

LIFE THROUGH DEATH

"I die to live!" cries the tiny seed as it sinks
beneath the sod;
"The grave that I find in the womb of the earth
is the path that leads to God,
For within is a germ that longs for the soil, the
sun and the shower free,
Above my grave a banner shall wave a hundred
just like me.

"I die to live!" cries the miner grim, an heir to
his job by birth.
I work in the shadow of monster Death that
lurks in the bowels of the earth!
He may crush me quick or spare me long like a
cat with a mouse doth play;
I wrestle him here that my children dear may
escape his cruel way.

"I die to live!" moans the mother to-be when
she knows that the hour has come
To enter the shadows and wrestle with death for
a darling to gladden the home.
"A life care-free in society I count not the high-
est good,
I renounce all these and my own self-ease for
the glory of motherhood!"

"I die to live!" is the patriot's shout, with his last
expiring breath;
He dies and the cause of liberty is nourished by
his death;
The heritage we enjoy today, our banners flung
far and wide,
Is the fruit that waves above the graves of those
who for Freedom died.

"I die to live!" is the martyr's cry from the rack
or the cruel stake,
"This fire and instruments of death can only my
shackles break!
I die to live in a larger life from a body infirm
set free,
The blood that I shed shall blossom red in the
saints that are yet to be!"

"I die to live!" is the Christian's song, as he
takes the way of the Cross;
"The vain and tawdry things of earth I count but
a trifling loss;
I have caught the vision of things unseen pre-
pared for me on high—
A robe, and a crown, and a mansion fair, in that
place where they never die."

Yea *Life through Death* is the only path that a
Christian ever trod!
The price that we pay for the lower things is the
price we must pay for God;
Then pay the price, make the venture grand,
count the cost but count it true;
There is gain through loss at the foot of the
cross—salvation and life for you!

Note: I am sending to the Highway a copy of
an original poem that I gave at Riverside Camp-
meeting in connection with a message on the
theme "Gain Through Loss." Several expressed
a desire for the poem and I pray that more and
more this philosophy of life may be mine and
all who may read this rhyme.

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"Putting off an easy thing makes it hard
and putting off a hard thing makes it im-
possible."—Sel.

QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT
DISTRICT NO. 3

The Quarterly Meeting of our District No.
3 convened with the church at Beals, Me.,
Sept. 7th to 10th.

Rev. H. L. Robertson, who is a new pastor
on the district, brought the opening message
Thursday night, using as a text, Psa. 86:11.
This was an inspiring message on the thought
"Unite my heart to fear Thy Name."

On Friday evening, Rev. H. S. Wilson
brought another good message, using as a
text, Gen. 22:2.

The business session opened Saturday at
3 p. m. with the vice-president, Rev. F. A.
Watson, in the chair. Prayer was offered by
Rev. H. S. Wilson. Rev. E. R. Bradley was
appointed secretary pro tem. Minutes of the
last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Robertson
were welcomed on the district and extended
the fellowship and support of our meetings.

Roll Call found the following ministers pre-
sent: Rev. F. A. Watson, Rev. H. S. Wilson,
Rev. H. L. Robertson and Rev. E. R. Bradley
Not many delegates present.

Officers elected were as follows: President,
Rev. F. A. Watson; Vice President, Rev. H. L.
Robertson; Secretary, Rev. E. R. Bradley;
Treasurer, Mrs. Estin Beal; Highway Agent,
Rev. E. R. Bradley.

The President appointed a devotional com-
mittee to arrange the time of services for
the remainder of the quarterly.

Reports were read from some of the
churches; others were given orally. A few
were not represented. Those reporting show-
ed interest and some advancement on the
enemy's territory. An encouraging letter was
read from the S. S. Superintendent of the
new work at E. Millbridge. This letter ex-
pressed a desire for organization of a church
there. We also listened to an interesting re-
port from the new work in Wesley. These
reports inspired our hearts to keep pressing
the battle for God and holiness.

Resolved that the time and place of the
next quarterly be left with the secretary,
and any church desiring the meeting com-
municate with him.

The vice-president was appointed to the
chair, and discussion regarding opening new
territory on the district was introduced by
Rev. F. A. Watson.

Resolved that Rev. F. A. Watson and Rev.
H. S. Wilson be a committee to investigate
opening new work and be authorized to draw
on the District S. S. Treasury and Home
Mission Board for available financial help.

Resolved a vote of thanks be given the
Beals Church for their hospitality while en-
tertaining the quarterly.

Resolved that the present S. S. Committee
continue to function.

Motion to adjourn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. H. L. Robert-
son.

Saturday evening Rev. E. R. Bradley
brought an expositional talk from John, 14th
chapter.

Sunday was a day of blessed fellowship
with God and His people. Services as follows:
S. School 9 a. m., Love Feast 10 a. m., Rev.
H. S. Wilson in charge, used Psa. 26. This
was a time of feasting on rich blessing.

At 11 a. m. Rev. H. L. Robertson spoke

from Psa 93:5. "Holiness Becometh Thy
house."

At 2.30 p. m. Rev. E. R. Bradley used as a
text: I. Peter 1:16: "The Reason Holiness
people stand for Holiness."

At 6 p. m. Brother Llewellyn Crowley led
the Y. P. Service, using Scripture lesson in
I. Cor. 11.

The closing message of the quarterly was
brought by Rev. H. S. Wilson; text found in
Col. 1:19. "The Efficiency of Christ." This
message held up to needed hearts a Christ
whose power can reach and supply the soul's
need.

We feel this was a quarterly different in
many ways from the ordinary, and though
we saw none seek the Lord, His presence
and blessing was real and many received
spiritual food and encouragement.

REV. E. R. BRADLEY, Secretary

ROGER BABSON SPEAKS

In a letter recently sent out to all his busi-
ness clientele Roger W. Babson, the famous
statistician, makes the following remarkable
statements:

"I enjoy my church as I enjoy my daily
walk. I even enjoy a plain service of worship
without any sermon. Yes, I sometimes attend
a Quaker meeting with only silence. But to
get good from church-going one must make
it a habit. It is the systematic daily walks
that do us good—not the occasional walk.
Church-going is like advertising in one way
We must keep constantly and incessantly at
it to make it pay! Then we can be guaranteed
good dividends.

"There is another reason why I go to some
church service every Sunday. This is to en-
courage my children and grandchildren to
acquire the habit of church-going. We oldsters
may check out before real trouble comes to
our nation. But let me tell you that the
younger generations will need to have some-
thing more permanent than real estate, bank
accounts, insurance, or even democracy. Un-
less they have a sane spiritual foundation,
they are licked. We can do for them far more
by setting them an example of churchgoing
than by bequeathing them land, securities or
any other property. Moreover, I am talking
hard-boiled common sense. Go to Sunday
school with them. Take an active interest in
the young people's work of your church. It's
the biggest thing you can do for your family.

"One thing more: Use your influence to
have your children and grandchildren attend
a small college of high standing, one to which
your church contributes. Avoid big colleges,
especially those 'popular colleges which have
thrown religion out the window.'—Selected.

AND HE IS RIGHT!

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation sharply indicted
the nation's parole system as heavily respon-
sible for an annual crime cost of \$120 to every
man, woman and child. "Some are often too
jealous of the life of the killer and not
thoughtful enough of the life that has been
ended," Hoover told the General Federation
of Women's Clubs in demanding a rigid parole
system, based on "the protection of the pub-
lic." "It would seem obvious that there must
be something wrong with correctional meas-
ures when we see the same faces so many
times in the marching armies of the under-
world."—Methodist Protestant Recorder.