

OBITUARY

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

Mr. Harry Clowes

The Church of Woodstock has suffered the loss of one of its deacons when Mr. Harry Clowes, of Northampton, died at his home on November 8th. Mr. Clowes had been ill for some time with a heart trouble.

The funeral service was held at the home, and was conducted by Rev. F. A. Anderson, assisted by Rev. J. E. Munson, of Jacksonville. Interment was in the cemetery at the Kirk, Northampton.

Mr. Clowes leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and two children, a boy and a girl, and one sister, Mrs. Harry Good, of Presque Isle. May the Lord comfort the hearts of those who mourn.

Mrs. Frances Drew

On Monday, Nov. 2nd, Mrs. Frances Drew, of Crystal, passed away at the Milligen Hospital, Island Falls, Me., at the age of 69.

The deceased had not been in good health for some time. She leaves two sons, Cyril, of Belvedere, and Pearl, of Dwyer Brook, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank DeWitt, of Sherman, Maine.

The funeral services were held on November 4th, conducted by the writer and assisted by Rev. G. A. A. Rogers.

Interment was made in the Crystal cemetery.

To the sorrowing we extend sympathy.

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Rev. Bud Robinson

A beloved and well-known servant of God has answered the summons to eternal rest. Rev. Bud R. Robinson, an unique figure in the history of the holiness movement, a great saint and winner of souls, took his departure to be with Christ, from his home in Pasadena, California, on November 2nd. And so the army of heaven's blood-washed is increased!

George H. Fowler

The death of George H. Fowler occurred in the General Public Hospital in Saint John, Nov. 22nd, following a brief illness. The funeral was held from Brennan's Funeral Parlor Nov. 25th, with Rev. J. A. Owens in charge. Besides his wife he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Lasky, both of Saint John, and faithful members of the Reformed Baptist Church.

May God bless and sustain those left to mourn the loss of a husband and brother.

Baby Sweeny

Deep sorrow came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sweeny, of Sandford, in the sudden death of their only child, aged seven months.

The sorrow seemed doubly hard since the father is serving with the forces somewhere in India, hence leaving the young mother to bear the shock alone.

The funeral service was conducted from the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Churchill. Rev. H. H. Noble, U. B., spoke comforting words. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. A. Dunlop.

Beautiful hymns were sung by the Frost sisters, Mrs. George Landers and Cedric Landers.

The entire community entertains the deepest sympathies for the bereaved parents and relatives.

THE CONGRESS OF FAITHS

We see from the papers that the seventh World Congress of Faiths has met in the city of Birmingham, England. It was addressed by the Anglican Bishop of Birmingham, one of the most notorious modernists of today. It is surely an evidence of declining faith and shows the lack of positive conviction within a large section of the Christian Church that such gatherings can take place in England and no protest be made. In this Congress are Buddhists, Mohammedans, Confucians with members of all sorts of other cults and "Christians". All meet together in amity and not one word is said that would disturb the peace of mind of any of those present or hurt the susceptibilities of the most tender. And this is hailed as a great achievement. What a tragedy! What a travesty of truth! What a sight to make angels weep as men who call themselves Christian join hands with Christ rejectors and the most implacable foes of Christianity. This is the position that we have reached today after two thousand years of Christianity. The applause with which such a congress is greeted by those in authority and many ecclesiastics is no music in our ears. Rather is it a dirge telling of the death of Christian conviction and the passing of saving faith from the earth. Let us face facts as they are, and as the Word of God declares them to be. If God be God, if Christ be Christ and the Holy Scriptures true this congress of faiths is an insult to the Deity. It makes the word of God a lie, assumes that the question of man's guilt and sin is still open, or denies these altogether, and that the terrible death of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary was unnecessary. Any man who believes this is due for an awful awakening some day.

The "Congress of Faiths" was founded by Sir Francis Younghusband who died while the gathering was meeting this year. A memorial service for him was held in London. It makes sad reading to see the following in one of the leading British journals, and nothing could better illustrate the great gulf that is fixed between the New Testament conception of Christianity and the faith of this gathering:

The services were conducted by the vicar, Mr. Loveday, and passages from their Scriptures were read by representatives of four great religions. Sir Atul Chatterjee, prominent in international affairs, read from the Bhagavad Gita, Rabbi Dr. Salzberger selected the prophecy from Isaiah of the day when nations shall no longer learn war. A Buddhist priest from a monastery in the Far East intoned some verses from his Scriptures, and Sir Hassan Suhrawardy, an eminent Indian educationist, read verses from the Holy Koran.

The India Office was represented at the service, and so were a large number of religious and other organizations, including the Salvation Army, the Society of Friends, and the Save the Children Fund.—The Evangelical Christian.

RELIGIOUS ILLITERACY

Dr. Roy L. Smith, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Los Angeles, says that "not ten per cent of the average Protestant church reads any kind of religious newspaper; not five per cent reads a religious book by an outstanding religious thinker in the course of an entire year. They are entirely ignorant of the great tides of religious thought that are running through the religious world." If this be true, it is no wonder that the influence of religion is declining. Whether or not Dr. Smith's figures are correct, there is no question that religious illiteracy is alarming.—United Presbyterian.

THE IMMUNITY OF ROME

Readers of these columns are aware of the frequent mention that has been made of the apparent reluctance of Britain to bomb Rome. We have never adopted any "hush hush" policy as to our conviction of the reason for this. Neither have we seen any attempt to answer these reasons or any explanation by the Government of their failure to adopt a policy that many people feel would shorten the war. It is Vatican influence that has prevented this being done, and is helping to prolong the struggle. One does not need to be a military man to realize that the essence of strategy is to hit your enemy where he is weakest. Italy is the weak sister in the Axis collaboration, and has little stomach for the war. Had Rome received something of what London, Coventry and other cities of Britain received in the way of bombing she would have thrown up her hands by this time. It is from Rome that the bombing of Malta is directed by the German general who directed the Battle of Britain. Heavy industries are said to have been moved into the Italian capital since it is recognized the Vatican is the best insurance policy they could have. Under the title "Blindness or Treachery—Which" here is what The Churchman's Magazine of England has to say on this subject:

"A British United Press correspondent intimates that Mussolini is so confident that Rome will not be bombed that he lives in the capital and has no objection even to his movements being announced.

"And Mussolini is not the only Italian to share this confidence for prices of hotel, and boarding house accommodation in Rome have trebled since the war started, and after British raids on Naples, Milan and Turin, more and more people crowd into the capital.

"The Axis uses Rome as a military clearing house with impunity. The Italian War, Navy and Air Ministries are in Rome, and the Hotel de Russia is now the German army's headquarters in the city. (See report "Daily Mirror," July 6th, 1942).

"Malta is left at the mercy of German and Italian bombers, and though its people chalk up 'Bomb Rome' its voice counts for nothing. Evidently strings are pulled so that the Italian Pope will not be disturbed. Rome must be a veritable arsenal used against us and we do nothing."

It can be seen from this that we are not alone in our attitude on this question.—The Evangelical Christian.

JAPAN'S NARCOTIC INVASION

A new Japanese order calls for the farmers of Southern Chahar, China to plant opium poppies, the seeds to be supplied by the local puppet regime. From narcotic trade in Shanghai the enemy makes an average monthly profit of \$6,000,000. Yet the Japanese are not content. They are planning to establish a big factory in Shanghai to engage in the manufacture of narcotics on a mass scale. In Nanking, under Japanese control, four heroin kings monopolize the heroin import business. They have under their employment 2,000 persons. * * * The poisonous drug exacts a daily death toll of twenty to thirty of the 480,000 population of Nanking. At least one out of four has become addicted to the use of heroin. In Peiping the provisional government set up by the Japanese issued an order cancelling the opium suppression laws of the Chinese government to usher in "the new order in East Asia." All smokers, sellers, smugglers, traffickers, and other breakers of the opium suppression law were set free.—China Information Service.