



Hartland, N. B.

We would like to report on this Missionary Convention held recently on our Circuit. Rev. Bill Morgan was with us for a full week, and his splendid missionary addresses and gospel messages were very much appreciated by our people. The colored slides made our African work so real, and inspired us as an Auxiliary to do more than ever to help in this great work.

Three of our young folk have gone to Bethany one to train as a nurse, one to Teachers' College and our son Charles goes back to Toronto University to finish his course. We will miss them all. May God bless each life as they prepare for greater usefulness.

We are looking forward to the District Y. P. Rally in Hartland, Oct. 16-18, with Miss Sheila Graham as special worker, Bros. J. A. Blain and Cedric Landers come with us for a Revival effort at Victoria on the 20th of Oct. Pray for these meetings.

Two candidates were baptised on Sunday afternoon Sept. 13th, and received into Church Membership in the evening service. We leave Monday the 21st for Toronto. Rev. H. E. Anderson is supplying for us. May God give him a good ministry!

In Him,
J. A. & Hazel Owens.

URGENT NOTICE TO ALL CHURCHES

With regret and embarrassment we must inform our people that during the period June 1-September 15, the sum of only \$165. has been received on the Superintendent's Budget. This is tragic and regrettable.

Not only is the reputation of one man at stake, but unless we do something about it, all our reputations will be at stake. The Superintendent has bills to meet, as all of us, and heavy expenses as well, which some of us do not have. Not a word of complaint has come from the Superintendent. Nor is this being written at his request. But something must be done and done quickly by all our Churches if the office of Superintendent is to be preserved among us.

Last year the cost of the Superintendent's office was \$3,600. Less than \$2,700. was received in budgets for this purpose. The balance came from general funds.

During the period June 1-September 15, the cost of the Superintendent's office has been approximately \$1,200. Less than \$200. has been received.

Pastors and laymen, we voted to have the office of Superintendent. But now it's our job to support the man we elected to this office. Can we make this a matter of vital concern and plan to do something about it very soon?

L. K. Mullen,
Alliance Treasurer.

HOME MISSION OFFERING

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mediately following HOME MISSION DAY. Some times it is several weeks before we hear from some churches. PLEASE DO NOT HOLD BACK YOUR OFFERING. THE NEED IS GREAT. SEND IT IN TO THE TREASURER AT ONCE!

Thank you,
R. H. Nicholson

OLD-TIME CHURCH FINANCE

by S. L. Morgan Sr.
in "Free Methodist"

It was in the "good old days" of lax church finance in rural churches. "Jack," as everybody called him affectionately, was a prominent, well-to-do citizen, and perhaps the leading member of the rural church of 250, where I preached two Sunday afternoons a month. For many years Jack had been deacon and chairman of the finance committee.

They paid me \$300.00 a year for the two services a month. To raise it, Jack met the members as they arrived on the church grounds and asked them for the small assessment placed on the members for "pastor's salary." Giving to missions was almost nil. Yet it was a prosperous membership—above the average of rural members.

Repeatedly I preached on "stewardship and missions," and urged that the church ought to do its business in as businesslike a way as the biggest bank in the town near by. And I urged that this would require that the members underwrite a church budget, each member offering so much a week, and pay the amount through a church envelope system, week by week, as an act of worship at the church services.

Jack opposed it. He said, "I've been collecting the pastor's salary for twenty years, and haven't I succeeded? Let well enough alone." The other deacons agreed with me, but hesitated to go against Jack. He was prominent and popular and conscientious. I advised them to be sweet and patient with Jack, and he'd come around in time. For a while Jack blocked the way. Then Jack did a magnanimous thing: I love to recall it.

One Sunday morning before the church he got up and said, "I've conscientiously opposed the envelope system. But I've been wrong; I move we all approve it and use it." It carried the whole church.

The envelopes came in at every service. Complete success delighted all, and none more than Jack.

Be patient and sweet with old-timers; yet sometimes it will be necessary sweetly to go forward over them, trusting them to follow.

WHEN GOD TAUGHT ME TO GIVE

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receive a letter reminding you of it. You can be held responsible for a pledge offering.

A faith promise offering is between you and God. No one will ever ask you for it. No official will ever call on you to collect it. No one will ever send you a letter about it. It is a promise made by you to God, and to God alone. If you are unable to pay it, all you have to do is to tell God about it. Give him your reason. If he accepts it, you are free.

This, my friend, is the greatest investment you can make. You should be in business for God. You should make money for him—use what you need to live on, and give as much as you can for the work of evangelization. Put your money where it will accomplish the most for God. Put it into the getting out of the gospel. Put it into the souls of men. Use it for those who never yet have heard the message.

Perhaps God would have you support a missionary of your own—and then another, and another. Make a faith promise offering unto him; then trust him to help you meet it. Unmeasurable blessing will be yours. —

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