

Sunday School Rally Day

By Rev. Ralph Hobson

September 29th has been designated by our Alliance as denominational Sunday School Rally Day. To me Rally Day in the Sunday School suggests the rallying of our Sunday School forces, both teachers and scholars to a renewed effort following the summer slump. For this reason Sunday School opening, say the first Sunday after Labour Day, or adjacent to this day. Once Labour Day is over school life is revived and in general life seems to be back to normal again.

Sunday School Rally Day must have significance and meaning otherwise it is pointless to set a Sunday apart and designate it Rally Day. A Sunday School Rally Day is what I have suggested, a renewed effort, a revival of Sunday School activities, a renewed zeal and interest in the program of the Sunday School. We discredit the summer vacation months with killing the life and program of the church. Undoubtedly it does, and we must be realistic about it and face conditions as they are. Preachers and laity alike do take time out for holiday periods and justly so. However, let us credit the summer months with one thing, and it is this, it prepares us for renewed hopes and aspirations for the Fall and Winter months in our church life.

In planning our Rally Day let us make something of it. Not merely to see how many we can get out to Sunday School. This should be one of our main objectives. One thing is to be said about Americans. In every sphere of life they go all out and do things in a big way, even in church life. Circumstances and conditions may be such in our Sunday Schools and communities that our activities are limited, but do the best we can. Don't be afraid of a little fan fare on Rally Day. Arrange for a class or two to march through the Sunday School hall with banners containing slogans such as "The Younger Generation for Christ"; "The Sunday School Reaches the Home"; "Bring Them and Win Them"; "Revival Through the Sunday School", etc. If you are fortunate enough to have some people in your Sunday School who can play brass instruments, get them to lead the march. Plan inter-class attendance competitions, Bible Quizz contests, etc. Have the scholars wear Rally Day tags at all services during Rally Day. These tags may be purchased from a Sunday School supply house. Your Promotion Program could be held on Rally Day when scholars are promoted from one class to another. Prizes and awards could be presented to worthy students on this occasion, not forgetting of course, the promotion certificates. Special music could be a feature of the Rally Day program.

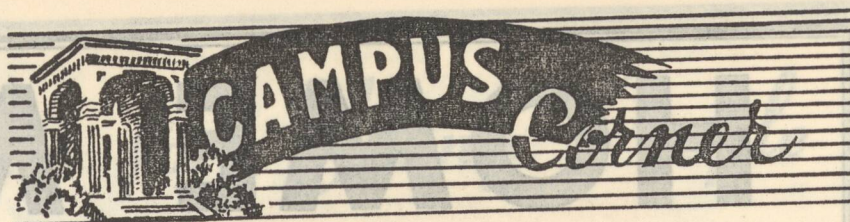
I have merely made suggestions for your Rally Day. You can contribute a lot of ideas of your own. Let us make Rally Day in our Sunday School this year the best, the most God honouring and the most Christ exalting Rally Day yet. You adults who do not ordinarily attend Sunday School, make a special effort to support your Sunday School this coming Rally Day and you may be inspired to attend Sunday School regularly.

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ently informal. Undignified informality breeds a noisy, irreverent church. Insist on reverence among the people, and back up that insistence with a dignified service that is worthy of a holy and almighty God! Whatever may be one's conception of a good morning service, keep it on a level sufficiently high to inspire the worship of the people.

The minister must plan his service, prepare himself, and proceed with dignity!—Gospel Banner.

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NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Two new members have been added to the staff at Bethany. Lic. Lloyd Johnson, B. A., B. D., has accepted a position as professor in the Theological Department of the College.

Mr. Johnson is a native of Nova Scotia. He was born at Upper Economy, Colchester County, Nova Scotia. He received his High School education at the Bass River High School. Following his graduation from High School Mr. Johnson attended Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass., where he received his B. A. degree in 1953. Mr. Johnson took up theological studies at the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from this institution in 1956.

Mr. Johnson is a licensed minister of the Maritime District Church of the Nazarene and he has served as pastor of the Sydney Nazarene Mission, Sydney, N. S.

With his training and previous teaching experience, Mr. Johnson will be able to make a valuable contribution to Bethany Bible College.

Mrs. Johnson and their son, Stephen, will be coming to Bethany with Mr. Johnson. May God bless their labour with us.

Miss Patricia Shepherd, of Grand Manan, New Brunswick, has accepted the position of Dean of Women and College Nurse. Miss Shepherd received her elementary education at Grand Manan. She graduated from the Bethany Bible College Academy in 1953.

During her stay at Bethany, Miss Shepherd served as assistant Dean of Women. The contribution she made was remarkable, and much appreciated.

Miss Shepherd completed her nurse's training in Montreal, Quebec. During the past year she has been employed at the Grand Manan Hospital.

The training, practical experience and sound Christian character, will qualify Miss Shepherd for her new office.

STUDENT FROM SOUTH AFRICA

Many of our friends will be glad to know that Kenneth Kierstead is now journeying toward Bethany. Kenneth left Africa August 8th and is expected in this country around the middle of September.

Kenneth is a son of Rev. E. A. M. Kierstead, of South Africa. We are glad to have three sons from this missionary family attend Bethany Bible College.

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