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WE BELIEVE IN BETHANY

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The poster appearing in our churches this month, pictures Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith of Port Maitland, Nova Scotia, with members of their family who have attended Bethany. Underneath is the caption, "We Believe In Bethany."

Edward Smith's choice to send five of his family to Bethany has been a costly one. He could have sent four of these to the local high school at a considerable saving to himself. His choice is an eloquent testimony of his faith in Bethany.

Across the years other parents have exhibited their faith in Bethany by foregoing the pleasure of having their children at home and by sacrificing to send them to our school. Many of our students and alumni also believe in Bethany. Their testimonies and letters assure us of this confidence.

But perhaps no one believes in Bethany as much as our staff members. They have put Bethany above all other calls, even other calls to Kingdom service. They have accepted the sacrifices in terms of finances, for most of them could better themselves considerably if they chose. They have shouldered the burdens of youths' problems. They have accepted the extra burdens of working short handed. Repeatedly they have felt the embarrassment that belonged to the whole denomination: the embarrassment of un-presentable buildings and inadequate program; the embarrassment of overdue bills. They have lived in the dilemma of insufficient funds. They have faced the frustrations of unrealized plans.

In the light of these facts and others, the staff members' loyalty to Bethany can be explained in only one way: We believe in Bethany.

For us the irresistible question is: Do our people believe in Bethany--the people who have engaged us and charged us with the responsibility of operating and developing the school? Compliments are not enough in a work like this. Excuses are hardly acceptable. Practical support is what we expect.

The responsibility of supporting Bethany is upon our people and churches just as truly as it is upon a local congregation to care for its local pastor and church. We are members of the Alliance just as truly as members of local churches. We are committed to the Alliance program as much as we are to our local programs. We are obligated to the servants of the Alliance in the same way that we are obligated to the servants of our local churches. Let's face up to our responsibility with honor and generosity.

We are grateful for those churches and individuals who illustrate their faith and faithfulness in their giving. We are persuaded that they believe in Bethany.

Forgiveness

by E. G. Garrett
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"I'll never be able to forgive him for what he has done to me." These words, and similar ones, are heard every day from the lips of professed Christians. Yet to have the quality of unforgiveness is quite contrary to the teachings of the Master. In fact, only to the degree that we forgive others in their deeds against us, is the degree to which we are forgiven by the Lord for our deeds against Him. The world is full of souls that are unwilling to forgive others, yet they want to be forgiven by God, and even by their fellow man.

The church world has most of its trouble because of this monster of unforgiveness. Souls that once had the victory over sin and the devil are nearly hopeless victims of this trait. Churches have been split through the center simply because some of their members were unwilling to forgive those who had done a misdeed and stepped on their toes. Pastors who have labored long and hard across the years to build a group of people in the bond of peace and love, have themselves been ruthlessly treated, and hopelessly ruined, because some person took an act or deed wrongly, then refused to accept an explanation, would not forgive, and spread false rumors that tore down the reputation of both the pastor and the church.

The strangeness of this trait is that it is possessed more by older ones in the Lord than by the new converts. It would appear that those who have studied their Bibles and have been close to the presence of the Spirit in gracious services would have more of an understanding heart, and know that the spirit of Christ was one of forgiveness. Jesus forgave men and women alike of horrible sins, and even forgave the disciples when they forsook Him in the Garden, and let Him die alone! Now, to see those who have walked for some time with the Master hold things against their fellow Christians is hard to reconcile in the light of the Scriptures. It is very true that every one of us will, at times, make errors, and fall short of what others think we ought to do; but, in the same breath, it must be realized that we are all human, whether we are sanctified or not. Humanly speaking, it is impossible to live a perfect life. However, we must live perfect in our motives, spirits, and entire Christian make-up. We can at no time have unforgiveness in our hearts and have the sweetness of Christ in our lives. To be saved and sanctified and walking in the center of God's will, we must, at ALL times, have forgiveness toward others.

It has been said by many that you cannot forgive another person until he asks you to forgive him, but this is not true. If we hold anything against someone else,

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