

A BETHANY REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT

A NEW ERA

At Barker's Point, New Brunswick, May 22, a new era began in the history of Bethany Bible College. There the decision was made to locate our college in the Town of Sussex in order to facilitate plans for progress. A vision gave birth to venture and history was made.

We do no injustice to the past by giving attention to the future. The past has its record of ventures and accomplishments and its own right to be proud. The past has proved the wisdom of the initial venture and the worth of the School's work across the years. It is the past that has given us faith for the future. Only now and from this vantage point have we dared to venture further. We salute the past and the men of vision and sacrifice who under God have given us a good heritage. We shall not forget.

With the advantage and inspiration of the past, we look forward to a great future.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Plans for the operation of the School at Sussex are progressing favorably. The federal government has agreed to supply our buildings with heat from its heating plant, charging us according to the amount of steam used. Thus we have been saved the cost of installing a boiler and engaging a fireman. Further the government has agreed to extend the lease on the ground from two years to five years. Thus we have been given more time to raise money and make plans for the future program; and our investment has been more fully justified. The School Board is taking advantage of the time extension by formulating plans for the future. After thorough study the development plan will be presented and launched within the coming year.

Meanwhile we hope that there will be some early gifts that will give impetus to the launching of our program. Without solicitation one man has pledged one thousand dollars towards permanent buildings, payable in amounts of five hundred dollars in the next two years. Others are offering amounts of one hundred dollars — even before the plans of buildings have been presented.

Is it too much to expect that God will move upon the hearts of some people of means to invest largely in this project of faith? I think not. And surely many rank and file Christians will give generously to enable us to train more for the Master. Admittedly our venture is too big for us, but we reckon on God.

Gifts for the building program will be put in a separate bank account with the President and Business Manager as custodians.

STUDENT PROSPECTS

At this date the fall enrollment can not be predicted, but prospects are good. Twenty-five of last year's students pre-registered in May out of a student body of fifty-one and in spite of the fact that twenty-one graduated. Recent word indicates that other former students intend to return. The prospect list of new students is growing daily through contacts at Beulah Camp and through correspondence. We anticipate an enrollment of . . . Well, we shall tell you later.

We urgently request that applicants write the Registrar as soon as possible in order that we may determine the number of students we shall have to accommodate. An increase in enrollment will necessitate the securing of additional class-room and dormitory furniture.

ADDED FACILITIES AND FEATURES

The recently acquired buildings and property provide a recreation building with showers; an athletic field, including a ball diamond and cinder track; better washroom facilities; better kitchen equipment; more adequate office and library space.

The centrality of our new location will allow us to have more of our pastors and leaders visit the School to preach and present special lectures. Plans are underway to stimulate the spiritual life and the educational program by visiting speakers.

A NEW SERVICE TO STUDENTS

The Administration is establishing an employment bureau to assist students desiring part-time work. The President and Business Manager are arranging at present to meet with groups of employers to solicit their co-operation and to locate opportunities. At the same time consideration is being given to ways to create opportunities for work. During the school year the employment bureau will serve as a contact between employers and students.

It should be pointed out that in most cases jobs can not be assigned to students before they come to the School and are available for personal interview. Those desiring the service of the employment bureau may present their names now to the Business Manager.

THE SCHOOL TOUR

A school tour is being planned for early August. Tentative plans are that the President, Music Instructor, and student representatives will make up the tour personnel.

The cost of such a tour and the lack of time will not allow a visit to every church but to each area. Churches not contacted this summer will be contacted at a future time. Tentative plans are being made for representatives to visit Riverside Camp.

As we, your leaders, undertake to fulfill our calling, we ask you, our readers and friends, to enter into partnership with us in a united effort to extend the Kingdom through a Christian school.

Note: Address mail to Bethany Bible College, Sussex, N. B.