

THE POWER OF THE KING'S WORD.

...“Where the word of a king is, there is power.”—Eccl. 8:4.

Then the question is, Where is it?? “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,” and there, even in you, will be power.—Col. 3-16; Heb. 2:9. The Crowned One, who is now “upholding all things by the word of His power,” hath said: “I have given them Thy word,” Heb. 1:3; John 17:14. And those who have received this great gift, “not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God,” know that there is power with it, because it effectually worketh also in them. 1 Thess. 2:13. They know its life-giving power, for they can say, “Thy word hath quickened me,” and its life-sustaining power, for they live “by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.” Ps. 119:5; Matt. 4:14. They can say, “Thy word hath I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee”; for in proportion as the word of the King is present in the heart, “there is power” against sin. Ps. 119:11. Then let us use this means of absolute power more, and more life and more holiness will be ours.—John 6:63; 17:17.

“His word was with power” in Capernaum of old, and it will be with the same power in any place nowadays. Luke 4:32. His word cannot fail; it “shall not return void:” it shall prosper.” Isa. 55-11. Therefore, when our “words fall to the ground,” it only proves that they were not His words. 1 Sam. 3:19. So what we want is not merely that His power may accompany our word, but that we may not speak our own at all, but simply and only the very “word of the King.” Then there will be power in and with it. Bows drawn at a venture hit in a way that astonishes ourselves, when God puts His own arrows on the string. 1 Kings 22:34; Ps. 45:5.

There is great comfort and help in taking this literally. “If any man speak to him speak as the oracles of God.” 1 Pet. 4:11. And why ask a little when we may ask much? The very next time we want to speak or write “a word for Jesus” (and of course that ought to be today) let us ask Him to give us not merely a general idea what to say, but to give us literally every single word, and “they shall be withal fitted in thy lips.” Heb. 3:13; Prov. 22:18.

For He will not say, “Thou hast asked a hard thing,” though it is far more than asking for the mantle of any prophet. 2 Kings 2:10. He says, “Behold! I have put My words in thy mouth.” Jer. 1:9. This was not for Jeremiah alone, for soon after we read, “He that hath My word, let him speak my word faithfully,” (for we must not overlook our responsibility in the matter); and then follows the grand declaration of its power, even when spoken by feeble lips. “Is not My word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?” Jer. 23:28-29. “Behold! I will make my words in thy mouth like fire.” Jer. 5:14.

If we are not sufficient of ourselves to *think* anything as of ourselves, how much less to *speak* anything! “Have I now any power at all to say anything? The word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak.” 2 Cor. 3:5; Num. 22:38. We would rather have it so, “that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.” 2 Cor. 4:7. Our ascended King has said: “All power is given unto Me. Go ye therefore.” Matt. 28:18-19. That is enough for me, and “I trust in Thy word.” Ps. 119:42.

“Resting on the faithfulness of Christ our Lord,
Resting on the fullness of His own sure word,
Resting on His power, on His love untold,
Resting on His covenant secured of old.”

—Frances Ridley Havergal in “My King.”

MARRIED

MacRae-Good

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Good, 53 Williams street, Moncton, Monday at noon when their daughter, Mabel May, became the wife of Robert Henry MacRae, of Toronto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew MacRae, of Blackville, N. B. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. C. Archer, uncle of the bride, in the presence of the immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom.

The bride, who entered the room on the arm of her father, was prettily gowned in yellow georgette with flat picture hat, and carried a shower bouquet of ophelia roses. The music was furnished by Mrs. F. D. Ward and during the ceremony Miss Nellie Good, sister of the bride, sang “O Promise Me.”

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion with cut flowers and ferns.

The wedding gifts included cut glass, china, silver and checks.

A dainty luncheon was served by the girl friends of the bride, after which the happy couple left for Montreal and Toronto.

The out-of-town guests included Mrs. Andrew MacRae, mother of the groom, and Miss Iva McRae, Blackville, N. B.; Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Archer, Grand Manan; Mrs. Allen Coughlin, Boston; Mrs. A. L. Bubar, Saint John, and Mrs. Harry Weatherhead, Rothesay.

OBITUARY

Mrs. W. A. Britton

At the Aroostook Hospital, Houlton, Me., on the morning of Sept. 7th, 1927, there departed this life Sister Britton, wife of W. A. Britton, of Houlton, Me., in the 54th year of her age, leaving to mourn their loss, besides a sorrowing husband, three daughters, Mrs. J. K. Campbell, of Lewiston, Me., Mrs. Clifford Wetmore and Miss Marguerite Britton, of Houlton, and three sons, Henry, Allison and Alfred, all of Houlton. The services were conducted by Rev. E. W. Lester, pastor U. B. Church, Woodstock, N. B., assisted by Rev. F. C. Hartley, pastor of the Baptist Church, Houlton, and interment was made in the Houlton cemetery to await the sounding of the trumpet.

Sister Britton was converted when quite young and has been a faithful follower of Jesus ever since, having received the baptism with the Holy Spirit some years ago. She died triumphant in the faith. Although she had been ailing for some time, her death came very unexpected and sudden. We extend to the sorrowing loved ones our heartfelt sympathy.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

CARD OF THANKS

Through the Highway we wish to express our thanks to the many friends, especially of Woodstock, for their kindness to us during the sad bereavement of our beloved wife and mother.

W. A. BRITTON AND FAMILY,
Houlton, Maine

“I know not by what methods rare,
But this I know, God answers prayer.
I know that He has given His Word,
Which tells me prayer is always heard,
And will be answered soon or late;
And so I pray and calmly wait.

Temperance Column

POISON LIQUOR

An interesting example of the propaganda of the liquor interests has recently come to our attention.

One of the strong arguments frequently advanced in support of the sale of liquor under Government supervision is founded upon the statement that hundreds of people are dying from the effects of drinking poisoned liquor sold by bootleggers. So-called “reports” from New York City indicated that during the last Christmas holiday period over 700 deaths resulted from the drinking of denatured alcohol and other poisonous liquors. Such stories were used freely in New Brunswick to strengthen the advocacy of legalizing the sale of purer liquor.

But official figures have finally come to light with the truth regarding such cases, and they indicate that there was just one death from such cause in New York City during the period mentioned.

Thus the “terrible offense” perpetrated against the poor victims of the bootlegger, and the “crime of the centuries” which branded the Prohibition Provinces and States as legal murderers have all dwindled down to the fact that much ado was made about nothing, and that the number of citizens courting death by patronizing the bootlegger was so small as to be hardly worth considering in comparison with the multitude of law-abiding people who eschewed all appearances of illegal drink.

It was all the propoganda of the traffic. Being skilfully and artistically disguised, it was intended to deceive, and wonderfully succeeded in so doing.

We venture to prophesy that during the remaining months of this year the medical doctors of New Brunswick will be called to treat more cases of acute alcoholism than have appeared during the whole of the last three years.—Temperance Bulletin.

THE LIQUOR STORES

The Government Liquor Board has announced the names of the places where they will dispense beverage liquor, as well as the names of those who will have charge of the business, and the whole schedule affords a most interesting basis upon which to begin a study of the traffic in this Province, and upon which to base our expectations for the future thereof.

Of the official Government dispensaries almost half are in districts whose representatives in the Legislature voted against the new liquor law. Adding to this fact the further fact that a Federal Act prevents the establishment of stores in seven of our fifteen Counties, and that these Counties may be depended upon to oppose the changing of the law so as to permit of stores being opened; and taking into account the repudiation of pledges in order to get the business started, it looks as though the people of New Brunswick were having very little part in determining the manner in which intoxicating liquor shall be sold.

We would respectfully remind the Government that the constitutional British method of finding out how the sentiment of the people is affected by the actions of Parliament is to submit such actions to the electorate, that by their votes they may express approval or disapproval.—Temperance Bulletin.