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EDITORIALS

DARKNESS AND DAWN

"It was yet dark," and "it began to dawn," are significant phrases associated with the historical account of our Lord's resurrection.

With heavy hearts the devout Magdalene and her companions made their way toward the garden of Joseph in the drear gloom of the early morning. To anoint the body of Jesus who had been so cruelly crucified were they come. They knew very well that the body of Christ was imprisoned in a rock-hewn tomb, nor had they been able to decide how the great stone at the entrance could be removed, but love impelled them onward while reason sought to turn them back.

What a happy surprise awaited the women! "When they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away . . . and entering the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment. . . . and he saith unto them: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen. . . go your way, tell His disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see Him."

A darkness of soul which had hung over their hearts like a heavy cloud since the cruel crucifixion of their beloved Master, was penetrated by the glory of angelic presence and slowly the wondrous light of resurrection radiance filled and thrilled them. They must see the Lord for themselves in order to grasp the full meaning of the angel announcement, but "it began to dawn" as they stood in the presence of that heavenly visitor.

Our world of today is dark, very dark. Nothing less than blind optimism could make possible an attitude of hopefulness for this generation. The pattern is unmistakably plain. Strong political groups have divided the world and the threat of war hangs over us. Only God can save humanity from ruin, and the United Nations Organization has chosen to exclude the Almighty from its plans and programmes. Atheism in one form dominates the eastern half of the world while atheism in another form prevails in the western hemisphere. And so we are enshrouded with gloom and an horror of great darkness.

This year's celebration of our Lord's resurrection seems very timely. The triumph of Christ over the forces of death and the grave foreshadows the glorious victory which He will accomplish over evil men and evil powers which

dominate the world. The man of sin will be destroyed by the brightness of His coming, and the god of this world, the satanic adversary of man, who foments war and spreads destruction, will be imprisoned for a thousand years while peace and righteousness cover the earth.

It is yet dark, but the dawn is at hand. The risen Lord will soon appear to still the clash and clamour of sin's conflict. Then shall "the day dawn and the shadows flee away." For that hour we patiently and confidently wait.

"I LIVE . . . YE ALSO!"

We worship a living Lord. We serve a risen Saviour.

This is the glory of the Christian faith, the power of the Christian message. It is the one great fact which distinguishes the religion of our faith from all the others of all time.

Elaborate tombs have erected to shelter the remains of the prophets and leaders of other sects and creeds to these houses of death come worshippers with their gifts and prayers. Here in vain they "seek the living among the dead" and endeavour to gain inspiration through the remembrance of the lives of those who "now want strength to move their hands."

An empty tomb—the discovery which filled the heart of the devoted Magdalene with sorrow, is finally found to be the cause of inexpressible joy. The mournful "they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him" gives place to the joyful "the Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared unto Peter". The search for the body of the beloved Master ends in a happy meeting with the resurrected Saviour.

And the practical significance of Christ's victory over death and the grave is that the life-power He possesses is communicative and is imparted to all who will receive Him by faith. Coming into the soul of the surrendered with the promise "because I live ye shall live also" the Lord Jesus invites us to share in the spoils of his remarkable victory.

Power to live, power to serve, power to be, is shed abroad in the heart by the incoming Sa-

WHO IS HE?

Bound upon th' accursed tree,
Faint and bleeding, who is He?
By the eyes so pale and dim,
Streaming blood and writhing limb,
By the flesh with scourges torn,
By the crown of twisted thorn,
By the side so deeply pierced,
By the baffled, burning thirst,
By the drooping, death-dew'd brow—
Son of Man! 'tis Thou, 'tis Thou!

Bound upon th' accursed tree,
Dread and awful, who is He?
By the sun at noonday pale,
Shivering rocks and rending veil;
By earth that trembles at His doom,
By yonder saints who burst their tomb,
By Eden, promised ere He died,
To the felon at His side;
Lord! our suppliant knees we bow—
Son of Man! 'tis Thou, 'tis Thou!

Bound upon th' accursed tree,
Sad and dying, who is He?
By the last and bitter cry,
The ghost giv'n up in agony;
By the lifeless body laid
In the chamber of the dead;
By the mourners come to weep
Where the bones of Jesus sleep;
Crucified! we know Thee now—
Son of Man! 'tis Thou, 'tis Thou!

Bound upon the accursed tree,
Dread and awful, who is He?
By the prayer for them that slew,
"Lord! they know not what they do!"
By the spoil'd and empty grave,
By the souls He died to save,
By the conquest He hath won,
By the saints before His throne,
By the rainbow round His brow—
Son of Man! 'tis Thou, 'tis Thou!

—Henry Hart Milman.

viour. The requirements of the Gospel, the demands of the Word, are brought within our reach through the grace which a living Christ imparts. Victory over sin is enjoyed through the transforming influence of His quickening presence. Ability to do and be is enjoyed "through Christ which strengtheneth". Gone is the fear of death, broken is the power of the grave for He hath declared "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

This is the soul-thrilling music of the Easter message. The triumph of the Christ is not only personal and historic, it is provisional and perpetual. Laying the grave clothes aside, coming forth from the rock-hewn death cell, Jesus makes the glad announcement to all who will hear and believe "because I live, ye shall live also." And whenever and wherever He finds a yielded and obedient heart the victory of the resurrection is re-enacted and the spoils of that triumph are distributed.

"Soar we now, where Christ has led,
Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head;
Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise,
Alleluia
Ours the Cross, the grave, the skies,
Alleluia!"

SEND THE LIGHT

The need of world evangelization is most urgent.

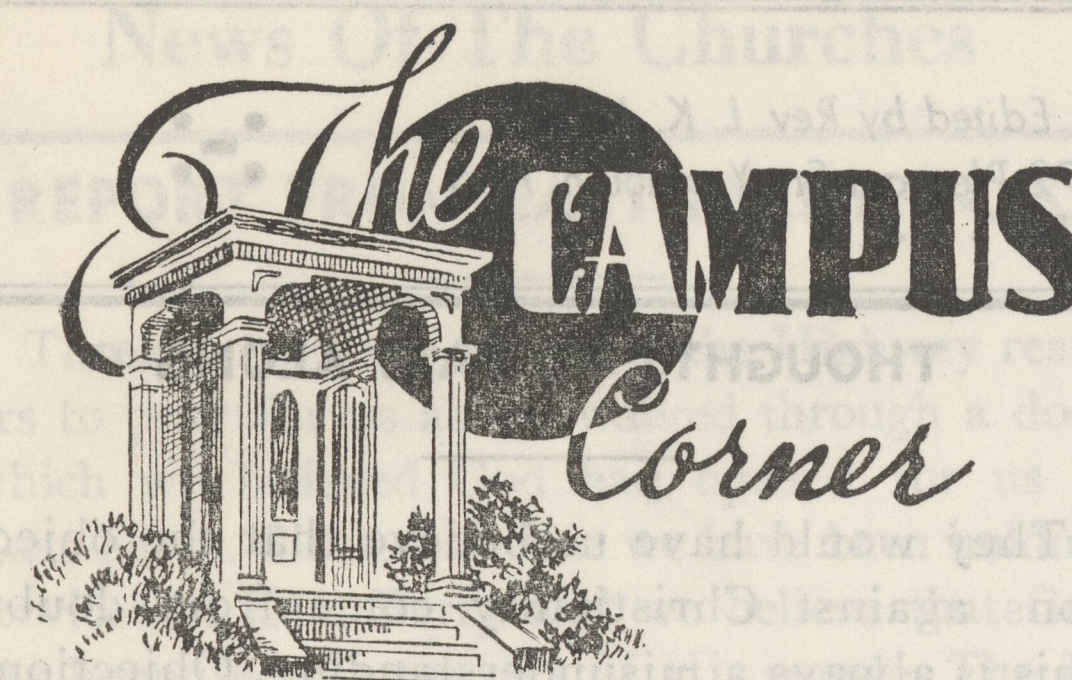
The cry for help issues from the distressed hearts of the world's unenlightened millions. Modern science has enabled the missionary to carry the message of the heathen's plight from Africa, China, India, South America and elsewhere straight to the hearts of the people of God in lands where the Gospel banner has been unfurled. The church is well supplied with books which contain the graphic descriptions of the piteous state of those who wait for light. Men and women who have seen and left the horror of darkness which tortures and torments the soul without salvation's message of hope and grace, have written impassioned appeals for help. These God-called ambassadors are the mouth-piece of the unevangelized hosts who sit in darkness and cry for aid.

Perhaps no human being shares the spirit of divine compassion more than the true missionary. Having severed ties with home and homeland to carry the light to lands afar, they participate in the spirit of Him who "became poor that we through His poverty might be made rich." With hearts thus prepared in purity of devotion, these heralds of the Cross are keenly sensitive to the moral and spiritual ills which they discover on the field. I think the one who, filled with love of Christ is brought face to face and heart to heart with the tragedy of human lostness, must get very close to Him who "gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish." This is the explanation of the missionary's fervent and heart-moving plea for assistance in the great task of bringing relief to the souls distressed. Even as I write I seem to hear the pathos and plea which filled the voice of a missionary whom I heard singing—

Perishing, perishing, thronging our path-
way,
Hearts break with burdens too heavy to bear;
Jesus would save, but there's no one to tell
them,
No one to lift them from sin and despair."

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BETHANY SUNDAY REPORT

The response to Bethany Sunday has been very encouraging with 63% of the churches reporting to the amount of \$2,254.85 and individual gifts amounting to \$338.00. Worthy of special mention, yet not included in the above, are three churches, Marysville, Millville and Sandford, who paid their budgets in full earlier in the year. Five churches, Perth, Westchester, Wood's Harbour, Wood Island and Yarmouth, gave budget plus offerings. Outstanding among these is our Perth church, which having previously paid their budget in full, gave a sixty dollar offering entirely over and above their budget. 35% of our churches now have their budgets paid in full. 26% of our churches have made no contribution toward their budgets during the current church year.

We also wish to pay tribute to individual persons, Young People's Societies and Sunday Schools who have given so generously to make this Bethany Offering a success. May God richly bless you one and all.

Below is a list of our churches who responded so well to the Bethany Offering followed by a list of the individual gifts:

CHURCHES

Amherst	\$ 15.00
Barker's Point	100.00
Beals	100.00
Belvedere	10.00
Black's Harbour	88.00
Blissfield	10.00
Bloomfield	36.00
Calais	17.00
Fort Fairfield	250.00
Fredericton	200.00
Gordonsville	15.00
Halifax	29.72
Hartland	50.00
Havelock	19.00
Head of Millstream	45.00
Killam's Mills	30.00
Londonderry	20.00
Lower Brighton	20.00
Meductic	40.00
Moncton	150.15
North Head	15.35
Old Town	14.26
Perth	60.00
Port Maitland	60.00
Royalton	18.00
Saint John	202.09
Salem	40.00
Seal Cove	179.15
Truro	33.25
Westchester	56.00
Wood's Harbour	56.00
Wood Island	31.75
Woodstock	150.00
Yarmouth	100.13
Total	\$2,254.85

INDIVIDUAL GIFTS

Miss Bessie Follett	\$ 5.00
Rev. Enos H. Cann	40.00
Old Town Young People's Society	5.00
Seal Cove Sunday School	150.00
Miss Martha C. Thurston	40.00
Mrs. E. Walters	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McDavid	10.00
Harry Wilson	20.00
Mrs. William Flemming	5.00
Lic. Samuel Guptill	10.00
Mrs. Everett Rice	5.00
Mrs. Aaron Churchill	10.00
Rev. A. D. Cann	8.00
Seal Cove Young People's Society	25.00
Total	\$338.00

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SEND THE LIGHT

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The missionary sang with the others, for it was congregational singing, but her voice stood out from the rest, not because of volume or peculiar tone quality, but because it throbbled with love and longing for the dying souls of dark Africa.

Modern photography has brought the heathen from the heart of the jungle to the cities of America. Pictures, still and moving, have portrayed the anguish and bitterness of sin's awful harvest. Faces of men of many races come before me as I write, faces I have seen on the screen, faces I can't forget. One does not wonder that the missionary speaks with such fervency when the photographic reproduction of what they have seen in the flesh stirs us so much.

What the church is going to do to spread the Gospel she must do quickly. The shadows of oncoming events are cast upon us and the day of grace hastens to a close. Every person whom God has called to lands afar should prepare themselves for service with all speed and those who pray and give should employ all available resources to expedite the work of seeking the lost. Oh Christian friend, let us heed the call of the perishing and answer to the limit of our ability! There is no time for delay.

"On the darkest side of the road,
Where the sick and wounded lie:
They're calling for help and for mercy.
Oh, how can you pass them by?
The Saviour asks your love,
In the service of want and pain,
And anything more that thou spendest,
He'll pay when He comes again."

"Give Generously on Easter Sunday!"

DO YOU REALIZE . . . ONE BILLION NEVER HEARD OF CHRIST

That there are 2,500,000,000 people in the world, and over half of them have never heard of Jesus?

That the population of the world is growing faster than the church of the Lord Jesus?

That my 1980 there will be 3,523,000,000 people living on the earth, according to a United Nations estimate?

That every day 230,000 babies are born into the world, while only 170,000 people die, leaving a new population increase of 60,000 souls a day?

That considerably less than 60,000 souls are being led to Christ every day at the present time?

That among 170,000 who die daily, over 100,000 die without any knowledge of Christ whatsoever?

That there are 200,000,000 people in Europe alone who have never laid their eyes on a Bible?

That the United States has 250,000 ministers, whereas only 18,000 American Protestant missionaries are in the rest of the world?

That world evangelism is the main job of the church and ought to be the prime concern of every Christian?—Christian Victory.

We want to express our appreciation for the co-operation and generosity of our people who have given sacrificially in order to make Bethany Sunday a success.

REVIVAL—AN URGENT NEED

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children. How many Christians feel a great desire to pray at the altar of prayer?—When souls are feeling their lost and undone condition and are expecting to get through to God—Where are the prayer warriors?—How many gather to pray and help souls to victory? Many are found in the rear seats when it comes to praying for others. Might I suggest that a lack of prayer in the sanctuary denotes a lack of prayer in the home.

II. The Christian Church has taken the defensive rather than the offensive.

We are overcome rather than overcoming. Fighting with our backs to the wall rather than driving across enemy territory. A condition of sickness rather than health—being hospitalized a lot of the time nursing our bruises and attending to our sores. How different from the idea expressed in a verse of that great hymn

"Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the saints have trod;
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity."

Foreward is the only word for the Christian Church to cultivate and put into practice—unless we see progress we shall see stagnation.

III. The Christian Church lacks the witness it should have.

The early church went everywhere preaching the Gospel. Not all preachers—but men endowed with a peculiar zeal for what they believed and felt. A Christian was one to be feared. They began to "turn the world upside down" so much so that open persecution was the habitual order of the day. To live for Christ one day meant you might die for him the next. They hazarded their lives for Jesus' sake.

Can we truthfully sing?
"Faith of our fathers living still,
In spite of dungeon fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death". We think more of the sentiment in that verse than we think of the faith. It is my firm conviction that we need a revival and if all the readers of this paper feel the same, I am believing God that we can have it.

May we, as David, pray for an urgent sense of the NEED OF REVIVAL and then do our part to bring it to pass.

*Pastor, Perth, N. B.

PRAYER'S TREMBLING ADVERSARY

"Satan dreads nothing but prayer . . . The church that lost its Christ was full of good works. Activities are multiplied that meditation may be ousted, and organizations are increased that prayer may have no chance. Souls may be lost in good works, as surely as in evil ways. The one concern of the devil is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom. BUT TREMBLES WHEN WE PRAY? —Samuel Chadwick.