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EDITORIALS

IT'S REVIVAL TIME!

The world is witnessing a spiritual awakening. There are signs which indicate a genuine moving of the Spirit. Ritualistic churches are seeking to promote evangelism, hundreds of thousands are attending evangelistic meetings, and the call to repentance is finding a response in the hearts of multitudes.

No one can hear and read of the Billy Graham campaigns without being impressed and thrilled. No one, that is, except the person who is blinded by prejudice and blighted by an ultra-critical spirit.

This sincere, consecrated, humble American evangelist is without question a man raised up of God for a special work. The story of the European crusades of the Graham Evangelistic Team, as told in the book, "A Mission Accomplished," is a thrilling tale. No man of history has preached to so many people as this dynamic herald of the Gospel. While in Great Britain last spring, Graham preached salvation to an estimated 30,000,000 radio and T-V audience. The largest auditoriums and arenas of many countries are overcrowded for the campaign meetings. And now we hear from India of throngs reaching as high as 100,000 in a single service gathering to hear the Gospel. And, under the presentation of a simple, scripture saturated messages, people from all levels of society are moved to seek Christ as Saviour. Transformed lives, happy homes, ringing testimonies of the saving power of the Lord Jesus, bear witness to the fact that God is blessing, moving, saving.

"It is not Graham, but God," is the insistent claim of the youthful evangelist. When asked for an explanation as to why people thronged to his meetings when stormy weather all but forced closure of some worldly attractions, Graham replied: "I have no logical explanation. I have been told many times that I am just an ordinary preacher. I believe it. The only explanation is that this is God's doing and not the work of mere man. No one but the Spirit of God could awaken such interest in spiritual things, and we are humbly grateful. The Bible says that if Jesus Christ be lifted up He will draw all men unto Him. I make every effort to stop people from talking about Billy Graham and ask them to lift up Christ."

Not every consecrated, soul-seeking servant of God will realize the success which is witnessed in the Graham campaigns. There is only one Billy Graham, a man chosen of God for a special mission. But all who would take advantage of the present situation, when people are obviously giving evidence of deep spiritual hunger and the Spirit of God is seeking to use all who will to "work while it is day" for a great ingathering of souls, pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and lay members of the church would do well to redouble their efforts for "revival in our time!"

THE WORK AND THE WORKMEN

A pastor who realized that his church was in a state of spiritual decline is said to have made the following decisions: "My church needs a new pastor, and by the grace of God, I'll be that new pastor." This discovery and resolution was followed by a time of heart searching, confession of spiritual lack, and renewing of vows. The consequence—spiritual recovery for the pastor and a revival for the church with increased interest and attendance and the salvation of souls.

As I write, a radio announcer is reading Louise Fletcher's poem, "The Land of Beginning Again."
"So I wish that there were
Some wonderful place
Called 'the land of beginning again'
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door
And never put on again."

Well, there is such a wonderful place. It is the place we reach by admitting the causes of failure and fruitlessness within ourselves. It is so easy to blame our lack of success on the indifferent spirit of the world or the irresponsible spirit of the church, but not so easy to admit that our inability to attract the interest of the world and arouse the people of the church to zealous Christian service may be due to our own spiritual poverty or prayerlessness.

Whether service of a "less than the best" quality was sufficient for success in the Lord's work in times past I do not know, but of this I am sure, no man can be effective to-day unless he is fully consecrated in spirit and concentrated in his interests. The man who is at ease in Zion will be by-passed by the workers who report for duty with a burning zeal to be "all out for the Lord," and those whose interests are divided between the sacred and the secular will find themselves being displaced by men who have proposed to devote themselves whole-heartedly and entirely to the work of the ministry.

Good workmen are in demand. Those who have a reputation for consecration and concentration in the Lord's service are being called for. A man of this type is in no danger of going out of circulation. The church or denomination concerned with the spiritual progress of its work is seeking the leadership which is fully dedicated to a foreword and upward course. So long as men are prepared to give such leadership, and every God-called man can if he will, they will be kept busy. But as already suggested, a man who is giving less than his best to the work of the ministry need look no further for the cause of his "unemployment problem."

In the Lord's service as in every worthwhile project there is one factor which, from the human standpoint is more important than any other—work. No man, young or old, will be fruitful in the work of the Kingdom if he doesn't

recognize the need of labour and diligently set himself to the task. For the minister there is the work of prayer, the work of study, the work of pastoral visitation, the work of preaching. Attending to these duties when it is work to do so, and with faithfulness, will bring desired results.

When we want an explanation for our lack of success, we are all too prone to seek it in something outside of ourselves. That is easier and less humiliating. But if we are really concerned about our future and the future and the future of the Lord's work, we shall do well to open our hearts to the severe searchings of the Spirit of God. He will tell us the truth and it may hurt, but it may also lead to a glorious recovery in spiritual living and service.

FOR YOUR READING WE RECOMMEND—

"Spiritual Strength For Today," by R. Barclay Warren. A native of Ontario, Canada, a graduate of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario (B. A.), and Emmanuel College, Toronto, Ont. (B. D.), presently pastor of the Eglinton Ave. Free Methodist Church, Toronto, and editor of the Canadian Free Methodist Herald, R. Barclay Warren is a well known and highly respected minister of the Gospel, writer and educator. It was the privilege of the Highway editor to come under the teaching and personal influence of Mr. Warren when he was principal of Annesley College, Ottawa, Ontario, and the personal friendship and fellowship enjoyed with this fine man of God at that time and since has been a very enriching experience. Fifteen years ago next December, Rev. Mr. Warren wrote a devotional message for an Ontario newspaper. The message was received with such favour that the editor requested regular contributions. Other newspapers began to print these brief, helpful articles, and at the present time a total of 90 weeklies and dailies carry Mr. Warren's messages, "Spiritual Strength For Today" contains a selection of these articles. Copies of this good book may be obtained at \$2.00 each from the publishers, Thomas Nelson and Sons, Limited, Toronto, Ontario, or from the author, Rev. R. B. Warren, 105 Eglinton Ave., Toronto 12, Ontario.

"A Mission Accomplished," by George Burnham, the thrilling story of the Billy Graham Crusades in Scotland, England, and on the Continent, as told by a reporter of the Chattanooga News-Free Press, who travelled with the Graham Evangelistic Team during these European Crusades and reported the meetings for more than 300 Daily Newspapers of the United States. The amazing ministry of this youthful American evangelist to the multitudes who thronged to the Crusade meetings, his personal and public ministry to Britain's Queen, Prime Minister Churchill, America's President Eisenhower, his frank and forthright preaching to dignitaries religious and political, makes for reading interesting, informative, and inspirational. The Billy Graham story is a modern miracle, and "A Mission Accomplished" is one of the soul-gripping accounts of a tale which leaves one to exclaim "what hath God wrought!"

"Ill that He blesses is most good,
And unblest good is ill;
And all is right that seems most wrong
If it be His sweet will."



NEW TEACHER AT BETHANY

Readers of The Highway will be pleased to know that Miss Ruth Morgan, of Millville, N. B., has joined the staff of Bethany Bible College for this semester. Miss Morgan is a former graduate of Bethany and a graduate of the Teachers College in Fredericton, N. B. Miss Morgan is replacing Rev. Karl Gorman, who has been teaching part time at Bethany.

NEW STUDENTS AT BETHANY

Two new students entered Bethany at the beginning of the second semester. Reginald Kierstead entered the High School Department to review his studies in preparation for writing Provincial examinations. Reginald comes to us from South Africa, and is the son of Rev. E. A. M. Kierstead, Superintendent of our Missionary work in South Africa.

Fred Whittey, of Meductic, N. B., entered the Bible Department to begin his preparation for full time service for the Lord. May God bless all of our Bethany students.

DONATIONS

Early in December the Reformed Baptist Church at Havelock, N. S., sent a truck loaded with vegetables and fruit to Bethany. In addition to this there was a donation of cash from friends and members of the Havelock church. This donation would be valued at \$100.00 at least.

This is not the first donation of this kind that the Havelock church has made. Certainly the pastor and people deserve a word of commendation. The example they have set is greatly appreciated.

Several individuals have made personal contributions to Bethany. We wish to acknowledge all receipts and express our appreciation for each gift and each giver.

SPECIAL

Rev. H. S. Wilson Memorial Scholarship

We are delighted to announce to our Highway readers that we have been able to establish a Rev. H. S. Wilson Memorial Scholarship through the kindness of Mrs. Gertrude Wilson, who wishes to perpetuate the memory of her husband through this medium. Mrs. Wilson, has given \$300.00 to Bethany to establish a \$50.00 per annum scholarship in memory of the late Rev. H. S. Wilson. This scholarship is to be given to a second year Bible student who has shown outstanding scholastic ability and is in need of financial assistance.

Bethany is proud of the honour bestowed upon her of being chosen to perpetuate the memory of this man of God. The money received will enable us to carry the scholarship over a period of approximately seven years. We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Wilson for this fine gesture on her part.

Rev. H. S. Wilson was a man who was loved and respected by all of our people. The thought has come to me that possibly there are church-

es or individuals who would like to contribute to this scholarship in memory of Mr. Wilson, which would enable us to offer a scholarship to his memory over a longer period of time. Let us throw out the challenge to you to this effect. You can help us perpetuate the memory of this man of God through The Rev. H. S. Wilson Memorial Scholarship. Contributions will be received at Bethany Bible College with appreciation.

DO YOU WANT TO ESTABLISH A SCHOLARSHIP?

Bethany is taking steps to establish several scholarships for students entering this institution for training. Already circular letters have gone out to representative pastors on each church district to ask them to promote the idea of District Scholarships.

The District Scholarship is only one of the means of providing scholarships. Churches or Young People's groups may desire to take on this needy task. A scholarship in the amount of \$50.00 or \$60.00 per annum would mean much to Bethany students and to Bethany itself. Such scholarships would serve to increase academic efficiency as well as to stimulate personal interest in Bethany, and the promotion of the general school program.

Perhaps there are individuals who would like to follow Mrs. Wilson's splendid example, by establishing a memorial scholarship for any one of the High School grades or for the Bible Department. Again we have conceived the idea that some business concern or private establishment might be interested in sponsoring a scholarship.

These scholarships may be perpetuated on an interest basis, providing the initial investment is large enough for this; or they may be cared for by making straight per annum payments. When these payments are made or the scholarship is established, the person making possible the scholarship will receive a receipt for the money contributed which may be used for deductions when filing the income tax returns.

A special Scholarship Fund is being established and all money received for scholarships will be directed to that fund to be used for scholarships only.

Those who are interested in establishing a scholarship may write to the president of Bethany and he will give any information or suggestions that would be helpful in getting the scholarship established that the person is interested in.

May we have the privilege of hearing from those of you who are interested in the proposed scholarships. If you are unable to afford a full scholarship perhaps you would like to contribute toward one already established such as the Rev. H. S. Wilson Memorial Scholarship.

NOTICE

It is hoped that we will be able to make a full report on the results of the Bethany Sunday offerings, in the next issue of the Highway.

We want to thank our churches and friends who have given sacrificially in order to make Bethany Sunday a success. Your gifts are appreciated.

Apology is the only tool that can fix a breach with an offended neighbor.—Henry T. Beyer.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE NATIONAL HOLINESS ASSOCIATION

Rev. Paul L. Kindsch

The National Holiness Association was first organized in 1867 as the "National Camp Meeting Association for the Promotion of Holiness." Later, the official name was changed to the "National Association for the Promotion of Holiness," and in 1950 it was changed again to that which we now use.

N. H. A. was originated and supported for many years by Methodist ministers and laymen. They were seeking a media whereby they could better promote the original Wesleyan doctrine of a second definite work of grace, in which the heart of the believer is cleansed from sin and filled with the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 1:8. Activities were largely that of organizing camp meeting over the nation where scriptural holiness was taught and preached.

Prior to the organization of N. H. A., two of the holiness denominations now in existence were organized. The Wesleyan Methodist Church in 1842, and the Free Methodist Church in 1860, both coming out of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Since the organization of N. H. A., there have been several holiness denominations formed. The result was that those who wanted emphasis on the original Methodist doctrine of heart holiness joined with one of these denominations. However, a goodly number of great souls stayed with the Methodist Church, feeling that they should preach, teach, and evangelize within the Church. The move of organizing denominations for the express purpose of preaching scriptural holiness has seemingly carried the approval of God, for a great work is being done by the various groups.

The holiness associations on the local, county, state, and national level have continued to function, being supported by people from all denominations. However, the programs of the holiness denominations have reached such proportion and tempo that more and more of the work of spreading scriptural holiness is being done through this media. Therefore, many of the holiness associations, as such, have ceased to exist, or find it hard to function because of the lack of funds and support. For example, many of the local congregations in a given county have more in attendance at a regular mid-week prayer service than can be assembled when the monthly county holiness association meets. This is not so much a result of lack of interest on the part of holiness people in the area, as it is a multiplicity of the same type of activity and function. Thus, we find much effort being put forth in an attempt to retain a former organization and ideal, rather than the original purpose of evangelizing and teaching scriptural holiness to the unindoctrinated. In other words, an emphasis on preservation rather than evangelization.

The development of any one of the holiness denominations has progressed largely independent of what other denominations have done, and with very little close alliance, contact, or knowledge of the other's program. In recent years, the leadership of N. H. A. has been securing the approval of the various holiness denominations by receiving them as affiliates to the National. Nearly all of them have now established this affiliate relationship. A much closer liaison between these groups, including the interdenominational groups, is vitally necessary.

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