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"Be thou faithful unto death."



THE LATE SECOND-LIEUT. C. J. ERVINE.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the loss of one of the most faithful members of the Helping-Hand Bible Class, in the person of Sec.-Lieut. C. J. Ervine, who died on the 6th April, 1916, from wounds received in action a few days previously.

"Charlie" had just reached his twenty-second birthday two days before his death, and a bright future was before him if he had survived.

He was one of the earliest members of the Bible Class, and was very faithful in his attendance both at the class and at the 19th Co. Boys' Brigade of which he was for many years a prominent member.

He distinguished himself especially on the athletic side of the Company's work, and played in the cricket and football teams which won such renown about seven years ago.

None the less was Charlie interested in those things which make for true manhood, for, looking back on the days that are passed the writer thinks with pleasure of the first fourteen members who met at 9.30 on Sunday morning, June 3rd, 1906 (amongst whom Charlie's name is fifth on the Roll), to inaugurate the Bible Study Circle and pledge their allegiance to Christ as their Lord and Master.

"Charlie" took up his commission in August, 1915, and went out to France in January of the present year, where he especially distinguished himself by his heroism and bravery, and had he been spared the highest military honours would assuredly have been his.

His death has removed a brilliant young officer from His Majesty's Army, and one of the noblest specimens of young Christian manhood from our midst.

His unassuming manner endeared him to all his chums, and we have lost from our class one of nature's gentlemen to whom success meant no estrangement and whose character time could not sully.

Special reference was made to his life and character at the Bible Class on Sunday morning, April 9th, and the members of the class standing in silence passed a vote of sympathy to his parents which was conveyed by letter through the class Secretary, Mr. Joseph Kirkpatrick.

It is but a few days ago that the tragic words, "Charlie's gone" came with such staggering force to us all especially as a few hours previously a letter from the Chaplain reported that he was making good progress, but to-day Charlie lives first in the circle of his home where his cheery manner left a charm, next in the hearts of his chums as an inspiration to do nobler things, and, best of all, on the other side where long-lost friends are saying, "Charlie's come."

To his bereaved parents we tender our sincerest and deepest sympathy, and commit them to the "God of all comfort" whose Almighty strength will sustain them in this trying hour, and whose enriching grace will supply their every need.

ORDINATION OF REV. W. P. HALL, B.A.

Presentation from Waterside Congregation.

The Rev. W. P. Hall, B.A., was ordained on Wednesday, April 11, 1916, to the pastorate of Gortnessy Presbyterian Church in presence of a crowded congregation, which included a large number of friends of the new minister from Derry, and in particular Waterside, where with great acceptance and ability he has assisted the Rev. Dr. Stuart in the oversight of Waterside Presbyterian Church for the past eighteen months. The Rev. A. Scott, B.A., Upper Cumber, preached from 2nd Cor. iv. and 8. The Rev. Thomas Thompson read chapter 2 of the Rule of Faith and the Confession of Faith, and put the questions, to which Mr. Hall subscribed.