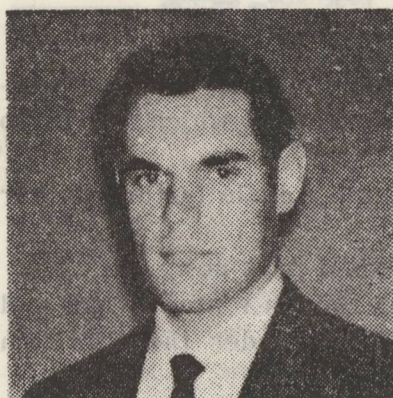


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Why I Chose Bethany

Dana Miller

Dana Miller applied last September, a year in advance, to enter the Bible Department in the fall of 1963. Dana is a graduate of Fort Fairfield High School, Maine, who completed a term of service in the American Army last month. He was stationed last in Montgomery, Alabama, where he was active in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. Dr. Dan P. Hudson, M.D., in his recommendation says: "I consider Dana Miller to be a fine Christian young gentleman. At our church he is a member of the official board, teacher of a youth class, and leader of the young people's department. He has an excellent baritone voice and is in demand as a soloist."

On his application form Dana gives his reasons for choosing Bethany.

"These are my reasons for wanting to come to Bethany: I feel called of God to the ministry. I have heard a lot about Bethany and feel that that is where God is leading me . . ."

"Christian schools being what they are today, it is hard to find one that is spiritual. The trend in Christian schools is toward head knowledge. This is important, but more important is a spiritual well-being in Christ. The students whom I have met from Bethany have manifested a deep spiritual grounding."

In brief, Dana chose Bethany because in his evaluation it offers what he considers most essential and desirable. Bethany has won his confidence.

What this young man sees in Bethany is what we have coveted for her and what makes Bethany worthy of your liberal support.

WHY LINCOLN REFUSED

One day Lincoln was riding in a stage-coach with a gentleman who pulled a flask out of his pocket and asked him to drink. He refused politely. They rode for a number of miles, chatting pleasantly, when the Colonel offered Lincoln a cigar. Again he said no, adding, "Let me tell a story, an experience I had when I was a small boy." This was the story:

"My mother called me to her bed one day when I was about nine years old. She was sick—very sick—and she said to me, 'Abey, the doctor tells me I am not to get well. I want you to promise me before I go that you never will use whiskey nor tobacco as long as you live.' And I promised my mother I never would. And up to this hour, Colonel, I have kept that promise. Now would you advise me to break that promise to my angel mother and take a smoke with you?"

The Colonel put his hand gently on Mr. Lincoln's shoulder and said with a voice trembling with emotion, "No, Mr. Lincoln, I wouldn't have you do it for the world. It was one of the best promises you ever made. And I would give a thousand dollars today if I had made my mother a promise like that and had kept it as you have done.—Pillar of Fire

The King's Highway

PRESIDENT HARGROVE SAID IT; PRESIDENT STAIRS AGREES

It is most gratifying when someone else, especially a Christian leader, expresses a conviction which you have held in your own heart. Earl C. Hargrove, President of Lincoln Christian College, has expressed one of my convictions in a recent article. It is this: "God deserves the best, and the college I support must have a vision of doing great things for a great Lord. The school cannot be satisfied with anything (faculty, library, or program) that is not worthy of the name Christian."

If we have any concept of what a Bible school should be or any concern to have a worthwhile school, we must venture to the point that we provide such a school. Conscientiously we cannot do less. And when we do what we ought to do, we may find the Lord more inclined to bless us and the public more ready to support us. (Remember what President Hargrove said about "the college I support"?)

In all sincerity I must state that in some regards we fall short, far short, of the standard of a good Bible School. Most of these shortcomings could be met by greater financial resources. Two or three years ago our Board accepted certain objectives for our school. Some of these are the enlarging of our staff, the improving of our curriculum and our library, and the working toward accreditation. The realization of these and other objectives has been thwarted by lack of money. Yet from the educator's viewpoint, these things are as necessary as pianos and pews are in churches; as necessary as teachers and materials in Sunday school work. Apart from academic necessities, the material needs at Bethany are self evident to any visitor.

This year church budgets have been increased. Let us not overlook the purpose of this increase. The increase was to help provide for increased costs of operation—a mere maintaining of the status quo. The increase in budgets over the last ten years has not been proportionate to the increase in costs. We must realize, then, that only what we give above budgets is a gift to progress.

We sincerely appreciate the faithful and generous giving of many of our churches again this year. We only wish to keep the need and vision before our people. The need is upon us even now. At present, arrears in church budgets and student accounts are causing a deficit of \$3,000. This need can be met by discharging our reasonable responsibility. (See financial report in this issue.) The vision is before us. If individuals will share their God-given prosperity the vision can be realized. Thus we shall have a school worthy of the name Christian.

Remember: only what we give above budgets is a gift to progress.

—C. E. Stairs

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. (Ps. 37:5).

Grief and sorrow teach how to mark the Word. No man understands the Scriptures, unless he be acquainted with the cross.—Luther.

"I owe it to God, to my fellow men, and to myself to be as good and as big as it is possible for me to be."—Dr. J. B. Chapman.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. (Ps. 51:10).