

CAMPUS CORNER

1000 HEAR BETHANY CHOIR IN FAREWELL CONCERT

An estimated 1000 interested persons assembled in the Yarmouth Memorial High School Auditorium to hear the Bethany Choir and Quartet in a sacred concert sponsored by the music department of the college. The program was presented as a farewell gesture in appreciation for the fellowship and co-operation shown by the people of the western Nova Scotia area since the school's beginning in 1947.

Rev. C. E. Stairs made appropriate remarks thanking the churches for their support and expressing our gratitude for such a remarkable attendance, reflecting the interest of the people in Bethany and in music of a spiritual nature. Much prayer and preparation accompanied the many weeks of practice, and the eventual hour was frated with spiritual tension and deep interest, under the capable leadership of Miss Caroline Pocock. The choir went beyond our expectation, singing with freedom, feeling and precision. The music department has long since proved its worth, but never so much as on this occasion. The quiet and attentive spirit that characterized the entire program was sufficient reward for the work involved in the venture. Besides the choir and quartet, Dana Miller sang, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" and Sylvia Fuller rendered the "Ninety First Psalm" with characteristic high quality.

Rev. Edward White of the Central United Church gave the closing prayer preceded by words of appreciation for the enjoyable evening and for Bethany's contribution to the spiritual life of the area. Said he, "Bethany will be missed as time goes on more than we realize now". So passes another milestone in the school's history as we say thank you, and good bye, to Yarmouth, and hello to Sussex. A silver offering was received to help toward the purchase of new gowns for the choir.

BETHANY BUILDING

The Bethany dormitory building is in the finishing stage, and work on the administration building has begun.

The dormitory is an attractive, well-constructed building. It has forty-seven rooms, thirty-two of which are student bedrooms with accommodations for two students in each room. Living quarters for the deans are provided in either end of the building. A hot water heating system has been installed and is functioning smoothly. The building is equipped throughout with rusco windows, the storm and screen sashes a part of the permanent installation. The building is one hundred one feet long by thirty feet wide, and is a three-story construction. Bunks and desks are being built in, the rooms are being painted in a variety of bright colours, and all floors are being covered with tile squares. The view from either side of the building is most pleasant. The second and third story rooms on the front allow a fine view of the lower part of the town of Sussex, while from the rear windows the view encompasses the Kennebecasis stream, winding through the meadow, the Trans-Canada highway, the farmlands, and the rolling hills beyond. The whole scenic scope makes the location one well deserving of the biblical description "beautiful for situation".

On Easter Monday work was begun on the administration building, the work of building forms for the footing course being started the following day. With favourable weather conditions being a district advant-

age during the Spring and Summer months, work on this building will move along rapidly. Finishing work on the dorm. building can be cared for during stormy days, thus allowing for the work to continue without interruption during any days when the weather is unfavourable for outside work.

Brother Joe McDowell and his workmen are doing fine work. They are capable and conscientious workmen. Members of the committee that has had the responsibility of keeping in touch with building developments, have come to appreciate very deeply the calibre of the contractor and workmen engaged in this building project.

The building operations have been pursued on a pay-as-we-go basis. Our people have given generously and faithfully, and our treasurer, Mr. W. E. LaPointe, has kept the name of our Church in good standing by paying bills promptly. The business men and firms of Sussex and district have been most co-operative, and the general attitude of the officials and residents of the town has been very cordial.

By Alliance and Camp Meeting time, work on the dormitory should be completed and the administration building operations well advanced.

Visitors at the building site are welcomed. Interest and enthusiasm mount as one sees what has been done. This project will surely stand as a monument to the faithfulness of God and the faith of His people.

DAVID — THE PSYCHIATRIST

There are several psychiatric applications inherent in Psalm 32.

vv.1-2. This describes the desired state of spiritual (and mental) health, after God has performed His gracious work of forgiveness and healing.

vv. 3-4. Here is what the psychiatrist speaks of as a "guilt complex." So far as man's relationship with God is concerned there must be the realization of sin and its guilt before a holy God. In these verses David describes the agony of known but unconfessed sin.

v. 5. This is the "couch" of the psychiatrist, where the patient goes back into his life and dredges up the hates, frustrations and aggressions long suppressed. But in this psalm confession is made to the only One Who can really heal.

v. 6. In a sense David puts this thought in a parenthesis, showing the way to healing.

v. 7. Much is made these days of the "father complex," the need to look to and lean on some other person. Here the Christian realizes that all he needs is to be found in the loving heart of his heavenly Father.

v. 8. The courses of men's lives are as varied as their backgrounds, personalities and contacts. Here divine guidance is promised to those who look for its source and are obedient to His will.

v. 9. This is a warning against disobedience. As a horse must be "broken" to his master's will, so we must be "broken" to God's revealed will for us.

v. 10. Despite the teaching of some, the world is populated by only two kinds of people, the "wicked," and redeemed sinners. For the latter there is hope, peace and joy.

v. 11. This is the picture of a person whose perspective is oriented toward his God. This is a "cured" person, one who can rejoice in the Lord regardless of earthly circumstances. This is the happy person who has springing up from within the joy of life — a life redeemed by the One Who alone can heal and redeem.

Reading this Psalm carefully and prayerfully can lead to soundness of mind, body and spirit.

—L. Nelson Bell, M.D.

THE MINISTRY OF HEALING

Statements from "A Report on the Healing Ministry of the Church" by the Protestant Episcopal Commission.

"Over and over again, wherever the Church is faithful in her specific ministry of healing, there is unmistakable evidence of the power, the flaming faith, and the total commitment, which were characteristic of the early Church. An effective healing ministry almost inevitably strengthens the spiritual life of the Church and community where it is practiced."

"The Church in our generation cannot ignore her mission and ministry of healing. Nor can she repudiate her responsibility under the pretence that modern science has properly assumed certain areas of this ministry. In fact, this repudiation has resulted in bizarre movements, heretical cults, and grave damage to suffering people who sincerely long for health and healing. Whenever the Church is not true to her whole mission and smugly resists responding to the Truth, error will breed and grow."

"Every member of Christ's Church is in essence caught up in this ministry."

"Christianity is a healing religion. Christ is a healing Saviour. He heals all brokenness: broken relationships as well as broken spirits, broken hearts as well as broken bodies. In the deepest sense, He came to heal the world."

"The Church's ministry of healing not only derives from the ministry of Christ: but also, like His ministry, points forward to the end of the age. All healing in this world is a pledge of the complete wholeness of the world to come."

"The goal of the healing ministry is the whole man: the bringing of the whole man into harmony with the quickening, life-giving Spirit, that he might thereby realize his full potential and enjoy his complete relationship with God the Father."

"The Church's ministry of healing must bring to bear upon the recipients of all healing ministries the whole sweep of God's grace."

"The term 'faith healing' is misleading, since it might imply that a pre-requisite of healing is a belief in the healer's power; or belief that the sufferer will, in fact, recover; or belief that God wills recovery from the particular ailment. The phrase 'spiritual healing' is considered to be too imprecise and ambiguous, in that it could imply that other methods of healing are not necessarily spiritual. The phrase 'divine healing' is objected to also, because all healing is divine. This Commission, therefore, wishes to use the phrase 'The Church's Ministry of Healing,' which includes healing as part of the total work of the Church."

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