

OBITUARY

Willard D. Marsten

Willard D. Marsten was born July 22, 1855, in New Brunswick, Canada. He came to Seattle, Wash., in 1887. He was married to Miss Alice Booth Dec. 14, 1898, and together they lived a happy union until the Lord called him to his reward March 10, 1931.

Brother Marsten was converted in the Methodist church, 1897, and some time later sought and obtained the blessing of full salvation and united with the First church of the Nazarene, at Seattle, Wash. He lived a faithful and consistent Christian life and was noted for doing much personal work among his friends and neighbors.

He leaves his wife, and two brothers and two sisters, many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He was the brother of the late A. J. Marsten of Meductic, N. B.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. R. M. Parks at the Nazarene church. Interment at the Evergreen Park, Seattle, Wash.

Harold Raymond Scott

A very sad accident occurred at Westchester Valley, May the 23rd, about 10.30 a. m. when Harold Raymond Scott, aged 13 years and four months, went to jump on a moving truck carrying lumber and slipped, losing his hold, fell under the car and was killed, one of the wheels having gone over the back of his head and neck.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stewart Scott; seven brothers and two sisters all at home; also a grandfather and grandmother, beside a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral was held at the home on the afternoon of the 24th. The accident and sudden death was a great shock to the community. People came from far and near to attend the funeral of this precious boy. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mr. M Meister, U. B. Interment was made at the Rose Cemetery.

The sorrowing ones have our prayers and sympathy. May God bless them one and all.

H. S. MULLEN.

PERSECUTION

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 2 Tim. 3:12.

There never has been a time since Jesus was on earth that His followers were not persecuted in some part of the world, although the form of persecution has varied widely in different parts of the country.

For sometime past the brutal persecutions at the hands of the Turks is indescribable. Lloyd George tells us that since 1914, "the Turks, according to official testimony, have slaughtered in cold blood, 1,500,000 Armenians and 500,000 Greeks without any provocation at all." And not only were they put to death, but the horrible manner in which it was done—they were starved, they were drowned, they fell exhausted by the roadside and were trampled to death on these long, forced marches, they were burned, they were shot; and beside all this what is worse still, thousands of those pure girls from twelve to twenty-five were carried off to the harems, and in some instances there was not a girl to be found between 15 and 25.

Missionaries have been tortured and in some

instances killed. Just lately some of the missionaries in China have been roughly dealt with. Not many months since, in Mexico, some of our missionaries were persecuted.

Now in our own land a man can not follow his own conscience without being interfered with by others under the present working conditions. If ever people needed to continue much in prayer we do now. Let fervent prayer be offered up for rulers and those in authority that God's people may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

There is one CURE for all of these turbulent conditions—salvation through Jesus. But because people *will not* yield to Jesus and the principles He taught we are rapidly approaching the crisis which in the Bible is designated, "The Great Tribulation," the closing scene of which will be the Battle of Armageddon.

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ENVIRONMENT

The following lines on "Environment" may explain a lot of things that have been perplexing some of the children of God. We do not know who wrote them, but they are good, and we pass them along for the instruction of the saints:

"None of these things move me." (Acts 20:24.)

God puts His own with the people and in the place which will tend most to develop the spiritual graces.

He puts one who is quick with one who is slow, and one who is quiet with one who is talkative; that the one who is quick may be patient with the one who is slow, and the one who is quiet may be patient with the one who is talkative.

He puts one who is orderly with one who is untidy, that both may learn lessons. Often our environment is but an answer to our prayers.

We pray for patience, and God sends those who tax us to the utmost; for "tribulation worketh patience." (Rom. 5:3.)

We pray for submission, and God sends suffering, for we learn obedience by the things we suffer. (Heb. 5:8.)

We pray for unselfishness, and God gives opportunities to sacrifice ourselves by thinking on the "things of others." (Phil. 2:4.)

We pray for victory, and the things of the world sweep down upon us in a storm of temptation; for, "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (1 John 5:4; 4:4)

We pray for humility and strength, and some messenger of Satan torments us until we lie in the dust, crying to God for its removal. (2 Cor. 12:7, 8.)

We pray for union with Jesus, and God severs natural ties and lets our best friends misunderstand or become indifferent to us. (John 15:2.)

We pray for more love, and God sends peculiar sufferings, and puts us with apparently unlovely persons and lets them say things to rasp nerves, lacerate the heart and sting the conscience; for "love suffers long and is kind; love is not provoked, love bears, love believes, hopes and endures; love never faileth." (1 Cor. 13:4-8; John 15:9, 10.)

We ask to follow Jesus, and He separates us from home and kindred, for He Himself said: "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33.)

We pray for the Lamb life, and are given a portion of lowly service, or we are injured and must seek no redress; for He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and opened not His mouth. (Isa. 53:7.)

We pray for gentleness, and there comes a perfect storm of temptation to yield to harshness and irritability.

We pray for quietness and everything within and around is confusion, that we may learn when He giveth quietness no one can make trouble. (Job 34:29.)—*Gospel Banner*.