

BOOK BY DR. I. JUDSON LEVY

The ABF congratulates Dr. I. Judson Levy, Chaplain at Acadia University, for the publication of his book *This New Day*. This is a collection of 37 chapel talks which he has given at the Manning Memorial Chapel at Acadia. We encourage everyone to obtain a copy of this excellent book. It can be ordered by any bookstore. (I. Judson Levy, *This New Day*, Lancelot Press, Windsor, N. S.: 1972)

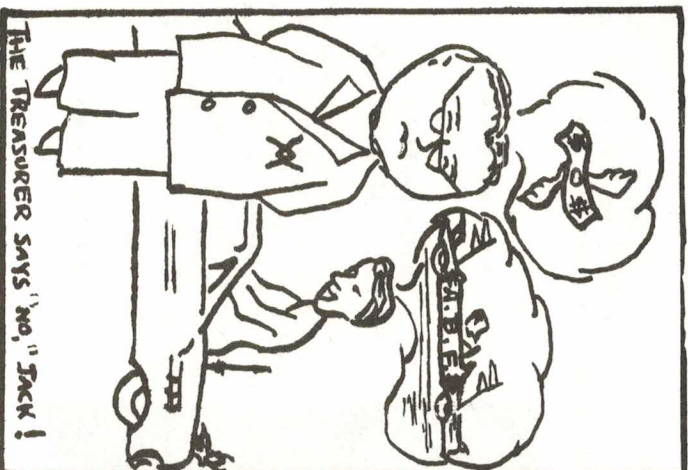
NEWS AND NOTES

The Rev. Neil Price is moving from Germain St. Baptist Church, Saint John, to become the Minister of the Wolfville Baptist Church, beginning April 1, 1973.

The Rev. Daniel Dryer has been called to become the Minister of Germain St. Baptist Church.

Dr. R. S. Dunn attended a meeting of the Atlantic Ecumenical Council in Halifax February 23rd, representing the ABF.

News Item: ABF Bank Balance-\$1836.59



The Rev. Alton Alexander has resigned as Minister of the Milton Baptist Church and will be doing further study in the United States.

The Rev. David Shaw has been called to be Minister of the Milton Baptist Church. He is presently serving the Baptist Church in Yellowknife, N. W. T.

Lic. Ike Wilkins has been called to the North Brookfield Baptist Church, Queens County, N. S.

The Atlantic Ecumenical Council will have its biannual meeting at the N. S. Agricultural College, Truro, September 4-6, 1973. The theme of the meetings will be "Man in Community". Please contact Dr. M. R. B. Lovesey, P. O. Box 68, Wolfville, N. S.

SPRING CAMPS — '73

This year the Board of Christian Education for the Convention will be supporting four senior high young peoples' camps (ages 15 up) on the weekend of May 18th to 21st: Camp Wegesegum, Chipman, N. B.; Camp Shiktehawk, Bristol, N. B.; Camp Pagweak, Pugwash, N. S.; Camp Peniel, South Ohio, N. S.

ATLANTIC BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

NEWSLETTER

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MARCH, 1973

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As an organization, the ABF has now existed about two years. During that time we have attempted many things to consolidate and strengthen the Baptist Convention. We have not always been successful, but there has been meaningful progress in some areas.

Reflecting on my year as your President, I rejoice in the spirit which has existed in the organization, and the many of you that I have come to know through our labours together. The future looks bright, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I feel we will be able to do much to make the A.U.B.C. an ever more dynamic voice for Christ and His Kingdom.

Jack Matthews
Amherst, N. S.

DIGBY GENERAL MEETING

The ABF met in the Digby United Baptist Church November 18, 1972 for morning and afternoon sessions. Rev. Vincent Rushton conducted Morning Devotions, and he spoke about his experiences as a Canadian Baptist missionary in India.

Several reports from committees were received. The Ecumenical Affairs committee reported that Dr. R. S. Dunn, Amherst, will be the ABF representative on the Atlantic Ecumenical Council.

President Jack Matthews, who chaired both sessions, reported upon a meeting held between our committee and the Executive of our Convention September 25th, 1972. A full report is not available, but it was encouraging to everyone that frank communications were possible.

General Secretary of Convention, the Rev. Keith Hobson, attended the meetings and was able to offer helpful information regarding Camp Wegesegum.

After a fine dinner served by the kind people of Digby, the afternoon session began with devotions led by Dr. William Oliver, who spoke concerning open Christian Communications.

Dr. M. R. B. Lovesey, Acadia Divinity College, presented *Open Membership - Open Communion: A Personal Position Paper*. It is planned to publish this paper. The Digby meeting was attended by 57 persons.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting for all members of the ABF will be held this June 8th and 9th at First Baptist Church, Truro, N. S. At this meeting there will be discussion concerning Convention Affairs, Baptist Distinctives, a comprehensive budget for the ABF, as well as other pertinent business. An opportunity for fellowship will be made available. Meetings are open.



Devotional speakers at the Digby General Meeting of the ABF were (l. to r.) Dr. William Oliver and Rev. Vincent Rushton.

CONVENTION OPERATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE

The ABF expressed dissatisfaction with the nature of the composition given to the Convention's "Operations Review Committee". It was felt that the representation of various regions and points of view is not adequate. One suggestion was made that this committee could well appoint "resource persons" to aid in its deliberations. It is to make a study of the ways and means of Convention operations.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The ABF Executive held a meeting at First Baptist Church, Truro, N. S., March 7th, 1973. President Jack Matthews chaired the meeting. Various reports of work done during the winter were given and Treasurer Winston Miles, of Sydney, distributed a financial statement. Plans were made for the May General meeting. There was particularly good representation from the Truro area.

MEETING WITH THE EVANGELICAL BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP

At the Digby meeting, the ABF asked the President and a committee to meet with the Executive of the Evangelical Baptist Fellowship. Accordingly, this meeting was held January 18, 1973 at the Central Baptist Church, Saint John, N.B. The original proposal of the ABF that the meeting be held in the Baptist Building with Convention President and General Secretary could not be agreed to by the Evangelical Baptists.

Those representing the ABF were the President, Jack Matthews, Dr. R. S. Dunn and Rev. Daniel Gibson. The Evangelical Baptists were represented by Rev. Aubrey Hubley, Rev. Floyd Campbell, Rev. Bill Thompson, and Lic. Lawrence Meade.

At this meeting an attempt was made to communicate various points of view. The ABF hopes that with more understanding we can work towards a more harmonious relationship within our Convention.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER CHURCH

It was announced at the recent Executive meeting at Truro that the Avonport United Baptist Church, at its Annual Meeting held last January, voted 100% support for the ABF. We warmly welcome the members and their minister, Rev. Robert Matthews, to the Fellowship. The Avonport Church belongs to the Eastern Valley Association and has a total of 157 Members.

1973 BUDGET

A budget for the ABF will be presented and considered at the General Meeting in May. Those interested in making suggestions are requested to write the Treasurer, Mr. Winston Miles, P. O. Box 565, Sydney.

The budget committee is composed of Mr. Winston Miles, Rev. Willis Henderson, Rev. Gordon Delaney, Dr. J. B. Wilson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Winston Miles, ABF Treasurer, released a financial statement for the 1972 year of the ABF:

Receipts from Churches:	
First Baptist, Truro	\$ 1000.00
Pereau	10.00
Wolfville	50.00
Sydney	316.00
First Baptist, Halifax	575.00
Seabright	5.00
Bayside	5.00
Indian Harbour	5.00
TOTAL	\$ 3175.00

Receipts from Individuals:

P. Crosby	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. H. Nason	10.00
H. M. Smith	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Atherton	10.00
George McGray	5.00	H. K. Grimmer	5.00
Dr. M. Grant	5.00	Major D. L. Martin	25.00
Mrs. R. S. Dunn	5.00	TOTAL	\$ 75.00

Receipt from Interest: \$ 3.36 Total Receipts: \$ 3253.36

Expenses:

Meetings	\$ 281.90	Newsletters	357.31
Secretary	234.27	Atl. Ecum. Council	10.00
President	89.20	C.G.I.T.	50.00
Public Relations	124.00	Ad. 1972 Convention	159.88
Digby Meeting	40.00	Misc.	9.80
Con. Exec. Observer	63.55	Total Expenses:	\$ 1416.77

BALANCE, December 31st, 1972 \$1836.59

The Treasurer reminds our churches that with the new year, it is hoped that each member church will accept a suggested allotment of \$1.00 per resident member. These funds may be sent to: Mr. Winston Miles, P. O. Box 565, Sydney, N. S.

CONVENTION NOTICE OF MOTION

The ABF is very interested in the Notice of Motion given by Mr. Kendall Kenney, Bridgewater, at the 1972 Baptist Convention. A Committee has been set up to review the issues involved and to report at the May General Meeting at Truro.

