

# The Scripture is Prohibition.

MR. EDITOR.—Your issue of June 2nd, contained a letter called "Prohibition and the Scriptures" in which the writer was asking for a "Thus saith the Lord" for legal prohibition. Does the word of God prohibit killing? Exodus 20: 13, "Thou shalt not kill." This is prohibition direct. The rum-seller has often killed his victim in one short hour. At other times he kills more slowly, leaving the body more bloated and ragged, and his own pockets fuller of his victim's money. Does the rum-seller kill?

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth the bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness." Hab. 2: 15. If our legislators were guided by this "Thus saith the Lord," the most ardent prohibitionist would ask no more. In place of a license law we would have a law making killing with alcohol the same as killing with any other poison, and, as alcohol is classed among the poisons, the chemist would be required to put the skull and cross bones on the bottle containing it. Will anyone deny that alcohol kills more than all other poisons combined? W. E. S. says: "I see the evil and will gladly assist in putting it down in any way the word of God warrants." This is just what, it appears to me, he is unwilling to do. The word of God sanctions the use of means to remove evil. He denies the use of means in this particular case.

Why is he not busy impressing upon thieves the necessity of becoming honest, and correspondingly eager to secure the abolition of laws against thieving and other like crimes.

Prohibition is the act of forbidding. W. E. S. admits the traffic to be evil—that is of the devil—and denies to Christians the right to forbid it. Is it wrong to forbid it? Is it wrong to forbid evil? 1 John 3: 8. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil." Does the Bible prohibit all evil or only a few smaller ones, and overlook that archevil the rum? Matt. 3: 10. "And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire," not coaxed down or impressed with the need of being down, but hewn down. Moreover he says, "Reason is so perverted that men of the highest Christian character stand in God's house and with a perfectly quiet conscience, declare directly contrary things to be God's truth. The amount of ease your correspondent's conscience enjoys I cannot say, but I will be ready to believe he has not fallen into a like error when he advocates the repeal of every penalty on our statute books against evil doers, else "Thou that judgest against the same things," Rom. 2: 3. Prohibition arguments are solid. The source is solid—God's word. It denies the right of man to destroy his fellow-man, and denies to prohibitionists the right to pay the cost of the crime and pauperism resulting from the liquor traffic. "Every one shall bear his own sin," and "Behold I come quickly; and my reward is with me to give to every man according as his work shall be." May it not be possible that among those who hear the message "Depart from me ye that work iniquity" there may be found a host who have prayed temperance prayers and marked rum ballots?

BURKE P. ROCKWELL.

July 5th, 1897. Amherst Shore, N. S.

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# Notices.

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Will all who have any intention of going to Northfield, Mass., to attend the Moody Bible Conference in August next, report at once to me, you will probably obtain valuable information as to special rates etc.

B. H. THOMAS.

Box 115, Digby.

Delegates attending the N. B. Eastern Baptist Association at Albert, Albert Co., on July 16 will purchase first-class full fare tickets on the Intercolonial Railway to Salisbury and obtain at the starting point a standard certificate, which must be filled in and signed by the Secretary and presented to the ticket agent at Salisbury for a free ticket to return. If less than ten delegates in attendance, half first-class fare will be charged for return. The Salisbury and Harvey Railway, N. B. and P. E. I. Railway and Elgin, Petitediac and Havelock Railway will carry delegates at one fare, full first-class fare to be paid going and on return present a certificate of attendance from the Secretary to the ticket agent. Certificates good for three days after the close of the meeting.

H. G. ESTABROOK, Clerk.

Correspondents of the Baptist church at Lawrencetown Annapolis Co., N. S., will please address all correspondence to T. G. BISHOP, church clerk.

The following Brethren were appointed Delegates by the N. B. Western Association to the conventions:—Revs. C. Henderson, C. Routledge, J. W. S. Young, J. D. P. eeman, A. Freeman, Bros. T. H. Hall, C. N. Barton, Seeley, Sloat, D. C. Parent, M. S. HALL, for Committee.

Fredericton, N. B. July 7th.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Baptist Publishing company, will be held at their office 85 Germain street, St. John N. B., on Monday morning Aug. 23rd at 9 o'clock. B. A. STAMERS, Sec'y P. S. The Directors of the company will meet at 85 Germain St. Saturday morning Aug. 21st at 9 o'clock.

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There are complaints at Boston about the Dominion Line steamship Canada being allowed to sail from that port with an extraordinarily heavy cargo and almost double the legal number of passengers. The vessel had 725 passengers on board, and while her British permit is for 800, her United States certificate only permits her to carry 400.

The appeal of the Sultan to the Emperor Francis Joseph, and the unusual fact that the text of the latter's reply has been published, taken together with the Emperor William's advice, indicate that Abdul Hamid is seeking a pretext to enable him to resist successfully the demands of the Turkish war party by representing himself as compelled to comply with the demands of Europe.

A Constantinople despatch of July 10 says: The collective note of the powers, demanding a cessation of the obstruction of peace negotiations, which was presented by the ambassadors to the Turkish government yesterday, is couched in the most severe terms. It insists that the frontier between Greece and Turkey be traced by the military attaches of the embassies of the powers and emphasizes the unanimous determination of the powers to secure a prompt conclusion of peace. As, however, the note does not fix a date within which a settlement of questions in dispute must be effected and as it does not mention the steps it is proposed to take in the event of Turkey not yielding to the wishes of the powers, there is great doubt as to whether the note will have the desired effect.

John Redmond, the Parnellite leader, who paid a long visit on jubilee day to the Irish political prisoners in Portland prison, says that some of the cases are desperate. Henry Wilson and Burton, Mr. Redmond adds, are complete wrecks. They are permitted to be seated whenever they like and only lightly worked. He fears they will die unless speedily released. Harrigan is demented and if released will have to be restrained, like Dr. Thomas Gallagher and Albert C. Whitehead. Altogether, there are only five Irish political prisoners undergoing imprisonment. Mr. Redmond is in constant communication with the government in regard to prisoners and recently secured a special commission of London doctors to report on their cases.

At the San Francisco Christian Endeavor Convention there were wild demonstrations of enthusiasm attending the presentation of the badge banner to the country making the greatest proportionate gain in number of societies during the last twelve months. The banner which has been in the possession of Scotland during the past year, was won by Ireland. The junior badge banner, given for the greatest proportionate increase in the number of societies during the last twelve months, was awarded to Spain. It had been in possession of Mexico. The badge banner for the greatest increase in number of societies during the year, which has been held by England, was retained and presented to the same country. The banner for the greatest increase in the number of societies, which has been held by Pennsylvania for three years, was wrested from the Keystone State by Ohio.

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# Personal.

Rev. E. E. Daly is enjoying a few weeks vacation. The pulpit has been supplied for two Sundays by Rev. L. A. Palmer, of Swampscott, Mass.

We were sorry not to see Dr. Goodspeed of Toronto when he called last week. He is spending a few weeks with friends at Penniac, York Co., and will be in St. John again later. Mrs. Goodspeed and daughter are at Paradise, N. S.

Rev. J. Harry King is in the city and supplied the pulpit of the Main Street church in the absence of Pastor Gordon at the Association in Sunday last.

Rev. G. O. Gates of Germain Street, was absent last Sunday, at the Association. The pulpit was supplied by Rev. George Baker.

Rev. Dr. Carey, accompanied by Miss Carey his daughter, has gone to Canso and Port Mulgrave, N. S. for a few weeks vacation.

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# A Rustic Malaprop.

A rustic in Suffolk, being asked the other day how his village was going to celebrate the jubilee, replied that they were going to have a "new resurrection ground." The interrogator surmised that this meant a new cemetery. It turned out, however, to be a recreation ground.—[London Truth.

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# A Plain Direction.

Canon Knox-Little told a good story once at a church congress. He said he remembered a lynch-gate in front of a beautiful church, which had been restored and made very nice. There was painted over the door, "This is the Gate of Heaven," and underneath was the large notice, "Go round the other way."—[Household Words.

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