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How to Receive God's Gift.

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THE condition of receiving love is faith. When Christ came to the Jordan he surrendered himself to John and went down into the water, and was buried into it. The Greek word "eis" means into. That is the word used here, as also in the statement, "Whoever believeth into Christ shall not perish." There is a world of difference between believing on and believing into. One may stand by the Jordan until he dies, but until he goes down into the water he is not buried in baptism; and you may stand and look at Christ and say, "I believe in Him," but until you have in Him you are not saved, until you have in yourself down into that shining life you do not rise to newness of life.

We may have watched the stream of Christ's life for years, but salvation only comes when we are surrendered into the gift of Christ. You may stand on the corner and watch the street cars for hours, but they will never bring you anywhere until you get into them. You may stand on the third floor of a great office building and watch the elevator go up and down day by day, but until you step into it and surrender yourself to it, it is of no use to you. That is the great difference between those who stand outside and gaze and those who believe in Christ. It is by faith into and surrender to Christ that we are saved. He demands no more of me than a lawyer demands of me; he asks no more than the physician asks. If you do not tell the physician your symptoms, he can do nothing for you, and if you stand outside your lawyer's office with closed lips it shows that you have some other counsel and are not willing to trust him. To stand outside the Lord Jesus and say you believe is not to surrender; it is not to receive eternal life. Believe into.

Some months ago on St. Patrick's day the alarm of fire was sounded in New York, and a great hotel was given to the flames. Down yonder came the firemen with the truck and ladder and the great implements to put out the fire. The men looked up, and there on the sixth floor, eighty feet above the street, sat a woman in the window screaming for help. Before they could lift the great ladder one of the men had raised a scaling ladder and climbed to the window above, then catching on to the projecting stones he raised himself, then drew the ladder after him, and finally reached the side of the doomed woman. There she sat holding a purse in one hand, around her waist a bag of jewels and in her lap a pet dog, while flames shot all around her. The man took the dog and flung it back into the room and said to the woman, "Come."

She believed into him, and slipped from her refuge, threw her arms around his neck and fainted. She had surrendered herself to him. Up the long ladder, which was now raised, came another fireman and the burden was passed from one to another until she reached the bottom and was saved. The belief into that fireman and surrender to him of every power of her being saved her. She might have sat there until the house burned down had she not shown more faith in that fireman than some of you have in Christ. The faith that saves is the faith that lets go everything and settles down upon the shoulders of the ruler of the universe. That brings salvation; nothing else does. Now, my brother, assent to statements concerning Christ is not faith; consent to creed or forms is not faith. Faith is a person surrendered to a person, a life yielded to a life, the will bending to another will. That brings salvation; nothing else does.

Our article referring to what has been written pro and con in the Messenger and Visitor on the Fatherhood of God, was written last week before we saw Bro. Waring's piece in that paper, and as he gives our view of the passages of Scripture that are used to support that doctrine, we make this note lest any one should say of what we have said, "alas master for it was borrowed."

Sunday School Convention.

The fifty-fifth session of the Kent Co. Baptist S. S. Convention, met with St. Mary's S. S., Jan. 11th and 12th. For two days neither interest nor attendance flagged. One school sent ten team loads a distance of twelve to fifteen miles. Officers elected for next year were: President, Rev. R. M. Bynon; vice P. W. Ayer and E. Hicks; secretary Mrs. E. Hicks; treasurer, J. West.

The subject, how to advance our work in this Co. was considered. Our Home Department workers wrought a good and helpful work during the year.

The mass temperance meeting Saturday night, was a decided success. Rosefield division S. of T. attended and in full uniform and added much to the interest. The L. O. L. was also well and ably represented. The half hour of "happy greetings" was richly enjoyed by all. Sunday morning was given to practical S. S. work. After the opening of a model S. S. the different systems of teaching were given. A strong preference was shown for the responsive system.

Sunday afternoon was children's session. Their rendering and selections were excellent. For two and one-half hours they held the undivided attention of all. In the evening the remainder of the programme was given.

The relation of the golden texts to the lessons, also considered. Essays on "The Bible," "Christ as a Teacher," and "Why we are a people," were followed by a short sermon on "Sincerity." Mrs. King was asked to send her essay on "Why we are a people," for publication. All felt we had the Master's presence and blessing throughout.

R. M. BYNON.

REV. JOSEPH G. HARVEY.

The Rev. Joseph G. Harvey, one of the best known Baptist clergymen in this part of the province, and the oldest in this Quarterly meeting, died at the residence of his son, James H. Harvey, Town Marshall, Woodstock, on Monday afternoon, in the 79th year of his age. Mr. Harvey was born in Houlton, Me., and at an early age he accompanied his parents to Woodstock. In the early days he was a driver on the stage line between Woodstock and Grand Falls.

He received his education at Sackville. At the age of about 35 years he was baptized by the late Rev. Thomas Todd, and received a license to preach, and was ordained a minister of the Baptist denomination. He preached at different times at Middle Simonds, Florenceville, Kesswick, Centreville, Springfield, Canterbury, Richmond, Waterville and Rockland. Mr. Harvey was for years one of the most successful ministers in revival services in this part of the province. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Dudley Johnston of Woodstock; two brothers, Washington Harvey, who is in the state of Washington, and Charles Harvey, of Forest City; one daughter Mrs. Yerca, of Boston, and one son, James H. Harvey, who is Town Marshall of Woodstock.—Dispatch.

Queens Co., N. B., Quarterly Meeting.

This Quarterly Meeting met with the Mill Cove Baptist Church commencing Jan. 10th. The ministers present beside other delegates were Rev. R. Barry Smith, W. J. Gordon, W. A. J. Bleakney, E. H. Ganong and J. Coombs.

On the evening of Friday, the Secretary referring to the New Year, spoke, taking for his text, "For ye have not passed this way heretofore." He was followed in earnest exhortations by Bros. Smith and Bleakney.

Saturday morning was given to the business of the Quarterly. A Committee of arrangements for the present meeting was appointed. R. Barry Smith gave notice that at the next session of the

Quarterly Meeting he would move the following resolution: "That the next and subsequent sessions of the Quarterly Meetings commence on Tuesday and end on Friday not continuing through the Lord's day." A committee composed of Bros. Smith, Gordon and C. Price, was appointed to prepare a programme for the next quarterly. The invitation of the Lower Wickham Baptist Church, McDonald's Point, to hold the next Quarterly Meeting with it was accepted.

On Saturday afternoon the regular conference meeting of the Quarterly was held. A goodly number took part and it was a season of blessing. The evening of the same day was devoted to home missions and temperance. Addresses were given on the first named subject by J. Coombs and W. A. J. Bleakney, and on the second by C. Pierce, R. Barry Smith, Rev. Mr. Wason, Methodist, E. H. Ganong and Hon. F. P. Ferris.

A prayer meeting was held on Sabbath morning, led by the chairman of the Quarterly, Bro. J. D. Colwell. At 11 the Quarterly sermon was preached by E. H. Ganong, and at 3 o'clock a Sabbath school service was held. Addresses were given on Sunday School work by R. Barry Smith, the Secretary, J. D. Colwell, E. H. Ganong and Thomas Thorne. On the evening of the same day, a social service was held which was largely attended and deeply spiritual.

A vote of thanks to the church and people of Mill Cove for their kindness to the delegates was adopted. "God be with you till we meet again" was sung, the benediction pronounced and thus closed one of the best of our Quarterly Meetings.

The offering was seven dollars. Art. 6 of the constitution of the Quarterly says, "The collection taken at the Quarterly Meeting shall be equally divided between the objects of the N. B. Convention and Foreign Missions."

Jan. 17th.

J. COOMBS, Sec'y.

Very Helpful.

We should like to pass on to all our friends the beautiful rendering by Conybeare and Howson of II. Corinthians ix:8: "God is able to give you an overflowing measure of all good gifts; that all your wants of every kind may be supplied at all times! And you may give of your abundance to every good work."

Many of our lives are like the trees in orchards and forests, all over the land, in early April days, waiting for the warm sunshine and gentle rains to call out their foliage and fruits; we need the warm south wind of God's love and of the Holy Spirit to woo out the blessed possibilities that are sleeping in our lives. We need Easter in our hearts, a resurrection which shall cause us to rise and shine and put on our beautiful garments.

J. R. MILLER, D. D.

When a man utters a noble thought, that thought becomes a working force and produces results, just as truly as, when a farmer sows seed, he gets a harvest. Character is the most impressive thing in the universe. It cannot exist in any one man without creating a desire to possess it in all other men. Heroic deeds are contagious, and noble lives have a far-reaching influence.—GEORGE H. HEFORTH.

As we have only one life we are only required to do one gr. at work, and that is to serve God.

Courage! Up your heart! When ye do tire, He will bear both you and your burden.

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