



NEWS of the Crusade

By the Superintendent

New churches! New church buildings! A spirit of faith and vision for the future of our Church and its ministry! Capable, consecrated, Spirit-filled workers coming forward to volunteer for service in the Crusade! This is the encouraging state of the work.

On Sunday, October 21st, a fine new church building was dedicated at Blissfield, N. B. Under the ministry of Rev. R. H. Nicholson, assisted by the people of our Doaktown Church, fruitful cottage meetings were held in the community for some months. In May of 1950, a new church was organized and coincident with the organization a strong desire for a church building possessed the hearts of pastor and people. So they "prayed to the God of heaven," and having "a mind to work," set themselves to the task. With very limited means but filled with a splendid spirit of faith and self-sacrifice, they pushed the work along until they completed the fine building which now represents our Church in this Miramichi community. The dedicatory service was blessed indeed. Revs. F. A. Watson, H. E. Mullen, F. A. Dunlop, and the Superintendent assisted the pastor, and many people of our Fredericton, Barker's Point and Marysville churches, as well as friends from other communities, with the people of Blissfield and Doaktown, crowded the new building to capacity. All were highly pleased with this new church.

Revs. F. A. Dunlop and B. C. Cochrane conducted Holiness Conventions with Revs. H. E. Mullen and R. H. Nicholson of Fredericton and Doaktown Oct. 11-14 and 18-21. Bro. Dunlop and Bro. Herbert McCrea had a similar meeting with Rev. F. A. Anderson at Hartland Sept. 27-30. The blessing of God was upon these meetings in rich measure. Bro. Dunlop's ministry was enlightening and enriching. Any pastor and church desiring the services of a preacher who will lead them onward in Christian experience and give them an increased knowledge of the truth of God, will do well to engage Bro. Dunlop.

On Sunday, Oct. 21st, Rev. R. H. Nicholson received eight candidates into the membership of our Doaktown church, in a service richly blessed of the Lord. The Doaktown church has made fine progress spiritually, numerically, and financially.

A new church building is being erected at Glassville, N. B., under the supervision of Rev. H. M. Kimball. It is of cement block construction (I am not sure of the dimensions) with full basement. By the time this item is read by our Highway friends the outside work on this new building will be well advanced. Bro. Kimball is now living at Bristol, N. B., where he has leased a church and is holding special services. Interest and attendance are good in these meetings and also in the regular

Sunday services at Glassville.

Work on the Barker's Point church is progressing. By the first of the New Year the basement should be ready for occupancy. The building is 40 x 60, large enough to accommodate a growing work in this challenging area. Services are now being held in the Institute Hall of Barker's Point and are very well attended. The first regular Sunday School session held Sept. 9th, had an attendance of 61. With a steady gain each Sunday, the attendance has reached 105, and a community-wide visitation campaign just completed indicates that it will be still higher. Preaching services and prayer meetings are also well attended.

Two new licentiates of our church are doing fine work among us. Lic. James Blinn, French-Canadian evangelist, has given splendid help in the summer tent meetings and is now keeping appointments with a number of our churches. Lic. Neil Rice also rendered valuable assistance in our tent work, particularly at Barker's Point, and is now giving equally fine help in the regular services, visitation, etc., of the new Barker's Point church.

Rev. J. A. Moses and the people of our new church at Old Town, Maine, have secured a twenty-year (two ten year periods) lease on a fine church building at Old Town. This is a remarkable opportunity and must be regarded as an answer to prayer. The building is well located and well planned and will serve as a splendid setting for the promotion of a full salvation work in this fine community. With some repair and renovation it will be a really nice building. The lease has been given with no greater demand on the church than the repairing, maintenance, and insurance of the building. Bro. Moses and the people of this new church are to be commended. Interest in this new work is encouraging.

From Rev. Charles Sanders, of Hartland Mission Station, South Africa, comes this welcome word:

"We have been very interested in the Evangelistic Crusade and the number of Christians that have pledged to set apart some time for special prayer. At Altona and Hartland Mission Stations our white and coloured workers and native Christians have volunteered to join in prayer for the Crusade". Thank God for this message from Africa. The work at home and abroad is thus united in prayer effort for the advancement of the work.

And so the Crusade continues with increasing momentum. The challenge of the future is greater than that of the past. The task we have undertaken is just begun. Pray for revival campaigns in our local churches, now going on or to be held during the winter and early Spring. Pray for the Crusade meetings of 1952, plans for which are now under consideration. Pray that the forward movement of our Church may continue until Jesus comes. Pray! Pray!! Pray!!!

A Remarkable Opening

AN URGENT NEED

In the city of Old Town, Maine, a remarkable opportunity for Christian service has been presented to us.

Last Spring, Rev. Joseph Moses located a vacant church in this community and investigated the possibility of renting or leasing the building for services. Although a number of other groups and organizations had sought without success to lease or buy the building, the owners (Universalists) gave Bro. Moses a six-month rent-free lease.

A campaign was held in the church in May and during the summer months Revs. N. E. Trafton and R. H. Nicholson were with Bro. Moses for another meeting. At the close of this campaign a Reformed Baptist Church was organized with nine charter members. Since that time regular services have been carried on by Bro. Moses and interest in this new work has been on the increase. Attendance at the Sunday services is encouraging and the Sunday School is making fine progress.

The above-mentioned lease expired this month and a new lease has been written and signed which gives our people the right of occupancy for twenty years (two ten-year leases). The only financial responsibility our people must assume is to repair the building, and keep it in repair, and cover it with insurance. I'm sure that all of our readers will agree that this is an unusual situation, one that most surely comes as an answer to prayer. Old Town is a fine community and is located in a thickly-settled area where there is very little holiness work. The Nazarenes have a church at Bangor, eleven miles away, but in the fifty mile radius of the area there is not another holiness church. All will appreciate the challenge of this situation.

In keeping with the terms of the lease, our new church there is launching a repair and renovation programme. It will demand some \$1,500 or \$2,000 to fix the foundation, paint the outside of the building, and redecorate the interior. With this work done, we will have a very fine building, well located, in which to promote the work of holiness in this new era.

Now there are but a few people in this new church and the financial demands upon them are very heavy. They are giving most liberally and sacrificially to support a pastor and care for the maintenance expenses. They are in urgent need of help in this extra and heavy demand. Perhaps there are some individuals who will make a contribution to this new work, or possibly a few churches who are able to care for regular commitments to local and denominational work without undue strain that would give this new work a financial lift. If so, kindly send contributions to the treasurer of the church, Mrs. Stora Emmett, 173 Centre Street, Old Town, Maine. I would heartily commend this project to our Highway readers.

Yours in the interest of the Kingdom,

B. C. COCHRANE.