



THANK GOD FOR THE BIBLE SCHOOLS!

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The above heading I saw in a religious periodical. Being interested in such a topic, I naturally and earnestly read the article that followed.

The writer, Rev. Walter Handford, said in part: "One of the most important yet little appreciated works for the Lord being carried on today is the Bible School ministry. The Christian arts colleges and seminaries are doing a much-needed piece of work in Christian education. God bless them! But the Bible Institutes throughout our land have a unique ministry. Their special work is an intensive instruction program in the contents of the Bible itself. They are training a vast army of pastors, missionaries, Sunday School teachers, and Christian workers which our churches desperately need today.

"... The Bible Schools are important agencies to help instruct young Christians in the fundamental doctrines and also to train Christian workers."

The writer of the above statement is an evangelist, not a Bible School publicity manager.

There is a tendency on the part of some to think of a Bible school as being something less than a liberal arts college. I should like to suggest that a Bible school is something different from a college. Bible schools exist for different purposes; they choose to be Bible schools. Their field of study or curriculum differs from that of the liberal arts college, but their standards may be just as high and their work just as concentrated.

Some of our young people doubtlessly will desire to attend a Christian college. If they are able to pay the bills, conquer the subjects, and do graduate work after graduation—college may be the better place for them.

Our young people should not be deluded, however. They should know that a liberal arts course does not prepare a person for a special task. Almost always work is advisable beyond an undergraduate course.

It is thought provoking to note that some missionary organizations today are asking missionary candidates who have college training to go on to seminary or Bible school. As suggested earlier, Bible school has something quite different to offer young people and something quite necessary. The two trainings may be supplementary. A person may attend both Bible school and college with profit and with little repetition.

No one could overlook the contribution that Bible schools have made to the propagation of the gospel and to the development of Christian youth. Consider such schools as Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois, and Prairie Bible Institute in Three Hills, Alberta. Note their connection with the world-wide missionary program. They surely must be on God's honor roll.

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The point of this article is: There will always be a place for the Bible school—along with the college and apart from it.

Therefore, I say: Let us be proud of our Bible school, and let us make it a great Bible school. We have the potential: financially, numerically, spiritually, and academically to do it.

Revival—At Any Cost

When we pray for revival "at any cost" what we really do is not to put other people at God's disposal—but ourselves. We pray for revivals at any price and then the Lord asks us to pay the price ourselves.

"At any cost" will mean all nights of prayer.

"At any cost" will mean days of fasting.

"At any cost" will mean joining yourself to groups interceding for the Spirit's outpouring and never missing a meeting.

"At any cost" will mean determination and desperation and holding on until the answer comes!

Revival is in the hands of the praying Christian. If he will be desperate and importunate he will see the tide of apostasy turned and the tide of revival sweep in.

Every Revival has its price. When the price is paid Revival comes.

YOU are responsible for Revival! Is there sin in the camp? Is there treason today?

Is there cause in our ranks for defeat and delay?

Something of selfishness garments of gold?

Something of hindrance in young or in old?

Something why God doth His blessing withhold

Is it, O Lord, in ME? —Selected.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE REV. H. S. WILSON

As I was not able to be at the funeral of our much-loved Brother H. S. Wilson, perhaps I shall be granted the privilege of making a public tribute through "The King's Highway." Doubtless, many would like to pay such tribute, but will hesitate to take the privilege unto themselves.

Brother Wilson, in my estimation, was a magnanimous man, a man with a great soul.

He was "big" enough to rejoice in another's success and to weep at another's loss; to encourage the disheartened and the inexperienced; to share what he had with others; to be kind to everyone and to be thoughtful of the needy; to take note of the children and to remember the aged; to support his leaders, on one hand, and to serve his people, on the other hand; to live for Christ and forget himself.

How appropriate was the funeral text: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Brother Wilson honoured the Blood as few of us do; he majored in testimony both in public ministry and in personal witnessing; he served unselfishly unto death. He, indeed, was and is an overcomer. He has joined the "cloud of witnesses" who cheer us on. (Heb. 12:1). I see his beaming smile, his twinkling eyes, his characteristic upraised hand of greeting, and the race becomes easier, the distance shorter, and the prospect more glorious.

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The Superintendent Reports

As the new year approaches I am reminded of the goodness of the Lord through the past days. It has been my privilege to work with several of our pastors in denominational interests. A brief report of my travels may be of interest to our readers.

The tent meeting at Canterbury did not produce the results we hoped for, but our message was well received by the people of the area. Stillman Cameron and Cedric Landers assisted in the campaign. In September I assisted Brother Rice at Doaktown in a two week meeting resulting in a measure of victory. The church is in a healthy condition showing progress on every line. Supplied at Woodstock for three Sundays and was greatly impressed by the loyalty and faith of the people though without a permanent pastor for several months. The last of October I assisted Brother Morehouse in services at Salem. The church has shown real advancement under the pastor's leadership. Spent a long week-end with Brother Owens and the new church at Springfield. Interest was good with pungent conviction in the closing services. At Moncton during a week of services the spiritual tone was high, Brother Tokley is providing the kind of leadership that builds a solid, spiritual church. We are thankful that he cast in his lot among us.

During the next two weeks I contacted the churches at Calais, Crawford, Westchester, Londonderry, Truro, St. John, Black's Harbour, Seal Cove, Woodward's Cove, Grand Harbour, Jonesport and Beals. Truro witnessed a real Holy Ghost visitation on the church during their recent revival effort.

The pastor and people are united pressing on to greater things. Brother Corey has made improvements on the church building at Londonderry, while Brother Benson is laboring faithfully at Westchester, Calais and Crawford have moved along steadily making necessary improvements on the parsonage and church building at Calais. At St. John there was evidence of a steady increase in interest and attendance, Black's Harbour has lost several families who have moved to other localities, but the pastor and people are believing for new recruits to fill up the ranks.

Our Grand Manan churches continue to give a good holiness witness on the island. Seal Cove is strong and steady. Grand Harbour and Woodward's Cove are carrying on with courage and faith while their pastor is absent on sick leave. Before I finished my Grand Manan tour I was called home for the funeral of Brother H. S. Wilson. Supplying at Barker's Point on Sunday I found the church facing the future with faith in God though saddened by the sudden loss of their pastor. Jonesport and Beals are doing well with increase in Sunday school and church attendance. As a people we have much to be thankful for, but the task before us demands even greater effort and sacrifice if we meet the challenge of this decisive hour.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank pastors and people for their kindness and co-operation during my visitation. A blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year to the Highway family.

"Love is the element in which holiness exist".