



February 18th was a significant day at Bethany Bible College, Sussex, N. B. In a fitting chapel ceremony the bequest of Mr. and Mrs. George Crosby of Brazil Lake, N. S., was recognized and the present chapel was named in their honour as the Crosby Memorial Chapel. (Prior to the college's moving from the Town of Yarmouth to Sussex, the original chapel had been so named. Thus the re-dedication ceremony will perpetuate the memorial on the new campus.) A plaque on the chapel wall was unveiled by Rev. H. R. Ingersoll, Superintendent of the Atlantic Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

Mr. Ingersoll also unveiled a plaque in

the lobby of the college's administration building to recognize a substantial gift of money given some years ago by Mrs. Nellie Sollows Nesbitt in memory of her husband, the late Norman Sollows of Port Maitland, N. S.

Other officials participating in the ceremony were President C. E. Stairs, Chairman; Rev. Dr. H. K. Sheets, General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Marion, Indiana; Rev. F. A. Dunlop, a former president who gave data concerning the gifts.

The Board of Trustees, college staff and students all joined in a spirit of praise and thanksgiving that will long be remembered.

IS THEIR VALUE IN GOING TO THE ALTAR?

By John R. Church

QUESTION: The members of our Church gather around the altar to pray. Do you think this is necessary? Please explain about the altar.

ANSWER: The altar is a place where we are supposed to meet God and God is supposed to meet us. Man is by nature a worshipping creature. Through all the ages man has built altars to worship God. When Abraham came into the Promised Land we are told, "And there he builded an altar unto God."

Going to the altar can be a very meaningful experience or it can be as empty and formal as many other things that people do in church. It all depends on the attitude and purpose you have in going. If you just go because other people do or because it has become a practice in your church, it may not mean anything to you. On the other hand, if you go to the altar because you feel a need for going and because you want to receive something from God, then it can be a rich occurrence.

I met God at an old-fashioned Methodist altar and my life was transformed by His grace and power. Through these years I have observed many things. I find that sometimes going to the altar can be empty and formal. In fact I have found that there are two kinds of formalism. One is the quiet kind and the other is the noisy kind. One is just as empty and meaningless as the other.

I have been in some holiness churches where the people gather about the altar and yell and scream until it sounds like a tribe of heathens crying to their gods. I have been in some cold, formal Methodist churches where people went to the altar and their knees had hardly touched the kneeling pad until they were up and gone. It is my own personal opinion that either of these uses of the altar can be empty and meaningless to the person who goes.

As an evangelist I have always used the altar as a place to which I invite people to come and seek God. I do not do this because I feel that there is any magic in the altar that will save or sanctify anyone. My main reason for using the altar is this: I believe there will be more people lost on account of pride and stubbornness than will ever be lost because of liquor. You have no idea how many people are kept away from God by their pride and stubbornness. While there is no magic in the altar that will save or sanctify, the person who reaches the place where he is willing to humble himself before God and man is putting himself in an excellent position to do business with God.

The value of going to the altar depends on your attitude and your need. Jesus tells us about two men who went up to the temple to pray. One received nothing from God, for he felt no need. The other went home justified before God because he had the right attitude. Many people go to the altar time and time again and get nothing because they are not willing to meet the conditions that God has laid down.

REPORT OF MILE OF PENNIES FUND

Previously reported	\$1294.25
Barker's Point	2.00
Beals	54.00
Black's Harbour	10.90
Boundary Creek	1.00
Doaktown	10.00
Fort Fairfield	130.00
Fredericton	10.00
Friend29
Houlton	33.23
Killam's Mills	45.00
Marysville	82.16
Memory of Chris Peterson	5.00
Moncton	71.81
Saint John	18.00
Salem	20.00
Sandford	21.00
Seal Cove	15.00
Sussex	6.00
Westchester	11.00
Woodward's Cove.....	3.13
Wood's Harbour	105.90
Woodstock	10.00
Yarmouth	25.00

March 15, 1967 Total\$1984.67

From this fund has been purchased a Gestetner and an Electronic Scanner which facilitates printing at the African Bible School and makes it possible to put Christian literature in the hands of native African children. Also money has been sent for printing supplies to be used for the above mentioned project. Money has also been given for the purchase of two Croupettes to be installed at Bethesda Hospital.

Thanks for all contributions.

Mrs. Ruth Black.

WESLEYAN ANNUAL YOUTH RALLY ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Marysville, N. B.

May 19-21 — with Missionary Evangelist Jimmy Lentz

MUSIC — Bethany Bible College and The Mullen Family

WORKSHOPS — Saturday morning led by Lic. Wayne Briggs

RECREATION — Saturday afternoon Mini-golf, softball and other attractions

REGISTRATION — See folder to be sent to your church.

Set aside Sunday, May 14th as a special day of prayer for the youth rally.

NOTICE

Bethany Bible College will hold annual graduation activities the weekend of June 3-5. Special speaker at the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday afternoon and at the Graduation on Monday evening will be Dr. Roy S. Nicholson, well-known and beloved leader in the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

WEDDING

Rogers-Lounsbury: At the Wesleyan Methodist Church, Killiam's Mills, N. B., on March 24th, Wayne Stanley Rogers and Lena Joann Lounsbury were united in marriage by Rev. S. W. Steeves, assisted by Rev. G. A. Inman.