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EDITORIAL

**THE RETURN OF OUR LORD.
WHAT THEN?**

We suppose that throughout the length and breadth of Christendom the great majority of Christians believe that Jesus will return in person to earth again, as he promised His disciples before His ascension. He said, If I go away I will come again, etc. The apostles also in their epistles often spoke of our Lord's return, and looked forward to it, as the Christian's Blessed Hope. Not long ago, in one of our exchanges, which is a very good religious periodical, we read these words: "The coming of Jesus is the only hope of the world." These words started a train of thoughts running through this writer's mind, with several questions, which we want to briefly discuss here. If the writer had said that the return of Jesus is the hope of the church, there would have been no question in our mind about that statement.

But to say that the return of our Lord is the only hope of the world suggests to us that when He returns He will do something for the unsaved world which he cannot do now. Then the question arises: What can Jesus do for the world on His return that he cannot do now? What can he do to save the world when he returns that he cannot do now through the Holy Spirit? Jesus himself placed great emphasis upon the work of the Holy Spirit. He said when He the Spirit of Truth is come He will convince the world of sin, and of righteousness and of Judgment. Is not the Holy Ghost in co-operation with the word of God and human effort the great agency in the salvation of mankind. Will Jesus dismiss him from office on his return and undertake the salvation of the world himself? We hear much talk about the Jews accepting Him as their king on His return, and thus being saved—and of a nation being born in a day. Then if the Jews can be saved after He comes, why not other men? And can men come to God without a mediator? The inspired word says that Jesus is now at the right hand of God making intercession for us. And our Lord said when once the master of the house is risen up and hath shut to the door and ye begin to stand without and to knock, etc., then shall He answer and say unto them: I know you not whence ye are. Is our Lord not referring to His second coming here, and does not the closing of the door refer to the end of mercy's day?

Again if the Jews can be saved by accept-

ing Him as their king, then the Jews who were here in the days when our Lord was here did not have a fair chance, for they wanted to make him king. The word says they would have taken him by force and made him king: but what they would not accept, and without which they could not be saved was His Atonement. Can men be saved in the future without faith in His Atoning Blood. We are not saying that He has not power or will not have power to cause wars to cease, and to eliminate all evil from the world when He comes. But if he uses force to cast evil out of the earth, and chain the devil, will men be saved and love him with all their hearts by virtue of force? Is not the salvation which fits men for life here and heaven hereafter an experience of heart obtained by faith in the Atonement of Jesus? Again, does the Word not teach that when Jesus comes again, He is coming to judge the world and not to save it. Hear His own words in Mat. 25-31: When the Son of Man shall come in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, then shall he sit on the throne of His glory. And before Him shall be gathered all nations, etc. What for? For judgment. Read the following verses.

Also read Paul's exhortation in Heb. 9-27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the Judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time, without sin (a sin offering) unto salvation. The first time he came, he came as a sin offering; but according to the words of the Apostle here, there will be no sin offering when He comes the second time. Hence how can men be saved who have rejected his sin-offering or atonement, especially when there is no mediator between them and God. We fear religious teachers will make a very grievous mistake if they hold out any hope to men of getting saved after this dispensation is ended. "Behold now is the accepted time. Now is the day of salvation."

OBITUARY

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

Amos Nichols

After an illness of a few weeks Mr. Amos Nichols departed this life in the 80th year of his age. He was a life-long resident of Havelock, N. S. He embraced the doctrine of holiness when it was first preached in his community; was a strong believer in Divine healing, and a very generous man.

He is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Thomas Lacy, Reading, Mass.; Miss Jennie, Lynn, Mass., and Miss Ethel, at home. Three brothers: Bertram, Havelock, N. S.; George Lynn, Mass., and Albert, Somerville, Mass. One sister, Mrs. Annie Merrow, Maine, besides other relatives and friends.

The funeral was held from his late home on March 11th, the writer officiating. Burial was in the Havelock cemetery by the side of his wife, who predeceased him four years. We shall miss our brother, but our loss is his gain. We extend our sympathy to those that mourn.

P. W. BRIGGS

Willard Johnson

The sudden passing of Willard Johnson at the age of forty-eight, of Woodworth's Cove on March 11th was a real shock to the Island of Grand Manan. Mr. Johnson had the misfortune to slip on the icy deck of his boat,

hitting his head and falling into the icy waters of the harbour at Eastport, Maine. Although great effort was made to revive him, it was all of no avail.

Mr. Johnson will be greatly missed in Woodworth's Cove as he owned a good fish business there. He was a man of good business ability.

The funeral was held at his home and was largely attended, there being nearly fifty cars in the procession. The writer officiated, being assisted by Rev. H. S. Wilson, Rev. G. A. DeLong and Rev. Mr. Smith. Music was rendered by the Baptist and Reformed Baptist Church choirs of Seal Cove

Interment was made in the Bleumortier cemetery. To the sorrowing ones we extend our sympathy and prayer.

REV. G. R. SYMONDS

G. Allen Wilson

The death of G. Allen Wilson occurred at Seal Cove on the morning of March 11th at the home of Fred Wilson, where he had made his home most of this winter. Mr. Wilson had been in declining health for the past four years. He was sixty-eight years of age and had resided in Seal Cove the greater part of his life. He had been an active member in the Reformed Baptist Church the last few years, and left a definite testimony of the keeping power of Jesus.

The funeral was held on Friday, March 14th, at 11 a. m., in the Reformed Baptist Church. The writer was in charge and was assisted by Rev. H. S. Wilson and Rev. G. A. DeLong. A choir of the Baptist and Reformed Baptist churches rendered appropriate music.

Mr. Wilson leaves to mourn his passing, one daughter, Mrs. Charles Lyons, of Logansport, Ind., and one son, Donald, keeper of Ganett Rock light. Four brothers, Edward, John, Frank and Grovenor, all residing in Grand Harbour.

Interment was made in the Seal Cove cemetery.

To the sorrowing hearts we extend our sympathy.

REV. G. R. SYMONDS

Mrs. Ruth Ann Jones

The death of Mrs. Ruth Ann Jones, age 67, occurred March 7, when after a lingering illness of several years, her condition grew suddenly worse and she only lived two days after taking her bed. Mrs. Jones was born in Mars Hill, Me., Sept. 23rd, 1873, the daughter of the late Roger and Martha Beil. She moved with her parents to Blaine when only a child. While young she united with the Blaine Baptist Church, later joining the Reformed Baptist Church at Royalton, N. B., of which she was a faithful member to the end. She loved the church and what it stood for, was a good friend and neighbor. At the age of twenty years she was married to Charles Jones, of Tracey Mills, N. B., and lived there many years, coming back to Blaine where she spent the last twenty years. To this union were born two girls, Mrs. Geneva Smith, deceased, and Mrs. Josie Fisher, of Bridgewater. Surviving are her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Fisher, three grandsons, Stanley Smith, who has lived with his grandparents Olin F. Smith, Springfield, Mass., and Percy Smith, Haverhill, Mass.; two sisters, Mrs. Ashel O. Green and Mrs. William A. Walsh; one brother, Adelbert E. Bell; several nieces, nephews and cousins. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Wheeler,