



## God's Moment

It was God's moment at Bethany. The chapel service had gone on as on many other mornings. There had been a freedom and enthusiasm in the singing of "Living By Faith." There had been a receptiveness to the message. But the singing and the message were not so unusual as to create any indication of a divine visitation. The leader of the service had thought of closing without a hymn — just the usual march. A hymn was chosen, however: "Saviour, Thy dying love Thou gavest me." In the course of singing the leader was impressed to make some remarks of application and appeal. Then as the singing went on, suddenly one of the students moved forward to the place of prayer, and then another, and another in quick succession—thirteen in all. Immediately we knew that it was God's moment . . . the moment of the Holy Spirit's working . . . the moment of answered prayer . . . the moment of divine victory. "To God be the glory; great things He hath done."

### BETHANY SUNDAY: COMMENTS

We are grateful for every church, pastor, and lay person who put forth a sincere and special effort to make Bethany Sunday a success. We can not accurately state the amount of offerings given on the one day, but our information indicates that most of the money received in the last two weeks came from Bethany Sunday offerings. The two weeks' receipts have been upwards of \$2500. Thus we can report that the day was a financial success. We were pleased, too, to hear of special messages and emphases on Bethany Sunday. Something that we can not evaluate but recognize as of greatest worth was the prayer effort on behalf of the school's future.

To every church, department, and individual who participated we say from our hearts, "Thank you." To those who gave offerings above budgets we add an extra word of appreciation.

I beg of you not to feel relieved of your responsibility now. We need your support in prayer and giving to the very end of the year.

### NEWS BRIEFS

Rev. and Mrs. Paul Sanders have been at Bethany since the end of January. Mr. Sanders has taught a special course on missionary work in South Africa. Mrs. Sanders has given tutoring in Zulu to a prospective missionary. At the same time the Sanders have attended some of the classes in the Bible Department. They plan to leave Yarmouth before Easter.

The Bethany Choir, under the direction of Miss Pocock, made a mark of eighty-five in the recent Yarmouth Music Festival and the Male Quartet a mark of eighty-six. The Choir sang "For God So Loved the World" by Stainer and the Quartet sang "I'm Free Again."

The Choir will make an Easter tour accompanied by the President, Rev. C. E. Stairs, and the Denominational Superintendent, Rev. H. R. Ingersoll. The proposed itinerary includes Halifax, Truro, Killams Mills, Black's Harbour, Jonesport, and Beals.

The King's Highway

### A BETHANY-MINDED CHURCH

When we speak of a Bethany-minded church we could be speaking of any one of several. The Old Town Church, however, may well be termed the Bethany church of the year.

Its Bethany budget was paid before Bethany Sunday. Even so — and rightly so — it made an all-out effort on Bethany Sunday. The general congregation, the Sunday School, the Young People's, and the Junior Church participated with the result that Old Town has raised the equivalent of two and one-half times its budget. (At the same time Old Town is giving ten per cent of its income to missions.)

There is another way in which the Old Town Church is contributing to Bethany. Five of its youth are now in attendance at the school taking the high school course. The parents and the church people are well pleased with the contribution which Bethany is making to their youth. They plan to send more of their youth to Bethany.

In yet another way the Old Town Church is standing behind the school. Old Town buys many of its religious supplies from the Bethany Book Store (hymnals, DVBS materials, and all) even though there is a good supply store in nearby Bangor.

Think of the possibilities of what sixty churches with a spirit akin to Old Town's could do.

### DVBS KITS

DVBS Kits are now available at the Bethany Book Store. Gospel Light Five-Day Kit; Gospel Light Ten-Day Kit; Standard Regular Kit. These kits may be borrowed for a limited period and then returned. Also available is Gospel Light's filmstrip "Letter to Martha" (with record).

### TRAGEDY STRUCK CANADA

Ten years ago when the General Council of the United Church of Canada said smoking was not a moral issue, an agent of the tobacco interests, who hovered nervously over the council until the report was approved, rushed to the press room, grabbed a telephone and joyfully reported the news to the tobacco growers, processors and retailers. In May, 1962, the church said, smoking is now a moral issue, and we should recognize that Christians and non-smokers who oppose smoking as expensive and destructive are not narrow-minded old fogies.

About the same time there arose in the United Church those who said moderate drinkers were just as good Christians as total abstainers and temperance cranks.

The results have proven wrong again for those who play with fire-water, as the proverb says: Can a man take fire in his bosom and not be burned?

A news item appeared in the press that United Church women deplored the number of United Church members who are alcoholics.

Do not depend on the church to warn you about becoming a lung cancer victim or an alcoholic; read the newspapers! You can go to church and dwell in safety and you will seldom be warned about the evils of tobacco and liquor.

Non-smokers are molested everywhere by the stink of tobacco smoke and have to grin and bear it; are supposed to put up and shut up and say nothing against it. It is high time we demanded separation from smoke.

If we expect our children not to lie, steal, or swear, parents must not do it; if we expect our children not to smoke or drink, parents have got to quit.

—C. L. Morrison  
In White Ribbon Tidings