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WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

The preparing of this monthly statement about my activities points up to me at least how quickly time slips away. In the light of such a realization, it seems little wonder that our Lord admonishes us as to the urgency of getting on with the task — to work while it is day.

The time spent at the Youth Leaders' Conference in Moncton was indeed profitable. Our denominational youth leaders did an excellent job of caring for the arrangements and provided a most worth while program. Every minute was employed to good advantage. The guest speaker, Rev. Robert McIntyre, Director of Wesleyan Methodist Youth, was most capable. Our young people were fortunate to have the opportunity to share in his wealth of experience. Surely the challenge of his ministry will not be soon forgotten and our youth work in the days ahead will doubtless show the impact of this splendid conference.

It has been my happy privilege to share in two church dedications. First, at Deer Island on September 27 a fine group from Black's Harbour, Saint John, Moncton and Grand Manan joined with the loyal band of local residents to dedicate to the service of the Lord a church that is indeed a credit to the faithful ones who laboured so sacrificially to make it a reality. Teaming up with Bro. Nicholson, we continued on a week over the following Sunday in special services. While there were no visible results in terms of seekers, many people from the various communities of the Island attended. Pray that the ministry of Brother and Sister Owens will be fruitful bringing encouragement to those whose burden and vision founded the work.

Bro. Nicholson accompanied me to Liverpool where again we held special meetings Thursday through Sunday. We were grateful for God's presence and the victories won as three souls sought the joy of salvation.

HISTORIC CONVENTION AT MONCTON!

"WELCOME to the Youth Leaders' Convention"

"To-day's Youth Facing To-day's Challenge"

An attractive and colorful banner bearing the welcome and slogan of the first Youth Leaders' Convention of our Denomination, greeted the seventy interested attendants, who travelled to Moncton, N. B., for this special event held according to announcement on September 25 and 26.

Ministers, ministers' wives, and young people representing our churches and Youth Groups from Crystal, Maine, to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, were present for this important and historic Convention. Eager interest was evident from the very beginning Friday evening until the close of the Rally at Sussex Saturday evening.

The Convention programme was well planned and carried out according to schedule. From the discovery of the "Youth Leaders' Kit", a large envelope containing a programme outline and a good selection

of materials designed for Youth work and meetings, through the various stages of the Convention, those attending were impressed with the splendid arrangements made by Merle Smith, Y. P. A. president, and those who assisted him in preparing for this important event.

The Convention speaker, Rev. Robert McIntyre, Executive Director of Youth Work for the Wesleyan Methodist Church, was a fine choice for this first Youth Leaders' Convention. Mr. McIntyre spoke no less than ten times on various assigned topics and his messages were most helpful each time. The listeners were impressed with the vision, wisdom and spiritual insight of this highly qualified and richly experienced director of Wesleyan Youth. A feature of the Convention was a banquet at Moncton's Brunswick Hotel, a very enjoyable time of fellowship.

The guest speaker gave a fine message on "The Challenge of Youth Work". The management of the Brunswick was most considerate and courteous in their entertainment of many of the delegates and in providing the beautiful hotel dining room for the banquet.

Brother and Sister Kent, who have laboured well and hard in this new church, were encouraged as a record attendance was realized in the Sunday evening service. On Monday, Thanksgiving Day, several of the District pastors and their people and a good representation from Bethany joined us in the service of dedication.

The following week I flew to Montreal to visit Dr. Storer Emmett. Dr. Emmett found it necessary to fly from Rhodesia to enter the Montreal General Hospital for possible surgery. His wife and family are still at the Mission Station. Prayer is requested that God will undertake for the Emmetts during these frustrating days of uncertainty. Immediately on returning to Saint John, we met with the Foreign Mission Board. This emergency, as well as all matters pertaining to our Missionary program, makes the Board aware of a need of wisdom and divine guidance. Remember the Board in prayer too! Word as to whether Dr. Emmett will need surgery will be passed on to our people as soon as it is available.

The Board meeting convening in Saint John permitted me the opportunity to be home over Sunday and share in the Missionary Convention of the home church. The services were most inspiring and challenging. It was heart warming to learn that the Faith Promise Offering for Missions was the highest in the history of the church.

At the time of this writing I have just returned from Sussex where Bro. Joe McDowell is beginning operations. The excavations for the new Bethany Buildings are to be dug this week. Let us continue our support of this project and pray for the workmen as they prepare for the erection of the buildings.

Here's hoping everyone will co-operate to make November a successful Sunday School Rally month!

H.R.I.

THE CAMPUS CORNER GOD IN THE MIDST

Speaking of Zion the Psalmist rejoiced, "God is in the midst of her." In similar spirit we rejoice also, for truly it can be said that God is in our midst at Bethany Bible College.

From the first of the school year we have been aware of His presence; then last week in special services with Misses Hazzard and Richardson we knew an even greater sense of His divine nearness. There were moments of revelation, repentance, self dying, victory; but sweetest of all were the moments of rapt communion in a fellowship not of this world. (We thank God for His messengers sent to us. Indeed they have been ordained of Christ Himself).

Spiritual vitality is evident in the many aspects of school life. From the first of the term the regular prayer services have been marked by blessing. Student prayer meetings, at which attendance is voluntary, have been attended commonly by eighty per cent of the on-campus students. A spirit of co-operation with leaders and a response to the learning challenge were never more in evidence. Yes, God is in our midst and doing as the Psalmist vouches, "God shall help her, and that right early."

Our people would do well to think on the comment of Miss Richardson, one of our evangelists. She said that she considered the week at Bethany the most important of her six-week ministry in our area, for this week afforded the opportunity to work with a select group of youth at the decisive and formative period of their lives. Later she added that she looked upon the school as the centre of our church. Let us then take note: The church of tomorrow is in the making now at Bethany Bible College. Our youth are favored to be part of this institution. Our people are privileged to have an investment in this work.

SUNDRY MATTERS

We thank churches which have recently responded financially to our need. Our situation has been improved; our need to the present has been met. Nevertheless we shall face need with every new month and we shall be dependent upon the month-by-month support of our churches. We also thank those who presently are participating in the great fall donation to Bethany.

We congratulate the following Bethany students who made complete passes last summer on the provincial junior matriculation examinations: Joan Brown, Wayne Blinn, George Hamilton, Hanley Richardson, Norma Trafton. We were pleased with the overall record of our group, and we commend Mr. Owens and Mr. Cogswell for their work with the graduating class.

We commend the following teachers who pursued summer studies during their holidays, improving their academic standings and their practical usefulness: Miss Pocock, Mr. Owens, and Mr. Cogswell.

C. E. S.

The Youth Leaders' Convention met a very great need in the promotion and administration of our Y. P. Society work at the local church level, that of providing guidance to Y. P. presidents and their assistants in respect to meeting programmes, personal work among young people, co-operation with the pastor, etc. The impact of this Convention will certainly be felt throughout our Denomination.

Again our Young People's Association has made history for our Church. May its progressive spirit continue to manifest itself to the spiritual benefit of our young people and the advancement of the work of our Church.