

Temperance Column

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WELL DONE.

The electors of Prince Edward Island deserve the above commendation because of their verdict on prohibition. They have given government control the black eye it deserved. In view of the extent of government control in Canada their victory is all the more striking. We are persuaded that the electors of New Brunswick would have given the same verdict had they been consulted before the enactment of government control.

The king and queen of Egypt have been visiting our king and queen. No wine was served at the reception given in honor of the visitors because it is considered an offense against morals and manners to serve intoxicants to a Mohammedan, thus Temperance speaks across the sea. Let us not be discouraged by reverses. Temperance will prevail.

Asked his opinion of prohibition in the United States, Ramsey MacDonald said: "It is an honest attempt to make people decent." The same is true of prohibition everywhere. Speaking of slavery, Lincoln said: "The nation cannot remain half slave and half free."

Twonde said: "The moral law is written on the tablets of eternity." That law prohibits evil. No legislative sanctions can make right what God calls wrong." Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken," whether he be premier, preacher, bootlegger, bartender or any other. Jesus made wine. Yes, but he had no still, brewery or bar. None went home with broken heads and hearts. Intoxicants have separated husbands and wives. The wine Jesus made was a supplementary benediction to marriage at the start.

What is the difference in principle between prohibition and government control? The first prohibits an evil; the last sanctions it. Balak would have had Baalam curse those whom God would bless. Government sanction by control (so called) is an attempt to bless what God has cursed. John Wesley said: "The liquor traffic can never be legalized without sin." The sponsors of government control legislation claim it is an attempt to banish the hypocrisy caused by the non-enforcement of prohibition. It is not hypocrisy to be elected on a "dry" platform and then enact "wet" legislation?

The official sanction of liquor sales is deplorable. Facts show that there is a greater demand in public for intoxicants when they are sold under the sanction of law. Newspapers report that the first day government control legislation went into effect in Ontario a long line of customers stood before a government store waiting to be served with liquor. We know of no such open demand having been made under prohibition. We readily admit that the law was broken and often winked at, but it stood as a protest against the manufacture and sale of intoxicants for beverage purposes. Again we say, well done, to the electors of "The Garden of the Gulf." Your example should cause righteous stirring in the breast of every prohibitionist and cause every lover of sobriety to pray for the day when there shall be "naught to hurt or destroy in God's holy mountain.—B. T. G.

BEULAH CAMP

Grand View, New Brunswick

By C. F. Wimberly

With profound gratitude, I acknowledge pleasure and privilege I have had in being the preacher-evangelist at the Beulah Camp, Grand View, N. B. This camp is located on the Saint John River, twenty miles above the City of Saint John, and in the very heart of Canada's most picturesque province—that of New Brunswick. In all this section, it is a perfect riot of lakes, rivers and miniature mountains, with fertile valleys that charm the eye. The camp is on a high hill overlooking the big river and the view from every angle is a dream of beauty. We have been either a visitor or preacher at most of the large camp meetings in the land, and for equipment and conveniences, none excel the Beulah Camp.

All the buildings and the grounds are supplied with water from a great artesian spring high up in the hills near by, and the water is literally as cold as ice. They have the primeval woods, all dotted about with splendid cottages and dormitories; besides a perfect labyrinth of walk-ways, all named in terms which bespeak the spirit of the camp. The entire camp is unique from every standpoint. It is the rallying place, or the assembly of the Reformed Baptist Church.

This is not a large denomination, estimated in terms of statistics; but they are a great company in spirit and zeal for the highest and best things of the gospel. They support a flourishing mission station in the Zulu Land in South Africa, and are soon to send other workers to this field. This denomination came into existence, or were voted out of the regular Baptist Church, over the doctrine of entire sanctification, and for over thirty years have maintained a separate organization of their own.

The camp meeting is the annual gathering of the preachers, where all the work of the denomination is transacted—like a Baptist Association, or a Methodist Conference.

We went to this camp with some hesitation and dread, as they are Canadians, with a touch of the English temperament; but we found them to be the same warm-hearted, fervent full salvation people, underneath an exterior somewhat different from our own folks. We enjoyed a wonderful fellowship among them; great crowds waited upon our ministry, and the blessings of the Lord attended every service. They are a sturdy English group, often praying with seekers until midnight. We enjoyed our stay at Beulah Camp, and met many choice spirits. The camp draws from a large area—even down New England. They have a sane careful leadership, and allow no fanaticism or extravagances. They remind me very much of the leadership of dear Old Sychar at Mt. Vernon, Ohio. That we may understand just about where this place is located, will say it is about 500 miles north-east of Boston, Mass.—Pentecostal Herald.

APPEARANCE OR REALITY

Following the reign of Solomon in Jerusalem, and after the kingdom had been divided into two nations under Jeroboam and Rehoboam, Shishak, king of Egypt, came up against Jerusalem and carried away all the treasure which Solomon had accumulated

during his long reign. In the spoils taken were included the targets and shields made of pure gold at very great cost. Rehoboam, king of Judah, could no longer display the glittering shields of gold upon state occasions, so he practiced a sort of deception upon himself and others by making shields of brass to take the place of the shields of gold. He kept up the appearance of power and royalty by causing his armor-bearers to carry before him the cheap brazen shields. What a sad figure he must have presented, yet how truly he represents many a person who puts up an outward form for the sake of appearances, and by so doing seeks to cover up the true condition of affairs.

Many succeed for a time in deceiving others of men's character. Jesus uttered a caution regarding their true character. We need to learn to be careful in forming our estimates which we would all do well to heed: "Judge not according to the appearance." How frequently even the evidence of our own eyes glitters." All the bright shields are not gold and ears deceives us. "All is not gold that shields. This is especially true with regard to religious profession. Let us be careful not to mistake hypocrisy for holiness, either in ourselves or others.

Many try to deceive themselves into believing that they can hide their real condition from God. There was Cain, who slew his brother and professed ignorance of his whereabouts "Am I my brother's keeper?" But God uncovered his damnable hypocrisy with these words: "Thy brother's blood crieth to me from the ground." There was King Saul, who repeatedly declared that he had accomplished all the Lord had commanded concerning Amalek. But God's aged prophet confronted his lying deceit with this query: "What meaneth then the lowing of the oxen and the bleating of the sheep which I hear?" When David was exalted to the kingdom in the place of Saul, his heart was lifted up from his former humble integrity, and he contrived the death of a man that he might take away his wife. But God sent Nathan the prophet to confront him with his crime with these words: "Thou art the man." There are many modern examples of those who display their shield of brass instead of the shield of gold which they have lost, but sooner or later God will expose their fraud.

Many try to deceive themselves into believing that they can secure God's favor without repentance and restitution. If Rehoboam had confessed his own and his father's sins, and put away the idol worship and the many idol temples throughout the land, and the many other abominations which had caused them to forfeit the favor and protection of the true and living God, he and Judah might have had a shield better than gold—the blessing and presence of Jehovah. All the brass shields in the world will not avail those who are forsaken of the Lord. A godly sorrow for sins committed which results in humble confession and forsaking of sin, and making right the wrongs committed so far as possible, will afford a better protection than armies and navies.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee." Psalm 84:11, 12.—Wesleyan Methodist.