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EDITORIAL

We then as workers together with Him. II. Cor. 6-1. Some one has said that we are all as lazy as we dare to be. That is, we only work because we feel that we must. I think it is Dr. Adam Clark who says: "In all my life time I have never seen a person who worked too hard, although I have seen many who thought they had." Well, I think that there have been some people who perhaps would have lived longer if they had not worked so hard, and no doubt there are some such still living. But, maybe, they would not have been as happy. Some people are naturally ambitious and seem to like to work, and I believe that such would be quite unhappy and perhaps miserable if they were deprived of work. Well, whatever men's attitude is toward work, may be still an unsettled question; but the inspired writers make it incumbent upon us to work. I feel sometimes that we have heard so many things said by well meaning people against obtaining salvation by works that many of us who are perhaps looking for an excuse to get on without work, or to do as little work as possible, seem to think or try to persuade ourselves that our Heavenly Father does not expect us to work at all. We often hear people say, "We are not saved by works," and while that is true, yet, is it not also true that we must work in order to keep saved? It is true, as the Apostle declares, that salvation is not obtained by works lest any man should boast, but we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Hence we are not saved by works but we are saved to work. We have our Lord as an example of industry or toil. He said, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work. Again he said, I must work the works of him that sent me while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work.

The inspired apostle also wrote to the Thessalonian church: If any would not work neither should he eat. And to the Philippians he wrote: Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. So we infer from the foregoing scriptures that our God expects all men who are able, to do some kind of honorable work. And this includes works of a religious or spiritual nature as well as secular. We believe when God calls a man to the gospel ministry that he calls him to be a worker; and perhaps the reason that some

preachers do not succeed in their calling is because they do not take their calling seriously enough and do not work at it as they should.

Sometimes pastors complain because as they say their people do not support them with their money as they should. And they have had to turn to secular work of some kind as a means of support. Well, if the people failed to support me I had rather do that than to run into debt, and perhaps never be able to pay up. But, we have thought sometimes that if some of these pastors would keep a strict account of the time that they actually work in God's cause, it might surprise them to learn that they are receiving much more for their services even in money and material things, according to the time that they work than most of those to whom they preach do for their services. In justice to our people I want to say that I have been in the gospel ministry now over 31 years, so I am not speaking as a novice, and I believe that there is no more generous, self-sacrificing people on earth, take them as a whole, than our own people. Of course there are some, but comparatively few, who do not give according to their ability. God called me to the ministry a poor young man, with only a limited education, and a wife and three small children. We have raised five to respectable manhood and womanhood. With the blessing of God and the help of my good wife we were able to give them a fair chance to begin life for themselves by giving them a reasonable education. We always had plenty of good wholesome food to eat, and clothing to keep us comfortable. And in all those years of my ministry I never said salary or pay to any church that we ministered to. It is true that whenever I had a chance I raised lots of good vegetables and often cut some wood for fuel; but that work I always considered I needed for exercise, as well as for supplying other needs. I have gone wherever I felt God would have me go when the people called me, and that included some of our poorer circuits. And while I have never asked our people for a dollar for my own support, I have asked them for thousands of dollars to build or pay debts on churches and for missionary work, and I want to say they have never failed to respond yet, and have actually given me many thousands of dollars for the Lord's work. And out of the amounts which I have received for my services, those who know me best, know that I have put back into the Lord's work many hundreds of dollars.

You say I am boasting. No, I am saying these things only in fairness to our people, whom I fear have been scolded, abused and blamed for driving men out of our ministry, which I feel was unjust criticism. My advice to pastors, if I might be permitted to offer it, is this: If God sends you to a field of labor, depend on Him for your support. Spend your early morning hours in prayer and meditation; arise at a reasonable time and go to work as if you were hired to work and were receiving wages for the same. This will include your time for study in the forenoon, when you will need to prepare your messages for the Lord's day and prayer meetings, etc. Then in the afternoon, "ring doorbells," call and pray all the time you have.

And if the people do not give you financial support, don't scold and beat them, but "feed the flock of God over which the Holy Ghost

has made you overseer." And tell God about your need which He promised to supply. And if after you have done your best to be "a worker together with Him, He lets you starve, then take it for granted that He wants you to be a martyr and to die of starvation for the truth. And that He is conferring a great honor upon you by letting you render such a rare service to His cause; and don't murmur or complain but rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven.

Let me say in closing: In all the years of my ministry I have never been busier, preached harder or stood my work better, and enjoyed more of God's blessing, than I have the past year. To Him be all the praise. Amen!

OBITUARY

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

Woodworth Cann

Port Maitland lost a very highly respected citizen in the passing of Mr. Woodworth Cann, who was nearly 75 years of age.

Mr. Cann was spending the winter months with his son and daughter in Massachusetts. He was taken to the Beverly hospital for an operation. Before the operation was performed he died of a heart attack on April 16th. Rev. Mr. Atkinson had charge of the service that was held in the Congregational Church at Beverly, Mass. The body was brought to Yarmouth by boat on April 24th. That afternoon a service was held from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lester Perry, Port Maitland, N. S. Rev. G. A. Rogers officiated. Mr. Otto Tedford and Mrs. Raymond Smith sang three beautiful selections.

Mr. Cann was predeceased by his beloved wife by about seven months. They were members of the R. B. Church at Brazil. A short time before Mr. Cann went to the U. S. A. he came to hear Rev. H. S. Dow when he was in N. S. holding services. Mr. Cann was a friendly man and a fine neighbor. He leaves two daughters, Mrs. Lester Perry, Port Maitland, N. S., and Mrs. C. L. Finney, Berverly, Mass.; and two sons, Ronald, Detroit, Mich., and Burnett, Danvers, Mass.

Interment was made in the Port Maitland cemetery.

To the sorrowing hearts we offer our sympathy and for them we offer our prayers.

G. A. ROGERS

L. C. Watt

The death of L. C. Watt occurred at his home, North Head, Grand Manan. Brother Watt had been in failing health for some time. He was well known throughout the province and for many years had been engaged in the fish business. He was a charter member of the Reformed Baptist Church and had been a faithful, active member all his life.

Brother Watt was married twice. His first wife was Miss Josie Tatton and after her death he married Mrs. Eva Doyle, Waltham, Mass., who survives. He is also survived by three sisters: Mrs. Cornelius Waikle, Bay View, Wash., Mrs. Alberta Daggett and Miss Lina Watt, North Head, and one brother, Sylvester Watt, Calgary.

The funeral was largely attended, with service at his home and at the church, conducted by Rev. G. A. DeLong, who spoke from the text in 2 Tim. 7-8. The writer was assisted by