

OBITUARY

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

Mrs. Christie W. Hill

Mrs. Christie W. Hill, a resident of Lowell, Mass., for the past 55 years, who lived at 95 Cashin St., died recently at the Delaney hospital, 218 Wilder St., aged 81 years. She was the widow of Charles H. Hill, and is survived by one daughter, Miss Muriel J. Hill of Lowell; two sons, Merle H. Hill of Lowell, and Ernest L. Hill of West Chelmsford; three grandsons, Gordon H., Kenneth R. and Chester L. Hill. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. The body was removed to the Blake Funeral home, Westford at Stevens street, where friends called to view the remains.

NOTE: Sister Hill was a valued subscriber to the King's Highway and we sincerely regret her passing, although we know she has gone to be with Jesus, and to the bereaved ones we extend our sincere sympathy.—Editor.

Mr. John Grass

Mr. John Grass, of Stevensville, passed away at his home, April 25th, at the age of 63. For the past four months he was a great sufferer but bore his trials with great patience and resignation. He is survived by his widow and four sisters.

The funeral was on Tuesday afternoon, April 27th, at the R. B. Church at Fort Fairfield. The service was conducted by the writer. To the bereaved ones we extend our sympathy.

H. E. MULLEN

Thomas' Almond Jones

Wednesday evening, April 14, T. A. Jones passed to his reward at his home in Knoxville, in his seventy-fourth year, following failing health for the past two years.

Bro. Jones together with his wife while living were members of the Reformed Baptist Church at Royalton, holding the office at one time of superintendent and teacher respectively in the Sunday School. Bro. Jones was a staunch upholder of the doctrine of Holiness.

He leaves to mourn their loss four sons, Wendell and Lynwood of West Somerville, Mass.; Dean, of Arizona, and Irvine at home.

The funeral was held Friday afternoon, conducted by Rev. S. G. Hilyard in the Lower Knoxville United Baptist Church. The text chosen by the deceased was found in Amos 4:12, "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel!" Prayer was offered at the house by Lic. E. R. Watson who also read the Scripture at the church. Rev. L. A. Good offered prayer, also spoke a few words on the life of the deceased. Hymns, "Rock of Ages," "The Home Over There" and "Watching and Waiting" were sung by the choir also a solo, "Somebody Cares" by Mrs. S.G. Hilyard. Interment was made in the family lot in the Lr. Knoxville, N. B., cemetery.

To the sorrowing ones we extend our prayers and sympathy.

S. G. HILYARD

PERMANENT PLEASURE

Whoever makes this present existence—its ease and pleasure—his supreme object, shall lose the higher, the only enduring life; but whoever is determined, for Christ's dear sake, to ignore the lower life, will find the higher life—which includes all of the lower worth having, and infinitely more.—Amos R. Wells.

TIME, A HEALING FACTOR

Most folks are in too much haste to realize permanent results. They fail to recognize the importance of time as a healing factor. A person suffered a broken arm in an accident. Through the skill of a competent physician the broken bones were set, and the injured member placed in a cast for protection. This individual, however, became impatient, and because of the absence of pain considered that the bones were more perfectly healed than they really were. He used the arm as much as possible with the handicap of the cast, but in so doing brought additional injury to the disabled member. The result of his action made necessary rebreaking the bone and caused a much longer time of disability than would have been required had he been patient and given time for the healing of the break.

There is perhaps no place where time as a healing factor must be given more consideration than in the church. In spite of all efforts to keep harmony and peace, occasionally there are cases of broken fellowship and differences which seriously affect the work of the church. The members involved may resort to the scriptural methods of settlement, by leaving the gift at the altar and going to the others to be reconciled, but even then the break is not entirely repaired. As it were the broken bone is reset, but time must be given to enable the bones to heal and for the soreness to be taken from the muscles, that the body may function normally. We may be reconciled, settle differences and again bring about a state of harmony in a comparatively short time, but the restoring to full confidence and the removing of the incident from the memory may require the use of time as a healing factor.

Serious problems in the church may be solved by time. A pastor recognized that certain members in leadership of the church were far from being exemplary in their conduct, in so much that it was bringing reproach upon the church within a limited circle of associates. The church was in danger of being divided into factions by any hasty action that might be taken. What was he to do? He prayed earnestly for the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit. He dealt patiently yet definitely with the offending members. They had no apparent thought either of changing their conduct or withdrawing from the church. Some severe critics were unkind in their statements concerning what they considered cowardly action of the pastor in dealing with the matter. To have forced the issue with investigation and trial, he realized would hopelessly involve the church in divisions, divisions which would doubtless be carried on to the next generation. He followed the course of patient dealing and earnest prayer. He waited for time to have healing effects. The result was that the offending parties were soon left out of leadership, and within nine months all parties concerned were out of the church, there were no divisions resulting from their leaving, and the church went on to function normally. The patience of the pastor permitted time to be a healing force and serious difficulties were spared the church.

The Apostle James knew the value of patience, when he said, "Let patience have her perfect work." Failure to permit time to heal causes serious damage in any realm.—Herald of Holiness.

KINDLINESS WEARS WELL

Kindliness wears well, looks well and will be remembered long after the prism of politeness or the complexion of courtesy has faded away.—Van Amburgh.

PREACHING

We must throw all our strength of judgment, memory, imagination, and eloquence, into the delivery of the gospel; and not give to the preaching of the cross our random thoughts while wayside topics engross our deeper meditations. Depend upon it, if we brought the intellect of a Locke or a Newton and the eloquence of a Cicero to bear upon the simple doctrine of "believe and live," we should find no surplus strength.

Brethren, first and above all things, keep to plain, evangelical doctrines; whatever else you do or do not preach, be sure incessantly to bring forth the soul-saving truth of Christ and Him crucified.

I know a minister whose shoe-latchet I am unworthy to unloose, whose preaching is often little better than sacred miniature painting — I might also say holy trifling. He is great upon the ten toes of the beast, the four faces of the cherubim, the mystical meaning of badgers' skins, and the typical bearings of the staves of the ark, and the windows of Solomon's temple; but the sins of business men, the temptations of the times, and the need of the age he scarcely ever touches upon.

Such preaching reminds me of a lion engaged in mouse-hunting, or a man-of-war cruising after a water beetle. Topics scarcely in importance, equal to what Peter calls "old wives' fables," are made great matters of by those microscopic divines to whom the nicety of a point is more attractive than the saving of souls.

You may have heard that Harcatius, King of Persia, was a notable mole-catcher; and Briantes, King of Lydia, was equally "au fait" at filing needles; but these trivialities by no means prove them to have been great kings; it is much the same in the ministry; there is such a thing as meanness of mental occupation unbecoming the rank of an ambassador of heaven.

The world still needs to be told of its Savior, and the way to reach Him. If with the zeal of Methodists we can preach the doctrine of Puritans, a great future is before us. The fire of Wesley and the fuel of Whitefield will cause a burning which shall set the forests of error on fire, and warm the very soul of this cold earth.

Man's fall, his need of a new birth, forgiveness through an atonement, and salvation as the result of faith—these are our battle-ax and weapons of war. Blessed is that ministry of which Christ is all.—Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

HEAVENLY BLESSINGS

If one should give me a dish of sand, and tell me there were particles of iron in it I might look for them with my eyes, and search for them with my clumsy fingers, and be unable to detect them; but let me take a magnet and sweep through it, and how would it draw to itself the almost invisible particles by the mere power of attraction.—The unthankful heart, like my finger in the sand, discovers no mercies; but let the thankful heart sweep through the day, and as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings, only the iron in God's sand is gold!—H. W. Beecher.

PRESERVE THE TRUTH

We must never throw away a bushel of truth because it happens to contain a few grains of chaff; on the contrary, we may sometimes profitably receive a few grains of truth it may contain.—Dean Stanley.