

PRACTICAL EVIDENCES

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The real security of Christianity is also to be found IN THE CONSOLATION WHICH IT BEARS TO EVERY HOUSE OF MOURNING. How wonderfully true! What besides Christianity could give comfort to mourning ones? Where else could bereaved ones find consolation? What message could the minister bring to the house of mourning if he had no message from the Bible? Christians have the hope of seeing their loved ones in a Better Land.

One of the saddest tales I ever read to picture the darkness of heathenism was an article entitled "The Land of covered Faces." In this particular country it was the custom to cover the faces of the dead. A woman had lost her only child. She was grief-stricken, but the hardest thing to bear was the thought that she could never again look upon the face of her loved one. A missionary was able to bring the message of the Gospel to this poor woman and told her that in Christian countries there was no such custom. Then she told her that if she herself would take Jesus as her Savior, she would see the face of her baby in another world. This the woman gladly did; hope sprang up in her heart; her tears were dried, and she rejoiced in the hope of seeing her loved one's face again.

What but Christianity could have offered such hope and consolation to this sad-hearted mother!

THE SECURITY OF CHRISTIANITY IS TO BE FOUND in the light with which it brightens the great mystery of the grave.

Yes, there is mystery about the grave! What light we have comes from the Bible. What meaning would life have if it ended at the grave? It would have no meaning! Our Gospel light brightens and gives meaning to the life here and hereafter.

How sad indeed would be the house of mourning, how dark indeed the grave, if Jesus had not left us with the Gospel message! He Said, "I am the resurrection and the life." He also said, "I am the Light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Jesus himself rose triumphant from the grave. Because He lives, we shall live also.

No truth of the New Testament was more thoroughly established than the truth of the resurrection. Christianity is unique in that it rejoices and builds its hopes for the future on the fact of an empty tomb.

St. Paul in 1 Cor. 15 makes very clear the importance and also the certainty of the resurrection, and gives the believer much to cheer and comfort and to be happy about. Let us all find hope in Jesus Christ and rest in the blessed hope that one day we shall see Him as He is. Says Paul, "Behold I show you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (II Cor. 15:51-52). God's Word is true. Christianity is well substantiated. It will meet your every need. Amen!

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A WISE PRAYER

"Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

FROM HAVELOCK, N. S.

Dear Highway friends,

We believe that it is time to write to our Highway readers. We are enjoying our pastorate here in Havelock. The people are very good to us and deserve credit for their faithfulness to God's work and their pastor. They remember us in many ways, helping us in a tangible way very often. Under God's leading, we have felt to remain here for another year. We trust it will be a most rewarding one.

Since we have come to Havelock, the people have made improvements on the Church property to the extent of \$1200.00 (approximately). We failed to mention in our last letter that the main part of the parsonage has been insulated, also new ceiling tile all through. This made the parsonage much warmer.

Spiritually speaking we have seen folk at our altars and God has been with us to own and to bless.

Special meetings are being held in our church May 8-19th with Brother Scott Ingersoll as our speaker. We covet your prayers that God will visit us in an unusual way. We believe it will be so.

We would like to share with you a blessing which we received recently in our church. Being concerned over the shortage of finances to meet bills and budgets, we planned a special endeavour to raise some needed money. Letters were written to non-resident members and local members were urged to participate. This resulted in a day of blessing. April 7th we had a financial service. By this time over \$500.00 had come in from non resident members and our special offering from local members. This almost reached the total balance due for the year. Thus we will be able to end the year victoriously.

While we praise God for the financial victory, we want to give Him praise, most of all, for His wonderful spirit that was evident in this service. As we read letters from non-resident members and spoke on giving to God, His presence drew very near. Such a service is unexplainable, but God was very near. Testimonies in the service revealed mutual blessing, as we heard such words as these, "we shall not forget this service."

In closing we would testify to the wondrous Salvation which saves, sanctifies and keeps day by day. We find the Lord abundantly able to help in time of need. We agree with the hymn writer who said, "sweeter as the years go by". Our desire is to be worthy of his love.

Sincerely

Rev. & Mrs. Marven Durling & Boys.

P. S.

Special Thanks — We of the Reformed Baptist Church of Havelock would like to take this opportunity to thank all the non-resident members who wrote letters and sent a donation to our church for the special endeavour to meet pressing bills. May God richly reward you for helping in His Kingdom.

WORDS

"A way to weigh words is to keep them in the heart, until they are gentle and until the lips will speak them softly."—Douglas Meador.

FIRST—OR NOTHING

There are a great many things which the Lord will put up with in the human heart; but there is one thing he will not put up with . . . second place.—John Ruskin.