

AROUND

WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

Since my last visit with our Highway readers, I have had the privilege of visiting a number of our churches in Nova Scotia. While my main purpose was to meet with the church in Yarmouth to discuss plans and prospects for the work there in the coming year after Bethany has been relocated, I took advantage of what time I had available and enjoyed the fellowship of services at Amherst, Westchester, Digby, East Ferry and Halifax. In addition to meeting with the Bethany staff and student body in a chapel service, I was grateful for the opportunity to attend a service at Port Maitland where Rev. N. E. Trafton and the Bethany Quartette were assisting the pastor in special services. At each place there were evidences of God's blessing and reason for thanksgiving yet coupled with a realization that the challenge is ever present to greater accomplishments in the extension of the work.

After returning to the home base we participated in several committee meetings and even though the elements have set all kinds of records — most of them undesirable — we have been able to hold meetings of the Bethany Board, the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board. An enjoyable feature of the Foreign Mission Board meeting was the presence of Dr. Storer Emmett.

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POINTS WORTH PONDERING

We need not sit around waiting for opportunities to come to us. Look at the mosquito; he never waits for an opening, he goes out and makes one.

If absence makes the heart grow fonder, how some people must love church!

Maybe you can't always be a hero, but you can always be a man.

Everyone admires a man of mettle — provided there isn't too much brass.

The pastor must not only comfort the afflicted, he must afflict the comfortable!

If you want your neighbor to know what the Christ spirit will do for him, let him see what it has done for you.

No man ever sinks under the burden of the day. It is when to-morrow's burden is added to it that the weight is more than a man can bear.

We believe it to be most profitable when any of our missionaries can be in session with the Board for it gives each an opportunity to appreciate their common problems from the viewpoint of the other. Speaking of problems, each Board has its share peculiar to the area of the work which is entrusted to its care and guidance. Remember our Boards often when you pray that they might have wisdom and divine direction.

We were on hand to bid farewell to Dr. Emmett and a hasty farewell it proved to be. Because of a flight cancellation out of Saint John, he was to be taken by bus to Fredericton and we barely had time to get him to the terminal. To add to the rush we had to round up an item of luggage which was at another location but we made it in the nick of time and our parting words were of necessity brief. We have since learned of his safe arrival in Rhodesia. We are thankful that God granted him journeying mercies and worked everything out nicely so he could be reunited with his family for the Christmas season.

On December 13 it was my privilege to assist in another church dedication. This time at Norton where they have a lovely little church well appointed and adequate for our ministry in the community. The pastor and people are to be highly commended for their tireless efforts which have resulted in such a fine building.

At this writing we not only find ourselves looking back over the activities of the past month, but we are reminded that another chapter in the book of time has about come to an end. It has witnessed its share of joys and heartaches, its problems and perplexities, but thank God it has been liberally scattered with divine blessing. As we begin to record a new chapter, our prayer is that under God it will reveal a daily unfolding of faithful stewardship resulting in an advancement of Kingdom interests.

May the New Year be one of victory and progress to the glory of God.

H. R. I.

YOUTH WITH VISION

A NEW YEAR WITH CONFIDENCE

There is something fascinating about things that are new. There is something challenging about the unknown. The spirit of adventure beckons our youth to take up the challenge of life. At times this adventure is in the face of stiff competition. In view of this fact, young people often ask the question, "can I make a success of my life?" Success is a prime concern to young people. The Bible indicates that **confidence** is the key to success. (Heb. 10:35-37).

There are three basic requirements for success. If success in 1965 is achieved there must be **confidence in God**. This is a primary requirement. When David met the Giant he confessed his human weakness and made known that his strength was in God. This was always his approach to success. The three Hebrew worthies triumphed in the flames because they had confidence in God. Gideons' brave 300 defeated the enemy because they had confidence in God. The apostle Paul faced the future of hardship and discouragement, but he cried with confidence, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

In the second place, success requires **confidence in ourselves**. This self-confidence must be coupled with our confidence in God. We need a vision of someone bigger than ourselves. This vision will, however, increase our confidence in ourselves. Many

of the blessings of life come to us through exercising our gifts which we have received from God. As we see our abilities in relation to what we believe God wants us to do in life we gain confidence knowing that what we do is in accordance with His will. This strengthens our confidence and gives to us a feeling of worthwhileness. We are aware that we are partners with God. The sense of His presence and help in all we do in life strengthens our desire to succeed. It also assures us of success with enjoyment. Success is not completely achieved or perfectly enjoyed when we have confidence in God and confidence in ourselves. God's world, and His plan for His creation, involves other people. We must, therefore, have **confidence in others**. One of the greatest gifts we have is the ability to feel that other people are worthy of our confidence. Others may not see as we do. They may not think as we do. Their behaviour may be different. But, why major upon the ways in which our fellow-man differs? Think of the ways in which others are like we are. By doing this the Gospel message takes on new meaning. We feel compelled to mingle with others. We share their joys and their sorrows. We feel their anxiety. We gain their trust. Life takes on new meaning as we discover that we are here to serve others. To serve well we must have confidence in those we serve.

Let no man say, "I am a success", at the end of 1965. Let everyone say "God has enabled me through the help of others to be successful". If we believe in God, and if we believe in other people; and in ourselves; we need nothing more than the opportunity to succeed.

—W. G.

DISTRICT MEETING REPORT

The Aroostook District Meeting was entertained by the Bloomfield, N. B. Church, Nov. 5-8. All pastors except one were present during the meeting. Messages were given by Rev. H. E. Anderson, R. T. Benson, A. L. Stairs, J. A. Blinn and L. W. Corey. Fair attendance was realized at the services and a blessed time of fellowship was enjoyed.

The regular business meeting was held Saturday afternoon. A request for the next meeting to be held at Hartland, N. B. next April was accepted. Plans were also made for re-organizing and arranging for a District Youth Rally.

Also during the business meeting the work at Riverside Camp was discussed, and an encouraging report was heard from the latest Camp Meeting. Plans for purchasing a refrigerator for the Camp were accepted.

Much of the maintenance and operation of Riverside Camp falls upon the Aroostook District. However we hope that many of our **Highway** readers and visitors of Riverside Camp, will remember that Riverside Camp is an Alliance Camp, thus it is "our" Camp. Where there might have been a heavy financial load fall upon the Alliance Treasury it has been kept small through much free labour from the District. Again, however when a water pump or refrigerator etc. must be purchased, free labour does not care for this.

I am sure that it would mean much, if friends of Riverside Camp would remember it, through the year. It may help someone to remember if I add that Rev. K. L. Gorveatte, Monticello, Me., is the Camp treasurer.

Lest our readers be misled I wish to add that this has been a report of the Aroostook District Meeting.

Rev. R. T. Benson, Secretary.