



ASK A QUESTION

Question:

What is the "Ecumenical Movement" and what should our Attitude be Towards It?

Answer:

The term "ecumenical" means universal or world wide. The goal of the "ecumenical" movement is organizational union of all branches of the Christian faith, Catholic and Protestant. The dream of those who sponsor and support this "movement" is a World Church resulting from total union of all denominations and groups adhering to the Christian faith.

Viewing the proposed union of all Christian churches in its broadest concept, the merging of Catholics and Protestants, we must face the fact that the only world church the Roman Catholics are interested in is one that is made up of those who are now a part of that organization plus the "separated brethren" (the modern name the Catholic leaders have given the Protestants) who "return" to the fold.

A foremost official of the R.C. church in United States, replying to the question "Should we try to convert good Protestants?" declared: "... the final objective of ecumenism, as Catholics conceive it, is unity in faith, worship and the acknowledgement of the supreme spiritual authority of the Bishop of Rome" (the Pope). The late Pope John stated: "Honesty demands that we let our 'separated brethren' know that this is our ultimate reason for participating in the ecumenical movement, and that we manifest it in practice by seeking to convert devout Protestants."

The union of all Protestants groups into one Church, could produce a politically powerful but spiritually impotent religious organization. This is the more immediate

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

Time:

NOVEMBER 1st-29th

Place:

Your Sunday School

What:

"Round-up" Month

"Round-up" { a contest committee
 } your teachers

Put your Sunday School pupils to work to

"Round-up" new contacts for your Sunday School and bring back the "drifters" to the corral.

Further suggestions and information concerning the contest will be mailed to pastors soon.

Joseph A. Moses
S.S. promotional director

danger of the trend toward ecumenism. It is a fatal mistake to conclude that the church will increase in spiritual influence simply by gaining in numerical strength. The union in fellowship and service of all who know and love the Lord is certainly desirable. Provided that such a union was based on scriptural principles and blessed of God, it would give the Church a united voice and witness in the world. But more organizational union of religious groups could weaken rather than strengthen the Cause of Christ.

It is "by one Spirit" that believers are "baptized into one Body". True Christian unity can only be achieved as born-again members of the Church Invisible are brought together in a common life-stream with common beliefs and convictions. This could only happen on a truly universal and ecumenical scale through a worldwide revival. Such a revival we would welcome. Perhaps a more immediate goal for us would be earnest prayer that the religious groups adhering to the Wesleyan doctrinal position might be brought together to give effective witness in the world for God and holiness.

Slate Rev. & Mrs. G. F. D. Keirstead Aroostook Junction, N. B.

OCTOBER

4-6	Barkers' Point
7	Deer Island
8-11	Calais
12-14	Black's Harbour
16-18	St. John
19	Amherst
20	Westchester
21	Liverpool
22	Sandy Point
23	Wood Harbour
24-25 a.m.	Bethany Yarmouth.
25 p.m.	Sandford,
27	Port Maitland
28	Havelock, N. S.
29	Digby
30 — Nov.1	Fort Fairfield

NOVEMBER

5-8	Beals
12	York Christian Church, York, Me.
13-15 a.m.	Jonesport
15 p.m-29	Norton

BEULAH BOYS CAMP

Using as its theme "Outdoors With Christ", taught by Camp Evangelist Rev. J. L. McElhinney, Junior Boys Youth Camp 1964 had 34 campers enrolled. Nine decisions were made for Christ. Mr. McElhinney's messages were a real help to every camper.

Programme Director Mr. Bert Crozier kept the boys busy from 7:30 a.m. until dusk. Camp fires, swimming, handicraft and

HOME MISSION DAY

STOP

October 25 is Home Mission day, this year. You will note the change in the day, from Thanksgiving Sunday to the last Sunday in October. Since Thanksgiving is not observed on the same Sunday in all of our churches, it was thought best to change the day.

LOOK

On one occasion Jesus said: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." The multitudes that are still unreached represents the fields that have not been harvested. Dare we look? Look, to catch a clearer vision of the perishing without Christ. Look, that our praying shall be with a greater burden and compassion. Look, to realize our part "in bringing in the sheaves."

LISTEN

The 'Macedonian Call' is still being sounded. The Missionary Chorus states: "They're calling for help, and for mercy; Oh! how can we pass them by?"

The call comes with urgency. The call represents one of need. The call may come for renewed faithfulness. Let us listen with ready heart and hands.

On **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**, STOP, LOOK and LISTEN; with the HOME MISSION WORK in mind.

sports were highlights of the day.

Amateur night on the concluding Friday of the camp provided laughter and fun as campers and leaders took part. Robert Moore, one of the campers was crowned "Chief Snorer", the camp director was chosen "Champion Kisser", while one of the councillors, Jimmy Crozier, was voted "Chief Hoarse Voice".

Prizes were awarded for Bible memorization, Cleanliness in Room Inspection, Best Camper and Most Improved Camper.

"I'm coming back again" echoed and re-echoed in the hotel as the boys departed.

God gave us a good camp by being in our presence and we are looking forward to bigger and better events next year.

May God use the boys who have found Christ in this 1964 endeavour to become vital leaders in His service of the tomorrows.

Marion MacCallum,
Camp Director

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

The Central Nova Scotia District Meeting convened at Westchester September 3 to 6 inclusive. The attendance was especially good, and the presence of the Lord very real. One soul found the Lord in the Friday night meeting for which we praise the Lord. Rev. Bruce Bridgeo welcomed Rev. & Mrs. Jack Mackenzie to the district. At the business session proposals were discussed for a Sunday School Forum to be held at the next quarterly, and a separate fund to be used for district extension work. It was the feeling of all that the quarterly was a real blessing to the churches of the district.

Edith Dearmond, Sect.