

ALLIANCE ACTION

The meetings of the 69th Annual Session of our Alliance were held in an atmosphere becoming to a Christian assembly. Thoughtfulness, courtesy, and brotherly kindness prevailed at all times.

Our Alliance Superintendent, Rev. F. A. Dunlop, directed the deliberations with wisdom and grace, capably discharging his duties as chief executive officer.

Rev. A. D. Cann, the highly esteemed pastor of our church at Seal Cove, N. B., was elected President of the Alliance.

Of special interest to ministers and delegates attending this year's Alliance Session, was the report of the Manual Committee. The report climaxed a year of work by the committee of three, a careful scrutiny of the material by the committee, aided by the Alliance Superintendent and Secretary, and the passage, with only a few minor revisions, of the Articles of Faith, Church Covenant, Government, etc., in two meetings of the Alliance. It was a major achievement. Never in the memory of The Highway Editor did the ministers and delegates of our Alliance conduct business on a higher level of efficiency and co-operation. To all concerned our thanks and to God be the glory!

Approved for ordination to the Gospel ministry this year were: Lic. William Burbury, formerly of Presque Isle, Maine, beginning pastoral work at Ingomar and Sandy Point, N. S.; Lic. Stillman Cameron, formerly of Black's Harbour, N. B., now pastoring at Sussex, N. B.; Lic. J. A. MacKenzie, formerly of Hartland, N. B., now pastoring at Grand Harbour, N. B.; and Lic. Hazen Ricker, formerly of Presque Isle, Maine, now pastoring the Bristol-Glassville-Gordonsville, N. B., churches.

Granted license to preach the Gospel this year were: Bernard Brown, of Presque Isle, Maine; Mrs. Karl Gorman, Sandford, N. S., scheduled to sail for Africa this year with her husband; Kenneth Gorvette, of Moncton, N. B.; Gene Hudson, Perth, N. B.; Mrs. Glendon Kierstead, scheduled to sail for Africa July 29th, with her husband; John McElhinney, Hartland, N. B.; Miss Auralie Tidd, Seal Cove, N. B.; and Fred Whittey, Meductic, N. B.

It was soul-thrilling to look upon this fine group of young people who have consecrated themselves to Christian service and were given commission by the Alliance.

Rev. Ralph Hobson was appointed Promotional Director of Denominational Sunday School work, a move that we believe will result in a vital stimulus to the basically important work of the Sunday School. Sunday, Sept. 29th, was designated as denominational Sunday School Rally Day.

The Alliance approved establishment of a third denominational Youth Camp—Bethany Youth Camp. The other two are Beulah and Riverside Youth Camps.

A report by a committee of five ministers appointed to consider the controversial T. V. problem was presented and approved. We give the approved report in full, as follows:

"Because of the prevalent concern regarding the harmful influence of televisions on the individual and the home, we, as a committee, have been appointed to prepare a

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statement on the problem, for the guidance and spiritual welfare of our people. The general opinion is that television is here to stay. It will be used by the forces of righteousness or the servants of sin.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that those who possess television sets be strongly urged to exercise rigid control over them. In our opinion, the Hollywood type of programme, with its brazen display of crime, and sex, and its obvious approval of demoralizing habits and practices, is as detrimental to spiritual life through the medium of television as in the theater. We would emphasize again that television must be controlled. Unrestricted viewing by those who profess the name of Christ will corrupt the very foundations of spirituality. An inordinate desire to follow its froth, to laugh at its coarse jokes, reveals a sad spiritual lack that should be confessed at once. God will hold us responsible for what comes into our homes.

"Furthermore, due to the inferior quality of the majority of television programmes, we would earnestly admonish our people to be alert to the dangers to which the home is exposed through the installation of T. V. sets.

Finally, we would warn our people against a purely negative attitude toward this problem. Television is certain to be a great force for good or evil. Therefore, let us oppose vigorously and united the degrading type of telecasting, and appeal for the kind of programme that would contribute to the moral and spiritual welfare of our people."

Thanks be to God for a memorable Session of the Alliance. Much important business was transacted. The Holy Spirit was present to give grace and guidance. Lacking the necessity of a special call, the next Session would be at Beulah Camp, July, 1958.

HIGHEST IN THE MIDDLE

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clear light, in good fellowship, down the middle of the highway.

That is what Isaiah meant when he said, "... there shall be a highway and a way, ... the unclean shall not walk thereon," and told us, "Thou shalt hear a voice behind thee saying, This is the way; walk ye in it, when ye (would be likely to) turn aside (note this) to the right hand (you can go too far to the right hand), or to the left." The way of holiness within and the holy life without is not a way of unnatural nor inhuman strain. It is not a bondage to ordinances, customs and rules, on the one hand; nor unharnessed license—"do as I please," "I'm led of the Lord, and no man is going to rule me," loose-ended, ungoverned flouting of government and human leadership, on the other.

The way of holiness is a "cast-up" way. It is not holy just because it is high, nor high because it is holy. It is both holy and high because God put the highest part of the road in the middle. Our roadmakers call this higher area "the crown." God's center is also "crowned" with loving kindness and tender mercies in special degree and amount. It is easier to see and drive up there, too.

The middle is not a rail or line down which one rides, in constant danger of falling off, but an area in which he may operate between the ditches, with room enough for company, and for passing without the necessity of sliding into the ditch.

It is not only the safest but also the happiest, most comfortable, and the most effective area for Christian living, and the sure way to the place of everlasting life. If you want to live a high and holy life, remember, "The road is highest in the middle."