

fearless manner. God honored the message.

Sunday 3 p. m. Lic. F. A. Watson preached from Judges 16-20, "He wist not that the Lord had departed from him." A broken consecration the cause of Samson's downfall.

Sunday evening was the closing and the crowning meeting.

Brother C. S. Hilyard preached from Daniel 5-13. Art thou that Daniel. Brother Hilyard pictured very plainly Daniel's purpose not to defile himself. His life of prayer, his courage in time of trial, and his usefulness. He fearlessly denounced sin and worldliness. Two precious souls were at the altar, one for pardon and one for heart purity. The meeting closed with praise service.

F. A. WATSON, Secretary.

GOD'S WAYS WONDERFUL.

Mr. Moody in one of his Bible Readings in New York said, "God has chosen five of the most contemptible things—in human estimation—to save men. Turn to I. Cor. 1:27-29, and you will see five things specified: Foolish things; weak things; base things; things which are despised; and things that are not. "Why is this?" "That no flesh should glory in His presence."

Here is a Divine ordination to startle from their reveries those who in these times are disposed to adopt a worldly policy. They had better study these chosen instrumentalities. There is a disposition in many quarters to reverse God's order, and to seek after great things—whereas God's plan is to use small things. But wherever there is an attempt of this character it is a lamentable failure. There are churches, plenty of them, crying out for great preaching, great architecture, and great music that are as dead as an Egyptian mummy. God is not mocked—He will have His orders respected—if disobeyed the inevitable issue is DEATH!—Exchange.

During the burning of a mill in our town there was a strong threatening of a large conflagration. As I thought of an elderly friend—helpless in her bed—I wrapped myself up warmly, and went out in the night to her. She was white and trembling with excitement, for the fire was only two buildings distant, and her room was light as day, illumined by the flames. "I was just wondering whether it was best to get her up upon her chair," said the girl to me. "No, don't," I said, "I do not believe there is any danger, and if there is, she shall not suffer." "Don't you believe there is any danger?" asked the invalid as I reached her bedside. "No, I do not, unless the wind should change. Just lie still and don't worry. If the next house should catch fire we will come for you the first thing." She accepted our word and kept her bed, thus escaping a cold; and morning found her all right.

I wonder, then, why we could not accept our loving, helpful Father's word as unquestioningly as she did the word of a mortal. Why will we persist in borrowing trouble, when He has promised, "As the days so shall thy strength be?"—Gilmore.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The return year by year of the day known as Whit Sunday or Pentecost, is a reminder of what many people are too apt to forget—the uniqueness of Christianity. Of the other systems of religion known to the world, not one possesses anything answering to the truth of the Holy Spirit in Christianity. Most, if not all, of the religions have features in common with one another and with Christianity, such as historic founders, sacred books, great ideas, definite principles and practical ethics. But not one, apart from the religion of Christ, has the feature known as the Holy Spirit. Herein lies the supreme element of its uniqueness.

But what does it mean? What is the practical value of this unique feature? The answer is that Pentecost was the presence of God made available for human life in a way never before known, and this presence, thus made real, has been the special feature of Christianity ever since. Up to that time God was conceived of either as transcendent, that is, above and separated from His creatures, or else as immanent, that is, as identified with His works. And during the Christian centuries human thought about God has oscillated between these two extremes, sometimes making God so remote from the world as to rob His Presence of all practical reality, and at other times emphasizing His presence in creation to such an extent as to lead to His absorption in the universe He made. The practical result in both cases was to rob man of that consciousness of God's presence which is essential for life and progress.

And thus Pentecost means, first of all, the Gospel of human recovery and restoration from sin. The deepest need of the soul is forgiveness, and in the face of the determination which tends to dominate modern thought Christianity proclaims the good news of sin forgiven. For centuries the Church has testified to its belief in the forgiveness of sin, and this has been well called "Christ's most striking innovation in morality."

Then Pentecost further proclaims the Gospel of human reinstatement. Man was intended for fellowship with God, and he enjoyed it before sin entered. Then moral evil came, and by separating God from man put an end to the fellowship. But the supreme purpose of Christ's redemption was the restoration of and return to this relationship, and everything found in the preparation of the Old Testament times and the provision of the New Testament Gospel was for the purpose of bringing back man to his natural, moral and primal state of oneness with God. This is the glorious truth known by the technical word justification, the reinstatement of man in that position of union and communion with God which he had enjoyed before the entrance of sin.

With these, and following them, Pentecost assures man of the Gospel of renewal. Sin has impaired man's powers. Instead of spiritual life has come death;

OBITUARY

Mrs. George Smith

At her home, Hartland, N. B., on March 31st, 1926, after a year's sickness, Mrs. George Smith, leaving to mourn their loss, her husband and three small children, two brothers and two sisters. The funeral service was in the Reformed Baptist Church, conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. G. F. Bolster, U. B., and interment in Hartland cemetery.

The deceased sought and found saving grace the 29th of October last, and maintained her faith in Jesus to the last, trusting in His atonement. We extend to the bereaved our heartfelt sympathy.

E. W. LESTER.

Mrs. Woodford Wright

Mrs. Woodford Wright, of Southampton, passed from this life April 2nd, at the age of forty-seven. She leaves to mourn, her husband, one son Donald, also an aged mother, four brothers and two sisters, besides many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held in the Reformed Baptist Church of Southampton, the writer officiating. To the mourning ones we extend our sympathy and prayers.

P. W. BRIGGS.

Mrs. Louise Parker

It becomes our solemn duty to report the death of Mrs. Louise Parker, wife of Wm. Parker, of North Head, Grand Manan, who departed this life on March 26th. The deceased was fifty-three years of age. She had been poorly for a number of years but the end came very suddenly. The writer was called to attend the funeral on Sunday p. m., March 28th, Brother Archer, her pastor, being sick, and unable to attend. Sister Parker was a loyal member of the North Head R. B. Church, and was a woman noted for her kindness to everybody and like Dorcas of old, was full of good works and almsdeeds, which she did. Besides her husband she leaves to mourn three sons, William, Charlie and Gordon, and one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Griffin.

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instead of strength, weakness; instead of holiness, impurity; instead of victory, defeat. But the Holy Spirit renews in man what he has lost through sin, and now all that he needs, and far more, becomes his, enabling him to live the life God intended him to live. With the incoming of the Pentecostal Spirit man receives new life, new powers, new principles, new aspirations, new hopes and new determinations. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creation."

Recovery, reinstatement, renewal. This and infinitely beyond this, is the meaning and message of Pentecost. Man receives the pardon of sin, the privilege of the resumption of fellowship, and the power to think, say and do noble and holy things. Every true life will therefore make much of Pentecost, for one of the greatest of the world's thinkers once said: "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."—Selected by J. M. E.