

## AN UNLIGHTED CHURCH

by Rev. B. N. Miner

The story is told of a community in the mountains of Switzerland where a new church building was erected. It was a beautiful little chapel. Everything to make it an attractive place of worship was included except for one thing: No provision was made for lighting. When asked why this was omitted, the pastor replied, "The people are to bring their own lights. Every person who comes brings a candle. The more people, the more light." If no congregation, no light.

To me, the darkest thing in our American villages is the unlighted church. Many of our towns have no Sunday evening service, while the night clubs and movies are ablaze with lights, luring the people to a Sunday evening of frolic. Someone says, "That can never happen to our churches." Yes, it can. Each one of us is individually responsible for the success or failure of our Sunday evening service. When we allow the radio, television, or Sunday visits to keep us from the place of worship we are helping to darken our church. We are not referring to those who have legitimate reasons for staying away, but to the many who are gradually but thoughtlessly helping to kill our Sunday evening services.

A prominent business man, converted in middle life, gave as the reason for his conviction the faithfulness of an old lady who passed his house with her lantern on her way to church, evening after evening, rain or shine. Would our neighbors be convicted by our faithfulness to the evening service?

There is a great need in these days of spiritual ambition and consistency. The greatest light and encouragement that can come to a pastor is to have the faces of his people beaming with interest for the welfare of their church. These lights shine, in memory, through time and eternity.

May I suggest how to keep the church full of light on Sunday evening:

1. Plan and expect to be there, and on time.
2. During the week invite, and make arrangements to bring, if possible, someone along.
3. Sit with your guests and pray for their good during the service.
4. Take part in the service in some way. Smile, sing, pray, shake hands with others — especially with strangers who are present. Endorse the pastor's effort.
5. To pastors: Have something worth hearing in the service, and when it is time to start, go ahead; when it is closing time, close.

## THE CONQUEROR

No matter how the storms may rage  
Upon the sea of life,  
No matter how the waves may beat—  
No matter what the strife,  
The Lord is just the same today  
As when He walked the sea,  
And he can conquer every storm  
That life may bring to thee.

The waves are raging everywhere,  
And men are sore distressed;  
But all they need is found in Him  
Who giveth perfect rest;  
So cast your care upon the Lord,  
Whose strength shall never fail;  
He calms the waves for your frail bark,  
His power shall e'er prevail. —Sel.

## DEATH

Mrs. Addie Tedlie Trafton passed away on July 14th in her 97th year. Mrs. Trafton was the wife of the late Rev. G. B. Trafton, one of the founders and pioneer ministers of the Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Church. She leaves to mourn one son, William, of Saint John, a brother in Spokane, Wash., several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends who held her in high esteem.

Funeral services were held from the Saint John Reformed Baptist Church on July 17th conducted by Rev. H. R. Ingersoll and Rev. W. L. Fernley, assisted by a number of Reformed Baptist ministers. To those who mourn we express our sincere sympathy.

## WEDDINGS

**McDowell-McClement:** At the Reformed Baptist Church, Grand Harbour, Grand Manan, on April 20, Charlotte Rowena McClement and Wiley Seldon McDowell were united in marriage by Rev. J. A. MacKenzie.

**McKell-Mutch:** At the Woodstock Reformed Baptist Church, on Saturday, July 7, Walter John McKell, son of Mrs. John McKell, Ormstown, Quebec, and the late John McKell, and Joan Evelyn Mutch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mutch, Woodstock, N. B., were united in marriage by Rev. L. K. Mullen. Mr. and Mrs. McKell will be living in Bath, N. B., during the coming year.

**MacCallum-MacKenzie:** At St. John's Presbyterian Church, Dalhousie, N. B., July 21st, Grant D. MacCallum, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. MacCallum, Moncton, N. B. and Marion Ruth MacKenzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. MacKenzie, Dalhousie, N. B., were united in marriage by Rev. R. MacKenzie, brother of the bride, assisted by Rev. R. Bhe, minister of the church.

## BORN

To Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Benson, Island Falls, Maine, a son, Fenton Gordon, on June 6.

## NOTICE

**All subscriptions and renewals should be sent to Rev. L. K. Mullen, Box 723, Woodstock, N. B.**

## NOTICE

**Married Couples Retreat, Saturday, Aug. 25, and Sunday, August 26, at Beulah Camp. Speakers: Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Trafton.**

## NOTICE

**The August 15 issue of The King's Highway will not be printed this year. The next issue will be that of August 30.**

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blessing and inspiration to us.

We are asking you to do something toward the retreat now.

1. PRAY . . . for God's guidance in the planning.
2. PLAN . . . . to attend and make arrangements to bring others.
3. ADVERTISE. Let all the young married couples in your church know about the retreat and the date. "Talk it up!"

In christian love,

Patricia McCrea.