



HOME MISSION CONVENTION

The first Home Mission Convention was held in our Seal Cove Church on May 13-15. Plans had been made at Beulah last year for at least four such meetings to be held in central areas during the year, but due to unforeseen developments only this one transpired. However, the united feeling of both the Home Mission Team and the Seal Cove Church was that this was the beginning of greater things.

The personnel of the team was the president, R. H. Nicholson, the treasurer, W. L. Fernley and two men actively engaged on the Home Mission Field: Revs. M. W. Bagley from Amherst, N. S. and William Burbury in the Shelburne, N. S. area. Brother Fernley was able to bring to the people the necessity of "elasticity" in the spending of each dollar in the past in order to meet Home Mission demands and also a sane challenge for future investments which is a logical and obligatory step for denominational and spiritual expansion.

Brothers, Bagley and Burbury, brought fresh from the field the need, the challenge, the sacrifice of Home Missions until it was the common expression: "We never realized the importance before". In the sincerity, the consecration, the zeal of these men representing the tone of our Home Mission Work, was the promise of "new blood", greater support, and an enlarged field in the future.

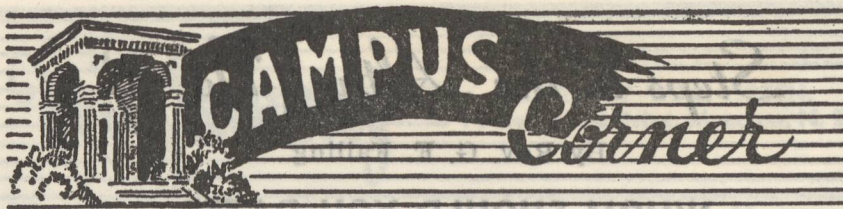
The enthusiasm manifested by the pastor, Brother Steeves, and the whole-hearted support of the Seal Cove Church was most gratifying to those representing this phase of our work. The keen interest in The Reformed Baptist Home Mission Revolving Fund promises a more stable financial program in the future. In all, we thank God for a great people interested in a great work and may the prayerful support of this people extend to the uttermost parts of the earth.

REV. EUGENE KIERSTEAD ILL

On June 2nd. the president of the Foreign Mission Board received the following cable message from Mrs. Eugene Kierstead: "Eugene critically ill. One operation over, another pending. Request prayer". It was just too late to get this message into the May 31st. Highway, so we sent word out by telephone and personal message to many of our pastors requesting special prayer. A cable expressing our concern and prayerful interest was sent to Mrs. Kierstead. We are not certain as to whether our cable reached Mrs. Kierstead, but an air mail letter from Charles Sanders, dated June 6th., contains the following: "Eugene's condition is about the same. He had an acute attack of kidney stones. Infection following the first operation made a second necessary, and a third is likely. Missionaries and national Christians joined in asking God to undertake. We feel sure that you in the Homeland are joining us in prayer."

We regret that we do not have the address of the hospital where Bro. Kierstead is located. His home address is P. O. St. Augustine's, via Dundee, Natal, South Africa. Cards and letters sent to Bro. and Sister Kierstead at this time will no doubt be a wonderful encouragement to them. Let them know that you are praying for them!

The King's Highway



BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE CLOSING EXERCISES HELD AT WEEK-END

YARMOUTH, June 7—Last evening the 15th commencement exercises of Bethany Bible College were held at Zion Baptist Church, witnessed by a near capacity gathering.

Guest speaker for the occasion was the Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, of St. John, N. B. Mr. Ingersoll is Chairman of the Board of Trustees and the General Secretary of the New Brunswick Temperance Federation. In his opening remarks, the speaker commended the faculty for their valued services and enthusiastically commented on the progress of the school and its future prospects.

Among other points of progress, Mr. Ingersoll referred to the recognition granted to the institution by Eastern Nazarene College, an accredited liberal arts college in the state of Massachusetts, and a member of the New England Association of Colleges. Eastern Nazarene College has agreed to accept transfer students from Bethany Bible College and grant two years credit toward a degree for two years work completed at Bethany Bible College. For some time, grade XII students have been accepted by Maritime Universities with sophomore standing.

Mr. Ingersoll also spoke words of counsel to the graduates, pointing out to them the necessity of further learning and the need of Christian servants in society.

The salutatory was given by Hazen Webb, son of Rev. and Mrs. Douglas Webb, Havelock, N. S. The valedictory was given by Gary Lyons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lyons, Doaktown, N. B.

President C. E. Stairs and Academy Principal M. Douglas Mitchell presented diplomas to the 28 graduates of the three classes. Grade XI, Grande XII and theology.

The week-end activities included the annual graduate banquet Saturday evening, at the Red Triangle Room of the Y.M.C.A. One hundred and seventy-five invited guests and graduates taxed the facilities for the gala occasion.

The baccalaureate service was held Sunday afternoon in Zion Baptist Church with the Rev. Wilbur H. Mullen, Ph.D., as the guest speaker. Dr. Mullen is an ordained minister of the Reformed Baptist Church, presently serving as the head of the department of philosophy and religion at Eastern Nazarene College, Mass.

An alumni breakfast took place Monday morning in the college dining-room. The Alumni President, Mr. Kenneth Kierstead, of Halifax, was master of ceremonies. (Mr. Kierstead recently completed a science course at Dalhousie University, where he led his class in final examinations.) At the close of the breakfast, Mr. Kierstead outlined the alumni's plans for the coming year and the association elected Rev. M.W. Bagley as the alumnus of the year.

During the week-end activities, President Stairs announced some of the school's plans for the coming year, including the introduction of a junior college course and a one-year commercial course for high school graduates. Building improvements announced, included the addition of a recreational building before Fall, and the painting of the Administration building during the Summer. On the basis of the pre-registration held in May and the list of prospective students, the President estimated a considerable increase in next year's enrollment. (Yarmouth Light)