

## CHURCH NEWS



### BARKER'S POINT REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH

On Sunday, Feb. 15th., the lovely new sanctuary of the Barker's Point Reformed Baptist Church was dedicated to the Lord. The special service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. N. E. Trafton, assisted by Revs. F. A. Watson, R. H. Nicholson, H. R. Ingersoll, B. C. Cochrane, G. R. Symonds, and our Superintendent, F. A. Dunlop, who preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Hubert Bartlett, president of the York-Sunbury-Queens Ministerial Association also spoke briefly. Special music was provided by the church choir with William LaPointe as soloist, and Arthur Ingersoll as guest organist. Some four hundred people filled the sanctuary and overflowed into the basement of the church for the service.

The dedication of the new sanctuary of this fine church building climaxes a work of God begun in the summer of 1951. During Beulah Camp of that year, a committee motored to Barker's Point and located a lot which was bargained for by verbal agreement. Following the Camp Meeting a tent was pitched on this lot with the "Evangelistic Crusade of the Reformed Baptist Church" banner erected beside it. For more than six weeks meetings were held in this tent with hundreds attending from near and far and many seeking God. At the close of the tent meeting, a church was organized with sixteen charter members. A hall owned by the Women's Institute of the community was engaged and meetings were carried on there from mid-September until the end of the year. In late September the sod was turned for the building of a basement church and on Jan. 1, 1952, this unit was dedicated to the Lord.

Rev. B. C. Cochrane, who was then denominational superintendent, pastored this work during the first year, and in July of 1952, Rev. Ralph Ingersoll became the first resident pastor. In July, 1954, the late Rev. H. S. Wilson became pastor, following the resignation of Brother Ingersoll. Brother Wilson served the church only a year and a half, when he was called to his Eternal Rest in December of 1955. During his brief pastorate, Brother Wilson had the joy of seeing, with his people, the erection of a lovely new parsonage on a lot adjacent to the church. At the time of Brother Wilson's death, Rev. N. E. Trafton, then Alliance Superintendent, took charge of the work as sup-

ply pastor. In the Spring of 1956 the church issued a call to Brother Trafton to the pastorate, Bro. Trafton accepted the call and has continued as pastor of the work since that time.

In the Spring of 1958 decision was made by the Church to complete the superstructure of the church building to accommodate the growing work. A remarkable financing plan was developed and the people responded enthusiastically. Under the system adopted, the building will be completely paid for in 1962. It is a beautiful building, one of the finest of our denomination. Good workmanship is evident without and within, and the furnishings are as lovely as the building itself. The Cross showing in the tower is illuminated and a P. A. system installation carries music out over the community and district. The pastor and people of this church are to be commended for their vision, zeal, faith, and sacrifice which have made possible the completion of this lovely building.

The blessing of God has been upon this work from the beginning. The tent meetings attracted interest over a wide area and were wonderfully blessed of God. The Sunday School has been strong from the first beginning in the eighties and climbing as high as 239. The average attendance at present is between 150 and 175. The people of the church and congregation have been keenly interested all the way. In preparation for the construction of the basement unit, pledges on a monthly payment plan were taken and for more than seven years the church has had a monthly building fund offering which has consistently run between \$300.00 and \$400.00 and has sometimes gone higher. The people assumed full financial responsibility for their pastor and local expenses and contributed to the various denominational projects. They launched and completed the building of their parsonage and the completion of their church building and have met their obligations with wonderful interest and enthusiasm. Brother Trafton has given splendid leadership in this latest building work and achievement and he has enjoyed the support of a self-sacrificing and appreciative people.

The Barker's Point Reformed Baptist Church enjoys a unique position in that it is the only church building in this community just outside the city of Fredericton. A great work has been done there, a great work is going on, and we trust a great work will continue until Jesus comes. We congratulate pastor and people on their fine achievements. As the church choir sang on the day of dedication, "To God be the glory!"

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and the character of Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ wants a holy church, a pure people, a sanctified people. He suffered without the gate that He might sanctify the people with his own blood. He loved the church and gave Himself for the church, that He might sanctify the church and present it unto Himself a church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blame. The Prayer Divine that we have recorded in the seventeenth chapter of John was a prayer that the church, the believer, should be purified and made holy.

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to the Highway of these awakenings so that others might be inspired and challenged.

In the church of which the editor is pastor, we are now engaged in the third week of what was to have been a one-week meeting. God is moving and the revival spirit is spreading. We have seen some remarkable conversions and the Spirit of God has worked mightily at times. We shall write more of this later. May the fire spread until revival is experienced on a denomination-wide basis!

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