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## EDITORIAL

#### SUFFERING A MEANS OF GRACE

For as much then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind.—I. Peter 4-1.

Suffering is one thing which is common to all men. Very few, if any, live to grow to be men or women who do not suffer in some way.

There seems to be a great deal of suffering in the world at the present time. Wars, calamities of various kinds cause great suffering to multitudes of innocent, helpless women and children.

And God, for reasons best known to Himself, or which we cannot explain, permits the innocent to suffer as well as the guilty.

Perhaps if it were not for the troubles and sorrows, and suffering of this present life, many would be so well satisfied with living here and in sin that they would not try to make preparation for a better life hereafter.

If only wicked people suffered we might well think it was because they had broken God's laws, and suffering was the penalty, or their punishment. But God's people, and saints of all ages have been great sufferers at times because of persecutions from the evil and a half ago. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. one and various other things. And the inspired apostle Peter in his letter is writing to God's elect who were scattered abroad by the persecutions of their enemies, and is trying to encourage them and tell them how to meet and deal with their trials.

He first calls their attention to the fact that Christ also suffered for us in the flesh. That fact in itself ought to hearten or encourage Gods' people, when they think that they are following the path that Jesus went, and that he can sympathize with them and comfort them.

Again the effect that suffering has upon our minds and spiritual life is determined largely by the attitude that we take toward it. If we look upon it as something inflicted by the evil one and our enemies without God's permission, it will tend to discourage us. But if on the other hand we remember that we are always in the keeping of a kind heavenly Father, and that nothing can harm us if we be followers of that which is good. And again that "all things work together for good to them that love God." Then if we draw nearer to Jesus in our times of suffering in prayer and faith and communion with him, he will make our trials a means of grace to us to help us on to God. Peter telis us to arm ourselves with the mind that Christ had in his sufferings, "who when he was reviled,

reviled not again, when he suffered he threatened not, but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." Now this kind of a spirit or mind in our sufferings will serve us as armor serves a soldier in battle. Instead of it being a burden or a hindrance to him, it is his means of defence, and also offensive weapon by which he conquers his foes. Job of old used his sufferings as an armor by which he conquered the evil one, and left us an illustrious example of victory in times of severe trial. Paul also of New Testament times and many thousands of others found that by taking the right attitude in times of suffering, namely, an attitude of faith and patient trust in God even when they could not understand God's dealings with them, and perhaps all seemed confusing, they have found that if they held steady, that God brought them through victoriously, and their trial was a means of grace to them, and made them stronger in the battles of life and they were more able to help others.

And in conclusion let us say that the Christian life, no matter how severe his trials are, is not all suffering, for the one that is fully yielded to God will even in the midst of severe sufferings find a rest of soul, a peace of mind, and a "Joy that is unspeakable and full of glory," which no unsaved person can ever know or experience no matter what else they may have in this present life. And in addition to this as the inspired apostle has written there is something still better awaiting God's suffering saints in the life to come. He writes, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."—Rom. 8-18.

#### OBITUARY

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

#### J. Sandford Richardson

J. Sandford Richardson died at his home at Castalia, Grand Manan, N. B., on Sunday, Nov. 7th, aged 83 years...

His wife had predeceased him about a year Thomas Oliver. Skowhegan, Me., and ten sons: Grover and C. W., at Woodstock, N. B., Arnold at Millville, N. B.; Wilfred and Gladstone at home; Arthur, Chesley. Percy and Hollis of Grand Manan; Lionel of Somerville, Mass. Also one brother, Clarence, of Castalia. He was a very active man all his life, and continued these activities until a few weeks before his death. In early life he was captain of a coastal vessel which he owned and traded between the Island and St. John, where he was well known and respected by all. For a number of years past he had with his two sons been engaged in the smoked herring business.

Brother Richardson was converted when quite young and became a member of the Free Christian Baptist Church at North Head. Later when the doctrine of Holiness was first preached in New Brunswick, he was among the first to accept the teaching and was one of the charter members of the Reformed Baptist Church at North Head. His name also appears among the delegates attending the second Alliance held at Woodstock in 1889.

Our brother was of a very genial and friendly disposition and thus made friends wherever he went. He was a great student of the Bible, which to him was the only book of authority. He believed in and enjoyed the experience of full salvation and was a great advocate of

the same. His home being some two miles from the Church prevented him from attending as often as he would have liked, yet he was always present at the Sunday morning service, taking an active part in the social service at 10 o'clock-and at the preaching service which followed he always stood nobly by the preacher. His prayers, testimonies and general assistance will be much missed. It was his privilege to attend these services one week before his passing, in fact he had been asked to lead the morning service the following Sunday, the pastor being absent, but that morning at 5 a. m. the call came, and he gladly answered that he was ready and passed to his reward.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor from his late residence on the following Tuesday and the large attendance expressed the esteem in which he was held by his many friends. Four of his sons acted as pallbearers: Arthur, Percy, Chesley and C. W. This is the third of the older brethren which were with us from the beginning which I have laid to rest in the past year and a half. The old land-marks are certainly being removed, but we know that our loss is their gain.

H. C. ARCHER

### Mr. John Wilkinson

I wish to report through the Highway the passing of one of Marysville's oldest citizens, Mr. John Wilkinson, at the age of eighty years.

Mr. Wilkinson came to this country from Lancashire, England. He united with the Reformed Baptist Church in Marysville during the pastorate of Rev. S. A. Mullen.

Of a large family, six daughters and one son are living. His wife predeceased him fifteen years. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. H. E. Dysart. Interment in the Anglican cemetery at Marysville.

REV. F. A. DUNLOP

## THOUGH YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE

Someone has said that when a sinner is dying he finds no joy in counting the hypocrites in the Church. Of course not. That pleasure is for his days of health and for the times when he would excuse his own wrongdoing and his own neglect of his obligations.

How terrible to live so that one can find comfort in his failure only by pointing to the wrong in others! If one can only claim that he is no worse than someone else this is not so much of a boast after all.

Will the Lord in the last day let one by because others have done wrong? You know that He will not. You are expected to take the way of salvation and live a Christian life though you be the only one in the world to do

## EDUCATION NOT SUFFICIENT

Warden Lewis E. Lawes of Sing Sing Prison told the seventieth annual convention of the National Educational Association that "criminals springing from our schools and colleges are more brazen, more vicious and more desperate than ever before in the history of any civilized community."

Men of the world are finding out what the church has always held to be fundamental in life, that education is good in its place but nothing but the regenerating power of Jesus Christ can furnish the foundation of Christian character.-Wesleyan Methodist.