

AFRICAN TRIP

How does one begin to express in a few words what an experience of a lifetime has meant to him? From the moment I left the Saint John airport on March 23 until the plane taxied back on the ramp on May 4, I found myself in what seemed to me to be one unbelievable experience after another.

To visit so many points of interest in London enroute to the Mission Field, and then again in Rome and Paris enroute home, provided many exciting and unforgetable moments. However, the joy of visiting with our missionaries in their corner of the vineyard and the thrill of fellowship with our brothers and sisters of the African Reformed Baptist Church is indescribable. My soul was richly blessed as the Africans sang the praises of God, as they prayed in the Spirit, as they preached with divine anointing and as they testified to the wonders of His marvellous grace.

It was my privilege to travel the length and breadth of our work both in Rhodesia and in South Africa. I saw the hospital at Bethesda and the Bible School at Altona in

CAMPUS CORNER

The Bethany Choir has been very busy during the past few weeks. On April 10th, we left Yarmouth to begin a 6-day tour of some of the churches. We visited R. B. Churches in Amherst, Moncton, Sussex, St. John, Marysville, Presque Isle, and Houlton. Everywhere we went we experienced the blessing of God. He travelled with us on the highway, and met with us in every service. Sometimes, on a tour such as this, choir members became tired, and the music sounds tired, too. But we found that, although we did become tired, the Holy Spirit was very present, and the music seemed to improve as we went along. The Men's Quartet travelled with the choir this year, and their singing proved to be a source of inspiration wherever we were.

All who participated in the tour found it to be a time of spiritual strengthening, a time of new experiences, and of good Christian fellowship.

More recently the choir has sung in Liverpool, Shelburne, and Halifax. While in Halifax the choir, quartet, and soloists, spent an afternoon making an L P recording. This record will be on sale about the first of June, and you may obtain one by writing the College, or the Bethany Bookroom here in Yarmouth. The price is \$4.

It is our prayer that this record, and all of the music ministry of Bethany, may be a rich spiritual experience for those who listen.

operation. I saw several of our day schools and clinics in action. I visited most of our churches. I visited in the homes and huts of the Bantu people. I spoke on some thirty occasions, most of which were through an interpreter. Over and over again I shared in these many and varied experiences and realized the value of a missionary program to a needy people. I thanked God for our homeland churches who have given so faithfully across the years to get the gospel message, with its attendant benefits, to these dear people. One thing that warmed my heart was to find that there was such a feeling of gratitude manifest by the African Christians for all the Overseas Church had done for them. As I observed the work, I had a deep consciousness that our Foreign Mission program is worthwhile and that it is sincerely appreciated by the people to whom it is directed.

Space will not permit my going into detail about the trip. However, as we travel throughout our church constituency, we will endeavour to share with our people something of the blessing that flooded our soul as we endeavoured to represent our church in Africa.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Young Peoples Association for carrying the financial responsibility of this historic project. Our prayer is that it will prove profitable, both at home and abroad, as we carry on the work in the days ahead.

H. R. I.

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GRADUATION

The word "graduation" is familiar to each of us. The experience of its significance is quite a different matter. Unfortunately many young people look upon graduation as an end rather than a beginning. It is really only one step more in a series of progressive stages leading to success and life.

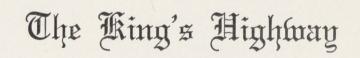
To most of us, graduation is vitally associated with the completing of a stage of education, and the beginning of something new and better. Formal education is a vital part of living today. To merely gain knowledge and graduate from school is not in itself success. One must be able to apply what has been learned to the real issues of life. It is this application of truth and knowledge which was so characteristic in the teachings of Jesus. One might sum up Jesus' teachings by saying that the person who really knows how to live will have fewer problems in making a living.

This moral and spiritual aspect of education, although neglected in many schools, becomes the personal responsibility of each individual. This responsibility continues throughout ones entire life. Thus Jesus encouraged men to "seek first the Kingdom of Heaven". What Jesus said was, learn how to live. Make this the prime concern of life. This is basic to young lives. If we really know how to live, our living will take care of itself.

Our country needs youth who are as excited about spiritual and moral graduations (progress) as they are over their graduation from school. Enoch was such a man. His life was a series of translations or graduations. His life grew richer, fuller and more meaningful every day. His final translation was stepping up or graduating to the top of the tower of supreme delight—to be with God forever.

To this life of devotion and development, God calls all youth. Embrace the challenge. Embark upon the task of living for God. Enjoy present and eternal blessing in a life of progress with God.

W. G.



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BETHANY FINANCIAL REPORT

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Grand Harbour	
Mid. Southampton50	
Brazil Lake	
Staceyville40	
Presque Isle	
Grey's Mills30	
Port Maitland20	
The above report is to May 15, 1965. We	
have received to this date eighty-five (85)	
percent of the Bethany Budget. If any mis-	
takes are noted in the above report, we	
would be pleased to hear from the treasury	
of that church concerned.	
Your good support has been appreciated.	
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