

WHAT IS CAESAR'S SHARE?

Jesus set forth the principle of duty to God and the state when He said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's." (Matthew 22: 21.) No one could better state the dual responsibility of the citizen to Church and State. However, the history of the world reveals that in many cases governments have so far exceeded the justice of their demands that the people were defeated in their desire to render unto God the things which were God's, because the State took by force more than its just share of their property, or other valuable considerations.

It is stated frequently that the taxes levied here in America and collected by the various units of government amount on the average to one-fourth of the national income. We have heard this proportion quoted by authorities that we consider fully reliable. Some claim the proportion is higher, as much as one-third. This fact is worthy of thought on the part of all who concern themselves with national problems.

Here is a workman on his way home from a day's labor. He has received in cash the wages for the day, we will say it is one or four or five dollars. Before he can spend it for the necessities of life for his family the government through its tax system demands and gets one dollar out of four. Many do not realize that they pay such a proportion due to the indirect taxes that are scattered in prices, such as a loaf of bread which is said to have in its final price as many as fifty-three different taxes, beginning back with the tax on the land where the wheat grows and following through the process to the end of the contract.

One dollar out of four, one cent out of four in the hand of the poor, or one million of four in the possession of the rich! That is Caesar's share in America, and it is too much! It is so much that the country is becoming demoralized by its government.

In a report made by Lewis W. Douglas, published and copyrighted by the Atlantic Monthly Company, the astonishing statement is made that the Government at Washington under President Roosevelt has spent in three years practically as much as the twenty-four presidents from Washington to Taft spent in 122 years. The figures quoted are: Roosevelt, in three years, \$22,371,882,000; the first twenty-four presidents, \$22,417,452,000. Mr. Douglas is well qualified to speak with proper information having been during the most of this time the director of the national budget.

In a recent article by a senator who is also well informed on national affairs on the subject "The Fingerprints of a Dictator" it is pointed out that the method by which constitutional governments have given way to dictatorships in such countries as Russia, Italy, Germany and other noted instances is that the dictators who rule these countries worked their way up to control in a time of national economic distress. These mounting debts laid on the country by its government must be faced some time; God forbid that like the Pharaoh of Egypt, the people should be required to sell their liberties for bread!—Wesleyan Methodist.

All the days of the afflicted are evil: but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast. Prov. 15:16.

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. Prov. 15:13.

OBITUARY

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—Revelation 14:13.

CLAUDETTE BREWER

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brewer died May 13, 1936, at the age of six weeks. The little child had passed through an attack of pneumonia, but its heart gave out. The father and mother are left to mourn their loss.

The funeral was conducted on May 15 by Rev. S. G. Hilyard at the home in Millville. The text was found in Mark 10: 16. A choir of girls sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Beautiful Beckoning Hands". Four girls acted as pallbearers. Interment was made in Millville cemetery.

—S. G. H.

ELMER FLEMMING

Mr. Elmer Flemming departed this life Tuesday, June 23, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Greenlaw, Howland Ridge. Although in failing health for some time Mr. Flemming took to his bed only the Friday before. He was seventy-five. Mr. Flemming leaves to mourn their loss a wife and daughter in Scotland; three sisters, Mrs. Sephonia Palmer, Fort Fairfield, Maine; Mrs. Sarah Sproul, Millville, and Mrs. O. C. Greenlaw, Howland Ridge; two brothers, John and Frank, of Howland Ridge.

The funeral was held from the home of O. C. Greenlaw Thursday afternoon, June 25, and was conducted by Rev. S. G. Hilyard who spoke from 1 Cor. 15: 49. The choir sang "Rock of Ages", "Nearer My God to Thee", with a solo, "Eternity" by Mrs. Gorman.

Interment was made in the family lot, Howland Ridge.

—S. G. HILYARD

MRS. EMILY B. GOSNELL

The death of Mrs. Emily B. Gosnell (nee White), age 75 years, widow of the late William B. Gosnell, occurred on June 13 at Cambridge, Mass. She leaves on sister, Miss Bessie White, of Fredericton, and one nephew, R. Stuart White, of Edmundston, N. B. She was a great sufferer and her release is surely a great blessing. Mrs. Gosnell was a firm believer in Holiness and enjoyed the experience for many years. Her last testimony a few days before her death was "My hope is bright with immortality".

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. G. M. Laite, Tuesday, June 16. Burial in Cambridge Cemetery. —ALICE M. LEWIS.

Hillman W. Grass

Hillman Walter Grass died at his home at Stevensville at 8.15 o'clock Saturday morning, June 27th.

Mr. Grass was born in Fort Fairfield, Aug. 14, 1888, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Grass of this town.

Besides his widow he leaves four children, Medford, Loomis, Gertrude and Agnes, all at home. He also is survived by one brother, John Grass, of Fort Fairfield, and four sisters, Mrs. Fannie Good, Mrs. William Hunter, and Mrs. Israel Doak, all of Caribou, and Mrs. John Scott, Stevensville, Fort Fairfield, all of whom with their families were present at the funeral.

Prayers were held at the home at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev. G. A. Rogers, the funeral being held at the Reformed Baptist Church at 1.30 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Rogers, officiating. Burial was made at Riverside cemetery, Rev. Mr. Rogers in charge of the committal service.

Mr. Grass had always made his home in

Fort Fairfield. Sympathy is extended to the relatives in their bereavement.—F. F. Review.

THE PREACHER AT YOUR TABLE

If a certain preacher—evangelist, other visiting preacher, or pastor—is to speak at the evening service and if that man is to eat at your table preceding that meeting, do not impose upon him and upon the congregation by having your evening meal at 7:00 or even at 6.30.

You have prepared a nice dinner, possibly especially good in consideration of the minister's presence. You expect him to appreciate and enjoy it. He should. But it will take two to three hours for the proper digestion of the food. No physical being can be digesting food and preaching at his best at the same time. There should be at least two hours between the end of the meal and the beginning of the preaching.

There is another consideration. No matter how much previous preparation there has been, a preacher should, if possible, be alone with his thoughts and his God for an hour immediately before going into the service where he is to minister.

Give the preacher a chance and the congregation the privilege of having the best the man can bring.—Free Methodist.

ECLIPSING THE PAST

E. E. Shelhamer

Man, from infancy up, must constantly outgrow himself, or retrograde. Samuel's mother brought him a "new coat" every year. I gather from this that he was a growing boy; also, he must not look shiny and seedy. A good lesson for preachers and others,—outgrow your old prayers, testimonies, sermons and circuit.

What a pity when an Elder has served a District too long and everybody has heard his illustrations and quaint sayings until they are stale! Why not catch a new vision and undertake great things for God! Paul said he did not "confer with flesh and blood". Brother, fling to the winds, ease, money, and climate and venture out by faith and see what God will do. He delights to work miracles. Yours to win souls in the "regions beyond".—Good Tidings.

Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence, expounded most of the fundamental principles of the Democratic party, occupied the President's chair, and did many other worthwhile and noble things. It is interesting to note that meanwhile he wrote out ten very definite commandments to guide his own personal life and conduct. Here they are:

1. Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
2. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.
3. Never spend your money before you have earned it.
4. Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap.
5. Pride costs more than hunger, thirst, and cold.
6. We seldom report of having eaten too little.
7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
8. How much pain evils cost us that never happened.
9. Take things always by the smooth handle.
10. When angry, count ten before you speak—and if very angry, count a hundred.—Selected.