

# Bethany Bound

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Several months ago I was aware of a persuasive inner voice calling me back to Bethany. Many questions arose in my mind as to the wisdom of such a step, and above all, to discern the will of God in this regard. The manner in which the Lord ordered circumstances, the constant quietness within my soul, the sense of fulfillment since taking up my duties, all point to the seal of God on the decision.

Many times I have been asked the question, "How do you feel about coming back to Yarmouth, and to Bethany?" I have always been able to answer without hesitation; "Wonderful, never more contented in my life." Naturally, I wondered how conditions would be at the school, and how soon I could make the adjustment from pastoral duties to class room procedure. After a period of orientation I am ready to share with you some of my discoveries.

First, I found the Town of Yarmouth still warm and friendly, and Bethany still exercising a strong influence for the standards of the Gospel in the area. There is evidence of an increasing spiritual concern reflected in the unanimous support of a Billy Graham Crusade in the Fall of 1963.

Secondly, I am impressed with the dedication of the Faculty and Staff, and feel honored to be affiliated with them in this phase of our work. The morale of the campus is high, and a spirit of harmony prevails.

Thirdly, working with young people presents a significant challenge even though many problems are encountered. Living in close surroundings brings out the finer points of character seldom discovered in a more general relationship. When decisions are made that result in spiritual victory, the task takes on new meaning. We have seen such victories already this year. As pastor of the church, I have opportunity to counsel with students, and to discover how varied are the problems that face young people today.

Fourthly, there is the stimulating experience of teaching subjects related to the basic truths of the Word. My understanding is quickened, my vision clarified, and in addition, there is the satisfaction of sharing ideas with others. The classroom becomes a sacred place, as we recognize the presence of the Master Teacher. Much of the work of Bethany goes on unobserved, for the building of character is not a spectacular process even though it be of supreme importance. Bethany deserves your Wholehearted support, and cannot achieve the purpose of its existence without it. Greetings and best wishes for a blessed and successful New Year.

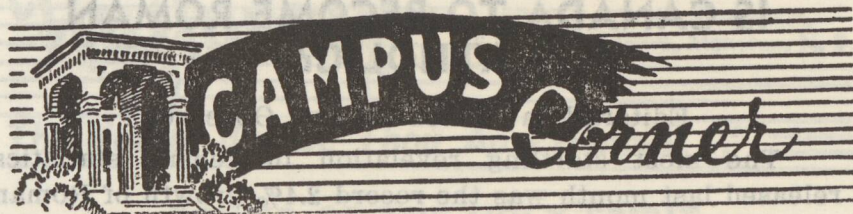
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## WHERE DID YOU LOSE HIM?

It is a true proverb, "Look for a thing where you dropped it; it is there." So look for Christ where you lost Him, for He has not gone away. Did you lose Christ by neglecting the Scriptures? Then you must find Him in the Scriptures. Have you lost Christ by restraining prayer? Then it is there where you must seek and find Him. He ever awaits you.—C. H. Spurgeon.

## PLAN FOR BETHANY SUNDAY-FEB.17

The King's Highway



## Thank You

In the early part of December, Operation Sensation was completed when a shipment of foodstuff and produce reached Yarmouth via marine transport. Besides foodstuff there were some small cash donations. (As most readers probably know, Operation Sensation was a denomination-wide donation to Bethany Bible College.)

Such a donation results in a considerable saving to the school in dollars and cents, but furthermore provides a more bountiful table for the students.

To Rev. W. L. Fernley, chairman of the B. B. C. Board, who named and organized the donation; to the pastors who promoted it; to the people who gave; to the drivers and workers who handled the supplies — to all, we say a sincere "thank you." Many of the donors we do not know by name, but the Master does. He will reward every gift and service in His name.

C.E.S.

## Thank You Again

At the time of writing, figures are not complete on the Christmas offering for Bethany. Generally about one hundred people contribute in this offering. What they give in one offering equals the yearly budget of some of our large churches. These folk are friends indeed who knowingly realize Bethany's need of personal gifts and generously give to a cause considered worthy.

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## IT IS RIGHT OR WRONG

The preacher is sometimes accused of being narrow-minded because he insists upon the Christians forsaking all to follow Christ.

Yet all of life is narrow, and success is to be found only by passing through the narrow gate down the straight way.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in the chemical laboratory. Water is composed of two parts hydrogen, and one part oxygen. The slightest deviation from that formula is forbidden.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in music. There can be but eight steps in an octave. The skilled director will not permit his first violin to play even so much as one-half step off the written note, chord, and key.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in the mathematical classroom. Neither geometry, calculus, nor trigonometry allows any variation from the exact, even for old-time's sake. The solution of the problem is either right or it is wrong—no tolerance there.

There is no room for broad-mindedness on the athletic field. The game is played according to the rules with no favours shown for charity's sake.

There is no room for broad-mindedness in the garage. The mechanic there says that the piston rings must fit the cylinder walls within one-thousandth of an inch if the motor is to run smoothly. Even between friends there cannot be any variation.

How, then, shall we expect that broad-mindedness shall rule in the realm of religion and morals?

—Sword of the Lord.