

AROUND

WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

by Rev. H. R. Ingersoll

The month of January proved to be a month of Board and Committee meetings with time and attention being given to matters arising from the various meetings. Each of our denominational Boards has great responsibility as they endeavour to care for the work of the Church. As a people, we are indebted to the members of our Boards for their consecrated service. Considerable time is given on the part of each member and a sincere concern for the welfare of the work is evident as they deal with the many important items of business. We would appeal to every quarter of our constituency to uphold the Boards with earnest prayer that judgment and wisdom shall be granted as the great work of the kingdom of God is administered in our corner of the vineyard.

One committee that has been more than busy is the Bethany Building and Finance Committee. This committee is composed of members representing both our Alliance Executive and the Bethany Bible College Board. Their task of overseeing the construction program of Bethany is not an easy one. Many decisions have to be made and it is impossible for every decision to be perfectly satisfactory to every person in our denomination. The Committee is most conscientious in endeavouring to provide facilities that will meet the need and be a credit to the Church, while operating within the limits of the designated budget. Do pray that God will continue to give guidance and bless the labours of these men.

Speaking of the Bethany construction program, we are glad to be able to report that things are moving along nicely. In October the excavations were made for the buildings and the basement wall was poured for the dormitory. After consultation with the engineering firm that planned the location of the buildings on the site, it was decided to erect the dormitory quarters in the form of a duplex building. This building is shaping up most impressively. It has been framed up, boarded in, the windows fitted,

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of personality. Look at advertising, with its obvious deception and downright dishonesty, the perhaps worse we-like-to-be-deceived attitude of the American public, and the frightening possibilities of subliminal advertising. Wesley would have had a prophetic word about these matters. Do we?

When it comes to drinking and smoking we have a better record in the Holiness Movement. The Surgeon General's report validates what we have been saying for generations. But let us not yield to the temptation of lording it over the smoker; this will mean the loss of our chances to win him. (See "Good News for Smokers," **Decision**, March, 1964.) Let us in the love of I Corinthians 13 (AGAPE) continue to spell out the evils of tobacco.

On liquor, too, we have followed in John Wesley's paths. Our people know many of the evils of liquor and are committed to a life long program of abstinence. But let us, in teaching the truth about liquor, say it with such love and winsomeness that we do not lose our youth. And let us have the courage to warn the parents of youth. The sad story of the seventeen year old girl who died in an auto accident following a parentally approved liquor party, made Court

the roof on, the chimney constructed and the siding more than half on at the time of this writing. The building commands an excellent view of Sussex and the surrounding area. We are indeed most fortunate to have Brother Joe McDowell of our Grand Harbour Church in charge of construction. Working with him are two more of our fine laymen from Grand Manan in the persons of Leslie French and Harold Tatton. These men are assisted by several local workmen of the Sussex area and the quality of their workmanship is of a high order. Their heart is in the work and we are grateful for their presence on the job. Whenever any of our people are in the area, the men would surely appreciate a visit. Make yourself known to them and give them a few encouraging words. After you have looked around it will not be difficult to find words of commendation for their work.

We are currently engaged in a visitation program of our churches to discuss the subject of Church Union. To date we have met with the following churches: Millstream, Sussex, Norton, Killam's Mills, Salem, Jonesport, Beals, Old Town and Calais. Our people have been manifesting an interest in the meetings and a general concern seems to prevail that God will direct in the way that will best serve the interests of His cause and kingdom.

By the time this issue reaches our readers, our pastors and churches will be concerning themselves with the extremely important business of pastoral relations for the coming church year. These are often days of frustration for both the pulpit and the pew. May God grant to everyone concerned divine guidance and Christian grace.

Periodically we have reason to rejoice in the Lord over reports of victory as God has been pleased to bless in several revival services. Just this morning my heart was warmed and encouraged as I talked with one of our young pastors and learned that God was manifesting Himself with evidence of spiritual victory in the regular ministry of the Church. Thank God, He is still on the throne! Let us unite in a determined resistance to the enemy's attack and concern ourselves with the outreach of the Church to the glory of God.

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Judge Rodney S. Eielson say to the responsible (or rather irresponsible) parents: "The guilt of needless loss of life is in every living room in this community and in the conscience of every parent who knows his or her child was going to be served liquor or who served liquor to a minor on that night . . . I wish I had the power to get every parent who is guilty," the Judge concluded.

The questions of race, poverty, selfish capitalism, housing, narcotics, and a host of other issues are all relevant to the current morals revolution. Wesley would have seen these as opportunities for good works, the natural and inevitable products of personal Holiness. As members of the Holiness Movement, and as Wesley's followers, we must speak and act prophetically in these days of moral crisis.

Youth Rally, May 21-23

Moncton, N. B.

Rev. & Mrs. James Lentz

Paul Mullen & family

FOREIGN MISSIONS

FIVE REASONS WHY WE SHOULD PLAN PRAYERFULLY AND GIVE GENEROUSLY TO FOREIGN MISSIONS EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 18th, 1965.

1. To make the great commission a reality and help bring back the King: (Matthew 24:14).

2. Support Evangelism, Christian Education and Medical Missions in Africa where it is so much needed. Our Superintendent, Rev. E. A. M. Kierstead writes: "Alice and I have just returned from attending the native and European conferences of the Rhodesian field. They were times of profit and blessing to ourselves and to the work."

"Rev. Elias Mayo was ordained, three were baptized, four were given the right hand of fellowship, two babies were dedicated and several African workers were set up (licentiates and Bible women)." He also pointed out how "workers needed training and indoctrination."

3. Put upon our money the measure of eternity. True wealth is not what we keep, but what we give away. Will African Christians welcome us on the other side because we prayed passionately and gave generously for their evangelization?

4. Share in the fulfilling of the goals of the department of foreign missions. Our goals concern: Missionary Candidates
Active Missionaries
Furlough Missionaries
The National Church

Faithful adherence to guiding rules and goals result in more harmonious fellowship and more effective service. To fulfill our goals requires much prayer and financial support. To have goals blocked because of lack of prayer and financial support is most frustrating. Please plan, pray and pay in the expectation of the greatest Easter offering ever.

5. Missions is fundamentally evangelism. A "grass-roots" revival is needed at home and abroad. Our spiritual and financial needs were never greater.

Supplication:

- (1) Several young people from Rhodesia who will be attending Bible School this year, that they may grow spiritually and be better prepared for Christian service.
- (2) The church work in Zambia (Northern Rhodesia) isolated from the Rhodesian work due to border crossing difficulties. For Preacher Darlington at Senkobo and Prayer Woman Mkonza at Libuyu (Livingstone).
- (3) Rev. Elias Moyo, the first resident Rhodesian to be ordained to the Reformed Baptist ministry. For God's blessing upon his ministry.
- (4) Evangelical Holiness Bible School which opens in February. Rev. William Morgan as he directs the school.
- (5) For six new students who will be entering nurses' training at Bethesda Hospital in March.

Praise:

- (1) For the completion of the new Reformed Baptist Church at Natalspruit, Reef District, to be dedicated during Easter.
- (2) For the completion of the European Reformed Baptist Church in Vryheid.
- (3) For the good African Church and Missionary conferences held in Rhodesia in December.
- (4) For the good African Church and Missionary conferences held in South Africa in January.
- (5) For additional funds designated for the financial maintenance of Bethesda Hospital by the Mission Board.