

Jesus sees beneath the surface of every living person and sees the possibilities there.

Like the wise men of old who knelt before the infant Jesus and departed another way, so men today can with a free act of the will receive His revealed grace and by changed lives let others know that they have come into vital union with the World's Most Unforgettable Character.

—The Wesleyan Methodist

"UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN"

Milton W. Bagley

Whenever we celebrate a birthday we quite naturally spend some time both in retrospect and also in considering the prospects of the days which still lie unexplored before us. It is in this same manner that we are invited today to view the birth of God's Son.

The birth of the Son of God is surrounded by majesty and also by mystery. The fact that he, Jesus Christ, is the son of God, carries with it a majesty which almost obliterates the miracle of every other birth. The births of Isaac and of John the Baptist were foretold by angels, but along with that, heavenly choirs of song to welcome the birth of Jesus Christ.

The mystery of his birth is this: How could God become flesh? The incarnation of Jesus Christ is miracle added to miracle. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son." Upon the veracity of this statement rests not only the Duty of Jesus, but also the redemption of all mankind.

In John's Gospel when he so fully propounds the Logos theory, we see that Jesus had existed before that day of his miraculous and mysterious birth in Bethlehem. The Bible is speaking of the incarnation of Jesus Christ when it states; "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

What a majestic miracle, "He became flesh"!

The messianic prophet, Isaiah, listed a few of the names which would be given to this Son of God. "Wonderful Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." The prophet also declared that the virgin, the mother of the child, should call him Immanuel. In the New Testament we have the interpretation of his name "which being interpreted is, God with us." Praise God not only for the Christ Incarnate but also for the Christ Immanuel. He is with us today. Do you not sense the glory of his presence as you call to mind his birth?

Now we turn to thoughts of days which are yet to come.

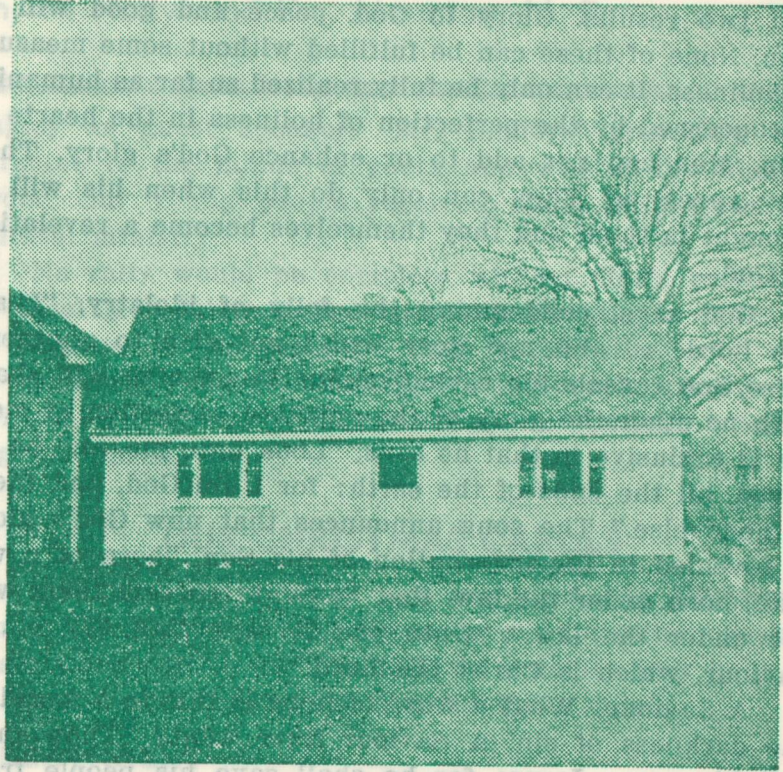
His name means that He is with us and more than that He shall never leave nor forsake us, for He is the invincible Christ, the Everlasting Father. He will not be ousted and overthrown by others. He ever liveth. Death couldn't hold him, the grave couldn't keep him. "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Is it possible to keep the victory? Oh yes, with the Invincible and Eternal Christ within us we indeed have a hope of Glory! "Of his peace there shall be no end"!

Isaiah also spoke of the Christ who would establish His kingdom with judgement and justice. His kingdom is not one of changing political systems and vacillating standards but one established in judgement and justice. And thus we see the Christ Immutable. He is the same yesterday, today and forever.

We look back not to the beginning of Christ, for He always was. We look back to His incarnation, to the Immanuel; and through Him we face the future knowing

The King's Highway



BETHANY GIRLS' RESIDENCE

The above is a picture of a building on our Bethany Bible College campus at Yarmouth, N. S., providing accommodations for eight girl students. The building was previously a double garage on the property. Work of remodelling was done by the Bethany business manager, Rev. Jack Stevens. The building was remodelled and moved for \$500.00 and B. B. C. hopes that this amount will be received in the special "Christmas Gift For Bethany" appeal that has been sent out. Please send gifts in money order or cheque form, as cash contributions enclosed in letters have been lost on previous occasions.

ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT

Feb. 14th., 1960, has been designated as "Bethany Sunday" in our churches. Pastors and churches are requested to plan well in advance for special Bethany emphasis and offerings on that day.

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CHRISTMAS

Sons of men, behold from far,
Hail the long-expected star!
Jacob's star that gilds the night,
Guides bewildered nature right.

Nations all, far off and near,
Haste to see your God appear!
Haste, for him your hearts prepare,
Meet him manifested there.

Here behold the Dayspring rise,
Pouring eyesight on your eyes;
God in his own light survey,
Shining to the perfect day.

—Charles Wesley

that our captain is Invincible and Immutable. Praise the Lord for the Saviour who was born in Bethlehem's manger!