

OBITUARY

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

Alvin Hill

On Nov. 30th the writer conducted the funeral service of Alvin Hill, son of Murray Hill, of Hilltown, N. S. The child had had the measles and contracted a cold. Age three years. To the bereaved we extend our sympathy, and point them to the great burden bearer.

H. L. ROBERTSON

Fred Benjamin

Mr. Fred Benjamin passed away at his home at Fort Fairfield, Maine., on Nov. 30th. He had not been well for some time; during his illness a few months ago he sought and found the Lord. His last testimony was, "The Anchor holds."

The funeral service was held on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 2nd, at the Reformed Baptist Church conducted by the writer, and assisted by Rev. A. E. Maxwell, U. B. Interment was made in the Fort Fairfield cemetery.

He leaves to mourn, his widow and one daughter, Audrey, besides other relatives and friends. The deceased was 67 years old. To the sorrowing ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

H. E. MULLEN

Capt. Daniel Beal

The death of one of the town's oldest citizens took place Oct. 31st, when Capt. Daniel Beal died at his home, Beals, Me., at the age of 82. For more than forty years Brother Beal was an invalid. In spite of his suffering he was always cheerful, and the end found him ready and wanting to go. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. A. Watson, who also sang his favorite hymn, "The Pearly White City." He leaves to mourn, his wife, three sons, Alvin at home; Charles E., Jonesport, Me.; Clarence, U. S. C. G.; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Alley, Richland, Me.; Mrs. Ervine Kent, Jonesport, Me.; three brothers, Herman, of Beals; Obed and Alvah, Jonesport, Maine.

Mrs. Murray E. Hagerman

Marguerite May, wife of Murray E. Hagerman, passed away from this life, in Saint John, N.B., Tuesday morning, Dec. 7, in the 53rd year of her age. She had been in failing health for some time, and although her death was expected, it came suddenly. The body was brought to her home in Fredericton, 254 Victoria St., the following day. Sister Hagerman had been a devout follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, and a consistent member of the Reformed Baptist Church for a number of years, and by life and testimony proved her sincerity. She was highly esteemed in the church and community. She leaves to mourn besides her husband two sons, Eldon A., and Yvon M. Hagerman, of Fredericton, N.B.; one daughter, Mrs. Charles Martin, also of Fredericton; one brother, Alfred Brown, of Birmingham, England, and a number of other relatives and many friends.

The funeral was held from the home on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 2:15 p.m., where a short service was conducted by the L.O.B.A., after which the remains were taken to the Reformed Baptist Church, where a service was in charge of the pastor, Rev. P. J. Trafton, assisted by Rev. John Linton, U.B., and Major Kimmins, S.A. A large congregation assembled to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed. A ladies' quartette sang three favorite hymns of the deceased. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. Interment was in the Rural

Cemetery Extension. Our sister lived well and died in victory. To the sorrowing ones we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

THE SAVIOUR CAME

Text—Galatians 4-4. But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son.

It would be impossible for us to imagine the condition of Israel prior to the birth of Jesus Christ. We are told that for four hundred years the voice of a prophet had not been heard, giving us to understand that God's people as a nation had wandered far from his statutes and commands. The hand of the Romans was heavy upon them. How they longed for deliverance, and looked into the future with great anticipation to that time when the promised Messiah would appear. Some died, never having seen their hopes and dreams realized, "but when the fullness of the time was come. God sent forth His Son," and that blessed day, that glorious day, that day that means so much to the Children of God is again about to be commemorated.

Varied are the feelings with which we look forward to Christmas Day. 1. To some it is a time of sadness, for they look back and remember it was during a precious Christmas season, that a loved one was taken from them, and never again has Christmas been the same.

2. To others, it is a time of exchanging gifts and greeting cards, and large sums of money are spent, just because others will be remembering them. How much better it would be to give to those who have no one to buy for them, or who could not return a gift, and thus prove Jesus' statement when He said, "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

3. Many can hardly wait for the Holiday season to open. There are so many gay parties and festivals to attend; they wonder how they shall find time to attend them all.

4. To the children in general it is a time of merriment. For weeks now, they have been counting the days. Many little ones who are not accustomed to having all they desire, are just longing and hoping for that certain toy they have wanted so long, and for all the candy and nuts they can eat for one day at least.

5. But to those of us who have found a place in our hearts for the Babe of Bethlehem, Christmas means more than any of these things mentioned above. We are made once again to rejoice as we think of God's great love to a lost world, and for His expression of that love in the "sending forth of His Son." For what purpose did God send Him forth? In the first place He sent Him forth to redeem us. Satan had usurped God's claim upon us and Christ came to redeem us back to God. He was sent forth to be our example. What a wonderful pattern Jesus has left for us to shape our lives by.

He was sent forth to be our teacher. How often he opened His mouth and taught His disciples. He teaches us today by His Spirit and His Word.

He was sent to be our abiding guest. He could not remain with us on earth in person, yet through the person of the Holy Ghost, His presence is felt constantly in the hearts of His true followers.

He was sent forth to set up in each and every heart who would let him a kingdom, and reign there supremely, so that we may sing "King of my life I crown Thee now,"

and lastly and mainly He was sent forth to be the Saviour of the world. How much this involved. Oft times in order to save a life, some one will risk their own life. But Jesus in order to save our souls, freely gave His life, in humble service, and then climaxed it all by being obedient unto the death of the Cross.

Truly, His being sent forth was not in vain, and our hearts whelm up with praise and adoration to Him this another Christmas time because of His finished work; and in turn He is sending us forth into all the world to preach His glorious gospel of salvation to all mankind.

HAZEL OWENS

SO WE PREPARE FOR WAR

Senator Capper, in his "Cappers' Farmer," gives to us a very interesting editorial on "Meeting the Menace of War." He notes that Congress has just appropriated \$1,138,000,000 to go to the army and navy in preparation for war. This rounds out four and one-half billion dollars spent by the United States for "defense" during the last five years.

The Senator's exceptional intelligence and long experience in government make his opinions on this waste worth our consideration. Among other things he says, "Such expenditures, to my mind, are far in excess of needs for national defense." And again, "It is wicked, and in the larger sense criminal, for the United States to spend these immense sums. A billion dollars a year spent on preparation for war is not the guaranty to the world of our own peaceful intentions."

Speaking of the ease with which we may be drawn into war (we being so well prepared), he says, "I will support, I will work for, I will vote for an amendment to the Constitution, taking away from Congress and giving back to the people the right to declare war." He would except cases of actual invasion.

Our support should go most heartily to the men in the federal government who are trying to make it hard to have war and easy to have peace. We can pray for them, and when they take positions in promoting good international relations they should be told of our support.

—Free Methodist.

EXPERIENCE

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotion, spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Haakon VII., King of Norway, gets a salary of \$173,500 a year; Christian X., of Denmark, \$250,000; Leopold III., of Belgium, \$408,000; Gustave V., of Sweden, \$415,000; Peter II., of Yugoslavia, \$550,000; Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, \$850,000; Victor Emanuel of Italy, \$1,129,000; Horatio, Emperor of Japan, \$1,300,000; George VI. of England, \$2,645,000.—The Fellowship Forum.