



Feb. 8, 1967

Dear Brother Trafton;

Would you please make mention of the following in the next issue of the Highway if possible.

The Digby Wesleyan Methodist Church has received a Memorial gift for the finishing and furnishing of the Sunday School facilities. This gift has been given in memory of Rev. H. C. Mullen, by 'A FRIEND' wishing to remain anonymous.

On Christmas day the Digby Church learned that it was to be the recipient of another gift amounting to \$1,000. This gift was given by Mr. Fred Adams of Bay View and is to be used towards the present indebtedness of the church. We praise God for people who continue to help in these ways.

Our request is that you continue to pray for the work here at Digby.

If you feel that the wording isn't what it should be don't hesitate to change it. I was pleased when I heard that you are going to Fredericton for the coming church year. It will seem a little strange around the school for a while, knowing that you are not on the staff, but I'm sure you will be mindful of the Lord's blessing as you go to Fredericton.

Please give our regards to our friends.  
Happy in Him,  
Rev. Hazen Ricker.

## Ministers Conference

May 16 - 18

Host—Sussex Church

Speaker —

Rev. James Lentz

## PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Karl Gorman is remaining at Yarmouth, N. S.

Rev. Hazen Ricker to Seal Cove, Grand Manan, N. B.

Rev. Charles Bain to Digby, N. S.

Rev. N. E. Trafton to Fredericton, N. B.

Rev. Stephen Main has resigned from North Head, Grand Manan to enter Marion College, Marion, Indiana.

## OPEN FOR A CALL

Rev. George DeLong, Bath, N. B.

Lic. Wayne Blinn, Sussex, N. B.

Lic. Robert Hallett, Sussex, N. B.

Song Evangelist Paul Mullen has the last two Sundays in July open. Contact him at 9 Bissett Ave., Moncton, N. B.

Additional churches which contributed to the Bethany Building Fund:

Mrs. Elizabeth Cook .....	\$ 50.00
Hartland .....	17.00
Moncton .....	60.00
Houlton .....	90.00
Killam's Mills .....	20.00
Royalton .....	66.00
Sussex .....	240.00

Total .....\$4019.12

"Not long ago a well-meaning group of laymen came from a neighboring church to see me. They wanted me to advise them on some convenient and painless method of getting rid of their pastor. I'm afraid I was not much help to them, for at the time I had not had the occasion to give the matter serious thought. But since then I have pondered the matter a great deal and the next time anyone comes to me to get advice on how to get rid of a pastor, here's what I'll tell them:

1. Look him straight in the eye while he is preaching, and say 'Amen' once in a while and he'll preach himself to death in a few weeks.

2. Pat him on the back and brag on his good points, and he'll probably work himself to death.

3. Re-dedicate your own life to Christ and ask the preacher to give you a job to do, preferably some lost person you could win to Christ, and he'll die of heart failure.

4. Get the church to unite in prayer for the preacher and he'll soon become so effective that some larger church will take him off your hands." (Selected)

5. He must be a man with the wisdom of Solomon.

6. He must be one who has a pleasing personality.

7. He must be good-looking.

8. He must have a wife who is compatible with all the members of the church.

9. He must be a good businessman.

10. He must be an effective and efficient administrator.

11. He must be creative and original.

12. He must have the gift of dreaming up startling sermon topics to draw a large Sunday evening crowd.

On and on we might go, and pity the poor preacher who fails in any one of these respects, for of him it will also be said: "Oh, he has his good points, BUT—."

Some time ago I came across an article entitled, "Qualifications of a Good Pastor," which further underscores the hyperphysical demands made upon him. It reads as follows: "A good pastor must have:

- The strength of an ox,
- The tenacity of a bulldog,
- The daring of a lion,
- The wisdom of an owl,
- The harmlessness of a dove,
- The industry of a beaver,
- The gentleness of a sheep,
- The versatility of a chameleon,
- The vision of an eagle,
- The hide of a rhinoceros,
- The perspective of a giraffe,
- The disposition of an angel,
- The endurance of a camel,
- The bounce of a kangaroo,
- The stomach of a horse,
- The loyalty of an apostle,
- The faithfulness of a prophet,
- The tenderness of a shepherd,
- The fervency of an evangelist,
- The devotion of a mother.

## ATLANTIC CONFERENCE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST REPORT

November's Sunday School contest found more schools entering than ever before. The gains were good. Excluding Crawford, Maine; where their gain was over 300%, the average gain of churches reporting was 34%. Yarmouth and Digby, N. S., with 94% gains helped raise the over-all average.

The winners were:

Enrollments to 50—1. Crawford, Maine  
Tied: 2. Yarmouth, N. S.

Digby, N. S.  
Enrollment 50-100—1. Truro, N. S.  
Sussex, N. B.

Enrollment over 100—1. Black's Harbour,  
N. B.  
2. Fredericton,  
N. B.

Thanks to each church that cooperated. We trust that the gains have meant much to each of you. It is heartening to note that both Sunday Schools long established shared honors with home mission churches. Congratulations!

Now is a good time to schedule some teacher training meetings. WETT, available from Wesley Press, offers a splendid progressive course of study. If this program is not possible with your church, the Nazarene and Gospel Light publishing houses offer good teacher training courses.

We are teaching the greatest message there is. We should equip ourselves to make the most of it. Joseph A. Moses,  
S.S. promotional director

## IS MORALITY OUTDATED?

**QUESTION:** Please tell us something about this New Morality that we hear so much about.

**ANSWER:** As I understand it, the New Morality is nothing but a modern revolt against the Biblical teachings on morality. Its exponents contend that the old standards set up in the Word of God are not suited for this modern day and age. This actually is not a new morality, but a plea for license to sin and yet be respectable. The basic teaching is that there can be no set standards for modern conduct, but that each situation must determine what is right and what is wrong. It is sometimes called **situational morality**. It is supposed to be based on love. In other words, you are to make your decision on what is best for those involved, with love as the basic consideration. The only trouble is that the love of which they speak is not divine love but human love, and in many instances it is nothing but lust.

Promoters of the New Morality overlook the fact that the standards set forth in the Bible are based on Divine Love. God in His infinite love and out of His Divine wisdom has given to us a set of rules and regulations that are best for us.

When decisions are based on the puny wisdom of man they may lead to the worst kind of consequences. Man is finite and can't possibly know all the consequences that may evolve from a certain decision. An example of this is the case of David and the sin that he committed with Bathsheba. No doubt David could have reasoned that his decision was based on love, but it was the wrong kind of love and did not take into account all that might follow such an act. Man is not capable of making such decisions in his own wisdom. In fact, the Bible says that the wisdom of man is foolishness with God. Man by wisdom knows not God. He needs divine guidance for his life.

If you want a description of what happens when man turns away from God's law and truth, read Romans 1:18-32. God is not dead, nor has He abdicated His throne as ruler of this universe. To ignore Him and His laws is to court tragedy.

Just as surely as there is a law of gravitation in the physical universe, there are also moral laws. "The wages of sin is death." "The soul that sinneth it shall die," and "Be sure your sins will find you out."

Psychologists tell us that no one can have peace of mind until he gets rid of his sense of guilt. He may scoff at the old standards, but every man has to live with himself, and when he has a guilty conscience it is not a very pleasant experience. We may be living in a technical age, but God is the same, human nature is the same, and sin is the same. Men may change in their attitude toward sin, but God has not changed in His. It is still true that we must all appear before God to give an account of our lives.

"Young man, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not unto them." "Be sure your sins will find you out." John R. Church