

OBITUARY

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

William Cochrane

The funeral of the late William Cochrane was held from the home of his cousin, N. C. Cochrane, Marysville, on the afternoon of February 8th. The writer was assisted by Rev. Gregg, United Church, and the Marysville Male Quartette.

The deceased was of a kindly disposition, and had lived the greater part of his life at Woodstock. Interment was made in the Baptist cemetery, Marysville.

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J. R. Clair

Brother J. R. Clair passed away on Sunday, March 1st, at the home of his son, Bert O. Clair, Coldstream, N. B. He had been in very poor health for three months.

The deceased was born in Gordonsville, where he resided the most of his life. When at Gordonsville he always attended the Reformed Baptist Church, and was interested in the welfare of the church. His home was always open for the preachers whenever they came to the community. During his last illness he had a clear testimony that everything was settled between him and his God.

Surviving him are two sons, Bert, of Coldstream, and Frank, of Presque Isle, Me.; three daughters, Mrs. Norman Prouty, Bangor, Me., Mrs. Fred Drost, Bath, N. B., Mrs. Harry Hatfield, Portland, Me. Two brothers also survive, Wilmot, of Presque Isle, and George, of Gordonsville.

The funeral was held on Tuesday p. m., conducted by H. C. Mullen, speaking from James 4:14: "For what is your life?" A short service was held at the home before proceeding to Gordonsville, where the service was held in the Baptist church, near the cemetery. Favorite hymns were sung by members of the choir from the Coldstream U. B. church. Interment was made in the cemetery near the church.

H. C. M.

ONE PER CENT GIVERS

The Religious Digest says that "the total giving of all churches (Protestant, Catholic and Jew) is slightly less than 1% of all the income of its givers."

This little item ought to make the slackers who give 3% feel quite comfortable. But it is not published for that purpose, but as a text from which to say that if you give (or pay) less than 10% of your real income to the cause of the Lord, you do not love your religion as much as do the Mormons and Seventh Day Adventists theirs; and to say that it is the tithers, not you, who are making possible the survival of the church.

And remember, the 5% givers and the 3% givers are just like the 1% givers, in that they have no right to call upon the Lord for His blessing in things material or spiritual.

If "the liberal soul shall be made fat," the stingy soul shall be made lean; and let him watch his faltering step lest he become altogether useless.—Free Methodist.

Wesley, who, it is said, preached three hundred times from the words, "Ye must be born again," was asked, "Wesley, why do you preach so often on 'Ye must be born again?'" "Because," said Wesley, "'Ye must be born again!'"—Selected.

THE CONDITIONS OF REVIVAL

Did you say you wanted a revival in your community? Do you want to see some one joyously saved? If you really do, then take hold and work for it. Prepare the way of the Lord. Live your religion. Talk it. Preach it. Deliver awakening sermons. Stir up the people. Cause them to see the heinousness of sin.

Baxter said a faithful preacher would make the people quarrel either with him or with their sins. It is to be feared some ministers do neither.

Christ's ministry was a sifting ministry. On the day of His greatest popularity He preached His severest discourse, uttering truths so stern that "from that time many of His disciples went back, and walked no more with Him."

Study this divine example. Be kind and faithful. Reason fearlessly. Urge sinners to repent. Summon professed Christians to holier living.

President Finney, in his old age, when reviewing his wonderful evangelistic career, declared that if he had his life to live over again, that he would "go through the churches, not preaching to sinners, but calling upon professed Christians to be righteous."

Here is something to think about. True righteousness in a church is more persuasive to sinners than evangelistic appeals.

Get right before God. Keep unspotted from the world. Cultivate a spiritual mind. Be true in secret. Pray much. Reason reasonably with the unsaved. Inaugurate some new work for God. It is in the time of activity that we become most interested.

Revivals begin by somebody being revived. Let that somebody be yourself. Use the means. God honors means. He employs agents, and would just as quickly employ you as anybody in inaugurating the greatest revival you have ever witnessed.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

PURITY OF HEART

"Blest are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs;  
Their soul is His abode.

"Still to the lowly soul  
He doth Himself impart,  
And for His temple and His throne  
Selects the pure in heart."

RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD!

Rise up, O men of God!  
Have done with lesser things;  
Give heart and soul and mind and strength  
To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!  
His kingdom tarries long;  
Bring in the day of brotherhood,  
And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!  
The church for you doth wait,  
Her strength unequal to her task;  
Rise up and make her great!

Lift high the Cross of Christ!  
Tread where His feet have trod;  
As brothers of the Son of Man  
Rise up, O men of God!

—William Pierson Merrill

THE WITNESS TO SANCTIFICATION

Rev. Geo. D. Watson

The Holy Spirit is not more holy than the Father and the Son; but is pre-eminently denominated the Holy Spirit, because it is His office to communicate holiness. When He thus fills our hearts, we feel inwardly pure; we are consciously freed from all sin, actual and inbred; we experience perfect peace, perfect resignation, perfect hope, perfect love, and a constant repose in the efficacy of Christ's atonement.

"And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." Acts 15:8, 9. Here it is distinctly said that the Holy Ghost "bore witness" that they had purified their hearts by faith. Their heart purity was through faith, and then the Spirit bore witness that the purity was wrought.

"But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God," I. Cor. 2:10-12. The Spirit bears witness to "the things," not only to pardon, but to sanctification as well, and to answers to prayer also.

What can be stronger than this verse of Scripture, "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us," Heb. 10:14, 15, to prove that the Spirit witnesses clearly to His own sanctifying work in us?

"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God," Heb. 11:5. To please God is to be holy. If Enoch had the testimony that he pleased God, then he had the witness to heart purity.

The Holy Ghost will take those things in the Word of God (never outside) and put them into your consciousness, so that where you previously believed in your mind, now you know. Previously you have believed in the blood, and accepted it as the meritorious ground of salvation, but in the indwelling of the Comforter He gives you the fulfillment of your faith and power. You may believe in the blood without feeling it, but the Holy Ghost makes you conscious of it, so that you not only believe that the blood cleanses, but in the Spirit's indwelling He makes you feel and know that it cleanses; and a soul can feel that it is pure.

God alone is the rest of the soul.—The Flaming Sword.

No man has come to true greatness who has not felt in some degree that his life belongs to his race, and that what God gives Him He gives him for man-kind.—Phillips Brooks.

There is a vast difference between seeing one's fault, and those of some other person; between conversion of the head and conversion of the heart; between being led by the Holy Spirit, and being led by one's own imagination.—Selected.