

NEWS *of the* **Crusade**

Report on the '53 Rallies

In an advance announcement of the 1953 Evangelistic Crusade Rallies special prayer was requested that this year's rallies would be the best and most fruitful yet. We are happy to report that prayer has been offered and answered! In attendance, interest, response, influence, etc., this year's rallies surpassed those of previous years. From the first Rally at Saint John, Easter Sunday morning, to the last at Seal Cove Sunday evening, April 26th, we were conscious of the presence of the Lord.

Record Attendance

Attendance at the meetings ranged from 60 to over 500. In most cases churches were filled to capacity, and in one instance, at North Head, N. B., people were turned away. The meetings in the Yarmouth and Grand Manan High Schools were largely attended. At the Youth for Christ Rally in Houlton, at which our Crusader Evangelistic Team, and the Gospel Trio, of Fredericton, were special speakers and singers, the First Baptist Church was crowded with the largest congregation of the church's history (according to the report of the church ushers). Our large Woodstock church was filled to capacity with chairs, benches, etc., crowded into the aisles, across the front of the auditorium, and along the walls. It was a thrilling sight to see this commodious building so crowded. And better still, the presence of the Lord was wonderfully real, as in all the Rallies. The congregations attending the twenty-six meetings totalled nearly 5,000!

Splendid Interest

In the report of the work being done under the Crusade programme, in the plans for the future, in the appeal for prayer and financial support, a fine response was given our Crusaders. Nearly 1,100 people pledged themselves to daily praying for the Crusade work and workers, with the additional promise of weekly (Friday) secret praying. Think of it! 1,100 people on their knees seeking the help of God for revival in our churches, advancement in the extension programme! With such wonderful prayer support we cannot but go forward. Prayer volunteers, be faithful in this all-important work. The victory will depend on you! (A significant foot-note: More than 100 of our prayer volunteers are from the Sussex and Halifax meetings!)

Favourable Comment

From ministers and laymen we received the following significant encouraging statement: "We believe these Crusade Rallies are of inestimable value to our work." One layman said: "I believe the Crusade Rallies are doing more for our churches and general work than anything that happens in the church year, with the possible exception of revival campaigns." Ministers and laymen of other denominations attending some of the Rallies spoke with

appreciation of the services and the Crusade programme. We praise the Lord for His blessing upon the Rallies that has given them such good and helpful influence.

Fine Co-Operation

Sincere appreciation is due our pastors for splendid co-operation in planning for the Rallies, attending, raising money to defray the expenses of the meetings, etc. Our pastors and laymen gave the Rallies the best of support. We were pleased to be with some of the smaller churches this year, a privilege we could not enjoy in previous years. Every church or circuit was represented in the meetings excepting some of the churches of the Millville circuit. We were sorry that a Rally could not be arranged in this area because of special meetings being carried on.

Our Thanks

To all who worked to prepare for the Rallies, attended and helped in the meetings, and prayed for their success, we say "thanks and God bless you." And to God Who guided us in our 3,000 miles of travel, gave strength to carry on when the 'flu and physical weariness threatened to impair our effectiveness, and blessed us so richly as we endeavoured to minister to the thousands who attended the Rallies, we, the Crusaders, give praise and thanksgiving!

B. C. Cochrane
DeVerne Mullen
Paul Mullen

THE GREATEST WORK IN THE WORLD

When Dr. Lyman Beecher was on his deathbed, someone asked: "Dr. Beecher, will you please tell us the greatest work that a man can do in this world?"

"The greatest work," replied the dying theologian, "is not to rule a kingdom. It is not political nor ecclesiastical power; neither is it scientific, philosophical, nor even theological knowledge. The greatest work that a person can do in this world, is to lead a soul to Jesus Christ."

THE CAMPUS CORNER

As a matter of interest to friends, we publish a tentative list of the names of those who will be graduated from Bethany Bible College on June 1st:

Adair, Maureen—Kingston, N. B.
Bagley, Milton—Seal Cove, Grand Manan, N. B.
Brown, Graydon—Seal Cove, Grand Manan, N. B.
Cameron, Stillman—Black's Harbour, N. B.
Daurie, Greta—Halifax, N. S.
Graham, Patrick—Millville, N. B.
Greaves, Ruth—Danvers, N. S.
Kennedy, Patricia—Debec, N. B.
Lynds, Walter—Truro, N. S.
McPherson, Phyllis—Presque Isle, Me.
Ramsay, Eleanor—Alberton, P. E. I.
Reid, Joan—Truro, N. S.
Shepherd—Patricia—Woodward's Cove, Grand Manan, N. B.
Smith, Hartley—Port Maitland, N. S.
Wilson, Dorothy—Grand Harbour, Grand Manan, N. B.

NOTICE TO CHURCHES

Bethany Bible College needs money to meet current expenses. If the Budgets were paid the need would be met. The churches still owe \$2500. Has your budget been paid in full? Perhaps a check-up of the matter would show there hasn't been any paid yet.

Bethany pays big dividends — let us support Bethany!

Will all churches owing budgets and all parents owing accounts for students please remit immediately. The appeal is urgent as the end of the school year is less than a month away.

H. R. INGERSOLL,
Chairman of School Board.

BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE

announces

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

beginning May 30

Saturday, 6.00 P.M. Graduate Banquet—Rev. N. E. Trafton, Chairman. (YMCA Triangle Room).
Sunday, 11.00 A.M. Morning Worship—Rev. C. E. Stairs, Speaker.
3.00 P.M. Baccalaureate Service—Rev. F. A. Anderson, Speaker.
7.30 P.M. Evening Service—Rev. N. E. Trafton, Speaker.
Monday, 8.00 P.M. Graduation Exercises—Rev. F. A. Anderson, Speaker. (Milton Baptist Church).