

Ontario West, and for twelve of those years she was its President. The responsibilities of that office she discharged with ability and success. She was wise in counsel, tactful, resourceful and energetic in administration. As a speaker she had but few, if any, equals among us for vigorous and comprehensive thinking and clear, pungent and interesting expression. Her service on the Board was made the more helpful by the visit which she and Mr. Firstbrook paid to the mission in India about ten years ago.

In other lines also of philanthropic and patriotic work she was an active leader, especially during these later years of war. For she was large-hearted and sympathetic, and the means entrusted to her she used liberally in ministering to those in need.

All this public service she rendered without neglecting her central responsibility. She made a happy, homey home. She was a fountain of light and cheer, courage and inspiration to her loved ones. It has been a home given to hospitality, a center of wholesome and beneficent influence. Her children arise and call her blessed, her husband also and he praiseth her. And a host of friends share in the sense of loss to-day, and tender their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives in this their great sorrow.

It is at such a time as this that the greatness of our Christian faith is felt, for into the heart of our sorrow it can put peace and even joy. Mrs. Firstbrook was a real Christian, whose faith worked in sunny ways and loving deeds. Concerning her we cherish the great Christian hope and confidence. That is the hope that does not disappoint. She has passed from the home here to the home there. The adieus to loved ones here have given way to greetings to the loved ones gone before. And greatest of all, she has already looked into the face of her Saviour and basks in its love-light.

But heaven to her could not quite be heaven if it were just rest and quiet. An active spirit like hers could not be satisfied with Nirvaana. And so, as we think of her tireless spirit, we think of such a passage as this: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, said the Spirit, that they may rest from their weary toils, for their works follow along with them." That means that the weariness is no longer known, but the activity of working continues—a tireless activity. "His servants shall serve Him." Here there is always imperfection in our service; there His saved ones have the living energy and the holy love and skill that make the perfect service possible. How congenial that to such an earnest soul as hers!

And one further observation out of many that throng for utterance. Think of the completeness of the salvation which Christ brings to everyone who trusts in Him. The spirit is freed from all sin. But we are more than spirit. And Christ's great salvation undertakes to "preserve spirit and soul and body entire without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;" "who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of His glory according to the working whereby He is able even to subject all things unto Himself."

With such hope we can sing in the midst of sorrow; we can rejoice, in tribulation, in the hope of the glory of God. This light that shone so bright among us here is not extinguished, but transferred, for "they that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."

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