

bless and comfort the sorrowing ones.

Mr. Archie Taylor, aged 67 years, passed suddenly away January 18th. He had been in poor health for some time, yet his sudden death came as a great shock to his family and friends.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at the home, and was conducted by Rev. J. A. Owens, and the R. B. church choir. Rev. Mr. Haney offered prayer.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, nee Nettie Parker; five sons, Wesley, Donald, Lewis, Clifton and Leighton, all of North Head; and three daughters: Mrs. Elias Spicer, of Harborville, N. S.; Mrs. Arthur Spicer, of North Head, and Alice, at home; also two brothers, Wallace of North Head, N. B.; Albert, of New Hampshire, and two sisters: Mrs. Mae Larcom and Mrs. Alice Fiefield, both of Boston, Mass.

Interment was made at North Head.
May God comfort the sorrowing ones.

Mr. James Griffin, one of North Head's oldest citizens, and the last charter member of the Reformed Baptist Church of North Head, recently passed away at the age of 92 years. Our brother was in his usual health and was able to attend church services quite regularly for a man of his years, up until about a month ago, when he suffered a shock.

He was tenderly cared for by his daughter, Mrs. G. S. Parker, of McAdam, N. B.. Other children left to mourn are four other daughters: Mrs. B. A. Warner in Alberta; Mrs. F. T. Bagley, Portsmouth, N. H.; Mrs. J. W. Drener, Portland, Me; and Mrs. H. E. Pearson, Medford, Mass.; also three sons, Frank, of Portland, Me., Hanley, of St. John, and T. R. Griffin, of this place.

The funeral was held at his late home conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. A. Owens, assisted by Rev. Mr. Haney. The R. B. church choir sang two favorite selections. Interment was made at North Head.

May God bless the bereaved ones.

IN MEMORIUM

I would like to pay a tribute, and voice my appreciation for the lives of two of our older brethren who have quite recently gone away from this life to be with Jesus, namely, Byron W. Brown, of Lower Brighton, N. B., and Charles N. Goodspeed, of Fredericton, N. B. Brother Brown was a deacon of the church and a very godly man, one who tried to live his profession. Many precious seasons I have enjoyed in his home while pastor on that field and since. I found him a true and tried friend and a lover of holiness. He will be greatly missed.

Charles N. Goodspeed for a man of his advanced years, 89, was a unique character. He was an honorary deacon of the church and was faithful in attendance at all the services. He was deeply interested in the work of the Young People's Society and attended their meetings, and the young people respected him highly and enjoyed his presence among them. He was faithful to the cause of holiness in life and testimony. I esteemed him highly in love for his work's sake. He too will be greatly missed among us. He was always present for the last number of years at Beulah Camp Meeting. We look forward to meeting them some day in the heavenly world.

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TEMPERED TRUTHS

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"But we all with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord."

In our last article we considered God, as Spirit. In this article, we turn to John's beautiful statement and consider God as Love. John wrote: "God is Love." John seems to have sensed this as few Bible characters have done. It is from his Gospel that we get the Golden Text of the New Testament: "God so loved the world." It is in his Epistle that we hear most concerning the love of God. He took special delight in calling himself, "That disciple whom Jesus loved." Being thus honored, we are not surprised that he found in God the very Fountain of Love.

This inspired statement, God is Love, is very strong. He is not only loving, but He is very Love. To all created beings no truth concerning God is more precious. In fact this is the truth that makes all truth concerning God glorious. It softens His holiness; it tempers His justice; it stamps all His providences with benign purpose. It lays a foundation for salvation by faith; it makes possible a walk of faith. Convince a soul that Infinite Power and Infinite Wisdom and Infinite Truth are Infinite Love, and you have convinced that soul of everything necessary to a walk of faith.

God is Love! Did you ever consider the plight of the Universe if God had been the opposite—if God had been Hate? Apollyon, the Destroyer, is Hate. That does not mean much to you and me, and why? Simply because we know that the God of Love is stronger than the god of Hate. But reverse the order. Allow the god of Hate to be the stronger. Hope would perish over night. The lights would go out indeed, and the Universe would enter into an eternal "blackout." Since man has had nothing to do in the fashioning of these Persons we can rejoice evermore, that the God who holds the Sceptre of the Universe is the God of Love.

But has the fact, the fact that God is Love, been sufficiently established that man can believe it? If we look at the world around us we are not so sure. The "groaning" of the "whole creation" might well encourage scepticism. If man as we know him, bears any likeness of his Creator we might find further grounds for doubt. I would like to believe that there is more love in the world tonight than there is hate, yet the most optimistic among us must find the picture very dark at times. The sufferings of this world have raised up a dark mystery, and the holiest of men have been obliged to trust where they were unable to trace. But if our world affords us no satisfactory proof that God is Love, God has Himself furnished the proof, and that proof is Calvary. Paul wrote, "God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Here the apostle shows that God's love has withstood the two greatest tests—the test of sin and the test of sacrifice. Let us look at this test. First, the test of Sin. Sin rendered man useless to the purposes of God. Sin rendered man unfaithful in his relationship to God. This is the one test that God does not expect human love to stand. Jesus said, "He that putteth forth his wife, except for the cause of fornication." For this, Christ allows separation, not expecting human love to endure this wrong. Yet God considers man guilty of this in his turning to sin. Such words as:

adulterers, adulteresses, harlots, and fornicators, are common. Us to describe man's unfaithfulness. Sin made man an enemy to God. Christ said, "they hated Me." How truly this was manifest when He was on earth. He spoke in their Temple and they hated Him. He healed the palsied man and they hated Him. He cast out devils, and they hated Him. Their hate became so intense that only when they saw Him hanging on the Cross were they satisfied. But even there, when man had done his worst, Christ prayed, "Father forgive them." Divine love stood the test of Sin.

Secondly, God's love stood the test of Sacrifice. Here, we enter a realm explored only by the Divine. The human can but think and wonder. In sacrificial sufferings Christ turned from the worst that man could do to face what the Law of God demanded. The Lamb of God faces the Legislation of God, and what the sacrifice entailed can only be thought of in the light of such statements as: "He made His soul an offering for sin." "He poured out His soul unto death." "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me!" Here is Sacrifice that can only be explained in the light of Love. "God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son." While Justice cried out for Retribution, and the Law could never be revoked; while God might have smitten, and none would have said, What doest Thou?, Love moved, the mightiest passion in God's heart moved to mercy, and man was spared the judgment that his own sin had brought upon him when Love, Divine Love, took the "cup" and drained it to the last bitter dregs. Yes, God is Love! Calvary stands forever the unanswerable proof. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us and gave His Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

There is a side to this question that man is apt to overlook, however, when we are considering man's personal salvation. So many seem to think that if God thus loves man there is no further concern necessary. They forget that man is not saved by Love, but by Grace. Grace is made possible by Love, but it takes Grace to save. Love is the motivating factor in Salvation, but Grace, and Grace only, is the saving factor. Calvary is a Provision as well as a Manifestation. Only those who have are saved. The sinner must not only be pardoned but cleansed. Love finds the Way, faith accepts the Way, and Grace is the Way. "For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." The man who is resting alone on the fact of God's love will arrive at the Judgment to discover that sin has always been the real barrier and sin calls for a work of Grace for its removal. "Now thanks be unto God for His Unspeakable Gift."

THE SURRENDERED LIFE

Some years ago D. L. Moody heard one minister say to another: "The world has yet to see what God can do with a man who is emptied of self, and filled with God's Spirit." Moody said, "I'll be that man," and multitudes have never ceased to thank God for him. Such spirits pass out of straitness into wealth—they possess the joy of heaven, and, fed from the rivers of God, they overflow and bless and enrich others. And tho' I cannot sing, or tell, or know
The fulness of His grace while here below,
My empty vessel I may freely bring,
O! Thou Who art of life the living spring,
My vessel fill. —H. G. Doel.