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EDITORIALS

A DEPLORABLE SITUATION

There should be many a blush of embarrassment as the Campus Corner "Bethany Budget Thermometer" is read. A short statement tells a sad story. Some of the statements sent in by Bethany's President should be repeated for emphasis:

"Only SIX churches have paid anything of their Bethany Budget since the Bible School opened for the 1958-59 School Year." "Only THREE churches paid anything on their Bethany Budget during the month of October."

"76% of our churches PAID NOTHING on their 1958-59 Bethany Budget." "On October 30th. we were unable to pay all the staff their salaries, to say nothing of other current bills which are past due." This is a deplorable situation! To think that we commit the vital task of administering our Bethany Bible College to a group of capable and consecrated people, and then ignore our obligation to them. We are guilty of gross negligence.

Brother Pastor, how would you feel if the members of your church who engaged you to shepherd them, look to you for spiritual food and guidance, expect you to be diligent in attending to the duties of your office, should be so thoughtless as to neglect payment of your salary or contribution to your offerings?

Brother Layman, what would you think if your employer who requires of your earnest and faithful labour should "forget" to pay you wages, and leave you without means to provide your family with the necessities of life and honour the commitments you have made to your creditors?

It is high time that we took our obligations more seriously. It is shameful that we ask men and women to assume heavy responsibilities in Christian service, and then fail to support them as we ought.

I have had no request or suggestion from the forgotten workmen at Bethany to write as I have. I write out of the sense of shock and shame that swept over me as I read the item sent in for publication in the "Campus Corner."

The outlook must be pretty bleak for the Bethany staff. Perhaps there is some question as to whether the work they are doing is appreciated. I'm sure we pastors would face that temptation under similar circumstances.

This is a situation that calls for action on a denomination-wide basis, action that should be taken immediately. I hope that we may act quickly enough to allow for some more encouraging report from Bethany even before time for publication of the Nov. 29th. Highway.

FRIENDS AFFLICTED

Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Stairs have been passing through deep waters of affliction. Sister Stairs has been in poor health for many months and is now in a state of weakness and pain. She suffers from a severe and stubborn case of arthritis, and is only free from extreme or unbearable suffering through expensive drug treatment. Hospital and medical care over a period of months would certainly lay upon these friends a very heavy financial burden.

Further misfortune came to these good people very recently when their boy, Gary, suffered a broken arm and other injuries. The arm was badly fractured and other painful injury was sustained.

The Highway editor does not wish to embarrass these esteemed friends and fellow-workers, but we felt that the members of our Highway Family would appreciate the information given, so that they might share the heavy burden the Stairs Family is carrying.

One of the wonderful statements of the Word of God, one of the "comfort" scriptures is: "In all their afflictions, He was afflicted..in His love and in His pity He redeemed them.." And the communication of this spirit of love and understanding from God to us, and from us to friends in affliction, is one of the richly rewarding experiences of our Christian fellowship.

May we suggest a church-wide prayer interest in Sister Stairs health, a prayer interest that presents appeal to the Great Physician for help and healing. At best, progress toward recovery through medical care would be slow and painful. Oh that we might pray through for divine aid, that the Lord might "stretch forth His hand to heal!"

Let us cheer our friends with cards and letters assuring them of our prayerful concern for them. Such messages are tremendously meaningful in time of affliction.

And can we not give some financial aid also, through individual gifts and offerings from churches? Surely such gifts and offerings would savour of the true spirit of Christian love and concern.

THE CHRISTIAN AS A WORKING MAN

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have helped to make the nation prosperous, and to give the laboring man a chance to get his own house and car, and to educate his children.

The Christian toiler will be proud of his job and the work he turns out, whether it be turning a straight furrow or fitting a part in a production line. He is reliable, even-tempered, considerate of his mates, and strictly honest with his time and his employer's goods.

"Concentrate on being a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, one who knows how to use the Word of Truth to the best advantage" 2 Tim. 2:15 (Phillips Translation)— a true picture of the Christian toiler, who is not afraid to let his light shine, and to quote Scripture in guiding his teammates in some labor dispute, or in some other soul need.

—"War Cry"

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