

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Time continues on its rapid flight! It doesn't seem possible that it is time to prepare the Christmas issue of "The Highway". However, as you read this, Christmas music will be ringing in our ears. Christmas plans will be nearing completion. Anticipation of Christmas reunions will be warming our hearts. Yes, Christmas with its fun and festivity will be upon us!

While participating in the traditions of our culture and enjoying those more intimate traditions that are a part of our own family circle, let us keep it all secondary to the homage we owe the Babe of Bethlehem. It is little wonder the poet penned the chorus of the Christmas carol, "O come let us adore Him"! Indeed we ought to worship Him with a fervent devotion. Unto us has been born a Saviour! He has redeemed us from all iniquity. He has removed the penalty of sin. He has made available to us grace that is the sufficiency for our every need. He has blessed us with a hope that fadeth not away. How appropriate was the angelic announcement, "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy"! God grant that this Christmastide may find each of us experiencing that fullness of joy that comes by walking continually and consistently in His way.

At this blessed season of the year our minds run hither and yon throughout our denominational territory. How we wish it were possible to share in the Christmas services in all our churches and personally greet each one. Although such privilege is an utter impossibility, my wife and family join me in extending to one and all sincerest Christmas greetings, praying that the New Year will be a blessed one as we labour together with Him to bring peace on earth good will toward men.

H. R. Ingersoll.

How great God's love to fallen man,  
Has been revealed in His wise plan;  
When, as a babe in Bethlehem,  
The King of Glory came to reign.

A miracle we must concede,  
The Holy Ghost did Him conceive  
A spotless virgin e'en he chose  
To bear the blessed Son of God.

The prophets wrote of him, we read  
He was to be of David's seed;  
Wonderful, Counsellor, Prince of Peace,  
Whose rule and reign would never cease.

The angel, on that wond'rous night,  
Surrounded by the hosts of light,  
Announced to shepherds, then, the song  
All praise to God, for Christ was born.

'Twas peace on earth, good-will toward men,  
The shepherds, startled at the strain  
Aroused, to Bethlehem they came,  
And in a manger found Him lain.

The East to wise men gave a star,  
Its magic drew them from afar,  
And gold, frankincense, myrrh, they bring  
A present to the King of Kings.

So let us worship this our Lord,  
The ever blessed Son of God;  
Who lived on earth, it's just as plain  
That soon He will return again.

—Rev. P. J. Trafton



### Fall Campaign

Special services were held in the college chapel from October 22nd to 29th, with Rev. W. L. Fernley as speaker. Brother Fernley's messages were preached from a heart of concern and were characterized by an anointing of the Spirit. A number of young people received help at an altar of prayer and many of us were edified spiritually by the services.

### Donations and Projects

Since the last Highway report we have received further lots of foodstuff from the churches of Port Maitland, Meductic, Woods Harbor, New Tusket and Truro.

At the same time gifts have been received from some of the Women's Missionary Auxiliaries. Auxiliaries responding to our needs this fall have been Sandford, Moncton, Grand Harbor, Norton, Salem, and Killams Mills. Articles received have included quilts, drapes, mattress and pillow covers, dishtowels, pot holders, and such.

Valued gifts of books for the library have been received from Rev. H. E. Mullen and Mrs. Emma Crosier.

### The Bethany Bookroom

The Bethany Bookroom has been in operation since October 7th. Local people from different denominations have been customers at the store. Although the volume of business has not been large there is evidence of a good potential business. In the interests of mail order trade, a small catalogue has been prepared and is being distributed in our churches. As a result of the distribution of the catalogues already we have received orders from Doaktown and Saint John. Mrs. Fernley has demonstrated what can be done in a local church. Through her initiative a sizeable order was made up from the church people and sent to the store. If our own people support the book room there is no doubt that it will succeed and prosper the college.

### Weekend Choir Trips

The school choir had its first public engagement at the Sandford Church on Sunday, November 26. The first weekend in December the choir will travel to Truro and Halifax. In January, according to tentative plans, the choir will make a weekend tour of some of the churches along the St. John River Valley. In the spring of '62 the choir anticipates another short tour which will reach other areas of our constituency. In view of the limitations imposed by our academic program we shall not be able to reach the majority of our churches. Nevertheless we feel that even a limited tour will be of value.

### Bethany Sunday

Bethany Sunday is being planned for the second Sunday in February. It is not too soon for local churches to consider preparations for a successful Bethany Day. A strong Bethany emphasis ought to be made in the local church throughout January. Contacts by the choir and personal contacts by Mr. Stevens with other churches will contribute to this Bethany emphasis. In addition we wish to enlist the aid of the pastors to spearhead a prayer program and promotional program for the entire month leading up to Bethany Sunday.

Our needs are greater than ever before. We were never more dependent upon God and His people. Brethren pray for us.