



REPORT FROM BETHANY

The fires at Bethany Bible College on February 18th and 20th, which destroyed the Boys' Dormitory and caused damage to the Administration Building, were a serious blow to Bethany. Even in the midst of this tragedy we are thankful that God has been so good to us.

We were able to reopen the college on March 11th, with all but four of our campus students reporting for classes. The atmosphere of the campus was mingled with joy, optimism, caution and confidence in God.

After the fires classes were cancelled until March 11th. Volunteer workers came to the campus to clean up the ruins of the dormitory and to help prepare the school for reopening. Men from our churches on the district, and many friends, gave several days of free labour which helped Bethany a great deal. Women also came to assist in cleaning the buildings in a final effort so that we might be able to reopen the college on schedule. The spirit of sacrifice and joyfulness of service of these men and women reminded us again of the loyalty and concern of our people for Bethany.

On the night of the fires, many of the people in the town of Yarmouth and the surrounding area volunteered to take our students for the remainder of the night or until we could make an adjustment for them. Their concern and interest in our immediate problem has been very keen and much appreciated.

Special mention should be made of the gifts of money which have been sent to Bethany from our own people as well as from many interested friends and churches in the local area. So many have spoken highly of Bethany and have proven the sincerity of their words by their personal self-sacrifice.

Following the fire, which destroyed the Boys dormitory, a great deal of clothing was provided for the students by individuals in the local area. The Canadian Red Cross Society played a major role in providing comfort kits, bedding, socks, ties, handkerchiefs etc., for our students. Certainly we want to express our thanks for the kindness of each one. The response of our many friends has been most overwhelming. Certainly this event has made us more thoroughly convinced of the worth of Bethany Bible College.

At the present time we are working under a temporary arrangement. The administration building has been converted into a dormitory for the girls and the boys. The dining-room and kitchen are back in operation again. We had to remove the third story of the boys dormitory. The second floor of the Boys dorm is undergoing major repairs. We are hoping to be able to use the dorm again by the first of April.

The temporary arrangements that are being made will provide limited room space for a dormitory. At the best, the staff and students will be working under handicap for the remainder of the year. We are confident that our people shall continue to remember us in prayer. We recognize that we have met with a tragedy at Bethany. Let us not become stagnant because of our losses. Let us trust God and be optimistic about the future. There is no tragedy so great but what God can turn it into triumph. There is no disappointment but what He can make it His appointment. With supreme confidence in God we must pray and work for a bright future for Bethany Bible College. "With God all things are possible."

The King's Highway



FORWARD IN FAITH

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"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen, but without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Hebrews 11: 1, 6.

Reading further in this chapter, you will find that men through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, stopped the mouths of lions, and out of weakness were made strong. Great things can be accomplished by faith in God.

Faith is the first requirement for the progress of God's work, individually or as a denomination. Faith is a fight because it comes from God, and is diametrically opposed to all of Satan's power that is exerted upon the souls of men. Faith in God, and repentance of sin, brings about a marked change in the lives of men, and so the battle with Satan is begun. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.—Eph. 6:12. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." II Cor. 10:4.

We must have faith to be true to the preaching, teaching, and living of holiness. Today we hear so much against preaching of doctrine. This is quite contrary to what St. Paul stated in his letters to Timothy and Titus. The necessity of indoctrination of our people today is no different than in the days of the churches at Rome and Ephesus. Christians need to be taught what they believe and why they believe the teachings of regeneration and sanctification, in order to be "rooted and grounded" in the faith, giving to every man an answer for the faith that lieth in them." In order to help young Christians, we must by example stimulate loyalty to Christ and to the church which we represent. These experiences in the hearts of our people, combined with faith, holy force and fortitude, will give our home mission work the needed impetus for progress.

Faith is a prerequisite to Freedom. Man is under the curse of sin and is held in bondage by Satan because of the fall of his progenitor, Adam. Man can be made free through the power of the risen Christ that made propitiation for each and every son of Adam's race. "Oh," you may say, "I have faith. I go to church. I support the church. I send my children to Sunday School." All these are fine, but if you haven't been born again through emancipating faith in the Son of God, it avails you nothing. You say, "we have faith." Let me ask you "How much?", when the meeting houses and churches are being closed and are rotting down, or being converted into places that bring reproach to God. Men, let your manhood arise and we can rebuild the altars of God, and have them bathed with tears of repentance. I John 5:4—"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

A fortress is a place properly garrisoned so as to hold off or repulse any attack that is made against it. So faith becomes the fortress and bulwark of our soul. If we, as a church or individual, will "Above all, take the shield

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