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— Editorials —

SIGNIFICANT SIGNS AND SOUNDS

Faith looks and listens for encouraging signs and sounds. It may be a cloud, "a little cloud . . . like a man's hand", but to the believing heart it is the sign of abundance of rain. It may be merely the "sound of going (movement) in the tops of the mulberry trees" (probably only a rustling among the leaves), but to the one who longs for victory in behalf of the work of God, it is a call for action and the promise of putting the enemy to rout.

Response to the Highway editorial of Nov. 30th., "A Power Shortage" has been sufficient to encourage faith that seeks encouragement. We have had letters, telephone calls, and personal comments from pastors and lay people. All those from whom we have heard have stated their belief that fasting and prayer could be the way to revival for the people of God. Don't misunderstand me. There has been no landslide response. The mailman has not been overburdened with letters and the telephone switchboard has not been jammed with calls. Neither have we had personal comments in great number. But, as already stated, there has been sufficient response to encourage faith that seeks encouragement.

In some instances individuals have declared themselves as intending to put the matter to test, and some churches are adopting a systematic plan of prayer and fasting.

It is quite unlikely that we have heard from all who are in agreement with the general emphasis of the "Power Shortage" editorial. We may hear from others. We hope so. Certainly the knowledge that others are of the same mind, and that there are individuals and churches who plan to fast and pray in seeking the face of God for a spiritual awakening, would be a great encouragement to all concerned.

Nothing but a mighty moving of the Holy Spirit will rouse a drowsy church to action and awaken a sin-drunken world to repentance.

We need the "power from on high" that characterized the great revivals of early Methodism and the New Testament era of the Christian Church. And God waits to pour out His Spirit upon those who will sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, and weep between the porch and the altar.

May the small cloud expand and increase until the heavens are black with clouds; and may the gentle breeze that stirs the leaves become a mighty rushing wind, filling the atmosphere of our churches and communities with an awe-inspiring sense of the Divine, and producing a revival that will be after the pattern of Pentecost. Do it Lord, do it for Jesus' sake!

BETHANY SUNDAY

February 12th., has been designated "Bethany Sunday" for 1961. That makes this particular date very important to our pastors and people.

Our Bible School is rendering a great service. It is a vitally important phase of our denominational work.

The most eloquent tribute to Bethany is the manifest influence for good that it exerts on the young people who belong to the student body. And the students themselves are the School's best publicity media.

Bethany Bible College puts its stamp upon its students. It trains young people with a character development objective. There is evidence in the outlook and attitudes of the Bethany students that they are taught a great basic truth — that the making of a life is more important than making a living, that character is of greater value than a career.

The dimensions of life are extended at Bethany. Students are challenged to aim high in academic pursuits; they are inspired to seek depth in spiritual devotion and dedication; they are instructed and guided toward breadth of understanding . . . in areas material and spiritual.

It is most fitting that we have a "Bethany Sunday" on our denominational calendar. It provides opportunity for a denomination-wide emphasis on the work of our Bible School. We are happy for the opportunity of paying tribute of appreciation to the capable and consecrated Staff of Bethany, and urging upon all that we gladden the hearts of teachers and students by setting new records in offerings for our Bible College on Feb. 12th.

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THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man going a lone highway
Came in the evening cold and gray
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
But, he stopped when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way,
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm which has been as nought to me
To that fair-haired youth might a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

—Will Allen Dromgoole.

Have you remembered "those who come behind"?
You can provide for their salvation, safety, and success by
supporting Christian colleges.

BE A BRIDGE BUILDER ON BETHANY DAY, FEBRUARY 12.