

Young People's Column

EASTER

John 3:16: 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.

We have reached the time now when we shall commemorate that great day when Jesus arose from the dead. He was brought before Pilate, the Roman Governor, and falsely accused. They cried out, Crucify Him. Although Pilate did not see any wrong in him, he agreed with the others, and now they beat him most cruelly and then they brought him to a place called Calvary, where they stretched him upon the Cross, drove nails in his feet and hands and straightened it up with Jesus our Lord upon it. Oh, sinner! Can you not picture Jesus on the Cross, bleeding and suffering for our sins? Is it any wonder it is called Good Friday?

As they were nailing Jesus to the Cross, He prayed for them to God, saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Oh, how abundant is the mercy of Jesus, to those ungodly men, and it is just as great now as it was then, for we as sinners and Christians. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. His love is just as great for us as it was for those wicked and ungodly men. Sinner friend today, you are crucifying Jesus just the same as they were, by rejecting and grieving the Spirit of God.

Christian friends, you are crucifying him afresh when you turn your back on him after once knowing Him and His great love, so today, backslider return, for he says, if we sin we have an Advocate, Jesus Christ the Righteous. If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us.

When Jesus was crucified there were also two robbers crucified with him, one on each side, so as to show Jesus was the worst; one of them scoffed and mocked Jesus, and the other said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom," and Jesus answered, "Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise." About noon when Jesus was on the cross, there came a sudden darkness and Jesus in terrible pain and agony cried out, "My God, why hast thou forsaken me," words which are in the beginning of the 22nd Psalm. A Psalm, which has spoken of many of Christ's sufferings. After this he spoke again saying, "I thirst." Some one dipped a sponge in vinegar and gave him to drink. Then he spoke his last words on the cross, "It is finished." Into thy hands I commit my spirit," and Jesus died. As he did the veil in the Temple between the Holy of Holies was torn from top to bottom, the earth did quake, and the rocks were rent. When they saw those things they said: "Truly this is the Son of God. Jesus saw that this was the only way that he could show and prove he was the Christ.

To make sure he was no longer living they thrust a spear in his side and out came both water and blood. Oh, sinner, see what Jesus has done for you, how he has suffered, bleeding from five wounds, for our sins.

At the foot of the cross were the soldiers casting lots and gambling for his garments, so we see and have the proof that gamblers are the worst kind of sinners, for they gambled while Jesus was still hanging on the cross.

After they were sure Jesus was dead they gave his body to Joseph. Joseph wrapped it in fine linen and put in his tomb. Pilate said, "We remember when the deceiver was yet

alive he said after three days I shall rise again. So he commanded that the sepulchre be made secure and put a watch over it for the Jews thought that the disciples would steal the body of Jesus and say he has risen. So he set guards around it. But on the third day an angel came and rolled back the stone and when the guards saw him they fell down as though they were dead, and when they got up they made haste and fled.

The first one to see Jesus after he arose was Mary Magdeline. And now after Jesus had gone to the cross, suffered and died, he has given us a full and a free salvation—it is for all. Jesus saw that this was the only way, and without shedding of blood is no remission. So I am glad that Jesus did die on the cross for my sins, and give me such a wonderful salvation. And Jesus' blood can save us, and keep us saved, clean and holy. That is how he wants his children to be kept. He is able and willing. So he says without Holiness no man shall see the Lord. Today Jesus Christ is in heaven at the right hand of the throne of God, interceding for our sins. Though trials and temptations may come Jesus' grace is sufficient to bring us out victorious. So let us as followers of God bear in mind on Easter morning, the crucifying of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and that the angel has rolled the stone away.

As this wonderful experience brought new hope to the disciples, may it do the same for us, and help us to realize that the death of Jesus was a part of the plan of God for the redemption of the world.

Christ's resurrection confirms our faith in Him; brings hope in death.

Easter season should be a time of joy and new hope. As it brings to us the glad assurance that some day, we too shall rise from the grave, and be like our Master.

Jesus shall lead me night and day,

Jesus shall lead me all the way.

He is the truest friend to me,

For I remember Calvary.

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OBITUARY

George Justason Sr.

The death of Mr. George Justason (Senior) of Black's Harbour, occurred Thursday, March 16th, after a long period of illness. Mr. Justason was a member of the United Baptist Church and was well liked by all who knew him.

The funeral service was held Sunday, March 19th, conducted by Rev. H. Flanagan, pastor of the U. B. church, assisted by the writer. There were many floral tributes, and the funeral was largely attended. The deceased is survived by nine children, and one adopted child, all of which are married; thirty-seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Interment was in the Black's Harbour cemetery.

To the sorrowing ones we extend our sympathy.

F. A. ANDERSON

Lillian Chambers

The death of Miss Lillian Chambers occurred Friday morning, March 24th, at her home in Millville after a protracted illness. Miss Chambers was born in Middleboro, Yorkshire, England, eighteen years ago, but moved with her family to Canada two and one half years ago. She came here for her health which had been much improved until her last illness.

Lillian was a member of the Primitive Methodist Church and also the Girls' Life

Guard in England. She had very high ideals and loved all that was good. She leaves to mourn their loss besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Chambers, five sisters, Mrs. Gladys Bruce and Mrs. Mary Dickinson, of Middleboro, England; Mrs. Harold McGouran, of Millville; Mrs. Albert Sewell, of London, England; Miss Bessie Chambers, of Salt St. Marie, Ont; also one brother, John Robert, of Millville.

The funeral was held in the Church after a brief service at the home. It was in charge of the writer, who spoke from the words: "She is not dead, but sleepeth." The choir rendered two selections at the home: "Rock of Ages" and "Asleep in Jesus," also three at the Church: "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," "Remember Me," and "Abide with Me." Burial was made in Millville cemetery. To the sorrowing ones we give our prayers and sympathy.

S. G. HILYARD

Harold P. Stanley

Suddenly at Boston, on April 1st, Harold P. Stanley, son of Wm. and Mrs. Stanley, of Saint John, died, leaving a sorrowing wife and four small children, besides his parents, four sisters, Miss Francis, of New York; Helen, of Salem, Mass., and Mrs. F. K. Porter, of Seattle, Wash; and one brother, Edgar, of Needham Heights, Mass.

His genial disposition and kindly personality had made him many friends, who are grieved at his sudden passing.

The funeral service was held in the Reformed Baptist Church, and conducted by Rev. I. F. Kierstead, assisted by Rev. A. G. Philpotts.

The choir rendered two selections, "Jesus Understands" and "The Rock That is Higher Than I", and Rev. Mr. Philpotts sang a solo "The Old Rugged Cross", with J. F. Bullock, organist.

The service was largely attended as well as the one at Newton, Mass., and the many beautiful floral offerings bore silent tribute to the high esteem in which the departed was held. Interment was made in Cedar Hill cemetery, Saint John W.

To the sorely bereaved ones we extend our deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers.

I. M. K.

Miss Sophia L. Armstrong

Miss Sophia L. Armstrong, who has been ill with a cancer for the past year, died on Friday evening, March 24th, at the age of 73 years. She is survived by two brothers, William, of Lakeville, N. B., and Charles of Fort Fairfield, Maine. Miss Armstrong made her home with her brother Charles.

The funeral was held at the Methodist Church on Monday afternoon, March 27th. Rev. Jesse Kenderdine officiated and Revs. T. L. Brindley and G. A. Rogers assisted. Two beautiful selections were sung by a mixed quartet.

Interment was made at the Riverside cemetery.

Miss Armstrong was a member of the Methodist church at Jacksonville, N. B. She was well liked in this community and will be greatly missed. The writer visited her at the hospital and then again at her home about a month before her death. She left a clear testimony that she was ready and just waiting for Christ to call. Our loss is her gain.

We shall pray for the sorrowing ones.

G. A. ROGERS

P. S. Miss Armstrong's brother, Charles, is a member of the Reformed Baptist church in Fort Fairfield, Me.

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