

ALLIANCE ACTION

Most of our ministers and a goodly number of our lay people were present for some or all of the Alliance Session. The presence and participation of some of our capable laymen was a distinct advantage to the deliberations and decisions of the Alliance. It is hoped that even more of them will be with us in the future.

Rev. J. A. Moses, pastor of our Calais-Crawford churches was re-elected Alliance President.

Important changes in elected officers and Board members of the Alliance included: Alliance Corresponding Secretary, Rev. M. W. Bagley, who has served in that office for four years, resigned, and Rev. G. B. Bridgeo was elected to the office; Rev. A. D. Cann was elected president of the Foreign Mission Board, succeeding Rev. B. C. Cochrane, who had served seven years in that office; and Rev. M. W. Bagley was elected president of the Home Mission Board, succeeding Rev. R. H. Nicholson who had served as president for ten years. Expressions of appreciation to those retiring from the offices referred to were passed by the Alliance. Complete lists of Alliance officers and Board members will be found elsewhere in this Highway.

Two newly-organized churches were gladly received into the Alliance—Digby and Ingomar, both in the province of Nova Scotia, and both organized during the past church year. And so our denominational family continues to grow!

Rev. W. L. Fernley was appointed Promotional Director of Sunday School work, succeeding Rev. A. D. Cann who asked to be relieved of the duties of the office because of his appointment as president of the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Ruth Black was re-elected denominational Director of Children's work.

At the request of local churches, and on recommendation by our Ministerial Association, the following were ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Alliance: Lics. Marvin Durling, formerly of Meductic, N. B., now pastor of our church at Havelock, N. S.; George Hopkins, formerly of Woodstock, N. B., now pastor of our church at East Ferry, N. S.; Gary Lyons, formerly of Doaktown, N. B., who takes up his duties as pastor of the Hartland N. B. circuit of churches following Beulah Camp; and Ronald Madden, formerly of Old Town, Maine, pastor of our church at North Head, N. B.

Granted license to preach by the Alliance were: Charles Bain, of Sandford, N. S., Jack Dow, of Fredericton, N. B.; Gary Durling, of Meductic, N. B.; and Kenneth Foote, of Seal Cove, N. B.

Mrs. Arthur Ingersoll was elected president of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary. A number of changes were made in the officers of this organization. The complete list will be found elsewhere in this Highway.

Rev. L. K. Mullen was elected Editor of our King's Highway, succeeding Rev. B. C. Cochrane, who has served two terms as Editor. Brother Mullen will assume the duties of this office in September.

Our Alliance Superintendent presented an excellent report of his activities during the church year. As we

listened to the report and took account of the numerous services, board meetings, special meetings and campaigns, and other official activities of the Superintendent, we were made to realize that he had been an extremely busy man. The most ridiculous question that might have been asked him could have been "What did you do in your spare time?" Appropriate expressions of appreciation were voiced and recorded through a resolution passed by the Alliance.

Reports of the year's work from various denominational departments were encouraging and revealed that our people had given strong support to every enterprise sponsored by our Alliance. On the whole, the financial reports were more encouraging than usual, perhaps as good as they ever have been. A record high was recorded in denominational giving..more than \$265,000.00 for all purposed. Our people are good givers!

Ways and means of expediting passage of Alliance business were discussed and a committee was appointed to study the matter and report at the 1962 Alliance Session. The committee members are: Revs. B. C. Cochrane, L. K. Mullen, and C. E. Stairs, and laymen H. C. Greenlaw and Arthur Ingersoll.

A motion that a seasonal caretaker for Beulah Campgrounds be appointed was referred to the Alliance Executive. This seems to be an urgent need with more and more buildings being erected on the Camp Grounds.

A resolution sponsored by the Southern Nova Scotia District, calling for a \$1,500 per year minimum for pastors' salaries was referred to a special committee of laymen and later approved by the Alliance on the recommendation of the committee. It was pointed out that the salary suggested was not considered as adequate but constituted a move in the right direction. Supplements are to be made by the Home Mission Board through the "Gospel Jet" plan.

A motion that a committee be set up to study the possibilities of the Alliance sponsoring a Home for the Aged was strongly approved by both ministerial and lay delegates and by vote of the Alliance. Revs. B. C. Cochrane and J. A. Stevens were named to the committee, to work in conjunction with the Alliance Executive.

A resolution that "we record and communicate our deep appreciation to Paul and Carrie Mullen for the splendid P. A. System installed in the Beulah Tabernacle in memory of Rev. and Mrs. H. S. Mullen" was unanimously approved. Thanks was also expressed to those who supervised and assisted in the installation of the System, Mr. Donald Harding, and his father, Mr. Robert Harding, Mr. Wade Steeves, and Rev. H. R. Ingersoll.

The Alliance Session of 1961 was a demanding one. With the election of the Alliance Officers and members of three denominational Boards (each officer and member being elected by separate ballott) heading the list of business on the agenda, and numerous matters vital to the operation of our Church business following, it was a strenuous year for the officers in charge and the delegates who endeavoured to support the meetings through their presence and participation in the deliberations. The Alliance Superintendent,, Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, conducted

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