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EDITORIALS

BETHANY—WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

As announced in the last issue of the Highway, the Alliance Executive and Bethany School Board met at Saint John, N. B., March 5th. All members of these committees were present and were in session from 10.30 a.m., to 6.00 p.m., with a noon recess for dinner.

The fire at Bethany, its cause and effect, temporary arrangements for accommodating students for the remainder of this school year, and the future of our Bible School, were the topics given consideration.

Decision was made to repair the second story of the Boy's Dormitory, an arrangement that can be made without heavy expense, and one that will allow for the use of the kitchen and dining room facilities, and provide limited accommodations for rooms. This will mean that the Dormitory will have two stories, rather than three, as before the fire. Repair and renovating will be made in the Administration Building also. This work is already well advanced and there is the prospect of reasonably good accommodations for the students returning to finish the school year.

And then there was the vital question, what of the future of Bethany? What plans should be made, in the light of present circumstances? Three courses seemed to be open, one of three choices could, and must be made. First, decision could be made to close the School at the end of the present term. The loss sustained in the fire, a loss only partially covered by insurance, and the expense of rebuilding, might seem sufficient reason for approval of this suggestion. The second choice inviting attention, was the plan to rebuild on the present site and maintain our Bethany Bible School there. The third choice to be considered was the possibility of relocating the school at some point more central to our denominational constituency. This suggestion has been given some consideration at various times, and the crisis precipitated by the fire brought it to the attention of the committee, for close and careful examination.

One decision was made quickly and unanimously—Bethany must be maintained. It was the feeling of the men assembled, and the opinion they believed to be general

with our pastors and people, that the doors of our Bible School must be kept open and its ministry continued.

The question of location could not be decided quickly or easily. There was no discord in the meetings, but there was the consciousness that we were considering a very vital matter, and that it should be given most careful thought.

After much discussion and exchange of opinion, it was decided, without a dissenting voice, that a committee be appointed to investigate the possibility of obtaining a suitable site for our College nearer the centre of our denominational area. If this committee discovers a property that seems well located, adapted to our needs, and available, it will report back to the Alliance Executive—Bethany Board Committee. Should the Committee decide to approve a plan for relocating the Bible School, a recommendation will be prepared for presentation to the Alliance. Final decision on the matter will be made, not by the Committee referred to, but by the Alliance.

The committee appointed to consider possible sites is already at work, some investigation will be made regarding the possibility of selling the Yarmouth property, and consideration of plans for financing a relocating project is under preliminary study. But it should be clearly understood that all these moves are fact-finding efforts, made to enable the Committee to study the question carefully and thoroughly before making decision or recommendation. The prayers of all our people are requested.

SERVING AFTER DEATH

A statement from our Alliance Superintendent reports a \$12,500 bequest to Bethany Bible College from the estate of the late Mrs. George Crosby, and other bequests from Mr. S. O'Brian, of Yarmouth, N. S., and Mr. Leslie Hayes, of Woodstock, N. B.

What a wonderful plan these bequests unfold! Those who have made them, wisely distribute of their financial means for the support of local churches, a Bible School, and foreign mission work.

Those who are fortunate enough to have money laid aside, an estate, or investments, would have opportunity of continuing to assist the cause of God after death by remembering the church, locally and denominationally, in their wills. Thus in churches built with their assistance, the saving Gospel of Christ may be proclaimed; Bible Schools supported and endowed by their bequests will continue their splendid work of training young people for life and service; missionary endeavour, with its high objective of carrying the Light of Life to those who sit in darkness, will expand to penetrate areas where the name of Jesus has never been heard, because of financial support received through those who have had a vision of continuing service for God even after death.

The example of those who have remembered the cause of God in bequests and memorials, should "provoke others to love and to good works".

For The Day

Annie Johnson Flint

Not yesterday's load we are called on to bear,
Nor the morrow's uncertain and shadowy care;
Why should we look forward or back with dismay?
Our needs, as our mercies, are but for the day.
One day at a time, and the day is His day;
He hath numbered its hours, though they haste or delay.
His grace is sufficient; we walk not alone;
As the day, so the strength that He giveth His own.

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