



## HE GAVE HIS ALL

Mrs. Oscar Tressel

It was Christmas. In the small Mission Church in a Liberian village the people looked forward eagerly to the special Christmas services and the gifts they usually received at that time.

You can imagine how disappointed they were when the missionary announced, "I know how much you have always enjoyed the Christmas treat we have prepared for you. Now this year there will be no treat. Instead I am asking each of you to bring a gift in the name of the Christ Child. We will then use the money we usually spent for a treat, and your gifts, to help carry the Gospel to others."

Some of the smaller children were very much disappointed for they always counted so much on the treat, as it was usually the only gift they received.

"What, no treat?" asked little Lucy.

"Why, it will hardly seem like Christmas without our treat of nuts and sweets!" exclaimed little John.

Then the missionary explained how urgently money was needed to send a missionary to some village to the south. He continued:

"If we do not help these people, maybe they will never learn about Jesus their Saviour."

"But what can we give?" asked Martha, one of the older girls. "We have no money to send them."

The missionary explained, "It is true you have no money. However I am sure each of you could bring a small offering of rice, or bananas or palm nuts. We can sell these gifts of yours and that will be the same as giving money."

There was a moment's pause. Then Daniel, one of the older boys, said: "I am sure we will all be glad to do without a treat this year. And I am also sure we can all find something to bring to help send the story of Jesus to the people in those faraway villages, who have never heard of Him."

The other children all chimed in. "Yes, we will gladly do without our treat, and will bring a gift if that will help carry the Gospel to others."

At the special service the children, as well as the grownups, brought not money, but produce.

When the offering was taken the great plates were piled high with offerings of rice and cocoa, bananas and palm nuts, pineapple and cassave.

Now there was one little boy who had nothing to give. He did so want to do his part to help carry the story of Jesus to children who had never heard of Him. He said:

"I want these children to learn to know and love Jesus as much as I do."

And then what do you suppose he did?

He walked slowly forward to the place near the altar where the large plates piled high with offerings had been placed. Then solemnly he

## NO MIDDLE GROUND— ONLY A CHASM

### "The Faith once delivered unto the Saints"

1. The Bible is the Word of God. The Book judges man.
2. Jesus Christ is the Son of God in a sense in which no other is.
3. The birth of Jesus Christ was supernatural.
4. The death of Jesus was expiatory.
5. Man is the product of special creation.
6. Man is a sinner fallen from original righteousness, and apart from God's redeeming grace, is lost.
7. Man is justified by faith in the atoning blood of Christ; result, supernatural regeneration from above.

### "Modernist Theology"

1. The Bible contains the Word of God. Man judges the Book.
2. Jesus Christ is a son of God in the sense in which all men are.
3. The birth of Jesus Christ was natural.
4. The death of Jesus was exemplary.
5. Man is the product of evolution.
6. Man is the unfortunate victim of environment, but through self-culture can "make good."
7. Man is justified by works in following Christ's example; result, natural development from within.

—Churchman's Magazine.

## GOD'S LOVE PROVED

Would we know the value that God sets upon us? We have it revealed in the Cross of Jesus Christ. That is the final evidence of God's thought for us. Man, on the one hand so small and insignificant, on the other hand so great: appointed to the privilege of divine sonship! Man in his own eyes so contemptible; in God's sight so dearly beloved!—Dr. Donald Davidson.

## HEART CONVERSION

To believe does not mean a mere intellectual assent to any particular truth. The true belief is a trust, a confidence in Christ. a resting of the whole soul on Him. The true belief is the credence of the head and the confidence of the heart issuing in the conversion of the life. And to this we would earnestly invite every one in the name of our loving Lord.

Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas.

"Prayer is the highest exercise of which the human mind is capable."—Coleridge.

"If children have no church in the home it is more likely they will have no home in the church."

placed his feet in one of the plates.

When the missionary asked him, "Jimmy, why did you do this?" he answered, "We are very poor. I did not have anything else to give. So I gave myself. If you will train me, when I am older I will go and tell the story of Jesus to children in faraway lands."

He gave his all to obey the Great Missionary Command.

Wasn't that a fine gift?

## OBITUARY

Early Monday morning, Nov. 16th, Ralph Thelbert Wilcox passed away at his home, Beals, Maine, at the age of 47, after an illness of several years, more recently being partly confined to his bed, and almost totally blind. These afflictions he bore with great patience and resignation. The deceased was a member of the Wood Island R. B. Church, where he was born and grew up. The writer baptized him along with other young folk at Wood Island on March 2nd, 1919. He came to this place about twenty-eight years ago and has resided here ever since. Here he married Grace Peabody, who survives him. Their two children also survive, Norma (Mrs. Herman Backman), and Elmer. He is also survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wilcox, of Wood Island, Grand Manan, and three sisters, Hilda (Mrs. Lawson Wilcox), Norma (Mrs. Oscar Mullen), and Ruth (Mrs. Charlie Tidd), and two brothers, Ashley and Preston.

The funeral took place on Thursday, Nov. 19th, with interment in this place. The ceremonies were in charge of the writer, assisted at the church by Reverend E. Blackstone and F. Lenfesty. The many and beautiful flowers attested to the esteem in which our brother was held. To the bereaved ones we extend our sincere sympathy.

H. C. Mullen,  
Beals, Maine

Mrs. Lydia Greenlaw, aged 93 years, passed away in the hospital at Fredericton, Nov. 12th, after having fallen and broken her hip, at the home of her nephew, H. C. Greenlaw, with whom she had been residing the last three years. Sister Greenlaw had been in her usual good health, and her accident and resultant death came as a deep regret to her many friends. Her husband, the Rev. Samuel Greenlaw, pre-deceased her many years ago.

The funeral service was held at the home of H. C. and Mrs. Greenlaw, November 14th, and was conducted by Rev. J. A. Owens, assisted by Rev. H. S. Dow, who accompanied the remains to Rolling Dam, N. B., where interment was made.

A mixed choir sang three hymns: "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," "Sweetly Resting," and "The Eastern Gate." J. A. O.

## WEDDINGS

Hutchinson-Carson—Alma Carson, of New Canaan, N. B., and Gordon Hutchinson, of Lower Ridge, N. B., were united in marriage Dec. 5th at the home of W. E. Carson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. G. Morehouse.

Stairs-Brewer—On Nov. 14th, at the Union Baptist Church, Millville, N. B., Miss Marie Brewer became the bride of Mr. Lloyd Stairs. Rev. J. A. Owens performed the ceremony.

Enright-McCarlie—At the Reformed Baptist Parsonage, 51 Carleton St., Saint John, N. B., on Dec. 5th, 1953, Thomas W. Enright and Barbara J. McCarlie were united in marriage by P. H. Green, pastor of the R. B. Church.

Rice-Mullen—A quiet wedding took place at the home of Everett Rice, of Hilltown, when Miss Julia Mullen and Stewart Rice, both of Hilltown, were united in marriage on December 5th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. C. Webb.

The King's Highway