



## — Editorial —

### THE WORLD WITHOUT A CHRIST

Christmas time brings us face to face with the greatest fact of history—the birth of Jesus Christ. But what if Christ had not been born into the world? The answer is obvious. The world without a Christ would be a world without a cause. Paul said, "in Him doth all things consist. In Him we live and move and have our being." Christ is the true source of inspiration and life. He is the light of life.

A world without a Christ would also be a world without a creator. The apostle John said, "In the beginning was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God and the Word was God . . . all things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made." He who was the creator of original life is also the creator of spiritual life. Christmas reminds us that He came that we might have life, and that we might have it more abundantly.

A world without a Christ would be a world without The Cross. The absence of His cross would be the absence of salvation. At the announcement of His birth it was said that His name would be called "Jesus for He shall save His people from their sin." The cross is an expression of the Love of God which was also manifested at the Birth of the Christ Child. These together give to the world a supreme example of passion, purity and power which are essential to win men to God.

### ★ ★ ★ DISTRICT RALLY REPORT

It is with great joy that we make this report on the one-day Youth Rally held on this district November 19 at Port Maitland, N. S. We were greatly encouraged by the goodly number attending the rally from the various societies. Our young people seem to have a keen interest in the work of God in this area.

The two services which we held were crowned with the blessing of the Lord. We had two speakers, Mr. Kenneth Foote and Lic. Gary Lyons. We feel sure that our young people were challenged by the messages of these speakers from our Bible College. Some of our young people received definite help from the Lord.

Some of the features of the rally were: special music from the various societies, Bible games, quizzes, the formation of a district youth choir under the leadership of Rev. Lloyd Johnson, and the presentation of the banner plaque which was won by the Sandford society.

Another special feature of the rally was a meeting of the various presidents to discuss the youth work in our district. We found this very helpful in exchanging ideas for programs, and how to meet our Self-Denial obligations.

We feel that our youth work is moving forward. Thank God for His blessing and answering of prayer.

Yours for youth for Christ,

Gene S. Hudson,  
District President.

I will honour Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. —Dickens

### THIS IS CHRISTMAS

- (1) Time for renewing of friendships.
- (2) Time of happy hospitality.
- (3) Time of exchanging expressions of gratitude and goodwill.
- (4) Time when the tree is significant.
- (5) But these without the Christ of Christmas is to miss the best of Christmas. The Wise Men sought for the Christ child.
- (6) Christmas is a gift giving time. This is the best of the whole Christmas message—God's gift of His Son. There is nothing that can awaken our gratitude like the sense of the presence of God through Christ, God's unspeakable gift. Christ brought Salvation to the world. It was an unspeakable love that thought it. It was an unspeakable life that brought it. It was an unspeakable death that wrought it. It is an unspeakable joy when taught it. —Unknown.

### DENOMINATIONAL-WIDE BIBLE QUIZ on THE BOOK OF ACTS

#### ● ACTION ● BIBLE STUDY ● COMPETITION

1. Quiz begins on January 1, 1961.
2. Send to quiz headquarters: Bible Quiz, P. O. Box 112, Marysville, N. B. for quiz rules and regulations. One copy for each prospective quizzier.
3. Send \$2.00 enrollment fee per society.
4. Give all local youth an opportunity to participate and win a place on the local team.
5. Prepare local team for district play-off after March 31, 1961.
6. All entries must be mailed by February 28, 1961.
7. Grand Championship quiz to be held during next Annual Youth Rally at Beulah Camp.
8. Get started early.

### DENOMINATIONAL-WIDE ATTENDANCE CONTEST

February 6 to March 19, 1961 are the dates for the Denominational-Wide Attendance Contest. All youth societies, regardless of size may enter. The winner will be decided by the percentage of increase based on the average attendance for September, October and November, 1960. Suggestions on how to make the contest a success in local youth groups, will be mailed to all societies enrolled.

All youth presidents are urged to encourage their young people to join this contest. Send your average attendance for above mentioned months to: Merle Smith, 58 Mt. Royal Blvd., Moncton, N. B.

Merle Smith.

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas when its mighty Founder was a child Himself. —Dickens

### DENOMINATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING JANUARY 6th, 1961