more encouragement. Still others have never really felt the need of seeking God as their own personal Saviour,

but doing some thinking about salvation. All who have attended the D. V. B. S. have been touched and their interest in spiritual things stimulated.

But so often we neglect these boys and girls after the Bible School is over, and just leave them to attend Sunday School or drift off by themselves, whichever they choose to do. Usually when left by themselves, they do drift off and when the Bible School teacher comes the next year, she must start at the bottom again.

This is unnecessary if someone will shepherd the flock of little lambs through the year. Older folk have their own prayer service where they witness for Jesus, and this is the best place for them to gain spiritual strength. They also have the pastor's sermon to give them spiritual food. Most of us couldn't exist without this. Why do we deprive our children of the same privilege? We put on revival campaigns, but we do not close our services until the next campaign. We need weekly services to feed our new converts and to help those on the verge of decision.

Our children need the same type of services. That is why I am urging every church that sponsors a D. V. B. S. to also sponsor a "good news club" after D. V. B. S. is over. This is the greatest spiritual boost that you can give a child. Sunday School is wonderful and the lessons learned there are most valuable to our children, but these boys and girls need a weekly service of their own, where they can go and sing their own songs, testify and pray in their own way, hear a gospel message in their own language, and then an invitation directed to them. They need to be taught tithing, a missionary vision, Christian perfection, and many other things, but they must be taught as children. All this can be accomplished through a "good news club."

Probably someone is asking what "good news clubs" are. They are Bible classes for our children meeting for one hour, once a week, on a week day right after school. All children are welcome and a special emphasis is placed on those who do not attend Sunday School. These clubs are taught by godly adults who have a vision for evangelizing children. It is much better to hold such clubs in some mother's home, because this saves heating the church and gives an opportunity to reach more children.

The textbook of these classes is the BIBLE. Bible verses are memorized. Special projects for memorizing scripture are undertaken oftentimes. Other interesting projects are launched and the most interesting program possible is planned. In these clubs we teach children the way of salvation through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. They are taught Christian conduct according to the standards of God's Word. The children are taught to confess their sins through prayer and obtain forgiveness from God. They are taught how to consecrate their lives to Him, and taught what blessings come to those who walk with God. Many wonderful child conversions which have led to the conversion of their parents, have taken place in these children's clubs.

If each of our churches would undertake such a program and teach our children Christian living, we will have a strong band of crusaders standing true to God. Your skepticism would disappear, and you would be proud of your band of boys and girls.

But without a vision, the children perish.

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