

## An Old Holiness Standard Bearer Called Home



SAMUEL HAYDEN SHAW



MRS. S. HAYDEN SHAW

Brother and Sister Shaw were most happily united fifty-three years.

Our dearly beloved brother, Samuel Hayden Shaw, passed peacefully from earth to be with Jesus on January 6th, 1920, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Nixon, at Somerville, Carleton County, N. B., which has been Brother and Sister Shaw's home for nearly two years, for in March, 1918, when Brother Shaw's health gave way, and it was evident his life work was done. Brother and Sister Nixon took them to their own home and have given them every comfort that was in their power. Sister Shaw although not at all strong, devoted herself to care for her husband continually until the end came.

Brother Shaw's was a rare christian life in constant devotion, real spiritual life. His was "The wisdom from above. Pure, peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness was sown of him in peace."

It would be difficult to over-estimate the Christian life and character of the late S. Hayden Shaw.

"He was a Christian indeed, in whom was no guile."

Brother Shaw was born at Victoria Corner, Carleton County, on February 14th, 1840, and was a little over one month short of 80 years of age when he died. He was the youngest son of Elijah and Nancy Shaw. He was converted in 1864 under the labours of the late Ezekiel McLeod, at the age of 24 years, and united with the F. C. Baptist Church. July 3rd, 1866, he married Miss Phoebe E. Boyer, and in 1867 they moved to Hartland, N. B., and Brother Shaw entered the tanning business, which he quite successfully followed for 35 years, and was generally known as "Tanner Shaw."

Brother and Sister Shaw were charter members of the First F. C. Baptist Church organized at Hartland, and lived in conscious victory over sin, and regular in their devotion in their home and in all the services of the church for 13 years, but were conscious of a deep "hunger after righteousness," and for two years this yearning

after God increased, and in relating his experience he said, "I kept earnestly looking to God in prayer until it seemed that a crisis was on, and God was holding me to a test to give myself up wholly in consecration to him. After a severe struggle, I from my heart said "Yes" to God, and presented my body to him a living sacrifice, and instantly the fire of God's love fell on my heart, and the Holy Ghost destroying the carnal mind and I was immediately conscious of possessing a clean heart. This certainly was a marked epoch in my life, and I searched the scriptures with increased light, and had delight and liberty in prayer. I related my experience to some of the leading ministers of the denomination and they said I had a call to preach, and the officers of the church called a meeting and unanimously voted to give me a license to preach, but God had not so led, but only willed that I should be a sanctified tanner. In 1882 Rev. Aaron Hartt came to N. B. and preach "Instantaneous Entire Sanctification," and I saw without doubt that was what God had done for me years before."

In the fall of 1888, Brother and Sister Shaw and all those in the Hartland F. C. B. Church, who professed entire sanctification, were disfellowshipped from the denomination.

The Reformed Baptist Church was organized a little later, and they became charter members of that church.

Brother and Sister Shaw's Christian life and influence is recognized by all within the circle of their acquaintance irrespective of denominational lines.

During the funeral service the business men closed their stores, and attended the service as a mark of their sincere respect.

The pastor, Rev. H. C. Mullen, was assisted by Rev. H. S. Dow, of Fort Fairfield, who read the scripture lesson; Rev. P. J. Trafton, of Fredericton, who offered prayer; Rev. S. A. Baker, of Moncton, preached the sermon, and Rev. B. T. Gasikin (Methodist) of Kilburn, N. B., and Rev. Nicolo Franchette (Episcopal), of Hartland; Rev. L. S. Tracy (Nazarene), return-

ed missionary from India, nephew of the deceased, spoke briefly.

Brother M. B. Cox, organist. The pallbearers were Deacons G. G. Gray, A. L. Baird and Brothers Franklin Clark and James Rogers.

There was a large gathering of relatives and friends present, among them Mrs. Annetta A. Tracy, of West Somerville, Mass., F. T. Kimball, Fort Fairfield, James Rogers and wife, Woodstock, B. W. Brown, Mrs. George Tedlie and others, Lower Brighton, and a large number of others whose names we did not learn.

Brother Shaw during his last weeks of sickness was practically unconscious of the affairs of the world, other than he recognized those about him, and only a short time before his departure, enjoyed a blessed season of prayer with Pastor H. C. Mullen and Rev. P. J. Trafton, but all along to the last he would give expression to rich utterances, some of which Sister Shaw wrote down so she could remember them. They are as follows:

Last sayings of S. Hayden Shaw.

Nov. 30th, 1919:

I am saved through Jesus' blood.

My work is all done. I have nothing to fix up with anybody.

Dec. 14th, 1919:

Jesus gave his life for me, that I might have life. He is a stronghold in time of trouble.

Trust in the Lord and do good. My anchor holds, praise God. Hold fast, there is not much now days to look for.

The Lord bless you.

When the cable strains, will your anchor hold?

Don't miss heaven whatever comes or goes.

Jesus died for me.

Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.

16th Dec., at noon.

I have a home over there.

The Lord's blessing be upon thee and thy household forever.—Amen.

My precious wife, when we get home to the glory land, oh, it will be joy, joy, joy.

I tried to live a christian life, and the young ones who came after me have been warned. I hope they will be christians.

I trust in thee that thou will take me through safely.

He will do all things well.

Thou art able to help.

Last words—Praise the Lord.

Deacon George G. Gray.

Brother Shaw's co-laborer in Church official life gives the added words. Brother Shaw was very poorly for a number of years, but was tenderly cared for by his wife and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Nixon, and he maintained a close walk with God under the trying conditions of physical sickness and weakness.

He was noted over all this country for his devoted christian life, and the very strictest honesty and integrity. To this I will add my own knowledge of him, having been intimately acquainted with him for over sixty-five years, and in closest Christian fellowship for fifty years without a single break. We were as David and Jonathan of old testament times.

Very truly,

G. G. GRAY.