



MEMORIES

From my study window, I can watch the sunset shedding its myriad of colors over the western horizon. Sitting here in the stillness, as the shadows of evening creep stealthily inward, enveloping the room in darkness, my mind is flooded with memories of childhood and youth. The seasons are like this, too, for as we have just celebrated two Thanksgivings here in our border town, and look forward to soon commemorating the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the greatest of all days in the history of man and God's dealings with him. I write with happy memories of the past and thanksgiving to God for His blessed gift to humanity.

The question of what to give pushes relentlessly on our minds during these days of tension and turmoil, which produce for some the greatest of temptations. Often we ask, "Why give, for all is so uncertain, the gift may never be used." Oh, that man would look to God and find the greatest of all gifts, a life through Christ, which brings poise and power to face the tomorrows with hope.

So let us refresh our souls with these words: "If God be for us who can be against us?" and "Fear not little flock; it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." These are precious thoughts to recall, promises that are fixed in God to the obedient.

During this season of the year we exchange greetings and gifts, a rare privilege indeed. In our giving, let us recall the many needs of the mission field at home and abroad, where men in hunger cry for the "Bread of Life". The question is not how much will I give, but how much do I owe. Let us give our dollars and increase our labors, for fast the night approaches when no man can work. Will our work stand the test when God makes His final review of humanity? You alone can answer this as you think of the past and plan for the future.

Now my thoughts go to those on the Home Mission field and on behalf of our Board I want to wish you a blessed Christmas.

Let us keep our happy memories of the past a living reality of the present. The future of the world is dark, but we have, by God's grace the Light which the powers of Hell cannot extinguish. Let us keep before us the words of Jesus. "I am the light of the world", and "Ye are my witnesses".

May we give of our best to the master and give Him to the world, not only on December 25, but as long as time endures. Give the Christ of Christmas for without Him the world must meet chaos and catastrophe.

Joseph A. Moses
For Home Missions Board

1961 ALLIANCE MINUTES

Alliance Minutes for 1961 are now available at 50c per copy. Please place your order as soon as possible.

L. K. Mullen,
Alliance Secretary

FAITH

God does not give us ready money. He issues promissory notes and then pays them when faith presents them at the throne.—Horace Bushnell.

DEATHS

The death of the late Mrs. Fred Wilson age 69, occurred at her home in Seal Cove, September 16th, following a lengthy illness. Mrs. Wilson was an ardent Christian and assured us that the Lord was with her up until the very moment God called her home to be with Him. She leaves to mourn besides her husband, one son Garfield, and two daughters Mrs. Liscombe Green and Mrs. George Nelson, three grand-children and one great grand-child.

A large funeral service was held from her home September 18th, conducted by Pastor S. W. Steeves assisted by Rev. J. A. MacKenzie and Rev. R. T. Hunter.

May the Comforter the Holy Spirit sustain the sorrowing hearts.

Mrs. Cora Cook of Seal Cove, age 81, passed away at her home November 8th. She had been a shut-in for a number of years, but she always had a radiant testimony for her Lord. She leaves to mourn one son Paige, a grandson Sheldon, one brother, Stuart Benson and one sister Mrs. Walter Benson.

Funeral Service was held from the home, conducted by the pastor, S. W. Steeves assisted by Rev. R. T. Hunter. May God bless the sorrowing hearts.

Mr. Wilmot Howe son of the late Rev. W. W. Howe, passed away at the Saint John General Hospital Nov. 3rd. Before his passing he gave evidence of Salvation. Funeral Service was conducted by Rev. W. L. Fernley. To all the relatives and loved ones we express our Christian Sympathy.

Mrs. Albertha M. Thorne, 84, widow of John Thorne, died at a Patten rest home after a long illness. Funeral service was held at the Reformed Baptist Church in Belvedere, with Rev. Kenneth Gorveatte officiating. Burial was in the family lot in the Crystal Cemetery.

BETHANY FINANCIAL REPORT

Churches	Per Cent	Churches	Per Cent
Salem	100 plus	Beals	35
Doaktown	95	Hartland	34
Presque Isle	68	Marysville	32
Seal Cove	67	Blissfield	30
Gordonsville	63	Wood Harbour	30
Maple Ridge	58	Havelock	28
Lower Brighton	55	Norton	28
Saint John	53	Black's Harbour	27
Millville	51	Barker's Point	26
Crystal	50	Brazil Lake	25
Killam's Mills	50	Grand Harbour	25
Moncton	50	Woodstock	25
Sandford	50	Calais	20
Yarmouth	50	Old Town	20
Head of Millstream	48	Truro	20
Jonesport	45		

We wish to express thanks to those who came to our aid since the last report. However, we are still in serious difficulty—only 32% of the 50% now due on budgets has been received, leaving us nearly \$2,000. short.

Christmas vacation begins December 19th. \$2,000. is needed if the faculty is to be paid before the holiday.

In order to meet this year's added expenses, a number of large gifts will be needed. Can you help?

In Him,
J. A. Stevens

CEDRIC LANDERS' SLATE

Lower Brighton, N. B. — Jan. 21-28
Barker's Point, N. B. — Jan. 31-Feb. 11
Truro, N. S. — Feb. 13-25

PAUL MULLEN'S SLATE

December 24 — Home for Christmas
December 31 — Fredericton, N. B.
January 3-7—Open
January 14-28 — Beals, Maine
Open dates — Feb. 25, Mar. 25, April 29.