



## HOME MISSION REPORT FROM DISTRICT NO. 6

by Rev. Jack Stevens

We rejoice that the Lord has richly blessed the Home Mission effort of this district. Men of courage and vision have tackled what seemed to be insurmountable tasks and by faith victory was theirs.

### LIVERPOOL

Recently there appeared in the Halifax paper a picture of a church in Liverpool. To my surprise I learned it was the new Reformed Baptist Church. I said, "Praise the Lord"!

Less than two years ago I visited Liverpool and talked with Bro. and Sister Kent. At that time the sod had just been broken for the church. Now we have in one of Nova Scotia's larger towns, a church that can be considered among our best.

God has honored the efforts of the Kents, and we hear of increased attendance and souls being saved. Hard work and sacrifice is evident in what they have accomplished.

I talked recently with a young couple who said they felt the Lord wanted them in Liverpool next year to help in the work of the new church. The Lord has undertaken for them and jobs have opened up. Both are leaving good jobs in Yarmouth to answer the call. Praise the Lord for more of our young people who are catching the vision.

Remember the pastor and people of Liverpool when you pray.

### EAST FERRY

Rev. and Mrs. Hollis Kimball and family took up residence at East Ferry in July 1962.

The picture presented to them was not one of ease for these veteran Home Mission warriors. However, they faced the task before them with enthusiasm and determination.

Faced with the realization that this would be the last year the church could expect monthly support for their pastor from the Home Mission Board, they challenged the people to a greater effort to pay their remaining debts and face the challenges of the new year.

At a recent meeting of the church and interested friends, it was decided that some immediate work should be done on the parsonage and church. The parsonage, that will be debt free this year, is to be painted along with other repairs. The church is to be painted and additional pews installed, also landscaping is to be done.

The debt on the church was taken care of in what one could say was a miracle. Perhaps it can be best described in the following poem by Victor Freeman of our Digby church.

"There is a holiness church in Nova Scotia,  
That was burdened and buried in debt,  
And after five years from the building,  
They could not pay a preacher yet.  
One man and a few of the ladies,  
Were all that were members there.

The King's Highway

All around and about were sinners;  
There was no one who seemed to care.

Now it was just after Christmas,  
When the Lord laid hold of a heart,  
And a cheque for a hundred dollars,  
That man gave for the start.

Then one day, as was the custom,  
Men gathered about the store;  
They all talked about that hundred,  
Until someone said, "Let's give more."

Many cheques that day were written,  
Mostly large, none very small,  
Over seventeen hundred dollars.  
Praise God: they needed it all.

One mortgage was sixteen hundred;  
They decided to pay that first,  
But that man only took a thousand;  
He said, "The church needs it worse."

Now, brothers and sisters in Jesus,  
It makes my heart heavy and sore,  
If unsaved are willing to give like that,  
Then in Jesus, we should give more.

Now, this is the end of my verses,  
God's able to meet every need,  
I am glad He's my wonderful Savior,  
For He's always a Friend indeed."

### DIGBY

The spirit of this district towards Home Mission work is commendable. For several years the churches of Woods Harbor, Port Maitland, Sandford, Yarmouth and Havelock paid equal amounts for rental of a hall for services in Digby.

These churches agreed to carry on their support for five years. On the basis of their commitment, a loan was made to build a church there. A generous response followed this offer. Ministers and laymen volunteered to do the work. A number of our men from the Havelock church gave lumber, another man gave \$500.00, another \$100.00, and a boy who couldn't give a day's work, gave a sacrificial gift of \$10.00. Arrangements were made to purchase a piano for the new church and a truck was borrowed to transport it. The owner of the truck asked if the piano was paid for. On being informed that it wasn't, he not only loaned us the truck free of charge but paid cash for the piano. Outstanding contributions of labor came from Glen McCrea of St. Stephen, N. B., who took part of his vacation to work on the church and Rev. Ronald Madden, pastor of North Head Church, who gave two weeks of voluntary labor.

In November 1962 a new church building was dedicated in Digby.

Rev. and Mrs. Hazen Ricker will take up pastoral duties there this coming July.

P.S. Recently on the strength of a woman's willingness to use her bond for collateral, a loan was made and a parsonage will be built or bought before the new church year. Thus the Lord has enabled us to have both church and parsonage.

### WORTH PONDERING

There is a destiny that makes us brothers;  
None goes his way alone;  
All that we send into the lives of others  
Comes back into our own.