



### DO WE NEED BETHANY?

by Stillman Cameron

I have had this question asked me more than once. Perhaps it has presented itself to you.

First, what is the cause of such a question? If you will look closely, I think you will discover the law of diminishing returns. But what ever does that mean? Simply this: Not getting out of something what you put into it. Have you never heard this said, "We are pouring money into Bethany and getting nothing out of it"? Ah, there you have the cause of our question. We're not getting our money's worth!

But wait. There is more than money to consider. I know that our financial burdens are heavy. I also know that our people are giving in a manner that would be commendable in any society. (Astonishing in some.) Yet I submit to you my humble conviction that none of us are seriously suffering from having given too excessively of our means.

Are we getting our money's worth out of Bethany? Consider the missionaries she has placed in the field. Consider the number of pastors she has produced. Getting our money's worth out of Bethany? Ask the young people whose lives have been transformed under her ministry. Ask those who have walked out of her doors with a Living Christ in their hearts. Will you compute these in dollars and cents? According to Jesus' scale of values, one soul is worth more than the whole world.

Do we need Bethany? If by "we" you mean our laymen, housewives, etc., then perhaps the answer could be negative. But if by "we" you mean young men and women who have the call of God upon them; if you mean young people who need training in a Christian institution, then with all my heart I answer, yes! We do need Bethany.

Would you permit a personal word in closing? I attended Bethany for five years, and all the memories of my stay there are most pleasant. Bethany was to me what the Bethany of old was to Mary. A place to sit at Jesus' feet, and learn.

God bless our much needed and much beloved Bethany.

### BETHANY SUNDAY REPORT

We want to express our appreciation for the co-operation of the churches in promoting Bethany on Bethany Sunday. We are delighted to know we have some faithful supporters of our college. To date, we have heard from thirteen churches since Bethany Sunday. From these churches we received a total of \$915.38, which is considerably below our objective of \$3,000.00. Doubtless other churches will be sending in their Bethany Sunday offering in the near future. This special effort is needed in order that Bethany may avoid another financial crisis. May God bless each church remembering this special branch of our denominational program.

### RECEIPTS FROM Y. P. SOCIETIES FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES

Seal Cove .....	10.00	—new equipment
Old Town .....	5.00	—new equipment
Yarmouth .....	10.00	—new equipment
Millville .....	10.00	—re decoration
Marysville .....	10.00	—new equipment

The King's Highway

### IF I WERE A PASTOR AGAIN

By W. V. Miller

If I were a pastor again I would study in preaching to condense my thought and stop when my audience wanted me to go on, rather than to keep "going on" when they wanted me to stop. I would endeavor to have "good terminal facilities."

If I were a pastor again I would strive by God's grace to be more understanding of my flock's needs and lead them into green pastures instead of feeding them on the hay of old discourses. To do this I would have to diligently explore the Word and live much with my people.

If I were a pastor I would not try to stone the sheep while trying to hit the "goats" whom I might think were in my congregation.

If I were a pastor, my aim would be to study the forces that are centripetal and avoid that which would be centrifugal. In that way I might fill up some empty pews.

If I were a pastor I would not use the pulpit as a vantage ground to preach at a certain individual whom I might think needed correction, and perhaps miss the mark entirely. I would ask the Lord to give the love and wisdom to deal with the individual in private.

If I were a pastor I would endeavor in every message to point souls to Calvary and to lead them as the Spirit might help to a living faith in the Lord Jesus.

If I were a pastor I would study the needs of each one of my flock and in my visiting would direct my conversation along helpful channels and leave time far unhurried prayer.

If I were a pastor I would not ape high-church formality on one hand nor buffoonery on the other, but steer a middle course of sane and sensible and "Spirit-led" conduct of the public services.

If I were a pastor again I would choose hymns that had some connection with the subject matter of my message.

If I were a pastor I would remember that, generally speaking, the mid-week prayer meeting is a place and time for prayer and not for a sermonette or long-winded exhortation.

If I were a pastor I would major on essentials, as "a pure heart filled with perfect love," and minor on externals, but not forget them. Instruction ought to be given about outward conduct as well as inward experience.

—The Free Methodist

### WE BELIEVE IN SANCTIFICATION

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made holy, He fills and occupies the temple by His own indwelling empowering presence. Thus the prayer of our Lord, "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." (John 17:21) also verse 23, "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me" is answered.

In this double objective of sanctification, we learn its true importance and value in God's plan for us. It consummates the highest spiritual union of the believer with God, and it is the highest preparation of believers for continued right world relationship, and for world conquest. A sanctified church is God's plan for reaching and saving men out of the world order, into His own body, the true New Testament Church.—American Holiness Journal.