

# YOUTH WITH VISION

## CHRISTMAS CHIMES

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Music belongs to Christmas.

When Christ was born an angel choir filled the air with an anthem of praise. What singing that must have been!

Across the centuries, the celebration of the birth of Christ has literally flooded the earth with music. Great composers have produced immortal lyrics in praise of the Saviour's advent. The world's great soloists and choirs have reproduced the soul-thrilling melodies. And once more "there's a song in the air", the welcome sound of Christmas music is ringing and singing its way into the hearts of men, women, and children the world around.

The sweetest story ever told becomes the sweetest music ever heard. Listen to the chimes of Christmas!

**Love** is the keynote of the Christmas song. The love of God expressed in the greatest gift of all. The Child of Bethlehem is none other than the Son of the Highest, come to earth to proclaim to sinful men the wondrous message of love Divine.

**Joy** is a part of the Christmas harmony. "Good tidings of great joy . . . to all people". The desire of all nations is come, the long-awaited Saviour is here to "make His blessings known far as the curse is found". With "gladness men of old, did the guiding Star behold", and Christmas in its deepest meaning gives birth to joy unspeakable and full of glory.

**Peace** adds its soft, beautiful tones to the Christmas message. "Peace on earth, to men of good will." What a welcome sound is this! How the troubled soul responds to the sound of this blessed word, how a war-weary world needs its soothing, comforting assurance! And as we witness the complete failure of man to save the world from the

carnage of war, we can almost hear the sounds which herald the coming of the Prince of Peace!

**Hope** completes the Christmas symphony. The star that led the wise men to Bethlehem and the Saviour, was symbolic of an eternal flame kindled in the hearts of men when Christ was born. Man was created for a better world than the one in which he has lived since the fall and the curse. Christ came to establish the promise of "paradise regained", to enhance in the believing heart the prospect of a day when peace and righteousness would be established in the earth. And this hope has been a guiding light across the centuries of human history.

Blessed chimes of Christmas! May their sweet harmony fill and cheer the souls of many during this Yuletide Season!

## REPORTS FROM THE SOCIETIES

We are pleased to bring a report of fall activities from a number of our Young People's Societies. We have reports from Wood's Harbour, Truro, Millstream, Sussex, Marysville, Barker's Point, Millville, and Fort Fairfield.

Wood's Harbour reports that they have an active group of 25-30 young people under the leadership of their president, Ivan Cameron. Many of the young people take part in the new church choir.

During the past two years this society has grown greatly. This group printed invitations and conducted a visitation program during special meetings held in September.

TRURO has been conducting a study of a series of scriptural passages and then playing Bible Baseball to test how well the lessons have been learned.

Their society president is Roy Corey and their are about 20-25 young people attending the services.

MILLSTREAM has made use of the Bethany Correspondence Courses as a means of studying the Bible and have enjoyed the programs very much. They journeyed to Fredericton to see the Billy Graham film, "The Restless Ones".

Pearley Hayes is the president of the society. The membership of sixteen is quite good for this church, and the young people are encouraged by the good attendance.

SUSSEX Y. P. is led by Allan Mitchell, a first year Bible Student. The society has had a musical program, a question and answer night, and a Halloween social at the Bible School, among other programs.

Attendance has ranged from 25-40.

MARYSVILLE has a society of 25-35 active members. They are led by Doug MacCallum and Roberta Nevers.

Programs have included a Remembrance Day service, an old timers program (only bald and grey-haired people could take part),

MILLVILLE is led by Mrs. Marcus McGuigan. Their society has visited the Fredericton church when it was in special meetings and has visited the Woodstock church at various times.

The helpful suggestions of the pastor and his wife and the generous way in which the parsonage has been opened to the young people for socials has been appreciated.

FORT FAIRFIELD organized for the year on Sept. 16, 1965. Brenda Jewell was elected president for the year.

A Hallowe'en social was held at the home of Rev. A. L. Stairs. In an attempt to attract more young people to the service the type of program held each week is varied.

BARKER'S POINT have used a variety of programs. Speakers, films, carol sings, have highlighted programs in the past.

The society has divided into two parts for competitive co-operation. By working against each other in groups they work together to build a stronger, more active society.

Last year the society had a project and raised \$45.00 to buy a bicycle for the mission field.

Elijah's God still lives today

And answers still by fire . . .

Is there an Elijah today?

**Could God make me an Elijah if this was His will for me?**

## THE CAMPUS CORNER

### FROM ALL OF US, TO ALL OF YOU— THANKS

Space would not permit a complete enumeration of all the articles which we received in the Fall donation, but mention of some will indicate the variety and magnitude of the donation: approximately ninety bags of potatoes; fifteen bags of vegetables and apples; a crate of twenty-four chickens; a fore quarter of beef; nine cases of peaches; several cases of canned goods, such as corn, peas, and tomatoes; two cases of sardines; five hundred pounds of sugar; three hundred pounds of flour; and dozens of bottles of pickles, jams, and jellies. Some churches, lacking agricultural resources or facing shipping problems, determined to do their part by sending cash offering instead of supplies. With every shipment and envelope there were the priceless intangibles of love, interest, prayer, and the confidence of our friends in many places.

We regret that we do not receive lists from the contributing churches, although those delivering the goods do their best to inform us of the sources of the donations. Next year, Lord willing, we are going to request that lists be made by local churches. The best that we can do now is to say a genuine Christian "Thank you."

## SPEAKING OF GIFTS . . .

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the gift of the Christian flag flying over our new Administration Building. The flag is the gift of the Moncton Y. P. S. It seems to add just the right touch to "the city set on an hill."

The Marysville Young Men's Sunday School Class made a substantial donation toward the purchase of much-needed laboratory equipment. The Salem W.M.A. also made an appreciated donation for the same purpose.

If other groups are interested in such projects, we can suggest several projects representing needs in our school program.

By the way, a number of women's auxiliaries have sent in useful gifts. And a number of individuals and groups are faithful dime-card supporters.

## GUESTS GALORE

Since the opening of school it has been our pleasure to welcome countless guests. The names of some will appear in a forthcoming issue of alumni news, which alumni will receive. Here we shall mention a group visitation only. Friday evening, November 19th, approximately forty young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one—Merle Smith's Sunday School Class from Moncton—were our guests for a most enjoyable evening of planned activities.

## NOTICES

Budget payments and cash gifts to Bethany should be made payable to Bethany Bible College and sent directly to the school.

The Bethany Book Store is operating from an on-campus location. We remind the public that the store is now the agent for handling all Wesleyan Methodist Sunday School supplies for our churches. Your support of the store now is the store's hope for future development.

### REPORT ON BUDGETS BETHANY BIBLE COLLEGE As of November 23, 1965

	%
Barker's Point	57
Beals	28
Black's Harbor	48
Blissfield	42
Brazil Lake	50
Calais	50
Crystal	33
Deer Island	100
Glassville	52
Gordonsville	62
Grand Harbour	50
Hartland	8
Havelock	16
Houlton	107
Jonesport	50
Killam's Mills	33
Lower Hainesville	33