Church and District News

FROM AMHERST, N. S.

Dear Highway Friends:

A report from this part of the Lord's vineyard I believe would be in order at this time. The report no doubt is overdue as it is the first since my coming to Amherst at the first of the church year.

On my arrival I was well received at the Sanders home, where I stayed for about a month. I was then able to move into the parsonage over the church. I am what one might call a semi-boarder. Shortly after I moved into the parsonage the church folk gathered for a social evening, and before leaving had lined the shelves with groceries, At Christmas time I was well remembered with gfits and a generous donation from the people of the church.

We praise the Lord for His presence with us. We have realized His hand working in our midst and His blessing upon us. On Jan. 26th we received word that Mrs. Merrill McKay, one of our church members, who at the time was in the Amherst hospital, had taken a turn for the worse. We were asked to pray. We did this, with individuals or groups in several parts of town, praying that God might see fit to spare and restore her to health. And that her husband would return to the Lord. And God answered our prayers. Mrs. McKay is home again now, and although still in bed she is growing stronger day by day. And the lost sheep has been restored to the fold. The doctors who were with Mrs. McKay when she was so very low, said that it was in answer to prayer that she has been spared.

God is blessing us in our regular services. Hearts are being stirred in the services and out, and requesting prayer. One couple came to the home of some of our praying people desiring help and requesting prayer. They have a spiritual need and are hungry for God.

We have but a few people in the church here, but they are faithful. When we gather for prayer meeting God is with us. At the request or suggestion of our Superintendent, Brother Cochrane, we have been having a special monthly meeting at or near the first of each month on behalf of the denominational work in general. We are glad to say that God has been honouring these meetings and has blessed each one with special blessing.

We are glad also to be able to report that we have our budget better than half paid.

We praise God for all. He is backing up His own promises. Praise His name.

Yours for souls,

R. T. BENSON

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE AND D. V. B. S. WORKERS!

Would those Young People who are interested in D. V. B. S. work this summer, either at Beulah or in the churches during the summer, please send their names to: Miss Betty Symonds, Perth, N. B.

Will the D. V. B. S. workers who already have booked schools, please send a schedule of their dates and churches? This can be a great help to both workers and churches as they plan their D. V. B. S. schedules. Please send

PROGRESS IN HALIFAX

Marked progress is being made in the Grace Reformed Baptist Church in Halifax. Interest in the new church is increasing. When work on the newly acquired church building commenced, there was only one Reformed Baptist family that could be counted on, namely, Brother and Sister A. E. McGeorge and their family.

The Sunday morning attendance has increased to 48 and the evening service has steadily grown in numbers until the figure of 66 has been reached. The Sunday school has grown to 43. Prayer meeting attendance has hit the 21 mark.

The pastor and people are rejoicing in what God is doing. They covet the prayers of the people of all the churches for continued progress.

RALPH HOBSON

MINISTERS OPEN FOR A CALL

The following ministers have written saying they are open for a call to pastoral work for the coming church year:

Rev. F. A. Watson, Marysville, N. B.

Rev. A. L. Stairs, Head of Millstream, N. B.

Rev. J. A. Moses, Box 179, Old Town, Me.

Rev. W. L. Fernley, Black's Harbour, N. B.

Rev. C. E. Stairs, Bethany Bible College, Yarmouth, N. S.

Rev. H. E. Mullen, 233 Aberdeen St., Fredericton, N. B.

Lic. James MacArthur, Island Falls, Me. Lic. F. L. Harvey, Londonderry, N. S.

Lic. M. W. Bagley, Bethany Bible College, Yarmouth, N. S.

Let much prayer be offered for divine direction to be given to ministers and churches. Let us all pray.

DISTRICT NO. 3 ANNOUNCES "OVER THE WAVES"

WHERE? SEAL COVE

WHEN? MARCH 26-29

WHY? For the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

This will be our last District Meeting before Beulah Camp. Let us pray, plan and preach for spiritual progress while the day lingers and before the shadows lengthen into eternal night. D. V. we'll see you there.

WHO? You and your pastor.

J. A. Moses, Sec.

P. S. SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED:

The District Missionary Society will hold its business session during the District Meeting. The time of this meeting will be arranged.

Mrs. R. H. Parks, Sec.

these to Betty Symonds, too, by April 1st, if possible.

Frances Moses, Chairman Children's Work Committee

SELLING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

May Stanfield Heck

Effective advertising is the stronghold for any product that is worth selling. Then, why not sell your School? If you have become somewhat discouraged about your School, why not begin afresh? Start praying until you get the work on your heart, then harness your lost motion, and go out to sell your School. Does some one say, "That is easier said than done"? I agree with you, but what product is a big seller until it is put on the market and tried? Just so with the Sunday School.

As a Sunday School salesman you surely must be full of your subject—your School. To you it is the best, and you first must interest folk in your product. Remember that often the way to the children is through the heart of the parent. They love their children and you must do so also, so do your best to interest both of the parents. Do not stop with one call at the home—make a dozen of them if necessary. Keep on calling until you sell your School and close the deal. I grant you it will not be easy. Selling is work, but there is always some one who will buy.

When you go out calling be sure to take along some picture cards, papers, or something attractive that will interest the children in the thing you have to offer. Do not fail to ask every child you see if he is in Sunday School. If he is not, be sure to get his name and address; you little know what the outcome may be. Be on the lookout for every new family that moves into your part of town. You may be the first to advertise your Sunday School. What would be the returns if you would sell just one hour every day!

Use catchy ways to advertise your School. Colored cards, post card size or smaller, may be used in various ways. (Large sheets can be secured at a printer's or stationer's store and cut into desired sizes). Printing on these can be done with ink or crayons in large letters. Make use of any special days to be observed. Give these as announcements in the homes you enter. Interest must be created in order to secure and keep attendance. It is those children whom we keep in the Sunday School who will hear the Gospel, not those who rarely or never come.

The laity should be pressed into service, but this requires leadership. Perhaps they can sell to those that will not buy from the pastor or the superintendent. Friends tell friends, and so your product gets before the public. Put every member into action and keep the Sunday School so on fire, and the atmosphere so permeated with the spirit of Christ that hearts will be touched.

Do, for Jesus' sake, put some new zeal into your Sunday School, some new methods, and most of all, some new members. Be as apt in selling your School as you would be in selling a product for a commission.—The P. H. Advocate.

"It isn't enough to be good; be good for something."

"God is always worthy of praise, even though we are not worthy to praise Him. It is never out of order to praise Him, even when it looks the most unreasonable to do so."