

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

Rev. P. J. Trafton will celebrate his 80th birthday April 23rd. We are thankful that the Lord has extended Brother Trafton's years to this good age, and The Highway extends congratulations. Respected and beloved by all our pastors and people, Brother Trafton has been a faithful and useful servant of God. He has made a splendid contribution to the work of the Reformed Baptist Alliance and the Kingdom of God. Though now unable to carry the burden of pastoral service, his heart is still vibrant with love for the Lord's work, and his interest in every branch of the Church's activities is as keen as when he was in good health. Members of The Highway family will want to remember Brother Trafton on this special birthday. His address is: Rev. P. J. Trafton, O'Dell Ave., Fredericton, N. B.

Rev. H. R. Ingersoll has accepted a call to our church at Beals, Maine.

Rev. Mered Grant has accepted a unanimous call to continue as pastor of our church at Havelock, N. S.

Rev. H. C. Mullen and our Church at Wood's Harbour, N. S., will engage in special services beginning April 11th. Rev. H. E. Mullen will be the evangelist.

The Superintendent kept appointments at Doaktown and Marysville Easter Sunday, and at Victoria, April 11th; Woodstock, April 12th; Lower Brighton, April 13th and with the churches of the Meductic field Sunday, April 16th.

The Mullen Trio opened an evangelistic campaign Easter Sunday with Rev. R. H. Nicholson and our church at Doaktown, N. B.

Rev. Willis Miller and his co-worker, Mr. Earl Shnyder, will be with Rev. H. O. McGeorge and our church at Presque Isle following the campaign at Perth.

Will pastors and churches please note the special **call to prayer** for April 28th.

D. V. B. S. WORKERS NEEDED

Dear Highway Friends:

We have a problem; will you help us solve it? With only two months left in which to plan for Vacation Bible School we find ourselves faced with a shortage of workers. This is creating a real problem.

Many of our experienced directors find it impossible to help us this year, and in spite of several new workers added to the list, we find we still do not have an adequate supply to meet the demand. Last year 17 volunteer workers conducted 23 schools. We know each of these churches will want another D. V. B. S. this year, and there are other churches which have not as yet had one that we had hoped to include this year. We have, to date, 9 workers.

Because we feel so keenly the necessity of each church providing a yearly Vacation Bible School for their children, we are appealing to you to see what you can do to help make this possible. Here are some things for you to consider.

If you are a pastor, you could relieve the situation considerably by planning to direct the school yourself. With you to take the responsibility and lead, it is possible you may not require any outside help. Call together all those interested in a school—mothers, Sunday School teachers, young people, and see what you can do. Should an outside worker be necessary, it would be of invaluable aid to them for you to have your pianist and local teachers appointed to their positions and your

teaching material ordered well in advance so all will be thoroughly familiar with their course of study. It would be wise also for this staff to meet previous to the opening of the school so that each may get an overall picture of just what the various department studies aim to accomplish.

Mothers, if you would like to help, but find the mornings impossible to be away from home, then why not suggest having the classes in the afternoon in your church. We have found this plan works remarkably well in some communities.

Young People, Bible School, college and High School students, what are you planning for summer? A well-earned rest; just to take things easy? Well, I cannot promise you that in Vacation Bible School, for D. V. B. S. means work! But I can promise you the inward joy and contentment of knowing you are filling a place of vital service for the Master, and the thrill of leading a child to Christ is the greatest reward any worker can receive. It is a responsibility, but oh such a wonderful opportunity!

A promotion poster, "Nobody asked me to Vacation Bible School," is being sent to all the churches with the prayer that it may stir you to do all in your power to make the wonderful story of salvation a reality to all children.

We may not all be able to teach, but we can all pray! Pray much that God will meet the needs of this work, and will give us many precious boys and girls this summer.

In His Service,

EILEEN FLANDERS,

Clifton, Kings Co., N. B.

A CALL TO PRAYER

The financial needs of our work are very urgent. We are faced with the threat of a forced curtailment of our extension programme unless strong financial support is forthcoming. Our Bible School needs support to strengthen it to meet its challenging demands; wonderful opportunities in the Home Mission field have been all but thrust upon us. It would be shameful if we had to turn back from open doors of service because of a "dollar shortage." We know that some of our churches are hard pressed and it is not the purpose of this message to present a complaint. What we do request is that we have a day of prayer and unitedly petition our God to help us in this time of crisis. We suggest Friday, April 28th, as the day for a great denominational prayer meeting.

Will pastors kindly make special announcement of this day of prayer and lead their people in supplication for divine aid. We need thousands of dollars if we are to accept the opportunities before us. Let us ask largely. Phil. 4:6; 2 Cor. 9:8.

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

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God help us to get a vision of a band of children and their need for salvation, counselling and guidance. Remember, a child saved from sin is a man rescued from hell.

In conclusion, I should like to leave this poem with you:

WHY WE TEACH A CHILD

What do we mean when we teach the child?
We put a thought that is sweet and mild
Into a heart that has never felt greed.

The man with such thoughts is never beguiled
For we teach the man, when we teach the child

What do we do when we teach the child?
We take the treasures which may be piled
In lessons or poems or nature's store,
And transform them all into golden ore
Of character, which cannot be reviled;
The strong man comes from the well-taught child.

What do we do when we teach the child?
We take the natures untamed and wild,
And mold it into a life serene
With heart and will and judgment clean.
We make the man who is undefiled
When we teach, as we ought, the little child.

What do we do when we teach the child?
We plant the truth of our Lord and King
Into a heart that is ready to sing.
Through knowledge true freedom comes and takes

Its place, and dominates passion wild,
We have saved the man,
When we have saved the child.

If anyone desires materials for starting a club, I would be glad to forward any information that I could. Very fine Bible-centered materials can be purchased from Nazarene Publishing, Scripture Press, or Child Evangelism Fellowship, Room 502, Tremont Temple.

WHAT D. V. B. S. MEANS TO A WORKER

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the story of God's love, and what is more, to win their precious hearts for Jesus.

There is something so winsome about a child as he looks expectantly into your face, looking to you, as a teacher, for the guidance needed to help him later in life. This challenged me and I prayed fervently that in some small way I might tell the story of Jesus so simply that they would easily understand.

I think the most gratifying time came when I heard the children say that they loved Jesus and wanted to be just like Him. Then to see them in their own way serve Him, I praised the Lord.

As the smiling children sang choruses and repeated memory work each day, I didn't mind the hours spent in preparation.

Through all the days of D. V. B. S. the thing most precious to me was prayer. With the Lord behind me and before me, all the devil's angels couldn't phase me.

I thank God that He led me in the way I ought to go and gave me this challenging experience. There is no better way to get God's best than to give Him your best.

OBITUARY

At Wood Island, Grand Manan, N. B., on March 4th, 1950, occurred the death of **A. Roscoe Wilcox**, leaving to mourn, one daughter, Mrs. Irvine Rmasdell, of Lubec, Me., two sons, Theal, at home, and Cecil, of Black's Harbor, N. B., and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by request by Rev. P. H. Green, assisted by Rev. R. T. Sabine from the Reformed Baptist Church, at Wood Island, on March 8th. Interment was in the local cemetery.