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EDITORIALS

BETHANY SUNDAY

February 10th has been designated "Bethany Sunday" by the Board and Faculty of our Bible School. On that day pastors are requested to emphasize the importance of Bethany to our denominational work, and churches are asked to make special offerings toward the support of this Christian training school.

Bethany Bible College is performing a great ministry. Receiving young people for High School and Bible School training, Bethany provides an effective programme for intellectual development in an atmosphere free from subtle skepticism. Bethany is a faith-building institution. The social and physical culture of young people is given careful attention at Bethany and every effort is made toward a well-rounded development of the young people in training at the College.

We have a capable and consecrated staff at Bethany. Members of the faculty have had splendid training for their work and are well qualified for service in the teaching field. Members of the student body, ministers and people of our churches, deeply appreciate the administrative staff of Bethany and the splendid work being done for the youth attending the College.

There are two ways in which one may gain an impression of the ministry of Bethany Bible College—by visiting the School and thus getting a close view of the work of the institution, or, if that is not possible, having acquaintance with some of the young people who attend Bethany and observing the remarkable influence for good Bethany has upon them. Young people attending Bethany develop poise, initiative, spiritual grace and vision, as well as doing better in academic work than they did in the secular schools.

Bethany needs our support and Bethany deserves our support. As pastors, let us see to it that our people hear a good "Bethany emphasis" on Sunday, Feb. 10th, and may pastors and people work together and give together that the president of Bethany and his faculty and staff associates may be heartened and encouraged by the generosity of our financial contributions.

FEBRUARY IS "CALL" MONTH

Article 19 of our Church Polity reads: "The Church should hold their meeting at which they call their pastor, not later than March 1st . . ." Adherence to this rule will mean that during the next few weeks meetings for calling of pastors will be held in all our churches.

Under the present system governing the conduct of business in our churches, pastors are called or recalled for a single year. Some churches are permitted to issue recalls for two or three years, an arrangement, in the opinion of your editor, which seems better than the restrictive ruling under which we are held.

The meeting for the calling of the pastor is very important to both pastor and people. Such meetings should be announced at least two weeks in advance so that all concerned may have time for prayerful preparation. The meeting should be attended by every member "in good and regular standing." And the conduct of this important meeting should be always in keeping with the governing regulations of the church and in conformity to the highest standards of parliamentary procedure.

Every conscientious pastor will desire that the "call" meeting be attended by every church member qualified to vote. This is a meeting in which every member has opportunity to express confidence in the pastor and his ministry. If members absent themselves without good reason, the pastor is left to wonder whether the absentees would have voted "for" or "against" had they been present.

Lobbying and campaigning in relation to this important meeting is improper and unbecoming in both pastor or people. Any kind of manoeuvring intended to "steer" the voting is likewise out of order. The consecrated pastor will be willing, in good spirit, to abide by the wishes of the people, and the consecrated church member will accept the decision of the meeting, properly conducted, and give good support to the man who is chosen to shepherd the flock, regardless of personal desires and preferences.

The "call" meetings will soon be announced and held. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men . . ." Then, in due time, let us have well attended, properly conducted meetings at which decisions, so important to all, be made, under the moving impulse of desire for the glory of God and the increase of His Kingdom.

Fright or Faith

Dr. O. G. Wilson

There is a little narrative in Mark 4: 35-41 that is filled with meaningful lessons for us today. The Master said: "Let us go over to the other side." And so, after a long and difficult day, the disciples pushed out from the shore in full obedience to the Master's command.

Here is a lesson to be learned, and a difficult one indeed. These men at the express command of the Lord and in direct company with Him, encountered perhaps the fiercest storm they had ever seen in their lifetime of earning a livelihood on Galilee.

A double fear gripped the hearts of these men who were in the line of duty. First they feared for their lives—"We perish." This was a natural fear and shows conclusively the fierceness of the storm. But the other fear—"Carest thou not?"—brought consternation to these swarthy fishermen. When life's dark days of affliction and loss strike, Satan declares that "God careth not."

It was not the fierceness of the storm that alarmed them so much as the fact that it struck while the Christ was on board. He could have prevented such a tempest. They could have waited on shore until the next day. But

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