



CHURCH NEWS

GRAND HARBOUR, N. B.

It has been my desire to use the columns of The Highway to make a report of the Lord's work here in Grand Harbor ever since we undertook the building of a Reformed Baptist Church here.

In October, 1952, there came a crisis in a church of a large denomination of which we were members. Strange as it may seem, there were no doctrinal issues, but it was Christ and His cause versus a church overruled by its worldly lodge members and member-goers.

After finding a warm welcome in the Seal Cove R. B. Church, a number of us, the following summer, attended Beulah Camp Meeting, and that experience was summed up in the words of the hymn writer, "Hallelujah I have found what our souls so long have craved." It was at Beulah that same summer that plans were made to hold tent meetings here as soon as possible. As the tent meetings advanced, it was evident there was sufficient interest to make plans for a church building. The Sunday afternoon of the last meeting, Brother Cochrane had a very impressive sod turning service on the sight of the new church. During this service an out-of-town visitor whispered from behind, and said, that he would like to lend a thousand dollars and would allow us five years to pay it back. This was very graciously accepted, as also was a like offer made by one of our own group.

Time and space will not permit a detailed account of the miracles wrought by the hand of God in the building of this church. Also providing a parsonage just a few doors from the church.

We are still a very small group as several families have moved away more than off-setting those that have joined our ranks since our beginning.

We still have financial obligations and only one year left out of five to pay thirteen hundred dollars of the original two thousand. Aside from this seven hundred paid back in the four years just mentioned, we have paid about eighteen hundred dollars on parsonage property, one thousand for church furnace, seven hundred to the local bank, and have kept our pastors paid without asking help from any source.

Now we feel justly proud of these accomplishments and the only complaint we have is, of course under existing circumstances, that of our heavy budget allotment of five hundred and ten dollars. Last year we made bare the facts and figures to our superintendent asking him to explain our circumstances to the various boards and officials that they grant us leniency so in a short time the interest that we are now paying on borrowed money could go to a better cause.

Naturally we were disappointed when our budget was even more this year, and hope these few lines will help you to understand us better.

Disappointments or not, we still love, and are thriving well on the Holiness message, and are proud of our pastor that can put it out so that a wayfaring man, though a fool, shall not err therein.

Yours for Holiness,

Joe McDowell

"Access to the inmost sanctuary of Holy Scriptures is granted only to those who come to worship."—Best.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

A one-day meeting of District No. 4 convened with one of our oldest established churches at Brazil Lake, N. S., Sunday, Dec. 1st. The services were well attended, with the presence of the Lord accompanying each service. God was there to bless His people during the Love Feast. Rev. D. C. Webb brought a challenging message Sunday morning. Rev. W. C. Burbury gave a most heart-searching message in the afternoon, and Rev. S. W. Steeves conducted the closing service of the day. God seemed to be there with His convicting power.

We feel the day was an added blessing to all who attended, but especially to the faithful little group at Brazil Lake. Praise the Lord for another good District Meeting.

Rev. S. W. Steeves,
Secretary

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 5 convened with the Church at Royalton on Dec. 5th over the 8th. Although weather conditions were not favorable, a goodly number were in attendance.

In all the services the Spirit of God was evident with a number receiving help.

At the business meeting of the district a resolution was brought before those present in regard to Sunday trucking on the highways of New Brunswick. This resolution was previously drawn up by the "Central Carleton County Ministerial Assoc." As a group we agreed to support the endeavours drawn up in every way.

We feel that the work in this part of God's vineyard is encouraging.

H. W. Ricker, Secretary

R. H. NICHOLSON'S SLATE FOR '58

Home Mission Tour—Dec. 29 - Jan. 12.

Jonesport—Jan. 19 - Feb. 2.

East Ferry—Feb. 9.

Calais—Feb. 12 - 23.

Seal Cove—March 2 - 23.

Millinocket—March 27 - April 6.

Bloomfield—April 8 - 20.

Havelock, N. S.—April 27 - May 25.

Home Missions—June 1 - 30.

We are receiving bookings for 1958 following Beulah. The month of September; the first of October; the last of November and the first of December are still open. All meetings must be booked with the understanding that there will be no obligations to the Home Mission Board. Our Home Mission relations in Evangelistic Services have been to assist the finances of the Board, not to be a drain. We appreciate the splendid co-operation and support from our Pastors and Churches this year.

Rev. R. H. Nicholson,
Sussex, N. B.

THE BACKWARD GLANCE

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have attained had it not been for your earthly-mindedness. "Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations." These reflections may help, humble, and keep you from finally being damned. Yes, look back, but not in despair; press forward, but not in your own wisdom or strength.