



DIGBY REPORT

B. M. Hicks, H. M. Board Secretary

In early March of last Spring, shortly after Bethany's disastrous fire, the regular Quarterly Meeting of District No. 4 convened at Crosby Memorial Chapel, Bethany. One item of business considered Saturday afternoon, one yearly considered on this district, was some Home Mission project for the summer. After some consideration it was decided that some effort should be made to hold a campaign in Digby, N. S. This town has been passed through by Reformed Baptist ministers and lay people for decades, yet to our knowledge no attempt has ever been made to establish a Reformed Baptist Church there.

In August several of the ministers of the District went to Digby, made inquiries and rented a hall. With the help of some of the Sandford laymen benches were built. The light meter had to be installed and paid for. Posters were printed to distribute about town. Attempts were made to obtain an evangelist but none was available. The ministers then felt to conduct the campaign themselves. This they did for three weeks, with much sacrifice and expense to themselves. We were privileged to have our superintendent, Bro. Dunlop, for one service. Bro. Kenneth Kierstead freely gave of his services during the campaign. He stayed in Digby and made a door to door canvas of the whole town. He is to be commended for his faithful labor.

The success desired was not realized, yet it was by no means a failure. It was felt that regular Sunday evening services and a weekly prayer service should be carried on. The need for a resident pastor to take up the work was keenly felt, but it seemed that no one was available. At the Fall District Quarterly Meeting, the Churches of the District agreed to raise monthly their portion of the rent for the hall. The ministers agreed to each in turn be responsible for the Sunday evening services. Bro. Grant agreed to carry on the Prayer Service.

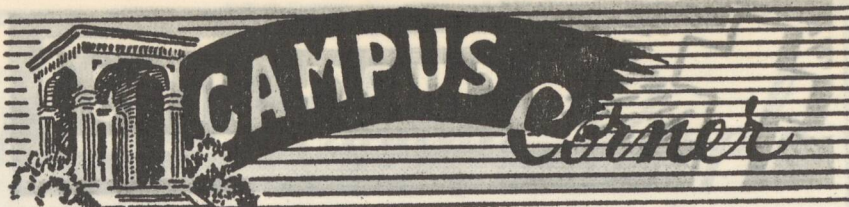
Just recently a better hall with better equipment has been rented for the services at the same rate as the former. This hall was not available earlier in the summer as it was used by another religious group which has recently ceased to hold services in Digby.

There are several Reformed Baptist families in the area. Rev. & Mrs. M.M. Grant live there and have faithfully supported the work, giving Bro. Kierstead board and lodging while there. There are also many others whom we feel could be reached for Christ. Some new people have been coming to the services of late.

We feel to commend the ministers of the District for their labor of love as their work has been sacrificial. We also would commend the lay people who have helped so wonderfully. The Home Mission Board Treasury has been unable to give any assistance, thus the services rendered have been without remuneration and in most instances travelling expenses were not paid.

The arrangements by which the services are carried on are far from ideal. They are very inadequate for the situation. Now is an opportune time for our work in Digby. Oh that a pastor might be available for that community and that God might put it upon the heart of His people to give, that the Home Mission Treasury might be able to support such a pastor. May we pray "the Lord of the

The King's Highway



"... ARISE THEREFORE"

C. E. Stairs

Occasionally, and the more occasionally the better, someone asks, Do we need a denominational school?

The Roman Catholics never ask such questions. While we ponder, they build—a parochial school for every community, a college for every constituency. From grade one to senior year in college, they educate in a religious environment with a religious emphasis. The result: confirmed and consecrated Roman Catholics.

In the realm of political philosophy, consider the success of Nazism. Hitler took his message to the schools: the grade schools, the high schools, the colleges. He indoctrinated and inspired the youth with his message. The result: confirmed and consecrated Nazis.

Consider, too, the methods of the Communists.

Who can say how much schools have done in the preservation, perpetuation, and propagation of political and religious faiths?

Should we not "catch on"?

Do we need a Christian high school? Of course we do. No public high school can do what Bethany can do.

For many of our Christian youth high school is the time of departure from the faith. Not so at Bethany. Bethany is saving our youth in the critical years for Christ and the Church.

(Could it be that one reason for our lack of denominational growth has been the loss of the second generation?)

Do we need a Bible college? Of course we do. No other school will teach our standards, present our challenge, prepare for our work as Bethany Bible College will. Without Bethany Bible College, I venture to say, we would slowly go down the road to denominational oblivion.

If our message is worthy of living, then Bethany is worthy of supporting. If our youth are worth saving and training, then Bethany is worth strengthening.

"Arise therefore, and be doing, and the Lord be with thee." (I Chron. 22:16).

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We can all do more than we have done

And not be a whit the worse;

It never was loving that emptied the heart,

Or giving that emptied the purse.

—Author unknown

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surprise the butcher just gave him a big carton of very nice meat!

We do thank God for the manifestations of His help and blessing during these past days and we pray that we may be ever faithful to our calling.

G. M. Kierstead.

harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."