

DYING AT THE TOP

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"What have you read lately?"

This question was posed by an elderly minister to an alert young businessman. The latter had come to chat with his pastor. He had long cherished the older man's friendship and counsel, and now he wanted particularly to share good news. He had just had another promotion. A number of older men with more seniority were now under his direction!

When the enthusiastic young fellow at last paused in his eager talk, the pastor prolonged the silence by walking over to the window near where his guest sat. As they together looked out across the expansive yard and garden, the minister casually asked, "What have you read lately?"

"As a matter of fact," the young man replied, a bit embarrassed, "I guess I don't have much time to read. I have to get out and mingle with important people. After working fifty or sixty hours a week, there just aren't many hours left."

The preacher nodded knowingly, but pointing to a large stately elm, asked, "Have you noticed that tree?"

"Say, that's a splendid specimen," was the quick appreciative reply.

"It is indeed. One of my finest trees. But look at the top."

"Why," the young man noted, "its dying at the top."

"Exactly." With just the proper emphasis and with a knowing glance at his listener to give his words significance, the pastor repeated, "Dying at the top."

Subtly he had warned his friend that to continue growing and advancing he must not neglect good reading. His point is vital, for we live in a time of unprecedented literacy.

The knowledge and understanding which comes from reading worthwhile literature is currently essential to effectiveness in any walk of life. Statisticians have demonstrated that there is definite correlation between reading and success. Research does give credence to the slogan, "Men who read achieve more."

If we would make Christ known in our generation, we should read. We should keep abreast of the current trends and have some familiarity with present-day thought patterns. We should read if we would be able to give a meaningful reason to every man for your hope. We should read if we would be able to apply the timeless gospel to the thinking and to the needs of our contemporaries.

What have you read lately?

—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate

BOOMERANG!

A baker living in a small village bought his butter from a neighbouring farmer. One day he became suspicious that the butter was not of the same weight as at first. For several days he weighed the butter and concluded that the rolls were gradually diminishing in weight.

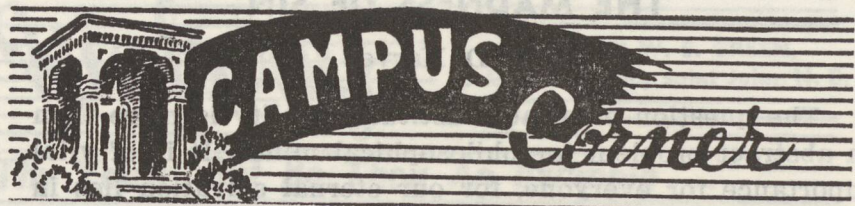
This angered the baker so that he had the farmer arrested. "I presume you have weights," said the judge. "No, sir," replied the farmer.

"How then do you manage to weigh the butter that you sell?"

"That's easily explained," said the farmer. "When the baker began buying his butter from me, I thought I'd get my bread from him, and it's his one-pound loaf I've been using as a weight for the butter I sell. If the weight of the butter is wrong, he has himself to blame."

Sin is like that. If it becomes the rule of our lives, it turns upon us to betray us when we least expect it. The deceiver becomes the deceived. — From The Evangel.

The King's Highway



BETHANY BEGINS NINETEENTH YEAR

The nineteenth year of Bethany's history had its beginning on September 18th, as another school year began. Forty-four students were registered in three departments: twenty-five in the high school department; twelve in the Bible college department; seven in the business department. In addition to this number, several special students are taking music only. The total music enrollment is thirty-five.

The school program started at a fast-moving pace with registration and orientation on Wednesday, followed by a two-day missionary conference on Thursday and Friday evenings. The initiation of new students took place on Saturday afternoon and the Saturday evening reception for staff and students was held at the YMCA Red Triangle Room.

On Sunday morning at the end of the service one of the new students made his way to the altar of prayer. Late the same evening in the dorm one of last year's students sought Christ for the first time — after a year at Bethany! He explained that he could not withstand the spiritual atmosphere in the dorm any longer. Within a day or two another one of last year's students sought Christ for the first time in her life; she, too, found Christ in the dorm. These were signal victories, and victories indicative of the spiritual tone of school life.

At the orientation chapel the President sounded the keynote of his ideal for the year — the development of a family attitude and spirit among staff and students.

We can not boast of the largest enrollment in our history, but we can say that we have had one of the happiest and most promising beginnings. In contrast to some years, we have observed nothing of a lingering homesickness, nothing of complaint nor grumbling, and no disciplinary problem. We are blessed with an overwhelming majority of Christian students and also with a fine group of Bible students who are giving leadership in school life. Conditions are conducive to Christian development and activity.

Staff members have taken up their tasks with enthusiasm and energy, doubtless encouraged and challenged by the worthwhile type of students under their instruction.

Our missionary speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Paul Sanders. The second week of school Rev. C. H. Brown ministered in chapel, as well as at the district meeting at Sandford. We were edified by these special ministries. Next in the religious calendar is the Dr. Larry Love Crusade (October 6-13), and then the James Lentz services in our own chapel (October 22-27).

We are not so naive as to expect a year without problems. They will surely come. Even now we are feeling the pressure of financial need. (Churches are behind \$2400. on budgets). We solicit your partnership in prayer for this year at Bethany. Can we count on you?

—C. E. S.

NOTICE

The annual donation of foodstuff to Bethany is now being organized. Letters will be going out soon relative to the collecting of donations and the transportation of them to Yarmouth. Please be ready for the call to action. Your participation will be much appreciated.

—C. E. S.