



COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND AT BETHANY

June 8-10 were three great days at Bethany. The commencement week-end proved to be a time of rich blessing for all who came to share in the occasion. Representatives were present from the United States as well as from all parts of Eastern Canada.

The Annual Bethany Banquet was held Saturday evening with 158 people present to enjoy the blessing of God and fellowship with the faculty, parents and friends of the graduates.

The special speaker for the commencement week-end was Rev. N. E. Trafton, Barkers Point, N. B. Mr. Trafton's messages were packed with many practical suggestions for building spiritual and moral fiber in the lives of young people. His Baccalaureate message on the theme, "The Timeless Task," brought blessing to each one present. As Mr. Trafton spoke of the task of Possession and Pursuit of holy living, the college chapel was filled to capacity and many listened to the address over the public address system. In this address, as well as the Sunday evening address, on the question, "After Bethany What?," the speaker emphasized the value of finding satisfaction and success in the plan of God for one's life.

The graduation exercises were held in the Zion United Baptist Church where nearly 500 people gathered to share the joys of the graduates. On this occasion, 25 Bethany students received their diplomas. These graduates were from the Bible Department as well as from Grade XI and Grade XII.

The Salutatory address was given by Mr. Wendell Shepherd of Grand Manan, N. B. Mr. William Burbury, Presque Isle, Maine, gave the Valedictory address.

Mr. Trafton, in his final address to the graduates, spoke on the "Primary Preparation for Christian Service." In this address emphasis was placed upon love as the greatest preparation for service. This message, as well as each of the other addresses by the speaker, proved to be a blessing to each person present for this memorable occasion.

It was a joy to have the Board of Directors at the College for the commencement week-end. There was much business transacted by the College Board relative to the progress of the school. Two new staff appointments were made: Lic. L. Johnston, B. A., B. D., is replacing Rev. L. K. Mullin, who is taking up pastoral duties at Woodstock, N. B., this church year. Mr. Johnston comes to Bethany with a Nazarene background and will be able to contribute much to the college.

Miss Vaunda Moore has been appointed to the office of Registrar. Miss Moore succeeds Mr. M. D. Mitchell, who is present principal of the High School Department.

The following is a list of the graduates of the class of 1957, together with scholarships and prizes won by the respective students:

Bible Department: Lic. William Burbury (District No. 4 Scholarship).

Grade XII: Douglas Porter, Wendell Shepherd (R. B. Y. A. Scholarship).

Grade XI: Elwyn Adams (Principal's prize, Algebra Prize); Freda Boyer (President's High School Prize, Milford MacCallum (Memorial French prize), Melbourne Breaux, Gerald Carson (Grade Eleven Highest Standing), John Carter, Glenna Day, Eric Eves, Harold McGray, Glendon

The King's Highway

Harris, Carol Hayes, Otis Hicks, Mary Hughes, Earle Jolleymore, Gary Lyons, Elsie McDonald (Bethany Y. P. S. English Prize), Leonard O'donnel, Iris Porter, Donna Robertson, Ruth Ripley, Silvia Sullivan, Frederick Woodworth, Donna Wort.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Gene Hudson (Rev. H. S. Wilson Memorial Scholarship), Frederick Whittey (Rogers-Nickerson Memorial Award, President's Bible Department Award), Claire Currie (Grade X Highest Standing).

NOTICE

All inquiries regarding students entering Bethany in September should be sent to the Registrar, Bethany Bible College, Yarmouth, N. S.

ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER AND PROPHECY

"Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: so ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors."—Mark 13:28-29.

In this extract from a recent speech by Israel's Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion, we are presented with a significant reminder of the fulfillment of Bible prophecy.

"Israel was reared in this prophetic teaching and believed in the hope of the future. It carried with it, through thousands of years of wandering over the earth, the Book of Books which proclaimed these promises of redemption. This faith sustained it, even though after the destruction of its independence many people imagined that Israel was cut off from history. Our people were twice uprooted from their land by alien powers, first by Babylon and then by Rome. Foreign conquerors one after another devastated the land and destroyed the remnants of Israel on their soil, but throughout the centuries the nation bore in its heart the hope that it would surely return, would rebuild its independence. It was foretold by the prophets. Amos said: 'And I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them.'

"Since the founding of the State eight years ago hundreds of thousands of the dispersed in Israel have been restored to their homeland. They have come from 60 countries, from every corner of the globe. The prophecy of Isaiah has been fulfilled: 'I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather them from the west; I will say to the north Give up; and to the south, "Keep not back"; bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth.'

"The most remarkable event of our generation has come to pass: The nation, scattered over the world, cut off from their land for centuries, but preserving in their hearts their faith in redemption, have returned. Eight years ago they re-established their national independence. Since then they are building the waste cities, planting forests and vineyard, causing the devastated land to bloom, and settling the desert.

"This was not merely a political or material rising. We have returned bringing with us the great spiritual heritage which is bound up with the Book that made us into an eternal people."—Salvation.