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A MEMORIAL.

BY CHRISTINE. A. GIBSON.

It is with deep sorrow that I announce the death of my precious husband, Reuben A. Gibson, with whom I have associated in the ministry of the Gospel for many years.

He fell asleep in Jesus, Wednesday, 1 15 A. M., May 7th., and was buried in the Rumford Cemetery, East Providence, R. I., May 10th. The funeral service was held in the new Tabernacle on the Faith Home ground at 2 P. M. The Tabernacle was almost filled with friends and loved ones from many places. A number of Brethren in the ministry were also present and sat on the platform. Elder Charles W. Rider and W. J. Mitchell were in charge of the service. The "Unity" quartette of the Second Baptist Church here in East Providence sang two effective selections. There were many floral pieces sent in from those who loved and respected our dear companion.

He was ill for eighteen months with "Brights disease." Many united with us in prayer for his recovery, and we hoped he would be raised up again for service; but the Lord, who knew what was best for him willed it otherwise, and took him. And although we, who are left behind, feel intensely the loss, we would not wish him back to continue those days and nights of suffering which we witnessed during his illness, especially as we know he was ready and willing

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to go, for just a few days before he died, he took my hands in his and prayed as only one in the Spirit could pray, then we chanted the Lord's prayer, and sang several songs together; which encouraged me to tell him that the Church was praying earnestly for his healing; but, turning his eyes on me, and smiling, he said, "Tell them to pray for the warriors on the battlefield, my battles are over, and I am going home to triumph." Yes he's gone, and we miss him, but shall his work cease? No! No! "God buries His workmen but carries on His work." We, then, who are left must work the faster, Strive the harder, and press the battle to the gates "till Jesus comes." "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord—that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Rev. 14:13..

His fields of labour were many and varied. He was born in the British West Indies, on the island of Barbados, of Scottish descent, and spent his boyhood days on a sugar plantation of which his father was manager. And when but a young man he accepted Christ as

personal Saviour and dedicated his life to the ministry of the Gospel. He then became associated with Elder George R. Penny, founder of the "The Christian Mission" in the British West Indies, with Headquarters at Bridgetown, Barbados. Together they did pioneer work for some years in many islands, also in south America, building a number of Mission Chapels, thus leading many souls to Christ in all these places. Some years later he came to America with his five precious children, and did Pastoral work in different cities with some blessed results.

About thirteen years ago we accepted the call of God to take Brother and Sister Crocker's place as Manager of Faith Home, also Pastors of the "Church of the Firstborn," and together we have laboured here in East Providence, and have also visited and ministered to many in different states and cities.

Through his efforts we were enabled to build the little Chapel here on the Faith Home grounds, also the large new

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