

NEWS OF THE CRUSADE

THE CRUSADE IN SUSSEX

On July 22nd, under canvas, the Evangelistic Crusade, through the direction of the Lord, opened a campaign in the beautiful little town of Sussex. From the first service there were evidences of spiritual interest. The devil has fought hard, and through the medium of the polio, has hindered the work for the present. However, although nothing spectacular has taken place, a steady interest has prevailed which convinces us that God is with us.

On Sept. 1st, due to the colder weather, the Crusade continued revival efforts in the Sussex Orange Hall. Here the interest has been even better than in the tent and quite a number are demanding that a permanent work be established. No great numbers have been to the altar, yet there have been souls saved and sanctified at the altar and in their seats. Praise the Lord!

God used in a marked way the ministry of Rev. N. E. Trafton and Rev. Ralph Hobson. Mrs. Hobson and their son, Freddie, along with Paul Mullen and his two talented boys, made musical and vocal contributions to the Crusade that were deeply appreciated by the people and blessed by God. It was a great pleasure to labor with these consecrated workers.

Let us continue to carry the message of holiness.

R. H. NICHOLSON

NEW CHURCH BUILDING AT HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

A new church building was purchased in July to provide accommodations for a Reformed Baptist Church in the City of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The building was formerly owned by St. Matthias (Anglican) Church and was purchased by our Home Mission Board for only \$7,200. It is located in the very center of this largest Maritime city and on a corner lot. Work of repair and renovation which will demand an outlay of about \$3,000, is now going on under the direction of Mr. Melvin Perry, of Port Maitland, Nova Scotia. Halifax proper has a population of more than 100,000 and Dartmouth, across the harbour, has a population of 40,000. This is a challenging opening and the prayers and financial support of our people and friends are earnestly solicited. Any contributions that interested parties would like to make towards this new venture may be sent to Rev. G. R. Symonds, Perth, N. B., or Mr. A. E. McGeorge, 33 Joseph Street, Halifax, N. S. Special contributions will be acknowledged through The Highway under the "Halifax Building Fund."

B. C. COCHRANE

TRACT MINISTRY GROWS

Tract distribution is reaching an all-time high. A number of church and Christian business groups are finding tracts effective, if silent, ministers of the Gospel. — War Cry.

OLD TOWN, MAINE

Dear Highway Friends:

As we tune our radios and read our newspapers, we are ever aware of the fact that men are making progress and the cry is "Forge ahead," "Prepare for war—or peace." All nations, colors and creeds are in this vicious battle for the existence of the human body. Men are calling, "Come and deliver us from the snare of the fowler and the effect of the sin of our progenitor, Adam." Science says, "Forward," philosophy says, "Ahead we must go." With the poet of old we too must say:

"Forward still 'tis Jehovah's will,
Tho' the billows dash and spray."

Our church is on the forward march as a denomination, unfurling the banner of holiness so that men may live anew and taste the good things of life; seeing and knowing that God is good, transforming lives and answering prayer.

We in Old Town are feeling the call to forge on and upward, standing in the breach, holding the fort until Jesus comes. We are realizing new interest in church and Sunday school. We are hiring a bus to transport our Sunday school children, and find it is already nearly self-supporting. We have just set a new record of 40 in Sunday school. This is a means of encouragement to receive this response, and the bus will open new opportunities to increase attendance.

The necessary repairs are being made on the exterior of the church, and a coat of white paint is certainly making a great improvement in its appearance.

But we could not do this as we are if it hadn't been for the loyal and generous support of our home mission board. So we, too, as churches must give loyal, whole hearted support to the cause of the crusade for souls, in prayer and offerings, investing in eternal dividends, "where rust doth not corrupt, neither thieves break through and steal."

"Does it pay to give, to sacrifice for new churches? Yes! Only this morning, a fine young lady with tears in her eyes said to me after the sermon, "I have never had the privilege to know the church before or what Christ can do for one, but I want to know Him."

Yes, they are out there waiting for us, perishing, unless we throw out the line by prayer and giving, until we have no more to give. We can forge on. So let us come to the front September 28th with one of the greatest home mission offerings that our denomination has ever put out for the service of God and the salvation of souls.

Yours in His service,

A home mission pastor
JOSEPH A. MOSES,

"Civilization climbs the ladder of Christianity, not of paganism, nor of Communism."

Propagation Not Propaganda

By Paul S. Rees

In dealing with the question of how we can be pioneers of revival we must face the facts; we must begin with ourselves and we must give God a sacrificial obedience and believe in the propagative power of revival.

One weakness of our salesmanship-minded culture is that we have substituted propaganda for propagation. Propaganda is something that you "put over" on somebody. It suggests a certain amount of cunning and of trickery. Propagation, on the other hand, is extension and multiplication by the release of inner forces—the force of truth and love and goodwill. It is not artificial; it is vital. It is life giving birth to life, as when we speak of propagating the species.

To borrow a very up-to-date figure, revival, once begun, has a way of expanding in a chain reaction, like the release of atomic energy. A handful of humble men and women in Jerusalem experienced revival on the day of Pentecost. There were only about a hundred and twenty of them. But what they had from God was self-propagating. It spread so amazingly through the Roman Empire that some historians give an estimate of ten million lives laid hold of by the Christian movement in the first century.

Usually revival starts with a meeting of a few minds and hearts in a fellowship of concern and a comradeship of confessing prayer. That is what happened in Cluny, France, at the close of the Dark Ages. A small company of men met for regular prayer and soul-searching. The movement spread far and broad, bringing new spiritual life to the people.

That is what happened in England in the 18th century. Wesley and Whitefield preached in the fields to as many as twenty thousand at a time. But that was only after the chain-reaction of spiritual power had reached the full explosion stage. It began with a little group of men at Oxford University who were burdened about revival in their own souls and in the life of Christians in Britain.

Edwin Orr says that the sanest revival in modern times was the one which swept over America in 1857. There was a minimum of wild fire and a maximum of sheer spiritual power. It began—at least so far as the United States was concerned—when a lone man, Jeremiah Lamphier, knelt in prayer in a Dutch Reformed Church on Fulton Street in New York City. A few others joined him. The nation was in a bad way. Crime was rife. Slavery was in full swing. "Free Love" doctrines were spreading.

So it was time to pray and propagate revival. Before long, the little "cell" of prayer that started with one and grew to five had become a tremendous structure of intercessory prayer. Four thousand people were crowding into Jayne's Hall, New York, for noonday prayer meetings. Conversions began to occur. The whole country was stirred.

When the awakening was at its height, it was estimated that fifty thousand persons were

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SEPTEMBER 28TH IS SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY