

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. William Lee.

At the home of her son, S. W. Lee, 123 Union street, on Jan. 21st, 1922, Mary A. Lee, widow of the late Wm. Lee of Marion, Washington County, in the 76th year of her age. Our sister came to make her home with her only son, S. W. Lee. She leaves to mourn their loss, one son, with whom she made her home, one half-brother and ten grand children. Mrs. Lee was a member of the Baptist Church at Eastport, where her burial took place on the 24th of January. The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the home in Calais.

S. H. CLARK.

Inez Izelda Robinson.

On the evening of Feby. 2nd death came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Robinson, 192 North street, and claimed their infant daughter, Inez Izelda.

The funeral service was held at the home on the 4th inst., Rev. S. H. Clark officiating and the remains laid to rest in the Calais Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have the sympathy of their many friends.

S. H. CLARK.

Mrs. William Watt.

Mrs. William Watt, mother of Brother L. C. Watt, of North Head and buried be- N. B., died at the home of her daughter, anuary 30th, aged 98 years. Her remains were taken to North Head and buried beside her husband who predeceased her a number of years ago. Mrs. Watt has a sister living at Bath, Maine, who will reach the century mark in April.

Linwood B. Corey.

Linwood B., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corey, died Jan. 24th, after a few days' illness of pleura pneumonia, aged six weeks. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents. The funeral service was held in the church at Royalton by Rev. I. F. Keirstead.

## WHY HE WAS NOT AN INFIDEL.

I once met a thoughtful scholar who told me he had read every book he could which attacked the religion of Jesus Christ, and that he should have become an infidel but for three things:

First, I am a traveller, I am going somewhere. Tonight I am a day nearer the grave than I was yester-night.

I have read all that such books can tell me. They shed not one single ray of hope of light upon my destiny. They shall not take away the only light I have and leave me stone-blind.

Cecondly, I had a mother. I saw her go down into the dark valley where I am going. She leaned on an unseen arm as restfully as a child goes to sleep on its mother's breast. I knew that was not a delusion.

Third, I have three motherless daughters. They have no protector other than myself. I would rather kill them than leave them in this sinful world if you could blot out from it all the safety and hope of the Gospel.—Bishop Whipple.

## GOD'S GUIDANCE.

Rev. Joseph H. Smith.

The seaman's chart does not guide the vessel; but the Captain himself guides it by the chart. The compass points the way, but the Pilot turns the wheel. The stars in the heavens may indicate directions to the eye that cannot read them, yet not they but He manages the course of the ship.

Divine guidance is personal. The Lord Himself shall direct thy paths. One must therefore distinguish between his own conclusions and his own interpretations of signs and symbols; and his own applications of particular promises taken out of their original setting and referred to his own undertakings. There are no mistakes in divine guidance itself, but there may have been many mistakes in our deciphering of God's messages.

The precepts, promises and precedents in Scripture establish certain principles of guidance in God's dealings with man, so that anything professing inspiration or revelation for guidance which does not accord with these may be repudiated as spurious. And all divine guidance does accord with these principles. Moreover, it happens that when one is earnestly and sincerely praying for God's guidance in a matter, certain such Scriptures are vividly brought to the mind and with sweet blessing pressed to the heart. Yet this does not always complete guidance in the case but, contributes heavenly light for our assistance on the way.

Guidance may yet have a part to fulfill in the povince of judgment. As it is written, "The meek will He guide in judgment, the meek will He show His way."

Guidance is not God's assumption of absolute control to the suspension of our own minds, powers, or our own will's liberty. It is often suggestion, counsel, illumination, rather than dictation.

In Guidance, as Scripture is God's handbook so Providence is His handmaiden. They that "wait on the Lord" must sometimes wait for events. For guidance comes from a living, present God. Not only God who wrote the Scriptures, but God who wrote the affairs of time. A last event or incident just before the moment when a decision had to be made often has proven the finger point of our Guide showing the way we should take. Hence, that is not fully under divine Guidance which is determined a long while ahead of time. Though it was according to Scripture as to principle. it may not have been according to Providence as to time and order. If we will wait patiently for the Lord, we will not so often have to counter-march or retrace our steps. One may know and be assured he is in the will of God as to principle and purpose, and yet have missed the thought and time of God as to place.

"His purpose will ripen fast,

Unfolding every hour,

The bud may have a bitter taste,

But sweet will be the flower."

—In Heart and Life.

"To laugh at evil, instead of being shocked or angered by it, is a sure sign of evil in one's own heart."

## A BIRTHDAY PRESENTATION.

The pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church at Woodstock, N. B., was somewhat surprised on Thursday evening, January 26th, when about 60 members of the congregation, including young and aged, met at the parsonage to greet him on his 25th birthday.

During the social hour attention was called to a presentation speech by the Rev. B. Colpitts, who in behalf of the company, pesenterd the pastor and wife with a fine leather upholstered rocker. We, as their pastor, feel grateful for the kindness of these splendid people, who know how to make one feel his labors are appreciated among them, and will endeavor to work faithfully during our pastorate here. The ladies were on hand with the dainties, and after a most refreshing lunch the pastor invoked the blessing of Almighty God on the dear people and intreated heaven for a gracious outpouring of His Spirit upon us as a church and people. The company dispersed at a late hour.

L. J. ALLEY.

## THE BIBLE IN SERMON.

This is the title of a book just published by Fred W. Foster, "The Farmer Evangelist." It contains 40 of his sermons, and also is illustrated, on the Billy Sunday style. We have not had time to read the book, but we have heard these sermons, and as Brother Foster preaches them they are not only enjoyed but are effectual.

## NO JOKE.

We like what a judge in Nebraska is doing in convincing bootelggers that the liquor law is no joke in his court. He recently gave a bootlegger a fine of \$500 and six months in jail and said, "You may read a lot of jokes about prohibition in newspapers and at the movies, but Congress did not mean the law for a joke, and Congress put it up to the courts to enforce the law. The terms of the act are very severe, and if I give too light sentences I should be encouraging law breaking. \* \* \* Some good men get into trouble because they do not take this thing seriously enough."

W. J. Bryan, commenting on this, says, "This means business. They will quit violating the law when they see that the courts are in earnest, and all doubt ought to be removed at once." We believe it would wondrously help if everyone who takes any newspaper that jests on the prohibition law should send letters of protest to the editor. Prohibition is no joke and should not be so treated. What will become of this nation when its constitution is regarded as a joke.—Christian Witness.

Note.—It would be a good thing if New Brunswick authorities would consider this and not consider the disregard of the law as a trifling offence.—Ed.

There are great problems ahead of us as a nation, but the really greatest problem is the problem of making better men and better women of all of us.—President Roosevelt.