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WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT

Since my last report in the Highway, my activities have been such that I will be able to do little more than outline them to bring those interested in my whereabouts up to date. Space will not permit any elaboration of details.

After enjoying a vacation period at Beulah following Riverside Camp, I shared in the fellowship and participated in the program of the Married Couples' Retreat over Labour Day weekend. Having ministered two years ago in a ministers' conference on the district of which Rev. Charles Dayton is president, it was good to renew acquaintance and welcome Brother Dayton with his wife and daughter in our midst. The well attended Retreat proved to be a time of enjoyable spiritual refreshing.

It was a privilege to transport Glendon and Betty Kierstead and family to the Saint John airport and join a fine delegation of friends in wishing them God-speed on their journey to South Africa. How thankful we are that in the midst of a stormy crossing, God granted them journeying mercies and landed them safely in their field of service. May God bless their ministry and grant Brother Kierstead divine aid as he heads up the work of our South African Missions.

There was much behind-the-scenes work to be done to prepare for the official opening of our new Bethany buildings. We thoroughly enjoyed doing it in association with those who so willingly assisted. If you were part of the crew, our personal heart-felt thanks to you! Words are inadequate to express how we felt to see such a large crowd on such a beautiful day to witness the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. How we thank God for His help and blessing in bringing this important project of our denominational program to reality. Our thanks too, to all who attended and participated in the opening ceremony; to John Haddon for designing such fine appearing, practical buildings; to Joe McDowell and his crew who did such a magnificent construction job; to the Building and Finance Committee and Treasurer for their splendid guidance of the project; to the President

of Bethany for his untiring efforts and whole-hearted co-operation; and to all who have supported and are supporting the financial requirements of the endeavour. May God bless the future ministry of Bethany. It was a personal joy to speak at the first chapel service and to represent the church in wishing our fine staff and student body a successful and blessed academic year.

I have visited Seal Cove, Dalhousie, Killam's Mills - Salem and the Meductic circuit in connection with the pastoral adjustments necessary to carry on the work of the church year. We are grateful for the help of God and the willing co-operation of those involved thus making solutions possible in several problematical situations.

We visited our churches at Beals and Marysville where we found the work in a healthy, encouraging state. I shared in the final service of the open air Sunday evening series at Marysville where eighty-five cars had gathered. This unique ministry of our Marysville church is, I believe, most profitable in reaching many with the message who would not otherwise be in attendance at a summer Sunday evening service.

I spoke in the morning and evening services of the opening Sunday of the Moncton Church Missionary Conference. Also in the area of missions, I have shown slides of my African visit in missionary services at Fredericton and Saint John.

On October 4 we attended the funeral of the late Rev. E. R. Watson. Although physical infirmity prevented his sharing in our times of ministerial fellowship in recent years, he was a brother beloved in the work of the Lord. We recall with appreciation and thanksgiving his years of active ministry in our church. To the bereaved family we extend our sincere sympathy. Let our people remember Sister Watson at the throne of grace.

In addition to the limited amount of office work we have had time for in the midst of so much coming and going, we have had meetings in Sussex with the Alliance Executive, the Committee on Church Union, and the Foreign Mission Board.

There is much that requires attention and we feel inadequate to effectively meet the demands. However, God is able and we seek His help. We solicit your prayer support.

H. R. Ingersoll.

## THE CAMPUS CORNER

### A DAY OF FULFILLMENT

Many hours of prayer, planning, and labour came to culmination and a vision became a reality on September 18th, when the President cut the ribbon to the entrance of the new Bethany Bible College, Sussex, N. B. To speak even in modesty one would have to say that it was a great occasion: a throng of an estimated one thousand meeting in a spirit of gladness and gratitude in an outdoor ceremony under a sunny sky. One of our pastors wrote us after the event: "Everything seemed to go so smoothly, and the entire ceremony was dignified, and so honouring to God . . . Standing there and looking around I felt justly proud of the beautiful buildings and each one of our men on the platform." Mr. Gordon Fairweather, M.P., wrote afterwards: "It was a most inspiring occasion and, I thought, extremely well organized." To God be the glory.

## THE STUDENTS' ARRIVAL

Doubtlessly most satisfying to the Administration was to see the excitement and enthusiasm of the students as they became the first occupants of the new buildings. School opened on September 29th, with an enrollment of forty-four (the same as last year's). Admittedly, we expected a larger enrollment in the light of the trend indicated in mid-summer, although we had not expected nor planned for a phenomenal increase the first year. (The Board in February planned its financial budget on the basis of having fifty on-campus students.) The fact is that in late August and early September a dozen or more withdrew who had pre-registered or applied for entrance. The reasons for these withdrawals were various and unrelated.

Being situated now, we look forward to carrying on a promotional program from Sussex that will pay dividends in the months to come.

## AN IMPROVED OUTREACH PROGRAM

Last year the Administration and Faculty formulated plans for a Christian service department effective in the Fall of 1965 comparable to those of accredited Bible colleges. The aim of the department is not merely to stimulate and direct students to do Christian service, but to see that principles recommended by instructors are put into practice. Thus practical work becomes an important and integral part of the learning process.

The new department will replace the former evangelistic association, and we believe will fulfill all of its objectives and more. The administration of the department will be the responsibility of a faculty committee with Rev. N. E. Trafton as director. Churches and pastors are asked to direct requests for student ministries to Mr. Trafton.

The institution of this new department is another step forward in making Bethany a better school.

## STUDENT ROOM FURNISHINGS

In response to the appeal in the August issue of the Highway, the following have made contributions of \$100. to provide student room furnishings at Bethany.

Mrs. H. C. Greenlaw in memory of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown in memory of their daughter, Leola A. Monroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rickard in memory of their daughter, Mary Alice.

Mrs. Karl Walker in memory of her father and mother, Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Hoyt.

Mrs. Ellis True in memory of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Green in memory of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Green.

Our sincere thanks to those who have thus supported this project.

Doubtless there are others who, in reading the original notice, planned to make a contribution. It is not too late and we would appreciate hearing from many others. While the above list are all memorials, let me remind you that it does not have to be so. It would be good to hear from some groups such as churches, Sunday Schools or Sunday School classes, Women's Auxiliaries, Y. P. Societies, as well as individuals.

We are arranging to have the door plaques inscribed in recognition of these gifts. Let us hear from you soon that we might have one ordered with your inscription.

In fact, why not sit down right now while the matter is fresh on your mind and send your contribution along with the memorial names, if any, to H. R. Ingersoll, 7 Gorman Ave., Saint John, N. B.

## NEW WATER SYSTEM AT BEULAH

By Beulah time next year the new water system will be functioning, and should solve the problem for many years to come. The expense will amount to much more than first anticipated, therefore we are asking that churches pay on the general budget as soon as possible. Also pledges made at Beulah are due. Any donations to assist in this project will be gratefully received.

N. E. Trafton, Treasurer.