

Apostles, it is clearly seen that, whatever their temporary lapses, they were in a high state of joyous grace when the Holy Ghost came upon them in Pentecostal power and fulness. Pentecost came, and continues to come, upon believers and upon believers only.

But those believers were not made perfect before Pentecost, either in cleansing from the carnal mind or in unselfish love. They had the spirit of self-seeking, as shown by some of them openly seeking the best places, while the others showed their desire for the same by deeply resenting it. They were narrow-minded, self-appointed leaders in that they forbade others who served Christ because they would not follow them. They were timid and even cowardly, because they all forsook Him and fled. Their faith was weak, for they were slow of heart to believe all that the prophets and Jesus had said of Him and His resurrection. These all go to show that, though beyond doubt they had been soundly and happily converted and born of the Spirit, they were not cleansed from the plague of their natures, their carnality.

But Pentecost, with its flaming fires, purged them from all these, and they went singing with bleeding backs to prison, and bravely paid the martyr price for loyalty to the truth to these and others on that eventful "day of Pentecost" in the upper room. Oh that the Church may repent of her worldliness and sinful conformities and meet conditions for reclamation and God's justifying favor, that she may be qualified to make the consecration for cleansing through the Baptism with the Holy Ghost. This is as then the supreme need. We halt and in some instances retreat before the tasks that Jesus left us to perform. Let us not stop at the door of Pentecost thinking ourselves to have attained because we feel no condemnation. The Holy Ghost came upon the Church in the beginning when "they were continually in the temple praising and blessing God." O Lord, let Thine ancient glory and Thy Holy Paraclete descend and rest upon Thy Church, that there may be added to the Church daily such as are being saved.

—American Holiness Journal

GOD'S LOVE PROVED

Would we know the value that God sets upon us? We have it revealed in the Cross of Jesus Christ. That is the final evidence of God's thought for us. Man, on the one hand so small and insignificant, on the other hand so great: appointed to the privilege of divine sonship! Man in his own eyes so contemptible; in God's sight so dearly beloved!—Dr. Donald Davidson.

"Do you see that rug?" Evan Roberts pointed to a cheap thread-bare rug with a big hole worn through it. "There began the Welsh Revival. I wore that hole through with my knees as I prayed for the visitation of the Spirit in convicting power upon the people."

"For five months before the Revival began I prayed agonizingly for the Holy Spirit. Each day I spent 3 to 8 hours in prayer. Before, I had been a sound sleeper, but beginning in May, 1904, I awoke at one o'clock each night and prayed sometimes until 4 a. m., and sometimes until 9 a. m. This was while I was attending Bible College."

Prayer and pains through Jesus Christ will do anything.—John Eliot.

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE HOLDS COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

The last week-end of May was the occasion of the eighth annual commencement exercises of Bethany Bible College. Many out-of-town guests—including graduates' relatives, alumni, and pastors—were present to honour the largest class to be graduated from the College. Out-of-town guests represented all the Maritime Provinces, Maine, and New York.

Graduate Banquet

The Triangle Room of the Y. M. C. A., decorated with school colours and replicas of the school crest, was an appropriate setting for the Graduate Banquet, held Saturday evening. Approximately one hundred persons enjoyed the tasty dinner and the delightful program. The program consisted of the reading of the class will, prophecy, and history and the presentation of gifts to faculty members who are leaving the School to resume pastoral duties.

Baccalaureate Service

Sunday services were conducted in the Crosby Memorial Chapel under the direction of the President, Rev. N. E. Trafton.

The most significant service of the day was the afternoon Baccalaureate Service. The guest speaker, Rev. F. A. Anderson, of Hartland, New Brunswick, made an excellent and eloquent exposition of the scriptural account of St. Paul's voyage to Rome, using as a theme, "The Christian Voyage and Vision."

Graduation Exercises

Graduation exercises were held Monday evening at the Yarmouth North Baptist Church. The faculty, followed by the graduating class, led the processional march. The guest speaker, Rev. F. A. Anderson, challenged the graduates to be Christlike as creators of good and restorers of that which is fallen. The salutatory was given by Milton Bagley, of Seal Cove, Grand Manan, New Brunswick. The valedictory, delivered by Dorothy Wilson, of Grand Harbour, Grand Manan, New Brunswick, was as follows:

Mr. President, guest speaker, members of the faculty, graduates, under graduates, honoured guests, ladies and gentlemen:

This occasion marks the passing of another mile-stone in the lives of all of us, the graduating class of '53.

Since 1942, for most of us and even earlier for some of us, we have been striving toward this goal, and it is with pride that we realize this aim has finally been reached. In all of Bethany's history there has been no larger group of graduates than this year's class. It is with mixed emotions that we think of the separation which seems to be synonymous with graduation. This moment has a different meaning for each of us. For the Bible department graduate, it means a completion of a course of intensive preparation for full-time service for God. It is with his faith fixed firmly in his Maker that he launches out on the sea of life to do his part in bettering the world. As we make our departure from Bethany, we go with fond memories of the Christian fellowship enjoyed together in Spirit-filled services. Neither can we forget the joys and sorrows of campus life. Years cannot erase from our lives the

impression that has been made on each of us during our stay at Bethany. I am sure that as we leave the regular routine of college life and go forth to pursue our various vocations, we shall not forget the lessons learned at this Christian college.

Tonight we must realize that education is not terminated by this graduation, because life itself is a series of graduations. The completion of a high school course is just one step up the ladder of success. Education is a never-ending process of ongoing, and graduation should serve to show us how incomplete has been our education to date. No special world will be opened up for us, but we must adjust ourselves to the world, observe the traditions, and keep the conventions, before we can hope to reform it. We are not forced to attempt such a reform alone; but with our hand in the hand of the Master and our eyes continually fixed on Him, we may face the world with confidence and a steadfast hope.

We are grateful for the privilege of attending a school such as this and for the benefits received while here. We are especially indebted to Mr. Stairs, to whom the Class of '53 has dedicated the yearbook. His inspiring and encouraging message will remain a guiding light long after we have forgotten the subject matter acquired during the past years.

A special word of appreciation is due the residents of Yarmouth, with whom we have mingled year after year. You have continued to support and encourage us in your friendly ways, helping to maintain the fine spirit of co-operation which exists between the town and Bethany Bible College.

To the friends let me say that we humbly appreciate the sacrifices you have endured unselfishly so that today might be realized. We shall now endeavour to show you that your confidence in our ability has not been misplaced. We cherish also the friends who have upheld us by encouraging words and financial aid; we wish to say a sincere thank you.

We, the Graduating Class, are deeply aware of the effect of the guidance of our teachers throughout the years. Without the influence and patient help of these teachers, our stay at Bethany would no doubt have been much less successful. They are to be commended for their efforts; only time can reveal how lasting has been their influence. As we leave this school, which has hitherto been our life, we look to a future in which life is a school where we can accomplish only what we purpose in our hearts to do. We have received, at least in some measure, a quota of knowledge and experience that are necessary in meeting the new demands thrust upon us.

As we receive our diplomas this evening we must think of them not as being certificates of aridity or dryness, nor of arrogance, but rather we should consider them as certificates of adaptability in an ever-changing world.

As we take the first steps through the gate of this new phase of our life, let us be grateful to God for His goodness to us and resolve to continue to face whatever the future holds for us with our hand in the hand of God. That will be to us "better than light and safer than a known way."