



CHURCH NEWS

Truro, N. S.

Many months have elapsed since our last reporting to The Highway.

Although there is nothing sensational to report, there has been steady progress in the work. Within the last year there have been several new attendants in our services: some of whom have found definite spiritual help; others of whom have been grasping the truth in Christ. In our pastoral ministry there have been some thrilling experiences in which we have seen the marvelous working of the wonderful Christ.

Our Sunday School, which has more than doubled in recent years, has suffered some setbacks. Some families have moved to other towns, and other children who were not from Reformed Baptist families have returned to their own churches. At present the flu epidemic has struck a blow at progress and made participation in the denominational contest pointless. In spite of these things, we are aiming to beat last year's record.

Our foreign mission conference with Dr. and Mrs. C. I. Armstrong and Reginald Kierstead gave added stimulus to our missionary program. The financial response was gratifying.

Rev. R. H. Nicholson was with us for a week of meetings beginning at the end of September. Brother Nicholson ministered earnestly and effectively through the Holy Spirit. New contacts were made; conviction was evident on hearts; the church was edified. The congregation was doubled for the closing service.

In closing I wish to honor the faithful who are at Truro: those who have been selfless in their attitudes, steady in their support, and steadfast in their faith. There are many such.

We are grateful for many considerations shown to us personally by the church and the church board.

C. E. Stairs, Pastor.

Sandford, N. S.

Dear Highway Friends:

This past summer has been the busiest and the most profitable one during our ministry here.

In July the interior of the church was completely redecorated. This has proved to be a wonderful improvement as the building is much cleaner and lighter.

A number of the Y. P. attended the Bethany Youth Camp and received definite spiritual help.

Again this year we worked in co-operation with the pastor and people of the United Baptist church in a Community Daily Vacation Bible School. This was a good, successful effort. Much credit is due to the local teachers who assisted Rev. R. T. Benson and Lic. Kenneth Gorveatte.

Perhaps the greatest blessings came to us in our Missionary services. We were privileged to have Lic. Reginald Kierstead for a farewell service, and also Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong. Their messages and colored slides presented our mission work to the people as never before.

The highlight of all our church activities was the first Missionary Convention ever held in the community, Oct. 24 to 27.

On Thurs. night, Miss Uta Chase brought a splendid message in her farewell service here.

Fri. night Rev. Ralph Hobson presented a challenge with his message and colored slides on the work of the International Christian Leprosy Mission.

The Oriental Missionary Society, through their good

representatives Mr. Frith and Rev. Owsley, stirred us all by the presentation of their work in Brazil, Columbia, and Ecuador.

Especially moving were the films about "John the Baptist of Brazil" and the "Mid-Century Martyrs" in Ecuador.

On Sun. night our faithful people showed their appreciation for the special speakers and demonstrated again their interest in promoting God's work by pledging approximately \$900.00 as a Budget—plus offering for Foreign Missions.

We are grateful for every blessing received from the hand of the Lord and anticipate greater things in the work here and throughout our denomination.

Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gorman.

Perth, N. B.

Dear Friends:

The work here continues to show steady progress. During the last six months we have dedicated our new parsonage and Hammond Organ to the glory of God. The parsonage is proving to be a delightful place in which to live, and is a tribute to the church folk and a great asset to the community. The Hammond Organ is a source of real blessing to those who have the privilege of listening to it.

During the past few years this church has given a number of fine Christian young people to various vocations and our Bible School. We miss them, but the church must give to keep itself alive, so we gladly make our contribution. A good number of boys and girls are filling their places in our work, so the future looks bright.

The church people here have continued to give us good support and we trust we shall be worthy of their confidence in us. We continue to pray and believe for Revival.

W. L. Fernley.

Dear Editor and Highway readers:

Would just like to occupy a little space in your paper, as this is my first letter to the Highway.

God is still blessing us on the Tobique and of late we feel that God has been a little extra near to us as we have just closed a two-week revival, at Plaster Rook, with the Rev. F. A. Dunlop.

The flu hit this section very hard at this particular time and we labored against great odds. But in spite of it all, it didn't effect Bro. Dunlop's preaching. We feel our church has been strengthened, as our brother preached the old-time gospel from night to night.

Continue to pray for this little corner of God's vineyard. We are looking for another campaign in the spring, if the Lord tarries.

May the Lord richly bless you all.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. D. E. Pike,

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Thomas A. Kempis wrote: "The man of God ought to be more at home in his prayer closet than before the public." Yet Dr. Tozer says prayer is the hardest thing God's worker is called upon to do—and I believe it. Consider what Satan's opposition to true prayer must be. Sermon-making can be learned like any trade. One can conduct funerals and weddings from a manual. Prayer is something different, for there we have to wrestle it out with the help of the Spirit. It can mean weariness and tears. What progress are we making these days?

—Keith L. Brooks

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