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Dr. Morley R. Hall (1893-1965)

Editorial

"And He gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."
—Eph. 4:11-12

There are few men who have done more in the development of a strong evangelical testimony in Canada in the last 40 years than Dr. Morley R. Hall.

He enjoyed good expository preaching and loved to read some of the old Puritan writers as well as great Baptist preachers like Christmas Evans, Spurgeon, and T. T. Shields.

He always sought to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ in his preaching and in his manner of life.

Like some other Canadian Fundamental leaders he was a-millennial in his eschatology but worked and fellowshiped with his brethren who were pre-millennial and dispensational. As a Regular Baptist, he was a Calvinist in his theology, rejoicing in the great doctrines of grace, believing in the congregational polity of Baptists and adhering to the biblical order of the ordinances.

In a generation that has been characterized by compromise, Dr. Hall steadfastly adhered to the Biblical doctrines that have characterized evangelical Baptists, and was the first Ontario pastor to withdraw voluntarily from those who tolerated liberalism.

He was a discerning man and wise counsellor to all, especially to pastors, deacons and students. His ministry had many facets including the publication of a regular periodical, "Sound Words", in Western Canada, as well as broadcasting in the 1930's through the relatively new medium of radio.

His concern for the training of pastors and missionaries was seen in the establishment of the Western Baptist Bible College, Calgary, and in his teaching of Pastoral Theology at Central Baptist Seminary, Toronto.

He was self-sacrificing and frugal in the use of funds given for the Lord's work but prodigious in spending himself and his strength in the service of Christ and the churches.

Those who worked with him enjoyed his good fellowship and keen sense of humour.

Typical of those who were blessed by his ministry, someone said "He was the first pastor ever to talk to me about my soul when I was 10 years old."

President's Message

I was sitting in the living room with Pastor and Mrs. Casper Koning of Calvary Baptist Church, Cornwall when a long distance call reached me of the home going of our beloved co-worker and friend Dr. Morley Hall.

Although we knew that Dr. Hall was nearing that point in his life when it would be necessary for him to retire from the heavy responsibility that he has carried for so many years, it was indeed a great shock to me to hear of his home going so suddenly. Yet, I feel quite sure that he

wanted to be in active service for the Lord right to the last mile of the journey. He was doing the King's business when the call came.

I am sure that I speak for the entire Fellowship when I express our thanks to God for allowing us to have such a man as Dr. Hall for so long a time in our Fellowship work. He will be greatly missed in so many areas of the work. I know that I speak the heart of thousands across this dominion when we assure Mrs. Hall and the family of our sincere sympathy and prayer at this time.

It was my privilege as the president of the Fellowship to accept an invitation to a special series of meetings sponsored by the Ottawa Valley Association from January 23rd to January 27th. It was a "Meet the President" plan and I enjoyed every moment of it. I travelled to Eganville Baptist Church for the first meeting where the churches of the Upper Ottawa Valley met for a Rally. Sunday morning I ministered to the congregation of Parkdale Baptist Church, Ottawa, where Rev. John McDowall is the pastor. I then made my first visit to Buckingham, Quebec, where we enjoyed rich fellowship with Pastor and Mrs. Burgess. The snow was thick and heavy and many of the country folk could not attend the service, but the Lord met with us and we would encourage you to pray for these faithful workers.

Monday noon I was the guest and speaker at a luncheon for the pastors of the Association. This was a time of rich fellowship and blessing to my own heart. I left Ottawa for a service at Calvary Baptist Church, Cornwall, Tuesday evening. The trip was slow as there was a blizzard that blinded the eyes for the entire trip. Snow was piled up on every side and I thank God for His hand of protection along the way. As we entered the church that night we wondered how the people could ever attend, but bless God these people would not be defeated. They were there in good numbers. The interest and enthusiasm of the people was encouraging. We thank God for some four or five who stepped out that night in dedication to God. Pray for Pastor Koning and the work in Cornwall. I believe great things are ahead for this church under the leadership of this young man with vision, dedication and faith. Wednesday evening we had the joy of ministering to a city wide Rally of the Ottawa Valley churches. This meeting was held in the Calvary Baptist Church where Rev. George Olley is the pastor. The church was just about full on a cold wintry night. This was a service of inspiration and blessing. During this service two men spoke very warmly and graciously of the labours and ministry of Dr. Morley Hall. A motion was passed by the Association that a telegram be sent to Mrs. Hall and the family during their hour of sorrow.

A public presentation was made to the president of a very fine book by the secretary of the Association, Rev. John Burgess. We praise God for a young wife and mother who stepped out in this service for dedication. It is our prayer that the churches of the Ottawa Valley may know the touch of God upon them as never before and that God will lead them into a spiritual revival that will mean the salvation of many souls and the building up of the saints of God.

Please continue to pray for your Executive Council as we seek to lead this great Fellowship forward for His honour and glory. Also remember the office staff as they seek to carry on their added responsibilities during this transition period.

Fred C. Howard

DR. MORLEY R. HALL MEMORIAL FUND

The Executive Council has recommended the establishment of the Dr. Morley R. Hall Memorial Fund. The money made available to this fund is to be used to provide memorial gifts to English and French Home Mission causes, such gifts to be either a pulpit or a communion table with an appropriate memorial plate. The placing of these gifts shall be determined by the Home Mission or French Canada Mission Boards.

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GRATEFUL TRIBUTE FOR THE MINISTRY OF DR. MORLEY R. HALL

"A BROTHER BELOVED, SPECIALLY TO ME" Philemon 16

On January 26th Dr. Morley R. Hall was promoted to glory. There are literally thousands to whom he was, in the words of our text, "a brother beloved, specially to me," and in view of many precious associations with Morley and Violet Hall, dating back to 1919, Mrs. Holliday and I feel that we too may use that Pauline expression.

In those early years the four of us studied and served together in the Toronto Bible College. In the spring of 1921, two student-pastors travelled northward by train, Morley Hall to pioneer a Baptist work in Capreol, the writer to succeed him in his previous summer-field at Dorion.

When the first baby arrived in the Timmins parsonage, it was Mrs. Holliday who cared for Mrs. Hall and John Hedley. While we were resisting Modernism in Western Ontario, Pastor Hall was opposing it in the North. In the Convention controversy over Liberalism and in the early days of the Union of Regular Baptist Churches we were fellow-soldiers. Down through the years our paths have crossed again and again. We have ministered in churches that he established or shepherded, and he has preached in or pastored congregations where we had laboured. In the Administrative work of The Fellowship of Independent Baptist Churches and of The Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches, we shared together something of those pressures which Paul described as "the care of all the churches". In personal crises in both of our experiences we sought each other out and mingled our prayers and tears.

When the Directors of Central Baptist Seminary decided to honour Morley Hall, it was my privilege to invest him with a doctor's degree. When I lay in the hospital operating room after a near fatal accident, it was Morley Hall who bent over me and committed me into the hands of the Great Physician. And when we laid his tired body away in sure and certain hope of resurrection, it was my privilege to pray the final prayer of that triumphant service. How honoured we have been to enjoy these associations with this choice servant of Christ! How much I shall miss this "brother beloved, specially to me!"

REV. J. F. HOLLIDAY,
Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Road Baptist Church.

I KNEW DR. HALL ONLY SLIGHTLY

Last week saw the passing of Dr. Morley Hall. Those who knew him well will certainly miss him. I can't add anything to the expression of their respect for Dr.

Hall. But I can express the feelings of those who knew Dr. Hall only slightly—and this is undoubtedly a very large number of people.

Although Dr. Hall was a member of Kenmuir, I got to know him at the Fellowship office. On one occasion I had a problem that didn't seem to be in focus. I wasn't even sure what the real problem was, let alone the answer. So I set out for the Fellowship office—to talk to Rev. C. Tipp.

Mr. Tipp was out so Dr. Hall invited me in. He was available. He was not keeping an appointment—I had none. He was not bound to discuss my problem. That was really not his "job". He was willingly available.

As we discussed my problem it was obvious that he wasn't going to *give* a quick, simple solution. Rather he was going to help me *find* a solution. He was interested in a solution, but he was also interested in having me solve it. He knew that I would be better off the next time I had a problem to solve if I solved this one more on my own.

What he was interested in offering to my solution of the problem was a broader view. Any solution I might choose after talking to Dr. Hall had to recognize the need for Christ to be honoured in every respect by every person. It would not do to think only in a limited way about the work of God.

His willingness to be available to develop (not just push) me to a fuller honouring of God in my decisions, sets Dr. Hall apart in my mind. He was not a life-long friend. I only knew him slightly. Nevertheless, I shall truly miss him.

DR. R. VOSBURGH, *Kenmuir Bulletin.*
University of Toronto, Professor.

A GRACIOUS BARNABAS WITH THE VISION OF PAUL

In thinking upon the life and history of Dr. Morley R. Hall my mind seems to suggest three main areas into which he as an individual seemed most at home. First of all we see him behind the pulpit as a preacher and a pastor. Dr. Hall had a very long and fruitful ministry both in Ontario and in Alberta during which time his influence was not only among his own congregation but among many congregations which he was pleased under God to found. Many young men were influenced to enter the ministry through his testimony and inspiration and were helped in the starting of many local churches in many areas in Canada which today are a living memorial of the devotion of this man of God to the service of the Lord. In the pulpit he had a very happy knack of presenting the most wonderful truths in a sublime and

simple way. Everyone, whether highly educated or of poor intellect could appreciate his sensitive ministry and could enter in to the magnificent truths that he enunciated. Most of all he was appreciated for his stand for the faith and the historic Baptist principles that were so dear to his heart.

The second area in which he functioned so ably was in the matter of administration. Here his wisdom and continuing experience made a tremendous contribution at any conference table. Though he was often under terrific pressures there was never any indication that he was bothered. I have never known him to speak an unkind word even though many were spoken to him. He seemed always to be in complete control of himself. Very often following long and involved discussion he had the happy ability to be able to sum up a solution to the satisfaction of many who were involved. During the days of the amalgamation of the Fellowship and the Union his steady hand upon the discussions and his wise counsel was of tremendous benefit to us all. He had the respect of both groups and this had a great deal to do with the actual joining together of these bodies which now form the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada.

The third area was simply as a friend. While I cannot claim the close friendship that many others can, it has been my privilege to observe him in association with those who had known him for many years and to see the high regard in which he was held. We have had also the privilege of many intimate conversations with him and always there was the sparkle of friendly humour, the kindly word of advice, the warmth of an understanding friend and the grace of a true man of God. His passing from our midst not only leaves a large gap in our Fellowship Baptist cause but in our hearts as well. He was not one of the "sons of thunder". He definitely was not the impetuous Peter. He was more the gentle and gracious Barnabas, but with a large measure of the vision and perseverance of the Apostle Paul himself. May his mantle fall upon all of his pastors and co-workers and may we have by the grace of God a double portion of this same spirit.

W. H. MACBAIN,
Foreign Mission Chairman.

BELIEVED IN SOUND THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Many eloquent and moving expressions of sincere appreciation are being rightly offered in memory of a stalwart Baptist leader and man of God, Dr. Morley R. Hall. We can appropriately and deservedly extol his life and labours for he contributed much to the cause of evangelical Baptist work during the nearly fifty years of his ministry. But the greatest tribute of all comes from the living testimonials that give constant witness that he lives on and continues to speak through the many lives he has touched by his preaching and teaching.

Being converted under his ministry and so intimately associated with him in the work of the Gospel, I was deeply moved and influenced by his great burden to provide theological training for our Baptist young people. He had deep Baptist convictions and saw clearly the local New Testament church as the proper base for the outreach of the Gospel. As soon as he arrived in Calgary, Alberta, to assume the pastoral duties of Westbourne Baptist Church in 1930, he concerned himself with reaching out with the Gospel to the surrounding towns and

communities. But it was quickly borne upon him through some unfortunate experiences with men unacquainted with Baptist polity and doctrine, that to do any effective work of evangelism and to establish New Testament churches, a Baptist theological institution was needed to train our young people.

To provide such an institution where our young people could be trained according to principles and practices of regular Baptists, Morley R. Hall founded in 1934 the Western Baptist Bible College, utilizing the facilities of the Westbourne Baptist Church for its operation. Unstintingly he gave of himself, personally sacrificing much in days of economic depression to establish this institution. He bore a very heavy teaching load as well as being president. During the six years of its operation—1934 to 1941—over thirty graduated from its courses, most of who are doing very effective work in the pastoral and on the mission field.

It grieved him deeply when he was forced to suspend the operation of the College owing to serious injury suffered in Victoria, B.C. while on a promotion tour for the College. Without a doubt he would have re-opened the Western Baptist Bible College after the War had he remained in Calgary. He loved and lived to give himself and what he believed and learned to others that they, too, like him, might carry the Torch of Truth high in the great outreach of the Gospel at home and abroad. May the inspiration and dedication of his life and labour challenge our Baptist young people to take up this great task, to dedicate their lives to the Lord, to prepare for service in our evangelical Baptist institutions, and to make an impact upon this generation with the Truth and the New Testament programme which we Baptists dearly love.

J. H. PICKFORD,
Dean, Northwest Baptist Theological College.

FRENCH CANADA WORK LOSES A SPECIAL FRIEND

Little did the two Fellowship French congregations of greater Montreal think that their gathering on January 14, 1965, would be the last one with Dr. Morley R. Hall.

His message, that evening, was centered around the thought of the urgency of witnessing. All ought to witness, and if each member of a congregation of 50 wins a person in a year, that congregation will have doubled its size. Dr. Hall ended his message with the glories of heaven that await us.

From his deep and varied experience as a devoted man of God, a founder of churches and of a Baptist Bible School, Dr. Hall was always able to draw very appropriate illustrations and examples that delighted his hearers. His amazing memory, coupled with wisdom and wit, enabled him to be a good counsellor for individuals, committees and boards.

The French Work loses a special friend in Dr. Hall. His heart was with the missionaries who also trusted him. He was anxious to see all of French Canada evangelized. His interest was practical and he gave a daughter to this work.

As we stood in front of the open bier of this friend whom we shall miss, we asked God in prayer, "Lord, grant me to be faithful like him."

W. H. FREY.
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Dr. Morley Hall
 pictured with
 Chairman N. Pipe
 and Members of
 the 1962-63
 Home Mission
 Board.



HIGHLIGHTS IN THE LIFE OF DR. HALL

(Based on notes made by Dr. Hall)

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| August | 18, 1893 | Born near Tillsonburg, Ontario.
Born again |
| August | 1904 | Baptized in Courtland |
| August | 1905 | Left home to study telegraphy and railroading |
| January | 3, 1915 | Entered employ of Michigan Central Railway |
| April | 1915 | Entered employ of Norton Co. |
| October | 1915 | Entered into a deeper experience of consecration in Benton Street Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ontario |
| January | 1919 | Began studies at Toronto Bible College |
| September | 1919 | Began summer pastorate at Dorion |
| May | 8, 1920 | Graduated from Toronto Bible College |
| April | 1921 | Began pioneer pastorate in Capreol, Ontario |
| May | 1921 | Opened new church building in Capreol |
| November | 1921 | Ordained at Capreol |
| November | 1921 | Married to Violet Norena Ivory |
| August | 16, 1922 | John Hedley Lawrence, born June 30, 1923
Raymond Ivory, born July 31, 1924
Ruth Frances, born September 4, 1928
Helen Grace, born May 29, 1931
Marjorie Evangeline, born November 17, 1935 |
| October | 15, 1922 | Began pioneer pastorate in Timmins. Building already erected. |
| February | 1, 1930 | Began Calgary pastorate at Westbourne Baptist Church |
| October | 4, 1934 | Opened Western Baptist Bible College |
| June | 15, 1941 | Had serious car accident near Victoria, B.C. |
| June | 18, 1944 | Began ministry as Missionary Superintendent with Napanee, Kingston, Picton, Belleville and Trenton. |
| October | 1947 | Began duties as Secretary of the Union of Regular Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec |
| October | 14, 1948 | Began pastorate at Charlton Avenue Baptist Church, Hamilton which later became Westside Baptist Church |
| April | 1952 | Began duties as Secretary Treasurer of The Fellowship of Independent Baptist Churches of Canada |
| | 1959 | Received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from Central Baptist Seminary, Toronto |

400 GATHERED TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MORLEY R. HALL

Dr. Hall was at the office as usual on Tuesday, January 26th. Shortly after 2.30 p.m. he left to keep an appointment with a solicitor and as was his custom, if convenient, he took the street-car rather than drive his own car and have to contend with parking problems. He boarded the car at Bloor and Spadina and was travelling west when, after only a few blocks, a lady drew to the driver's attention that Dr. Hall was having difficulty in breathing. A doctor was summoned from a nearby office but Dr. Hall had already passed into the presence of his Lord.

Over 400 people, including scores of pastors, gathered to pay tribute to Dr. Morley R. Hall who had served so faithfully as Secretary-Treasurer of the Fellowship. Among those who gathered were the students of Central Baptist Seminary where Dr. Hall had taught Pastoral Theology. The funeral service was held in Kenmuir Baptist Church, Port Credit, where Dr. and Mrs. Hall were members. The pall-bearers were chosen to represent three different phases of Dr. Hall's life—Dr. D. Morrison and Mr. Al Smith, deacons from Kenmuir Baptist Church, Rev. F. Howard and Mr. W. F. Wilkie, representing the Fellowship, and Rev. J. F. Holliday and Rev. Charles McGrath, friends of the family from earlier years.

The service opened with the singing of one of Dr. Hall's favourite hymns—"When My Life's Work is Ended" and a real note of victory was sounded as the congregation lifted their voices and sang

*"Oh, the soul-thrilling rapture as I view His blessed face,
And the lustre of His kindly beaming eye;
How my full heart will praise Him for the mercy, love
and grace,
That prepared for me a mansion in the sky."*

Rev. Charles A. Tipp, a close colleague of Dr. Hall's for the past five years, spoke briefly of the profound influence which Dr. Hall had on the members of the staff and of the deep affection they had for him. From the scores of tributes that had poured in, Mr. Tipp read several to the friends who had gathered.

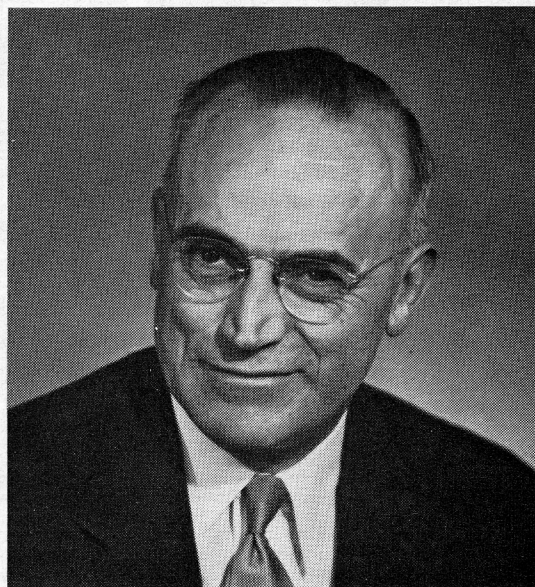
Rev. Gordon Searle, a personal friend of Dr. Hall's and Past President of the Fellowship, paid warm tribute to what his friendship had meant to him personally and also to the selfless way Dr. Hall had devoted himself to the Fellowship. Rev. A. C. Whitcombe, who had once served as a student pastor under Dr. Hall in Timmins, led in prayer.

Another favourite hymn of Dr. Hall's, "Thou, My Everlasting Portion", was requested by the family before Rev. Graham Reeve, interim-pastor of Kenmuir Baptist and a long-time friend, brought the main message. Mr. Reeve said he scarcely knew where to begin because these past forty-five years of Dr. Hall's life had been so full for the Lord. Some men's lives are like a great river with many tributaries. Such was the life of Morley R. Hall. He was not only a Pastor, but a Pastor of Pastors. He has given special meaning to the title of Secretary and was deeply involved in the training of young men for the work of the Lord. The text chosen for the service was Hebrews 13:7-9: "Jesus Christ, the same,

yesterday, today and forever." The service closed with the singing of "Oh, Safe to the Rock" and the benediction by Dr. W. Gordon Brown, Dean of Central Baptist Seminary.

At the brief graveside ceremony Rev. Graham Reeve and Rev. J. F. Holliday committed the family and loved ones to the Lord in prayer and as the "amen" was said, those who had gathered lifted their voices and sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye, we shall meet on the beautiful shore".

Dr. Hall is survived by Mrs. Hall, the former Violet Ivory, two sons, John and Ray, and three daughters, Ruth (Mrs. John Harris), Helen (Mrs. Jean Hamelin) and Marjorie (Mrs. R. Livermore).



MORLEY R. HALL

An Expression of Thanks

Mrs. Morley R. Hall and members of her family wish to express their deep appreciation for the many cards, letters, telegrams and gifts received from friends coast to coast, during the time of their bereavement.

TRIBUTES

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HIS MINISTRY DREW ME CLOSER TO THE LORD

Because I had known Dr. Hall for more than thirty-five years and had always been a personal friend and admirer of his, Mr. Tipp has asked me to describe Dr. Hall, "The Pastor", as I knew him.

I can think of no Scripture that more fully describes the Pastor than the second part of Proverbs 11:30—"He that winneth souls is wise." This characteristic of sanctified wisdom permeated every interest of his life and seemed to be reflected in his very nature itself.

Always his primary concern was to present Christ in an attractive way to everyone he met. He has certainly been responsible for a large number of conversions and for a far larger number of consecrations. Years ago in Calgary, when I told an executive of a Radio Broadcasting Station I was a deacon of Westbourne Church, his manner warmed towards me. He told me that he, a Roman Catholic, got more spiritual help from Mr. Hall's broadcast than from any other source.

I was a young Christian when I first met the Pastor. The help and direction I received from his ministry drew me closer to the Lord Jesus Christ and is responsible for the spiritual and even material growth I have achieved. This influence was always used in a wise, gentle, but somewhat humorous way, so characteristic of him.

His influence hasn't been confined to myself and my wife but has touched our children too. We have often noticed it in their decisions or reactions and may it please God that it continue through their children also.

"Truly he that winneth souls is wise" and the Pastor influenced them in such a permanent way that his wisdom carries on after him.

He will be missed, sorely missed, but he won't be forgotten.

HERBERT H. BONHAM,
Winnipeg.

MEMORIES OF A CHRISTIAN FAMILY

For many years now, it's been a wonderful thing for me to be introduced as the "daughter of Morley R. Hall". And how my heart has been warmed—as has that of mother and the other family members—as we have received hundreds of messages of tribute and sympathy from British Columbia to Newfoundland, at this time when dear Dad has gone forever to be with the Lord Jesus Christ, whom he so loved and whom he so faithfully and joyfully served.

During the past few days my mind has been tumbling over so many precious memories of a simple but happy childhood. How well I recall those annual excursions into the mountains for a few days or weeks of camping out—sometime alone as a family group, but usually with a visiting pastor or friend from the East. And always we enjoyed Dad's specialty—pancakes for breakfast, cooked on the old wood stove. Occasionally Dad and the two boys would get away for their own fishing trip, hiking many miles back to the glacier lakes. As I recall, the fish were pretty smart and too well fed by the wardens—for we seldom had a fish to fry!

Being one who grew up in the depression days, material things were very scarce in our home. However, as the Lord provided, we all had a share. I shall never forget the sacrifice my parents made to send me off to my first Christian camp when I was thirteen. And there, having been under heavy conviction of the Spirit of God

for three years, during the evening service as Dad preached at the camp, I at last surrendered my stubborn will, confessed my sin and was gloriously converted. A month later, I knew the joyous experience of following the Lord in baptism in my home church, Westbourne Baptist in Calgary, and was baptized by Dad. A very memorable day.

As I grew into my teen years I was able to go along with Dad to many services as he travelled to pioneer new fields. Sometimes we'd be alone, sometimes others came along, but always our conversation pertained to the kingdom of God. One of these trips, when we lived in Napanee, involved a regular Saturday morning trip to Kingston, sometimes between seven and eight-foot banks of snow on the highway, and other times when the dew was still glittering on the ground. Each Saturday for several years Dad had a gospel programme, "Heart Talks", and Mother and I assisted with a few gospel hymns. We travelled in all kinds of weather and road conditions, but Dad always kept things bright with his cheery words and happy laughter.

With childhood days far behind, Dad never lost his taste for a hearty laugh, and during the past ten years he had many a romp and joke with the grandchildren. How they all loved him! My own wee Grace at four years of age had already set her cap for Grandpa, and one day told him as they sat on the swing that she expected to marry him when she grew up. When he retorted, "Don't you think I'm a little bit too old?" her reply was quick: "No, Grandpa, we can get you a wig!"

My happy memories are not only those of a wonderful Dad, but also those of a devoted servant of the Lord who gave me a fine and glorious heritage in teaching me the Word of God from my youth up.

2 Samuel 3:38, 39—"Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? And I am this day weak . . ."

RUTH HARRIS

HERE WAS A MAN WHO ACTED NATURALLY

It was in April 1930 when we first met Dr. Morley R. Hall, then Rev. Morley R. Hall, who had recently come to be the pastor of Westbourne Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta. My first impressions of him have never changed. Here was a man who acted naturally. He was at ease and made one feel at ease with him.

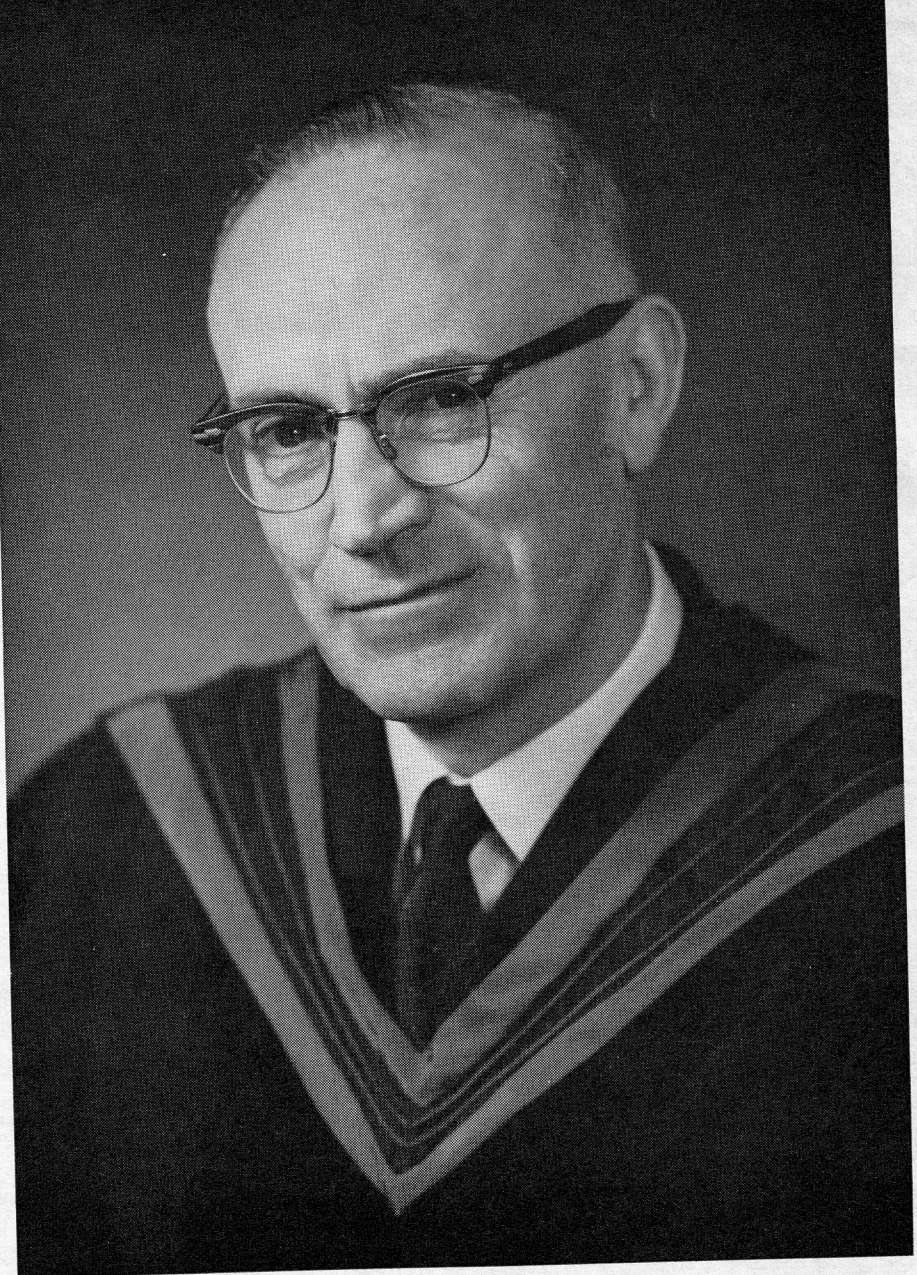
A few weeks after his arrival we organized the Regular Baptist Missionary Society, later changed to Fellowship. The date of this organization was June 4th and 5th, 1930. Brother Hall was our first chairman, and the Westbourne Baptist Church was our host.

A little later on we heard that familiar voice over the Air every Sunday evening following the church services known as, "The Back Home Gospel Hour". Thus on a Sunday evening, after the day was done, and sometimes a discouraging day, we and our people would sit and listen to his words of comfort and encouragement. Eternity alone will reveal just what this meant to us younger pastors and people out on the fields.

Contacts were soon made in various places. Crossfield, about thirty miles north of Calgary was one of the first. Pastor Hall and some of the faithful folks from Westbourne would minister there on Monday evenings, which resulted in the birth of a church in due time, and God has owned His Word in that place to this day. An-

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- (1) Dr. Morley R. Hall at the time he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Central Baptist Seminary.
- (2) Dr. Hall with Miss Betty Tyrrell of the Fellowship Office and Mrs. Ness Aylett of M.B.C.
- (3) Dr. Hall with W. Wilkie and C. Tipp.
- (4) Dr. and Mrs. Hall at M.B.C.
- (5) Dr. Hall and Rev. W. Tompkins in Calgary.
- (6) Dr. Hall (on the right) is seen with Rev. J. R. Armstrong, Dr. W. H. MacBain and Rev. N. W. Pipe at the 10th Annual Convention of the Fellowship. Mr. Armstrong and Dr. Hall were the Secretaries of the Union of Regular Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec and the Fellowship of Independent Baptist Churches of Canada at the time of the merger. Dr. MacBain and Mr. Pipe were the respective Presidents of the two groups.
- (7) Dr. Hall with sons John and Ray in the Rocky Mountains.
- (8) The Hall Family in Calgary days.



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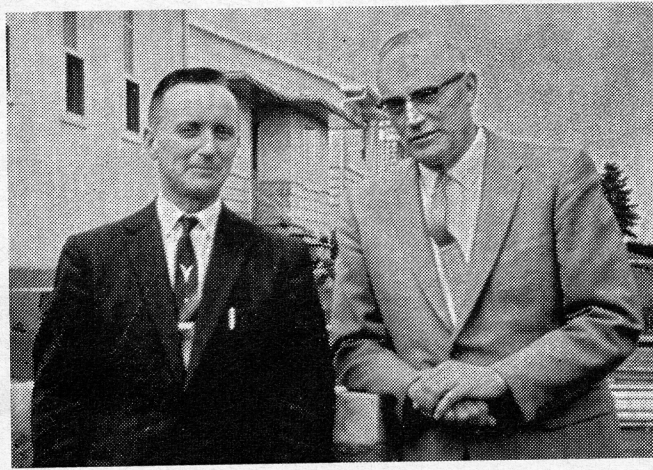


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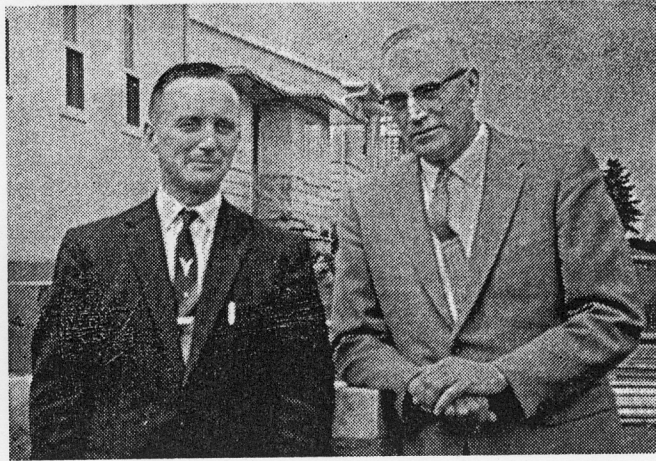
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NEAR LAKE O'HARA
BEHIND LAKE LOUISE
DAD + HIS SONS.

TRIBUTES

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other contact was made in Edmonton, some two hundred miles north of Calgary, which again resulted in the organization of the Norwood Regular Baptist Church, now Fellowship Baptist; and G. W. Searle was unanimously called to be its first pastor. Thus the work grew and we soon doubled and trebled our churches.

In the ensuing months and years, our beloved Brother Hall proved to be a wise, patient, farseeing and capable leader. Like a kind, understanding father to young pastors, he was God's gifted, spiritual discreet leader. His own walk with the Lord was an inspiration to us all. He inspired in us the desire to serve the Lord with him. We all loved him and have never ceased to love him. He was an untiring, humble labourer of the King; and often at great personal sacrifice he piloted us along. For more than ten years, whether we elected him to be president or not, he was by virtue of his gifts and example—our leader.

The Lord of the harvest has called His faithful servant home, but his works do follow him. He has been and will remain to be to many of us our "Beloved Brother Hall". Every memory of him is a fragrance of spiritual stimulation. May the Lord raise up more like him to be leaders among us.

H. C. PHILLIPS,

Pastor, Marpole Baptist Church, Vancouver.

THE TREE IS KNOWN BY HIS FRUIT

Our Lord gives us a rule by which every life and ministry must be assessed: "By their fruits ye shall know them"; "The tree is known by his fruit." The solid foundation he laid by fervent Evangelism and sound doctrinal preaching in the First Baptist Church in Timmins from 1922-30, upon which other men, including the writer, have been privileged to build; the transforming of the Westbourne Baptist Church, Calgary, with its Theological Training College into a strong influential Baptist centre; also the establishment of the present flourishing causes in Crossfield, Drumheller, Edmonton, and other places in the west, under his able leadership, tell us of the blessing of God upon Brother Hall's labours throughout his entire ministry enabling him to accomplish much. Brother Hall, in the capacity we knew him, was a man of serious and determined purpose for God, and one who gave himself continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word. Personally, we came to esteem him very highly in love for his work's sake. We know of many who are today thanking God for Brother Hall, some on earth and some in Heaven, for through his faithful preaching of the Gospel they came to know Jesus Christ as Saviour.

H. C. SLADE,

Pastor of Jarvis St. Baptist Church, Toronto.

A PIONEER IN SPIRIT IN ESTABLISHING BAPTIST CHURCHES

As I think of the sudden, yet glorious, homegoing of a true and faithful servant of God, Dr. Morley R. Hall, there are two verses which come to my mind as related to his ministry in English and in French home mission work.

Job 16:19—"Also now behold my witness is in Heaven and my record is on high."

Rev. 14:13—"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours and their works do follow them."

We are confident that as we look up we see a good record on high. We see that reward which comes through work which abides forever, 1 Cor. 3:10-14.

Then again, as long as the age of the New Testament church shall last our brother's passion for souls, loyalty to the Gospel and pioneering spirit in establishing Baptist churches true to the old Book and the old faith shall continue to be known in this world and remembered with Christian gratitude.

We praise the Lord for His faithfulness to His servant and for the servant's faithfulness to his Lord.

Blessed memories are ours until we meet again.

NORMAN PIPE,
Home Mission Chairman.

Other tributes are still coming in and more will be printed in the next issue.

TELEGRAMS

These are but a few of many telegrams received by Mrs. Hall and the Secretary of the Executive Council.

Crossfield,
Alberta

We send our deepest sympathy to you and family in the loss of your loved one.

We have lost a friend and shall always be deeply grateful for his ministry.

Crossfield owes its origin to his vision and faithfulness to the Lord. II Tim. 4:7, 8.

(I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.)

Crossfield Baptist Church.

Edmonton, Alberta

On behalf of Pastors and many friends in churches of Regular Baptist Missionary Fellowship, am asked to send message of sympathy. Labours of Dr. Hall and yourself, in Western Canada gratefully remembered. Younger generation entering into fruit of your sacrifices. May God bless you.

J. R. Armstrong, Secretary.

Windsor, Ontario

We share with you the shock of the sudden passing of Dr. Hall. A great Baptist pioneer has been called to higher service.

Lindsay Howan, Vice-Chairman,
Assoc. of Regular Baptist Churches
in Canada.

London, Ontario.

We mourn the passing of your beloved husband, our esteemed fellow worker, and commend you to the grace of our Lord Jesus and the comfort of the Gospel—I Thess. 4:16-18.

G. C. Macaulay, London College
of Bible Missions.

Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Hall and family:

May the Lord's Grace be your sufficiency in the home going of Dr. Hall. Be assured of my prayers and I trust that you will find the Lord's presence to be precious during these days. (We sorrow not as others which have no hope). I Cor. 15:55.

Fred C. Howard, President.

Calgary, Alberta.

Heartfelt sympathy and assurance of our prayers for yourself and family. Your husband was greatly beloved by many throughout this whole area. His works will continue to follow him. May others catch his vision for pioneering and emulate his courage. He died as he lived on active service for Christ.

Rev. W. C. Tompkins and Congregation
of Killarney Baptist Church.

Cloverdale, B.C.

We mourn with you the passing of Dr. Hall and feel for you in the loss of a great servant and leader in the Fellowship. But we rejoice to know that he has heard his Lord say "Well done, good and faithful servant." He has gone as he desired to go in the midst of service. Hebrews 12:1, 2. (Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the Cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.)

Convention of Regular Baptist Churches
of B.C. John A. Stewart, President.

Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mrs. Hall and Family:

This evening at a special Rally of the Ottawa Valley Association a motion was passed unanimously to convey to you our Christian sympathy on the home going of your beloved husband and father, Dr. Hall. Mention was made at the meeting of his faithful labours.

Ottawa Valley Association.

Kitchener, Ontario.

Benton Street Baptist Church assembled in Annual Meeting January 27 extended sincere sympathy in the home going of Doctor Hall. Pastor Schade and older members recall his early years here and his call to the ministry under Dr. R. E. Neighbour meeting in Benton. John 17:24 (Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou has given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

Pastor Davison

Drumheller, Alberta.

First Regular Baptist Church, Drumheller, has sincerest sympathy for Mrs. Hall and all who mourn the passing of Dr. Morley Hall. We thank God for His faithful servant who meant so much to the Baptist testimony in Alberta and to our church particularly in the difficult beginning years.

Pastor Apps

Hamilton, Ontario.

We extend to you the sincere Christian sympathy of Pastor and people of Victoria Avenue Baptist Church in the sudden passing of Dr. Hall. His home going will mean a great loss to you and the Fellowship. May the Lord comfort and sustain you in this hour of trial.

Rev. P. B. Loney

Housesprings, Missouri.

Just learned by telephone through our son-in-law, Rev. Edwin Mitchell, of the sudden home going of Dr. Hall. It is a great and grievous loss for all of us but glory for him. Please be assured of the utmost sympathy from Mrs. Roblin and myself.

Rev. Leander Roblin

LETTERS OF SYMPATHY

Sudan Interior Mission,
Toronto 5, Ontario.

It was a real shock last evening to learn of the sudden passing of Dr. Morley Hall.

After having been so active in the cause of Evangelical Baptist Churches across Canada for so many years, Dr. Hall's

homegoing will leave a real vacancy in the work of the Fellowship. How good it is to know for a certainty that he now rests in the presence of the One he loved and served.

On behalf of the Sudan Interior Mission I would like to extend our sincere sympathy and assure you of our prayer support that God will undertake both for the family he leaves behind and the work of the Fellowship of Baptist Churches.

May the Lord abundantly bless you and enable you for the extra work which will be yours at this time.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Edwin A. Tomlinson, Secretary.

Editor's Note: For some years Rev. M. R. Hall served on a committee of the S.I.M. in Western Canada.

Women's Missionary Society of
Regular Baptists of Canada

On behalf of the members of the Board of the W.M.S. of Regular Baptists of Canada, would you please convey to the Fellowship our sincere sympathy in the great loss they have sustained in the sudden passing of their Secretary, the late Dr. Morley Roy Hall.

He has filled that office for many years in faithful and loving service: he was a great defender of true Baptist principles, and his ever conscientious stand was known and respected over this great Dominion from coast to coast. His loss to our Baptist cause will be keenly felt and the void difficult to fill, as his years of service gave him a thorough understanding of conditions in the Christian world.

We sorrow, not as those who have no hope: he has gone to his higher Reward, and some day we shall meet him in that Land where no partings ever come. He has heard his Master's "Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the Joy of thy Lord", and what a glorious entrance awaited him!

May the God of all Grace sustain and comfort his loved ones in their hour of trial, and give wisdom to all who have to take up Dr. Hall's many and demanding duties.

Yours in the Master's Service,

Eveline B. McKee,

Corresponding Secretary.

President's Itinerary

March

2—Message to the Evangelical Ministerial of London, Ontario

9—Message at our Pastor's Conference in Toronto

16—Present the Fellowship work at Missionary Conference at Hope Baptist Church, London, Ontario

17—Attend Baptist Mid-Missions General Council as a Council member in Gary, Indiana

April

4—Royal York Baptist, Weston, for both services

6—Executive Council, Toronto

8—Ordination of Lambert Baptist (Charge to the Church)

16—F.B.Y.P.A. Convention. Evening message

25—Boston Baptist Church, Both services. Presenting Total Fellowship program.

Itinerary of the

Secretary of the Executive Council

March

7—8.00 Forward Baptist Church, Toronto

14—Olivet Baptist Church, Meaford, Ontario

21—Temple Baptist Church, Preston, Ontario

28—11.00 Fellowship Baptist Church, Collingwood, Ontario

3.00 Rockmills

7.00 Fellowship Baptist Church, Collingwood, Ontario.

Rev. David Staney will be in Ontario in May. Write Rev. R. E. J. Brackstone of Chatham for meetings.