



Bethany Bible College

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EDITORIAL

CONTENTION IS COSTLY

There is only one passage in the Scripture that allows for contention, and in this instance the limits are well defined. "Earnestly contend for the faith, which was once delivered unto the saints" Jude 3. Notice, we are to contend for the faith, not our own opinions and ideas. Since the faith is divinely instituted and supernaturally given, we need never fear that time and circumstance will alter or annul it. This kind of contention is basic to a living testimony, without which the church is impotent and apologetic.

The contention that is costly is pointed out and denounced by the writers of the New Testament. In the Book of Acts we were told that a sharp contention separated Paul and Barnabas, and who can estimate the loss sustained by this separation. One thing is sure, fellowship among brethren is never strengthened by strong and heated debate. The record of the Corinthian Church confirms the fact that contention has a way of dividing people into separate camps. Some for Paul, some for Apollos, and some for Christ. Then there are the unusual people who proclaim that they alone discern the will of God. The sad fact remains that individuals who profess to have the leading of God, very often leave a trail of chaos in their wake. Surely history has proven that good men make blunders, and that sincerity is not synonymous with wisdom.

In a few weeks, at our annual alliance, we shall consider the question of merger with the Wesleyan Methodist Church. From past experience we know how costly contention can be. It should be the concern of all of us, that this decision be faced with

the poise and patience worthy of the holiness we profess and propagate. How pleased Satan must be when we turn our weapons upon ourselves and inflict wounds that never heal or at best leave ugly scars. Contend for the faith. By all means. Let all other lesser issues be debated and decided in an attitude of tolerance and forbearance, or we shall discover that contention is costly, too costly. "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him show out of good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth" James 3:13, 14. Solemn words, worthy of our earnest consideration. I move that we remain in fellowship and in the unity of the Spirit. Will someone second the motion?

DIGBY DEDICATION MAY 15

From HAZEN RICKER

Rev. H. R. Ingersoll will be the guest speaker at 3.00 p.m. Sunday, May 15 when the new Digby Church will be dedicated. Rev. Ricker expects to have the pews installed and the Church completely decorated for the service. A special welcome is extended to all friends within travelling distance to attend the dedication service.

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BEULAH ROOM'S RESERVATIONS

Anyone requiring room Reservations at Beulah camp this year please write Rev. G. A. Hopkins, Bristol, N. B. Your letter will confirm your reservation and *no reply* will be sent unless additional information is needed.

All reserved rooms must be occupied by 5:00 p.m. the first Saturday. The price of such rooms are \$12.00 per camp. There is also a charge of \$1.00 for electrical appliance and 50¢ for camp linen if required.

No reservations can be made for only part of a camp. Please confirm your room do not take for granted you will have it simply because you have used it the last few years.

The Rooms Committee has nothing to do with the meal tickets or hiring of workers in the hotel, therefore, do not write us for this information.

The Rooms Committee appreciate any quilts which are donated to Beulah Camp, but they also ask that such quilts be brought to the Rooms Office for distribution. Too often we never see such quilts and recognition can not be given.

Yours Sincerely,
Rev. G. A. Hopkins,
Bistol, N. B.
Rooms Registrar