

## "BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS"

It was an impressive theme, an impressive presentation, an impressive service. A backward look on the developments of the past year at Bethany, provided impetus and inspiration for a forward look of faith and vision relative to the future of our Bible College.

Our artist-evangelist, Rev. Randolph Nicholson, provided a striking printed listing of the year's "highlights", and Bethany president, Rev. C. E. Stairs, introduced them effectively. Various speakers made brief reference to each of the seven developments which told the story, with interest and enthusiasm mounting as the service progressed. The Bethany Ladies' Trio, Misses Janet Graham, Vivian Doherty, and Ann Lively, added pleasing musical flavour to the service.

"Spiritual Advance", the first highlight, was a report by Rev. N. E. Trafton on the high spiritual tone of the year at Bethany. Two outstanding features were a week of chapel services with Rev. D. R. Morrison as guest speaker, and the evangelistic ministry of Rev. James Lentz at the Sussex church. In these campaigns, members of the faculty and student body alike received great spiritual help.

"Campus Improvement", was reported by Bethany High School teacher, Bill Moore, describing major development of the Bethany campus. Enlargement of the recreational area, extensive grading and landscaping, addition of cement walks, planting of trees and shrubery, have added greatly to the physical improvement of the campus.

"Houghton College Recognizes Bethany", a major development in the academic life of Bethany, was reported by the President. Brother Stairs informed us, with obvious satisfaction and gratitude, that Dr. Paine, the president of Houghton, had informed him that Houghton was prepared to give



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## MISSIONARY DAY AT BEULAH CAMP

"I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down . . . Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands." Nehemiah 6:3,9.

The words spoken by Nehemiah so many centuries ago have many applications, not least of which, Yarmouth, N. S. Rev. Karl Gorman, pastor of our church in Yarmouth reflected the faith and courage of home missions on missionary day at Beulah Camp. This new church was organized while Bethany Bible College was still in Yarmouth. With Bethany moved to New Brunswick the accommodations for our church were passed on to other hands. Some may have concluded this to be reason enough to forget planting a holiness witness in Yarmouth. Not so, however with our courageous pastor and people.

Plans are now under way for constructing a new building equal to the needs and demands of the good people of Yarmouth. With this kind of faith and courage we anticipate a strong holiness witness in this town equal to that of our other churches in Nova Scotia.

Other speakers in our Home Mission Rally brought encouraging reports: Rev. H. O. McGeorge, Amherst; Rev. Ole Kent, Liverpool; Rev. Hazen Ricker, Digby; Rev. Stewart Steeves, Dalhousie. Three wives of our home missions pastors brought an appro-

Bethany graduates solid credits, curricular adjustments to be worked out.

"Bethany Board Negotiates Purchase of Additional Land", was the next "highlight", Douglas MacCallum, lay Board member, reporting. Two tracts of land adjacent to our Bethany property are under option to our Board. This will add some two acres to our campus, giving us a total of eight acres.

"Bethany Alumni To Purchase Land", a brief but thrilling report by Rev. Hazen Ricker, Alumni president, informed the people of the plan approved to buy one of the sections of property referred to by Bro. MacCallum. As an initial payment on this project (almost half the amount necessary), Bro. Ricker presented Bethany Stairs with a cheque for \$1,000!

"Dr. Roy Nicholson Offers Service To Bethany", a significant "highlight", was reported by Rev. B. C. Cochrane. Dr. Nicholson, outstanding preacher, theologian of the Wesleyan Church and the Holiness Movement, has offered to give a term's teaching to Bethany next year, and plans are being formulated for him to be at the College for the September-December term of '68.

"General Church Donates \$25,000 to Bethany", was the last, but by no means least, of the "highlight" presentations. Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, Conference Superintendent, reported that the Board of Administration of the Wesleyan Church, had voted to approve a denomination-wide Thanksgiving offering for our Bible College in November of this year. This is an annual offering, and it usually reaches a total of about \$25,000. With earnest prayer it could go higher!

"The best Bethany service yet", was the comment of a number of people. Whether this year's Beulah Bethany presentation deserved that high tribute may be a matter of question, but it was a very impressive occasion. Interest and faith were greatly stimulated and strengthened with the review of the year's "highlights"!

— B. C.

priate message in song: "God hath not Promised."

The Thursday night foreign mission rally found the tabernacle well filled. Greetings were read from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, laymen, who are visiting our missionary field in South Africa. Special music was provided by our song evangelist Rev. Donald Smeenge and the Beulah choir.

Words of appreciation and farewell were spoken by Rev. and Mrs. Charles Sanders. Miss Roberta Nevers brought warm Christian greetings from Bethesda Hospital, Rhodesia, where she and Miss Ruth Symonds served faithfully during the past church year.

Miss Uta Chase brought the climaxing message. Quoting a young Bantu daughter who had lost her mother: "I am alone, and I am afraid," Miss Chase eloquently pointed up the mission of presenting Christ to the nations. In Christ and in Christ alone is freedom from fear. This message based on the resurrection is the hope of the world. It is the message of Wesleyan World Missions.

Finally the chairman invited the Sanders family to the sacred altar for the prayer of dedication. Our Conference Superintendent, Rev. H. R. Ingersoll expanded the invitation to include those who felt the call to missionary service, also all those who were willing to go if they were so called.

It was heartening to see the fine group of young people march as a body to the front of the tabernacle with bowed heads. Prayer arose to the throne of God in behalf of the Sanders who for the first time are called to leave all or part of their family in this land, while they themselves take the torch to the regions beyond.

## ACCEPTS APPOINTMENT

Miss Helen White having resigned as office secretary at Bethany Bible College, will take up new duties at the Conference Office in Saint John beginning September 1st.

Miss Jean Stewart, secretary-bookkeeper from Houlton, Maine will be the new secretary at Bethany. Both of these capable women are to be commended for their interest in work that contributes to denominational enterprises.

## CHURCH BUDGET NOTICE

The total budget for each church \$32.50 per member, of which \$20.40 covers General Budget and \$12.10 Conference Budget. All budget payments should be sent to the Conference Office, 46 Princess St., Saint John, N. B., **except** the Bethany Budget which should be sent direct to the college. Cheques and money orders should be made payable to Atlantic Conference, Wesleyan Methodist Church. A breakdown of the local budget will be sent to each church from the Saint John office by the end of August. If I can be of any help please contact me.

N. E. Trafton,  
Conference Treasurer

## APPRECIATION

Through the medium of our church paper, we as a family wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all of our Highway friends, for the sympathy and kindness shown us during our recent bereavement through the loss of our loved one, the late Rev. B. D. Price. May God bless each and all of you.

Mabel R. Price.