

## We Congratulate

### John Ripley

The Halifax Chronicle Herald and the Truro Daily News recently carried an announcement that John Ripley had been awarded a scholarship at the University of New Brunswick.

The front-page article in the Truro paper read thus:

"John D. Ripley recently received notification of his being awarded a Sir George E. Foster scholarship by the University of New Brunswick.

"This scholarship is awarded annually to worthy students showing scholastic ability and is valued at \$1,900 for four years study at that university.

"Mr. Ripley, who this year graduated from Bethany Bible College, Yarmouth, will enter U. N. B. as a second year Arts student. Prior to returning to college Mr. Ripley was employed in Truro.

"He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ripley, Londonderry."

We say, "Congratulations, John."

We take delight in the fact that Bethany shares in this honour and that grade twelve students from Bethany are qualified to enter the second year of college. It is anticipated that more of our young people will take their first year of college at Bethany. It is not too late even now to register for this year.

John is not the first graduate to bring honour to his alma mater. A year ago, Jean Farnham of Victoria, N. B., lead the Province of New Brunswick in nursing examinations.

### Grade Twelve

We also congratulate this year's grade twelve class, who all passed Senior Matriculation papers for the Province of Nova Scotia. They are as follows: Judith Buckler, Bear River, N. S.; Vernon Shaw, Yarmouth, N. S.; John Ripley, Londonderry, N. S.; and Kenneth Gorveatte, Moncton, N. B. These have made a splendid record for themselves and for Bethany Bible College.

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## THE POWER OF ACCUMULATIVE PRAYER

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believing we shall receive." Surely this constitutes our redemption rights and gives us authority to lay our hands on the throne, and claim what He has so freely given."

Dear Christian friend, will you join us in intercessory prayer for a Heaven-sent revival? We believe that you with others, in united prayer, can bring a revival about; for that is the way a revival is started. Like the accumulation of many bamboo rods raised a tremendous weight from the bottom of a river, just so will the accumulated prayers of many believing Christians finally rend the heavens and bring down a great revival from Heaven over our beloved country. Will you enlist one or more friends to join with you at stated periods for believing prayer for Holy Ghost revival. How we would like the youth of our land to join in this mighty barrage of prayer for revival. We predict that our youth will have a major part in the great spiritual awakening, now imminent.

"Again I say unto you that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:19.

## KEEP FROM AND IN

We are kept by the power of God from certain conditions and in other conditions. It is well to clearly understand what grace will do for us and what it will not do.

1. We can be kept from sin. He is "able to keep us from falling." It is a great thing to be saved from sin. It is a greater to be kept from it, and this God promises to do. Charles Wesley says:

"Happy the man who wisdom finds,  
Thrice happy who his guest retains."

How many fail to stand the testing after having been cleansed. But this is not the divine fault. God has provided the antidote. He has told us to put on the invincible armor. If we are not kept, it is through disobedience in failing to keep the whole armor on.

2. We may be kept in many conditions, though not kept from them—kept in spite of them.

God did not keep Daniel from the lion's den, but kept him in it. What was the difference? He did not keep the three Hebrew children from the fiery furnace, but he kept them in it. What was the difference? Was it not better to be kept in the lion's den and enjoy the society of angels than to have remained outside? Was it not better to get acquainted with the Son of God even if it cost a fiery introduction than to fail to meet Him? If we must go to the lions' dens and fiery furnaces in order to have greater revelations and a better acquaintance with God, then let them come, the sooner the better.

Paul was not kept from the shipwreck, but in the midst of it the angel of God appeared to him. He was not saved from the executioner's block. But God so kept him that the executioner's block only helped him the sooner to his crown.

We shall not be kept from trials, sorrows, temptation, losses and afflictions, but God cannot only keep us in them, but make them turn to our advantage. Full salvation is exemption from sin, but not from affliction or temptation. But it gives victory in every circumstance.

—Heart and Life

"There will, indeed, be fluctuations, high and low tides in spiritual experience, but just because most Christians and churches need a periodical stirring up does not mean that it should or need be so. Our emotional state will rise and fall but our spiritual condition was never intended to be up and down like a thermometer in April.

We are in danger of thinking of a revival as an occasional shot in the arm, a spirit of religious enthusiasm that soon plays out. God never intended His people to live by fits and starts, and spells and spasms. With churches on almost every corner, it is pathetic we should have to call in a special preacher to revive us two or three times a year. If we walked with God and kept up to date with Him, we should not need special meetings in order to catch up with Him again. If we had a daily "vival" we should not need an "annual revival."

—F. Lincicome

The fact is, God can use any sort of man and every peculiarity of man—only let the man give himself as he is to God.—Pulsiford

## Nothing Happened

Dr. Claude A. Ries

Does it make any difference whether I as a Christian go to the weekly prayer service or not? Does it matter whether as a professing Christian I go to Sunday School or not? Indeed it does, for the simple reason that what I am to be I am now becoming.

When I was a student in Houghton College I urged a fellow-student to attend students' prayer meeting. The reply was, "Oh I don't know as it matters. That's just up to me whether I care to or not." That young man finished college, was married and became a pastor. Though far from being an old man, he has been on the shelf for years, for the same spirit which characterized his religious activities in college dominated his ministry after college.

Shame on that healthy-bodied Christian young man who lacks the gumption to get himself out of bed in time for Sunday School! One wonders if "he has what it takes" to produce a virile, red-blooded Christian soldier. Perhaps if more of the young men would set the example more of the young ladies would hesitate to sleep in.

I once read of a young man home from college who was asked by a Sunday School Superintendent to teach a class. He declined. When the pastor spoke to him about it he nonchalantly remarked, "There's no penalty for refusing, is there?"

"Yes," replied the minister, "there is. There is the penalty of never knowing the good you have failed to do!"

"If I never know it," said George, still in his flippant mood, "I guess I won't miss it."

The minister then asked, "Do you remember the incident in the life of Jesus when He was on his way to Jerusalem? He sent two disciples to ask shelter at a Samaritan village; but as His face was set toward Jerusalem, they would not receive Him. Some of his disciples wanted to call down fire and brimstone on that village, but Jesus, reproving them, patiently resumed His journey. What was their penalty?"

"I don't think there was any," George replied, "As far as I know, nothing happened to the village." "No," the minister agreed, "NOTHING HAPPENED. People put out their lights, and went to bed as usual; the next morning they rose as they always did. **Nothing happened**, indeed; no sick were healed, no new parable was spoken, no new disciple was found. Had any of these three things happened, the village would have had a place in history to the end of time; as things are, even its name is unknown."

For a moment George was silent; then he said, "I thank you for the reminder. I will teach that class."

"And He called his . . . servants . . . and said unto them, **Occupy till I come.**"

Are things happening for God because of your faithfulness and loving loyalty to Christ or is the verdict of your daily life "Nothing Happened?"

"There can be no rainbow unless it is raining. So we cannot see the brightest glory of God's grace without entering into the experience of trial."—Selected.

"You never get hurt by the things you didn't say."—Selected.