Una Marson lived a rich, full, incredible life

Representatives of 947,197 aspects of cultural and creative activity in Jamaica — poetry, drama, education, music, art, journalism and Government — announced his death to Mrs. Una Marson, who died last week at the age of 60, still active in the fields of social work and journalism and just getting ready to go abroad for further experience.

Many of Jamaica's leading citizens in Miss Marson's chosen field of activity were there, and as the funeral procession left the church for the adjoining cemetery a group of boys from the championship sports team circled the path on both sides, in tribute to one who had done much to help improve their lot and had paid them many kindnesses.

But perhaps one of the most touching tributes was the current of tenderness at the funeral of the 90-year-old Rev. N. C. Lloyd, even though he was not strong enough to leave his car to enter the church.

Incredible

The simple service was conducted by the Rev. K. D. Carnegie, and the lesson was read by the Rev. Maurice Marks of the St. Stephen's Congregational Church.

In his eulogy the Rev. Mr. Carnegie said Miss Marson had lived a full, rich life, incredible in its scope even though she had known her from her childhood. She had been a truly natural figure with a tremendous impact on other people. It was impossible to believe that such a life would simply come to an end on one particular day, and sometimes wondered whether the day of death was not the greatest event of life, just as the early Christians regarded the resurrection as something else to another of greater scope and unimaginable beauty.

He had known of all the things passionately, and had been a bitter disappointment to her idealism that she had suffered things, but for all her fault and failings the standards of old.

Great prophet

Mr. Carnegie referred to the Gleaner obituary and editorial on Miss Marson, as well as the pathetic editorial in the same paper by Mrs. Aimee Webster-DeLisser, and said she had been one of Jamaica's great prophets, with a prophetic oracular voice which made the world a richer place, and at the same time a lot of Jamaica's never lessened.

He said she had embodied her own and Jamaican culture, and had indeed burst herself out to meet popular causes and could and often did stand alone. She never had a number, and she had been a poet, a maker and a creator. A great part of her greatness had been her humility. The presence of the congregation was itself a tribute to her, and she had been one of the most distinguished students of Hampton High School.

Remarkably that Alfred Nobel himself would not have been surprised if a woman of Miss Marson's stature and qualities had been nominated for one of his awards. The Rev. Mr. Carnegie digested the full of Nobel's own dedications of his fortune to the recognition of great creative talent and the concern on the death of his brother, journalistic error had caused Nobel's own obituary to be published. He had seen himself as other had seen him as the inventor of dynamite, new means of destruction, Sir. Mr. Carnegie then led the congregation in prayer, and after the singing of the hymn "For All the Saints Who From Their Labours Rest", the coffin was borne to the grave for the final rites. Pallbearers at this stage were, Mr. Vincent Sautier, Mr. Allan Burke, Mr. Frank Franzen, Mr. Ronald Sayles, Mr. Rudolph L. Aarons and Mr. Roy McFar.

Miss Marson's chosen, Mr. Carnegie then visited Coombs, Mr. -Rudolph L.

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