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EDITORIAL

THE SIN THAT WE ALL ARE GUILTY OF

God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you.—I. Sam. 12-23. God's ancient people Israel had rejected Samuel, God's chosen prophet who had served God faithfully from his childhood, and had ruled over his people from the time of the death of Eli, the priest.

Now the people want a king to govern them that they may be like the nations around them, and in making this choice, they caused Samuel great sorrow, so he cried unto the Lord about it, and the Lord told Samuel that the people had rejected him as well as Samuel.

Samuel told the people how grievously they had sinned against the Lord; but still admonished them to turn to God who would have mercy on them, and acknowledged his own responsibility in the words of our text. Most people think that sin consists in doing wrong things, in wilfully transgressing God's laws, etc., commonly called sins of commission. Many seem to think that if they refrain from sins of commission, from doing wrong things, that they will be quite just before God. It is true they must abstain from all wrong doing; but they must also do the things that are right and pleasing in His sight in order to be justified. There is a positive, as well as a negative side to the Christian life. Sins of omission as well as commission. He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin: Saith Jesus. Samuel realized that in ceasing to pray for that disobedient people he would sin. Hence, we say this is the sin that we are all guilty of. The sin of not praying as much as we ought.

Our Lord said: "Men ought always to pray.", The Apostle Paul said, "Pray without ceasing." When I think of the time that those who profess to be Christians spend in talking, gossiping, reading papers and magazines which are not conducive to good character building, I think I can see one great cause of weakness in our churches, namely, lack of prayer. If those who are spending so much time in idleness, were engaged in some helpful or constructive work they might have some excuse for spending so little time in prayer. If prayer is the potent agency in promoting the work of God, and in the salvation of souls that Jesus says it is, then if we believe it, why do we not give it a larger place in our lives? And can you not see how grievously we sin against God, when we fail to use this all powerful weapon, which he has put into our hands against the powers of darkness.

His word declares, "It is mighty through

God to the pulling down of strongholds."—II. Cor. 10-4. Some people seem to be content to pray a little for their families, relatives, or friends and even for these they have very little real soul burden: But note, Samuel was praying for his enemies; those who had rejected him. In this he manifested the spirit of real prayer as taught by our Lord in the sermon on the Mount. He said, pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you. He prayed for those who nailed him to the cross. Stephen prayed for his enemies who stoned him to death. Moses and Paul became mighty intercessors, and like Samuel, stood between a justly offended God and a disobedient people.

When I think of how much God has wrought in the past in answer to the prayers of His people: And how much Jesus has promised us if we really pray, that is prevail in prayer and become intercessors: And when I contrast those things with what seems to be accomplished today by our praying, I feel like hanging my head in shame, and asking God to have mercy on us, His prayerless, burdenless people. Beloved, it seems to this writer that if we are to cope with the forces of darkness, and the spirit of worldliness in religious societies today, and keep alive spiritually, and preserve the faith once delivered to the saints till Jesus comes, that we will have to mightily increase our prayer life carry a burden of soul that will make us intercessors through which God can work and save souls. Jesus asked, When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? God forbid that I should sin by ceasing to pray.

OBITUARY

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

William Joy

The sudden death of Mr. William Joy. Seal Cove, N.B., occurred Sept. 21st. Death was due to a heart attack. The deceased is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Gordon Foster, Grand Harbour, Grand Manan, two sisters, and five brothers.

The funeral was held from the home Friday, Sept. 23rd, and was conducted by Rev. B. C. Cochrane, assisted by members of the United and Reformed Baptist churches.

To those so sadly bereaved, we extend our sincere sympathy.

Roscoe Dickinson

In the early hours of Monday morning, Sept. 12th, 1938, one of life's saddest tragedies took place at Woodstock, N.B., when Roscoe Dickinson, a young man of 25 years, gave his life to save the life of another who came in contact with a high tension wire while painting on the bridge. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the poor, stricken, heartbroken, widowed mother, the brothers and sisters.

MRS. A. ROGERS

Mrs. Francis Jewett

The death of Mrs. Francis Jewett, wife of Mr. Geo. F. Jewett of Lower Caverhill, occurred on Wednesday, Aug. 31, following an illness of some months. She was 70 years of age. She was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church in Millville.

She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, one son Basil at home; two daughters, Miss Pauline Jewett, of Bangor, Me., and Mrs. Wallace Kitchen of Fredericton, N.B.; seven brothers, William Brawn, Herbert Brawn, Thomas Brawn, Bert Brawn, all of Millville, Frank

Brawn of Milo, Me., and Odbur and Charles, of Washington, U. S. A.

The funeral was conducted by the writer by request of the family on Friday afternoon, Sept. 2, assisted by Rev. F. A. Anderson. Following prayer at the house a service was held in the Union Baptist Church in Millville. The text was found in Heb. 4:9. The music was rendered by the church choir, "Face to face" duet, "Where We'll Never Grow Old" and "Does Jesus Care." Interment was made in the family lot in the Millville cemetery.

To the sorrowing we extend our sympathy.
S. G. HILYARD

Edward King

On Friday, Sept. 23rd, Mr. Edward King of Lubec, Maine, passed from this life after an illness of some months. Surviving members of the family are his widow and son Finley, of Lubec, another son, Furman, of Gardner, Mass., and one daughter, Mrs. Carrol Wilcox, Seal Cove, Grand Manan.

The funeral service for the deceased was held in the R. B. Church at Seal Cove, Sunday, Sept. 25th, and was conducted by Rev. B. C. Cochrane, assisted by Revs. G. A. Delong and H. W. Carpenter, and the choir of the R. B. Church. Mr. King was a charter member of our Seal Cove Church.

May the God of all comfort sustain those who mourn.

Charles Nathan Cox

Mr. Charles Nathan Cox, well known resident of this community, passed away at his home after a brief illness, on Friday, Sept. 23rd, in the 78th year of his life.

He leaves to mourn, his wife Elizabeth, and a family of eight daughters and one son. One daughter, Viola, and the son, Kenneth have resided with their parents.

The funeral took place on Sunday, Sept. 25th, and was held in the R. B. Church at Hartland.

Mr. Cox was a member of the R. B. Church at Victoria. The funeral sermon was preached by the writer.

H. C. MULLEN

Mrs. E. Clowes

On Sept. 24th, Mrs. E. Clowes, wife of the late Wm. Clowes, passed away at her home in Meductic. Although Mrs Clowes had been in poor health for some time, her passing was sudden and a shock to her many friends. She leaves to mourn, three sons and one daughter and three step-children.

Her son, Temple, with whom she had resided since the death of her husband, has the sympathy of those of this community.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held at her late residence, and conducted by the writer. Interment was in the Dowville cemetery.

There were a number of beautiful floral tributes.

To the sorrowing ones we extend our sympathy

E. R. WATSON

John Doherty

The death of John Doherty, Marysville, occurred at his home Friday, Oct. 7th. The funeral took place from his late home on Sunday and was largely attended by relatives and friends. Service was conducted by Rev. W. S. Smith, Rev. W. K. Pace and Rev. F. A. Dunlop.

Deceased is survived by his widow, three sons and three daughters.