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— Editorials —

BETHANY SUNDAY

Sunday, February 14th., has been designated as "Bethany Sunday". Pastors and churches are requested to give special emphasis to our Bible School work on that day, and take special offerings to support this denominational project.

Our Bible School is completing the 15th. year of operation. During that period it has rendered a highly valuable service to our Church. Consecrated and capable teachers and staff members have worked to make the institution an effective instrument for the training of Christian youth for life service. It has been the aim of the men and women who have served at Bethany to win the respect of our people in regard to the worth of this vitally important phase of our denominational work. And in that effort they have realized a high degree of success. Not only does Bethany hold a place of honor and respect in the esteem of our people, but also among many ministers and lay people of other church groups.

Education is costly business. It always has been, and always will be. If we maintain our Bible School it will be at great cost to our people and churches. If we expand its operations the cost will increase proportionately. But the investment pays rich dividends. When we take account of what Bethany does for the young people who belong to its student body, we are easily convinced that the work is well worth the financial investment.

There are many institutions which aim at high academic standards, too few that are concerned with the spiritual welfare of the students. Unfortunately, the atmosphere of many secular educational institutions is degrading to those attending them. In many cases there is a teaching pattern that is faith-destroying rather than faith-building. Even at the High School level the social programme, and in some instances the teaching emphasis, is positively dangerous to the spiritual welfare of the student.

Bethany offers a dual service, viz., intellectual development through the teaching of a curriculum identical with the secular schools of the Province of Nova Scotia, and

spiritual growth through the ministry of the Bible and the Holy Spirit. Teachers who are well qualified for this dual emphasis work fervently and diligently to lead their students to success in both areas.

Bethany deserves our support, the best we can give. On February 14th. we shall have opportunity to express our interest in this good work. Let's give our Bible School the backing it needs and merits!

THE LANGUAGE OF SILENCE

Too often reports from denominational officers on response to appeals for support of the branch of the Work they represent, concludes with ". . . 18 churches not heard from . . . 12 churches not heard from . . ." from . . ."

When a Highway announcement conveys word to our people that the Alliance, the Foreign or Home Mission programme, Bethany Bible College, or some other phase of the Church programme, is in need of help, there is a ready and generous response. The treasurers of the various Boards have often spoken to the Highway editor of these results.

The churches answering the call for help are to be commended. Without the word and the assistance that come from them, we would have to curtail the work of our Denomination, and perhaps discontinue some efforts altogether.

But what of the churches "not heard from"? Why the silence, and what is its significance? Have they not heard, or do they not care? Do they lack resources, or is it not in their hearts to give?

If silence was the only response to appeals for assistance, silence would soon prevail in all areas of Church activity. The machinery of denominational work would come to a full stop; the movement of missionaries toward those who sit in darkness would be halted; the ministry of Beulah and Riverside Camp Meetings would come to an end. What a dreadful silence that would be.

Some churches are suffering from lethargy, some from localitis. Some are silent because they lack the spirit of vision and energy, some because they consider themselves incapable of doing more than maintaining the local work. Both conditions breed disaster and death.

If we are alive and alert to the needs of the Church, we will do something to help. Not all that we would like to do, but something. If the Master's "go ye into all the world" is our standard for service, we will make some contribution to denominational efforts to obey the Great Commission, even if such efforts involve personal sacrifice.

Check the lists of churches responding to appeals for help, and you will find listed some that are struggling under a heavy load at home, some whose pastors are underpaid. But the churches and the pastors in such situations express their concern for and faith in the work of the Church by giving faithfully and generously when the need is presented. And such men and church members will live to prove the faithfulness of God toward those who contribute out of means that already seem inadequate to meet their own needs.

Silence can be very expressive. In relation to the matters referred to it conveys a message that prophesies defeat and disaster. May the Spirit of God help us to erase the "not heard from" section of every report of the future!

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