

question of the pastor's salary. It would be wise procedure for every church to be as generous with their minister as the finances of the church will allow. Certainly this would not result in any man being overpaid. A salary increase would be a terrific boost to the morale of any one of our men. For many it would be the easing of strain and tormenting concern resulting from indebtedness. For all it would mean a practical expression of the love and interest of the people they are serving.

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A PLEA FOR EXPOSITORY PREACHING

By Rev. L. B. Reese

in "Pilgrim Holiness Advocate"

Homilists have recognized repeatedly the importance of expository preaching. It is almost the consensus of opinion among such men that this type of preaching is entirely unsurpassed in its value.

Not long ago one of our evangelists made the remark, "If I had it to do over again, I would give myself more to the study of the Word that would produce expository preaching." And, as an afterthought, added, "Perhaps it is not too late for me to start." For both of these remarks one can be deeply grateful, as two things are suggested: first, a recognition of the value of expository preaching and second, the fact that at any time one might begin to give himself to this type of preaching.

The homilists and preachers are not alone in their appraisal along this line, for there are many of the lay members who are feeling the necessity of this type of preaching. This is all the more obvious, once they have had an opportunity to taste of this ministry in a series of services. It is true that many may not know the class to which this type of preaching belongs, but their desire is emphatic and clear, nevertheless.

Sermons divide themselves into three outstanding groups. First, the textual sermon which gives prominence to the text and draws the thoughts by suggestion or inference from the chosen text. Second, topical sermons which give prominence to a subject and builds the message around that topic. The subject of "Faith" would be an illustration, which may be developed and expounded without giving attention to any one passage but draws its scriptural support from a number of references. Third, the expositional sermon for which we are pleading, is the treatment of a passage of limited or extended scope. In this the preacher gives himself to the interpretation of the passage by seeking to explain the real meaning. Let it be observed that this does not mean that the passage must be dealt with only in a comprehensive sense, as there may be only one truth that stands out in prominence and sufficient warrant as to be the material for that occasion. Again the passage may have a limited treatment because the time or occasion does not allow of a more complete exposition. The very nature and content of the expository sermon is of high value as it lends itself to the preaching program of the church.

No man can be a true expositor who does not faithfully and prayerfully endeavor to arrive at the proper interpretation of the passage which he seeks to use. This fidelity to the truth that is so essential is productive of wholesome and satisfactory benefit both to preacher and people. Texts and topics may produce a transient uplift and soon are forgotten, but a passage truly expounded will be re-preached many times as the portion is read again by those who heard the message.

Why are there so few expository sermons preached? A number of things may give a credible and plausible

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BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE GRADUATION

Cloudy weather and light showers failed to dampen the spirits of the graduates, parents, relatives, and friends who attended the annual graduation of Bethany Bible College here in Yarmouth, N. S. Many parts of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia were represented.

The week-end festivities officially began June 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Y. M. C. A. Red Triangle Room where the people of the Sandford and Port Maitland Reformed Baptist Churches catered a banquet given in honor of the twenty-one graduates. Following the banquet, greetings were heard from the President, Rev. W. E. Green, Rev. F. A. Watson, guest speaker from Marysville, N. B., and Rev. J. Fred Cowan, Yarmouth, N. S. The guests were pleased to hear the Class Will, Class Prophecy, and Class History given by Miss Joan Mutch, Mr. Hazen Webb, and Miss Dorothy Wilson respectively.

Sunday afternoon the guest speaker, Rev. F. A. Watson addressed the graduates, and again Monday evening at the graduation which was held in the Zion United Baptist Church.

As Mrs. Andrew Porter played the "March of the Priests" the faculty and graduates marched up the aisles of the church making a very impressive view. Following the Invocation by Rev. B. M. Hicks, the Salutatory was given by Mr. Gerald Inman, theological graduate. A vocal selection was rendered by the college quartette. Mr. Kenneth Kierstead from South Africa gave the valedictory. The diplomas were presented by Rev. W. E. Green, and Mr. D. Mitchell, principal. Many prizes, scholarships and award certificates were won, which were awarded to the graduates and under-graduates by Rev. L. Johnson, theological professor, Rev. B. Bridgeo and Mr. D. MacCallum, high school instructors.

Bible Department Graduates: Gerald Inman, Perth, N. B.; Frederick Whittey, Meductic, N. B.

Grade Twelve Graduates: Charles Bain, Sandford, N. S.; Ronald Gaunce, Doaktown, N. B.; Gene Hudson, Perth, N. B.; Kenneth Kierstead, South Africa; Miss Isabel McMann, Barkers' Point, N. B.; and Miss Dorothy Wilson, Saint John, N. B.

Grade Eleven Graduates: Miss Elizabeth Cann, Grand Manan, N. B.; Miss Beatrice Carroll, Carroll's Crossing, N. B.; Miss Patricia Clark, Londonderry, N. S.; Wayne Cliff, Fredericton, N. B.; Carl Doty, Yarmouth, N. S.; Miss Joan Gaunce, Doaktown, N. B.; Miss Faye Hayes, Millstream, N. B.; Miss Myrna Hillman, Fredericton, N. B.; Mr. Carroll Kimball, Mattawamkeog, Me.; Miss Joan Mutch, Woodstock, N. B.; Miss Marjorie Sewell, Woodstock, N. B.; Miss Gail Somers, Truro, N. S., and Hazen Webb, Havelock, N. S.

Prizes, scholarships and award certificates were won by: Mr. George Hopkins, Miss Donna Fawcett, Miss Patricia Clark, Mrs. Gerald Inman, Rev. Kenneth Jewett, Miss Faye Hayes, Mr. Hazen Webb, Miss Joan Mutch, Mr. Randall Goodwin, Miss Donna Reid, Mr. Kenneth Kierstead, and Miss Joan Gaunce.

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A program without passion is machinery without the power to run it. It is an engine without steam — helpless and powerless.—F. Lincicome.