

ed his arm and leg; but he died five days after the operation. The chaplain of the regiment wrote me a letter, and sent me my boy's Bible. In that letter I was informed that my Charlie in his dying hour sent for that Jewish doctor and said to him, "Doctor, before I die I wish to tell you that five days ago, while you amputated my arm and leg, I prayed to the Lord Jesus Christ to convert your soul."

When I heard this lady's testimony I could sit still no longer. I left my seat, crossed the room, and taking her by the hand, said: "God bless you my dear sister. Your boy's prayer has been heard and answered. I am the Jewish doctor for whom Charlie prayed, and his Saviour is now my Saviour."

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16).

If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Roman 10:9-10.

Selected by Mrs. A. Horton—B. M.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT BEALS, ME.

A memorial service was held in the Reformed Baptist Church at Beals, on Sunday afternoon, July 24th, for Miss Evelyn Barker, who died at Jonesport during the past week, having reached the age of 84 years.

The large audience revealed the respect that the people of this community had for our departed sister. The pastor, Rev. H. C. Archer, preached an appropriate sermon from Rev. 14-13. Esten Beal and Mrs. T. H. Simmons sang a duet, "Jesus Lover of my Soul," "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer my God to Thee," were also sung during the service. Miss Barker spent much of her life in this community, coming here over 50 years ago to teach school. Later she was engaged as clerk and bookkeeper in the store of Chas. H. Beal and spent 13 years at this work. Then for five years or more she was engaged by Mrs. Guy Carver as assistant postmistress. During all this time she was an active worker in the church, being superintendent of the Sunday School, president of the missionary society, and one who was always ready and willing to do what she could to assist in the work. She was a woman of more than ordinary ability, one deeply interested in everything pertaining to the best interest of the community at large, and being of a genial disposition she made friends wherever she went. While at home in Jonesport she always, when able, attended the Reformed Baptist Church, and assisted in the work there. Sister Barker was indeed a follower of Christ, and one who lived a good Christian life, hence has passed on to receive the reward of those who are faithful unto the end.

H. C. ARCHER

IS THERE HOPE FOR THE WORLD?

By Ezra Parker Whitton

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at the heart" (Genesis 6:5, 6). "For as in the days that were before the flood

they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:38, 39).

As the reader may see, "as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be in the days of the Son of man," it was, and it will be, the immoral condition of the people on the earth that brought on the flood at Noah's time, and that will bring the Son of man back to earth, first of all, for His bride (2 Thess. 2:1), and, second, with His bride (Matt. 24:30). Had the people who lived on the earth before the great flood and who were so wicked repented of their sins and iniquity, God would have blotted out their transgressions and in turn have saved the world from the flood; and there is no doubt but that Christ would at the last moment forgive the present population of the earth of their sins and iniquities, providing the people of the world would repent in sackcloth and ashes, and consequently He would at any moment be more than delighted to set up His reign of righteousness on the earth as God has been seeking for about six thousand years to do, and that without visiting the earth with any more judgments.

Despite the fact that God condemned the world by means of the deluge, the flood, with its total destruction of all the population of the world except Noah and his family, was the hope, and the only hope, of the world; and because of that, and because of the "grace" which Noah found "in the eyes of the Lord," God saved the whole earth from total destruction.

Since, as it is conceded by all Christians in all denominations, as well as by the majority of non-professing people, infidelity itself has ascended the sacred rostrum in the garb of religion, as a good brother has suggested, and whole statement is a word picture of the apostate condition of the militant church throughout the world today, there being seemingly only a comparative few who have "the faith once delivered to the saints," and who believe the Word of God implicitly; and, since God certainly sees the wickedness of man both in and outside the church, it is not unreasonable to think and to preach as well that it is just as impossible for an apostate church to reform itself, or to convert the non-Christian peoples of the earth, as it is for a leopard to change his spots. Indeed, it is questionable if ever an apostate church did the like, despite the fact that these conditions of the apostasy, though true, do not render the outlook for the world a hopeless one, since God is not lacking in resources even when He is forced to look upon a sin-polluted world; because He has "a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing—holy and without blemish."

Yes, there is yet hope for a hopeless world, and this hope is in Christ, the hope of the hopeless, who shall consume "that wicked" one and his followers "with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming." An apostate church and a wicked world, as all sinners, live under the holy wrath of an always angry God, and there is no other means of salvation to the world except redemption through Jesus Christ, which comes through the door of repentance. It is high time that the church and the whole world repented, because the Lord will not "delay His coming."—The Free Methodist.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Verna E. Shannon

Mrs. Verna E. Shannon, wife of William Shannon, died in Fort Fairfield on Sunday, July 24th. For two years Mrs. Shannon had suffered with a cancer. She was confined to her bed for the last five months.

Mrs. Shannon was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church in Fort Fairfield, Me. Besides her sorrowing husband, she leaves three brothers and six sisters. They are as follows Herbert, Douglas and Frank Hitchcock, Mrs. Albert Ward, Mrs. John Manter, Mrs. Wm. Ward, Mrs. John Levesque, Mrs. Wm. Giggey, and Mrs. Beulah Butler, all of Fort Fairfield.

The funeral service was held in the Reformed Baptist Church at Fort Fairfield. Rev. G. A. Rogers was in charge. Rev. L. C. Good, of Monticello, brought the message from John 14:19. (It was under Brother Good's ministry that Sister Shannon was led to Christ). Rev. F. T. Wright, a friend of the family, brought some words of comfort. He told them of Mrs. Shannon's clear testimony in the closing hours of her life.

A mixed quartet sang three beautiful selections. The pallbearers were W. T. Andrews, L. W. Hutchins, O. W. Ames and I. E. Kilcollins. The beautiful flowers were a silent reminder of the high esteem in which Mrs. Shannon was held.

We bear the sorrowing ones to the throne of grace in prayer.

P. A. R.

"JUST JESUS AND ME"

I read somewhere that a traveller came on a clearing in the backwoods of one of the Southern States, where a little hut stood, and a poor old woman, bent double with age, was gathering sticks for a fire. "Lo you live here alone, auntie?" he said. "Yes, massa," she replied: "just Jesus and me." There are some souls to whom Christ is so real that they need none else.—(John xv. 14-15)—Rev. F. B. Meyer.

Every Christian is endued with a power whereby he is enabled to resist temptations.

THE ONE DOOR

Sir Isaac Newton had a cat which he liked to have always with him in his study. This cat had a kitten, and Sir Isaac used to be sometimes troubled when he heard the two mewling on the wrong side of the door waiting to come in. So in an absent mood of mind he ordered the carpenter to make two holes in the door, a big one for the mother cat, and a smaller one for the kitten. He did not realize at the moment, till the astonished carpenter explained to him, that one hole would suffice for both, that the kitten could go in at the same door as its mother.

Now the moral of this homely story is that there are not two doors to religion, one for parents and another for children. Jesus is the door for all. Children, indeed, have the advantage, for grown-up persons have to come down to the condition of children. It is not by the big hole in the door that you get into Heaven, but by the little door; for it is said to everyone, "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye cannot enter in the Kingdom of Heaven." John 10:9.—Rev. Hugh Macmillan.