

OUR LOSS — HEAVEN'S GAIN

When God chooses those to make His crown, He always takes the best. Such was the case when He suddenly called for Dr. H. P. Robinson and Rev. Carl Thurman.

Like a flash, ^{the} ~~this~~ entire Pentecostal Holiness Church was shocked and saddened at the news of the death of two of our greatest ministers. Many of us find it hard to believe and accept, however we know that God makes no mistakes. There are no accidents with God. To one of God's elect, things do not just happen; they are the workings of omnipotence to the full concern of God's kingdom.

There is great difficulty, yet great blessedness in accepting God's mysterious moves without question. Paul said: "All things work (not just happens) together for good to them who love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose".

Although I served in his conference, Bro. Robinson was more than ^{my} ~~any~~ superintendent, he was a very close friend. Like many others I feel a personal loss. Many times as a young minister, I had to visit the conference office in search for advice. I always left with new zeal as a result of his personal warmth and interest in me as a person and not only as a minister.

Bro. Robinson had a way of making you feel that you were one of the most important ministers in the field and yet as he stood behind the pulpit with God's fire burning in his soul, he made even ministers feel the need of hastening to the altar.

After the funeral, my wife and I went by the conference parsonage to pay our respects to Sis. Robinson. She met us with a warm embrace such as is natural with the Robinson family. We had expected to comfort her and the children, but on the contrary they comforted us. To them Bro. Robinson is not dead but, (and these are her words) he has just kept another appointment that God made for him. She told us that she intended to compile Bro. Robinson's