

Canada's National
BACK TO THE BIBLE
HOUR

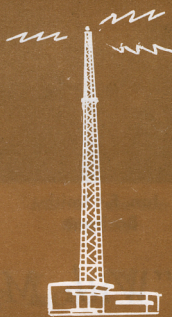




ERNEST C. MANNING
DIRECTOR



MURIEL A. MANNING
Musical Director



the Broadcast

For over thirty years men and women by the tens of thousands have been challenged by the dynamic ministry of what is now known as Canada's National Back to the Bible Hour.

VISION

It was in the fall of 1925 that the late William Aberhart, sensing the possibilities offered by radio for the spreading of the Gospel, directed over a pioneer Calgary radio station, the first broadcast of what was later to become a nation-wide program. From this small beginning the work expanded until at the time of Mr. Aberhart's death thousands of prairie listeners gathered by their radios each Sunday to join in the broadcast service.

EXPANSION

In the year 1948, Ernest C. Manning, who had succeeded William Aberhart as Premier of Alberta, took over the direction of the broadcast. Mr. Manning had literally grown up with the radio work. Led into active Christian service and attracted to Alberta by the voice of this same broadcast, he emerged from the Saskatchewan countryside to become first, student, then associate and finally successor to the man whose vision had initiated the program.

It was under the leadership of Premier Manning that the decision was made to expand the radio coverage. In December of 1948, with a new format and under the new name of Back to the Bible Hour, the program was released for the first time over Vancouver, Edmonton and Regina stations. So encouraging was the response that after much prayerful consideration, still further expansion was undertaken. One by one new links were added to the radio chain until the Back to the Bible Hour is now heard on Canadian Stations from Halifax to the Pacific Coast.

PURPOSE

Signal recognition both in Canada and abroad has come to Premier Manning as a statesman and administrator but in the midst of a busy life he loses no opportunity to talk to men and women about spiritual things. He is a keen student of the Scriptures and outspoken in his firm belief in those same Scriptures as the infallible word of the living God.

Many years of wide experience in active public life has confirmed his conviction that the basic need of men and nations in this chaotic nuclear age is to get back to God and back to the truths of the Word of God as their guide in every phase of private and public life. As a Christian layman he believes it is his responsibility to appeal for action in this regard and to call his own beloved nation back to the faith and the God of their fathers. It is to this purpose that Canada's National Back to the Bible Hour is dedicated.

In his radio ministry Mr. Manning is ably assisted by his devoted wife who is an accomplished musician. As director of this part of the program, Mrs. Manning is always seeking to present the finest in sacred music. The dedicated cast of outstanding musicians which she has assembled consists of a vocal trio and an instrumental ensemble of violin, organ and piano. This talented group has a repertoire of unusual arrangements of sacred selections which has contributed much to the spiritual comfort and inspiration of all who are listeners to the radio service.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Canada's National Back to the Bible Hour is a work of faith. No part of the large sums spent annually for broadcast time is underwritten. This far-flung ministry is wholly dependent on the voluntary support of those who share Mr. Manning's concern for the spiritual needs of the nation. Accorded the prayerful help of its many thousands of radio listeners, Canada's National Back to the Bible Hour will continue to be a dynamic force in the spiritual life of the Canadian people.

1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home!

Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

2 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the long Amen.

3 When we walk with the Lord,
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey; for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss
Not a frown nor a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

4 Simply trusting ev'ry day
Trusting thro' a stormy way;
Even when my faith is small,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him Whate'er befall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Brightly doth His Spirit shine
Into this poor heart of mine;
While He leads I cannot fall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting Him while life shall last,
Trusting Him till earth is past,
Till within the jasper wall,
Trusting Jesus, that is all. Amen.



Ian F. Smith
Baritone



Marion Smith
Mezzo Soprano



Bill Smith
Tenor

"With My Song Will I Praise Him"

5 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee!
Let the water and the blood
From Thy riven side which flow'd
Be of sin the double cure;
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands:
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

6 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning
Safe and secure from all alarms,
Leaning, leaning
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near;
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

7 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word,
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed!
For I am Thy God, and will still give thee aid,
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!



Mary L. Shortt
Violinist



Marie Peterson
Organist

"Making Melody To The Lord"

8 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in pray'r.
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in pray'r.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in pray'r.
Can we find a Friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness,
Take it to the Lord in pray'r.

9 There's a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way,
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

In the sweet by-and-by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore,
In the sweet by-and-by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.

To our bountiful Father above,
We shall offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love,
And the blessings that hallow our days.

10 Tell me the old, old story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
Tell me the story simply,
As to a little child;
For I am weak and weary,
And helpless and defiled.

Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Tell me the old, old story,
Of Jesus and His love.

Tell me the story slowly,
That I may take it in—
That wonderful redemption
God's remedy for sin.
Tell me the story often,
For I forget so soon!
The "early dew" of morning
Has passed away at noon.

11 Onward, Christian soldiers!
Marching as to war,
Looking unto Jesus,
Who is gone before;
Christ, the Royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See His banners go.

Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
Looking unto Jesus,
Who is gone before.

Like a mighty army
Moves the church of God:
Brothers, we are treading,
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one body we—
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.

12 Standing on the promises of Christ our King,
Thro' eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Saviour,
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

13 Jesus, keep me near the Cross,
There a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

In the Cross, in the Cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptur'd soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the Cross! oh, Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadow o'er me.

14 Just as I am without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not,
To rid my soul of one dark blot;
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am—Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

other activities

RADIO SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION

A great home missionary enterprise dedicated to the task of educating boys and girls in the knowledge of Bible truths. Carefully graded Bible lessons, helps and questionnaires are sent by mail, free of charge, to all students of six to sixteen years who enroll. Thousands of pupils received regular Bible instruction through the Radio Sunday School Mission last year.

The work is supported entirely by the voluntary contributions of interested friends. A donation of 50 cents "sponsors" one pupil for the entire term.

ADULT CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

Two splendid Bible study courses are provided by mail to those wishing to equip themselves for more effective Christian service.

The Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth Course for young people (18 lessons).

The Busy People's Course. A more advanced study of the deeper truths of Scripture (52 lessons).

PUBLICATIONS BRANCH

This department is responsible for . . .

The printing of lessons, lesson helps and extra-curricular material for the Radio Sunday School, etc. Publication of an attractive magazine "The Prophetic Voice" which is now going into thousands of homes in Canada, the United States and further afield, each month.

"HOLDING FORTH THE WORD OF LIFE"

Phil. 2:16

Few people realize the tremendous scope of the Back to the Bible Hour broadcast and the many activities associated with it. This pamphlet has been prepared in order that our many friends may know what God is accomplishing through this Canada-wide ministry. We earnestly request your prayers and your gifts whether large or small. Only through your support can this great work be carried on.

It is our hope and prayer that during the days which lie ahead we may be able to extend further the coverage of the Back to the Bible Hour broadcast and assume an even greater share in the work of "Holding Forth the Word of Life."

WE INVITE YOU . . .

To have a part in this eleventh-hour effort to call the men, women and children of Canada back to the Bible and back to God. The work is supported entirely by the voluntary contributions of interested friends. The cost is heavy but the possibilities and opportunities unlimited. Every dollar you give will be used carefully and efficiently. Contributions of \$1.00 or more are acknowledged by official receipt and are deductible for income tax purposes.

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST . . .

That in the making of bequests in wills, etc., you remember this work of faith dedicated to the task of calling Canada back to God.

Information regarding any phase of this ministry will be sent gladly upon request.

Address all communications and contributions to Canada's National Back to the Bible Hour,
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.