

- Editorial -

LET'S THINK IT OVER

An amazing offer has been made to the Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Church through Rev. L. H. Hicks, pastor of our Fredericton Church. The offer comes from the Presque Isle Industrial Council relative to fourteen buildings, used formerly by U.S. military forces, and agrees to lease the buildings providing that they are occupied by our Bible College. The offer agrees further that upon occupancy for a temporary period, the Alliance will be granted a deed on the property and the buildings.

Such an offer cannot pass without thorough investigation by our Alliance and School Board. If the offer is valid, and the buildings are suitable for College purposes, it could well be a solution to the proposed relocation of Bethany Bible College, a matter with which the Alliance has been dealing for a number of years.

Admittedly, the task of relocating a College is no small matter. The erecting of new buildings presents a challenge in financing the like of which our Alliance has not seen. Possible, yes. But in the light of other demands, resting heavily upon the alliance at the present time, not probable for years to come. Dare we suggest that the hand of Providence is at work in our behalf?

Our only obligation at the present time is to give the matter fair and open-minded consideration. It is not an impossible thought that here is a solution that was not planned, but which in answer to prayer has come from the hand of the Lord.

Pentecost

It was a baptism of fire.

It raised the disciples from earthliness to spirituality.

Their gross conceptions of the kingdom were swept away.

Their dim eyes were lightened to perceive the Scriptures.

It kindled the ardor of unquenchable love for Christ.

Transformed them into bright reflections of His purity.

Kindled and fed the secret fires of devotion.

Converted dark and sterile souls into life, verdure and fruitfulness.

Animated every affection.

Invigorated for service.

Purged from the heart all its stains of sin, and all its debasing alloy of earthliness, and rendered it meet for high fellowship and intercourse with God forever.

—Richard Watson.

WHY HE CAME

The stranger came at last to church

To help put out the fire

Which would consume the house ere long;

His help was needed dire.

The pastor came at last, it seems,

As one might well surmise;

And when he saw the stranger there,

So great was his surprise

He took him by the hand and said,

"You've n'er been here of yore."

"No," said the stranger, "neither was

The church on fire before."

—Rev. Geo. H. Talbert

"THY WILL BE DONE"

by the late Oliver G. Wilson

Why is it that God's will suggests a house of mourning rather than a temple of song? Why is it associated with deep privations, suffering, sorrow, loss rather than blessings and rich rewards? "Thy will be done" was never meant to be wrung from the beaten soul but it is the song of a restored soul.

There are those who look upon the will of God as something to be avoided as long as possible. It is like a man having an unpleasant duty to discharge—he delays its performance so long as it can be done with safety.

God's will is the soul's highest attainment. It means fullness. It means purpose to life. It means sanctuary and rest.

"I delight to do thy will."

"No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

Within the circle of God's will may be found salvation, safety, satisfaction, security, and the home of eternal bliss.

Outside the circle of God's will is defeat, disappointment, degeneracy, death, damnation.

Within the circle of God's will you cannot fail. Outside that circle you cannot succeed.

The Master knew how willful we were, and in the prayer which He taught us to pray He placed well at the front of all the petitions the one, "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." There it is performed spontaneously, joyously, and promptly. Anything less is tinged with distrust and disobedience.

"Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

"Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

Thus it is to be noted that doing the will of God is life's supreme objective. To refuse to do the will of God is supreme folly. Living day by day in the center of the will of God brings one into the very closest fellowship with the Infinite.

SEEING AND SAYING

Men are born with two eyes, but with only one tongue, that they may see twice as much as they say.

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