

IN DEBT TO EVERYBODY

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And third, the supreme Principal has been recorded. It is the principle of faith, on which sinful beings like ourselves come to God through Christ and, confessing spiritual bankruptcy, admitting inability to save ourselves, receive God's grace, God's forgiveness, God's newness of life, as His undeserved gift to us. Hence Paul's unashamed proclamation everywhere: "the gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Now it is this triple fact—the supreme Person revealed, the supreme Power released, the supreme Principle recorded—that creates for the Christian an unpayably great debt. Others must be told. Others must know.

Consider one further feature of the debt Paul feels: besides an unlimited recognition of it and an unrivalled reason for it, he testifies to his **unhesitant response to this debt**. "So I am eager," he cries, "eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome" (v. 15).

Think of the **totality** that characterizes this response: "as much as in me is." So the Authorized Version reads. "I have one passion," declared Count Zinzendorf. "It is He, He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ." Another man, you see, feeling his universal indebtedness!

Think too of the **testing** that will come to our response: "I want you to know, brethren, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far I have been prevented)" (v. 13). Any man who sets out to pay his Christian debt to others, his debt to the Cross on which the Prince of Givers once hung, is going to meet with obstacles. The devil will see to that. Such a man will be tested.

But Paul was no slacker. He got to Rome.

It is only the slacker who is doomed. The debtor who pays, and pays, and pays, is crowned with everlasting honor.

THE CALL TO HOLINESS

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Holiness involves diligence in cultivation, watchfulness in discipline, attention to nourishment, and exercise in godlikeness. The perfect must go on unto perfection, and the sanctified must perfect holiness in the fear of the Lord. The God that sanctifies can keep, and his keeping is as complete as his sanctifying. He keeps the spirit holy; he keeps the soul unspotted. He keeps the body sanctified, as becomes the temple of the indwelling God.

The whole subject is hopeless until it is approached from the Godward side. Man cannot make himself holy. He cannot keep himself holy. God can sanctify. God can keep. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

"Jesus, the First and Last,
On thee my soul is cast;
Thou didst thy work begin
By blotting out my sin;
Thou wilt the root remove,
And perfect me in love.

"Yet when the work is done,
The work is but begun;
Partaker of thy grace,
I long to see thy face;
The first I prove below;
The last I die to know."

DEATHS

Mr. Claude Peck, age 79 yrs. passed away at Woodstock Hospital, June 21st after a brief illness.

The funeral services were held from the home of his stepdaughter, Mrs. Ellen Robinson, in Grafton, to the R. B. Church in Lr. Brighton, and was conducted by Rev. J. A. Owens, assisted by Rev. Herman Anderson, and Rev. L. K. Mullen.

The "Canadian Legion" assisted in the Committal service.

Mrs. Florence Cox, of Rosedale, N. B., passed away at Woodstock Hospital in Woodstock, June 20th. Our sister was in failing health for some time, yet her passing was a shock to her loved ones and friends.

She was in her 74th and was an esteemed member of the R. B. Church at Victoria. She was of a quiet and retiring disposition, but a staunch Christian and her generosity to our Bible School and Missions will long be remembered.

Funeral service was held from the home of her son Clarence, with whom she resided, and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. A. Owens, assisted by Rev. Chapman and Rev. Mark Bredin of N. B. B. I.

Besides the son, she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Ada Belyea of Wickham, N. B., and many other relatives and friends.

Guy H. Webber, 69, of Easton, Maine, died at a local hospital, June 19th.

He is survived by one son, John, who resides at Easton; a daughter, Mrs. George Dubuay, of Houlton; a brother, Harold, of Easton.

Funeral service was conducted by Rev. H. O. McGeorge.

To the sorrowing we extend our sympathy.

WEDDINGS

Short-Bragdon: At the Reformed Baptist Church, Presque Isle, Maine, June 25th, Linda Lee Bragdon, daughter of Mrs. Euda Bragdon, became the bride of Horace William Short, son of Mrs. Frank Short and the late Frank Short, of Laurel, Delaware.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. O. McGeorge.

McCullough-Saunders: At the Reformed Baptist Church, Marysville, N. B., May 11, 1960, Ruth Doreen Saunders, of Marysville, N. B., and Frank Ernest McCullough of Keswick Ridge, N. B., were united in marriage by Rev. G. R. Symonds.

Amberman-Moore: On June 4, 1960, Gloria Joyce Moore, and John Walter Amberman, both of Marysville, N. B., were united in marriage by Rev. G. R. Symonds in the Reformed Baptist Church.

Stapleton-Hallett: At the Reformed Baptist Church in Victoria, N. B. on June the twenty-fifth, at two-thirty, Rev. J. A. Owens united in marriage, Wm. Stapleton, and Darlene Hallett, in a double ring ceremony.

LEAVING ALL WITH CHRIST

Let us give up our works, our thoughts, our plans, ourselves, our lives, our loved ones, our influence, our all, right into His hand; and then there will be nothing left for us to be troubled about or to make trouble about. When all is in His hand, all will be safe, all will be wisely dealt with, all will be done and well done.

—Dr. J. Hudson Taylor.

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