



Black's Harbour, N. B.

Dear Friends:

Christmas is past. Many cards from far and near have warmed our hearts. The church folk in both Black's Harbor and Deer Island remembered their pastor and family with many greetings and gifts. We are deeply grateful. Opportunities here challenge our best efforts.

Young people indicate interest in the church and we are doing our best to win them to the Lord. Attendance and interest is encouraging. We expect to have revival services here in Black's in February. Please join us in prayer for this area. God has done wonderful things in the past and we are looking for present victory.

The church building at Deer Island is about completed on the outside. We continue to hold our services in a home until it is suitable for worship inside. God's people in both communities are standing with us. We need prayer support from all our churches. Please stand with us as we attempt invasion of the forces of darkness.

Yours for souls,
A. D. & Mrs. Cann and family.

Lincoln Center, Maine

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in the Lord from Lincoln Center. I have never written to the Highway before but the Highway has been a regular visitor in my home, for years. I am with Brother Hollis Kimball, from Mattawankeag Maine. We have had some wonderful times together and of course many times of disappointment. But the Prayers of God's People are being answered. In the town of Kingman, we have had twelve Pray through and the interest is growing, for which we Praise the Lord. A young man and his wife opened up their home for cottage meetings and about two weeks ago both he and his wife were wonderfully saved at one of those Meetings. We now have opened in Sebois, Maine, and we covet the Prayers of every one of you for this Place. It is a privilege to work with Brother Kimball. I've been with him for more than a year now, and never tire of his food-for-the-soul messages. I am not discouraged one bit, but believe that we can yet see a real Holy Ghost revival in those towns about us. We are much in Need of song books and if some church or group has some that they no longer use, we would be delighted to hear from you. Our financial circumstances will not allow us to buy books. We now have some "Showers of Blessing", books that are very much the Worse for Wear. Continue to Pray for us here and may the Wonderful Lord bless every Precious Waiting heart.

Yours for a harvest of souls,
Lester Kennedy.

Fredericton, N. B.

Christian greetings to all from the pastor and people of the Fredericton R. B. Church. We rejoice in the goodness and faithfulness of our God. Through cloud and sunshine He has been our strength and stay.

1959 was a year of joy and sorrow, gain and loss, for our church. A wonderful spirit of harmony prevails in our assembly, and we have reason, great reason, to praise the Lord. Attendance at our services is good, we have a fine group of young people, missionary interest is on the increase, and at present we are engaged in a New Year's to Palm Sunday special Sunday School effort.

On the other hand, we have been saddened by the passing of a number of our good and faithful people. When the devoted and faithful are taken away, we feel the losses very keenly. But we rejoice in the assurance that they have gone to be with the Lord.

On New Year's day our church board gave unanimous and enthusiastic approval to a plan for the installation of a mechanical carillon system in the church tower. At a subsequent meeting of the church, the plan was approved in the same spirit of unity and interest. We expect that the installation will be made within the next few weeks.

We join with pastors and people throughout the Church praying that 1960 may be a glorious year for all.

Yours in Christian fellowship,
B. C. and Mrs. Cochrane.

TEMPERANCE TRENDS

Welcome Word From Ottawa

An E. P. Service news item, date-lined Ottawa, Ontario, reads: "At all official entertainment given by the Canadian government in the future, something will be missing—liquor. The temperance move was inaugurated by Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, a devout Baptist, at a Montreal dinner to celebrate the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Diefenbaker banned cocktails on that occasion, and the experiment was so successful the government decided to make it an official and a regular practice".

The Prime Minister of Canada is to be commended for his courage, and the government for its wisdom, in taking such action.

In the society of to-day, many people seem to think that they cannot have any kind of special function without liquor. Be it a wedding, celebration of the birth of a child, a party honouring some special guest, a political rally, or just a social banquet, the public by and large seems to think that liquor is an indispensable item. Even sacred celebrations such as Christmas and Easter are defiled by drinking and drunkenness. Misleading advertising by those who manufacture and sell intoxicants, and social pressures by those who favour drinking, have made liquor part and parcel of most public and social functions. Many respectable citizens are being carried along with the tide of popular opinion, and even church people and church groups have approved the so-called "moderationist" position in respect to drinking.

The traditional position of our church, unchanged throughout our seventy-one years of history is "We will not traffic in nor use intoxicating drinks as a beverage, but will use our influence to advance the principles of temperance, to aid in the legal suppression of the liquor traffic, in order that ultimately it may be totally prohibited!"

I thank God that we have not changed our position in respect to this problem. We vote for total abstinence in the life of the individual, and total abolition of liquor from the life of the nation. We will not mince words when it comes to speaking on this issue. We are not ashamed of our position. We are solidly and steadfastly opposed to the liquor trade and ready to do battle against it at every opportunity. Nor will we be browbeaten or pressured by the ruthless manufacturers of the poison, or a society, religious or otherwise, that condones the business.

Whatever our political convictions or loyalties, we unite in commending the Canadian Prime Minister and his government colleagues in their stand to ban liquor from public functions that are government-sponsored. May provincial premiers and government officials have the courage and wisdom to follow the lead of the Ottawa authorities!