

Temperance Column

THE BEER ARGUMENT.

The usual campaign cry of the breweries is, "Give a man a glass of beer and he will not want the hard liquor." Something of the same argument has been worked overtime in New Brunswick in support of the opening of government stores for the sale of beer and wine. But how does it work out in actual practice? In Alberta they have beer parlors where that commodity is sold by the glass to all who wish it, and the government stores sell by the bottle or case to permit holders. Yet with beer so easily available, the sale of spirituous liquors increased by thirty-seven thousand gallons in two years, so that in 1927 there were 151,000 gallons sold. This would mean 604,000 quarts. The population of Alberta being little over 600,000, this would supply every man, woman and child with a quart of liquor. During this same year 3,625,000 gallons of beer and 133,000 gallons of "light" wine (27% proof spirits) were sold, this enormous quantity of beer being very much less than the amount sold in 1916. We can readily understand why the above-mentioned argument is no longer heard in Alberta. The people now know the facts. That foolish and false claim served as an argument as long as it was required—long enough to get the sale of beer well established in that province. Once the stores are selling, the brewers should worry over the dawning of the light of truth upon the people.

We in New Brunswick may well consider the experience of Alberta in this connection. Doubtless before long we will be told that more beer and wine stores are to be opened—so that there may be a "true temperance" reduction in the amount of hard liquors used. We will know then that the brewers are tightening their grip and making demands for larger beer orders, and that this demand is behind the decision to open more beer stores.

The rule is, more beer, more hard liquor. They rise and fall together, for they are co-workers in diabolical devices whereby their victims may be drawn down to economic, social, physical and spiritual ruin.—*The Temperance Bulletin.*

AFTER SEVEN YEARS.

After carefully reviewing the latest report of the Quebec Liquor Commission, the Executive Committee of the Quebec League Against Alcoholism has issued a statement regarding the seven years' operation of the Liquor Law, in which the following references to it are found:

The law has meant the creation of a liquor oligarchy which has swept away temperance safeguards won after thirty years of constant struggle, and has perpetuated all the old evils of the drink habit.

The sales and consumption of liquor have so greatly increased that the combined sales of the brewers and the commission now amount to about \$12,000,000 more than during the first year of operation.

Records of the police in Montreal and Quebec show that arrests for drunkenness are yearly increasing by leaps and bounds.

Illegal manufacture and sale of liquor has increased. In the year 1926-27 there were 2,436 more investigations completed regarding violations of the law than in the previous year. The total number of stills seized increased 500 per cent.—from 32 to 186. The boot leggers' best source of supply is the Commission store.—*The Temperance Bulletin.*

CORRESPONDENCE

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

Dear Brother: I am now with my daughter Nellie here and expect to spend the winter with her if the Lord wills. I would like you to change the address of the Highway, as I do not want to miss it. I have taken it so long that I would miss it very much. The Lord is blessing me out here. There is a great revival in progress; thirty have been baptized already. I expect to be faithful to the end.

Your sister in Christ,
MRS. SOLOMON MORGAN.

Hampden Highlands, Maine.

Dear Brother: I am enclosing my renewal for the King's Highway. I do love to read its clean pages and its continued high standard on holy living. May the dear Christ of Calvary help us to preach it and teach it everywhere we have an opportunity. My heart is overflowing with love and praise to Him who saves, sanctifies and keeps through the power of His blood and the truth. I was sorry that I could not be at Riverside Camp meeting, but I prayed that God would give you a great outpouring of His blessing, and He surely did. We need your prayers.

Praying that God will bless all the readers of The Highway, I remain,
Your sister in Christ,

MRS. A. A. HARTLEY.

Lower Southampton, N. B.

Brother Trafton: Enclosed find my renewal to the King's Highway. The dear Lord is precious to me these days. His precious blood cleanses and His presence satisfies my soul. We miss having a pastor, but are trusting God to send us one in His good time.

MRS. A. W. GRANT.

Grafton Centre, N. H.

Dear Friends of the Highway: Trusting that a few old friends may be interested in what I am doing, would say I am located here at present and doing what I can. All other doors being closed seemingly to me, I came up this way looking for an opportunity to do something for the Master. I did not feel that Father was through with me, and I came through to this place in a snowstorm and found a needy people in the mountains of N. H. Three small villages with one church (Christian) and that defunct, so I started a Sunday school in one town in the morning, and in the afternoon in another, and preached in the evening in the centre town, so my Sundays are full. Quite a number have found the Lord. Pray for us. We are working on an independent line and trying to pay expenses from the soil, so that we are feeling somewhat tired at evening. Last Sunday we had service in a school house in Canaan, and everyone there—some forty-five—raised their hand for prayer but two people, so we feel encouraged. This sure is a missionary field. We are getting on in years and tire easily, but still feel some pep when preaching.

Hoping to be among you again some time, I am yours for the Master.

REV. C. S. HILYARD.

FOURFOLD TESTIMONY TO CHRIST

God Anointed Him—At His Baptism.—Lk. 3-21-22.

God was with Him—In His Service—Acts 10-38.

God raised Him—From the Grave—Acts 13-30.

God Ordained Him—As the Judge—Acts 17-31.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 2 convened with the church at Westchester, N. S., on Thursday evening, Sept. 6th, 1928. The first meeting was in charge of H. C. Mullen, who spoke a while from Mark 2:1-11, drawing a contrast between the success of the simple faith of the palsied man and the four who brought him to Jesus, and the failure of the critical reasoning of the scribes who were sitting there. This was a service of liberty and blessing.

On Friday a. m. a short service for prayer was held with manifest blessing upon it. Friday evening H. C. Mullen again brought the message. Bro. P. J. Trafton, having been delayed at home on account of a funeral, arrived Friday evening, just a bit too late to take the preaching.

On Saturday evening Bro. Howard Grace, a young man from Truro, who had been holding meetings in the vicinity, was the preacher.

Sunday morning love feast was led by Brother Oliver Trites, and Bro. Trafton preached at 11, and this service was followed by a communion service. On Sunday afternoon H. C. Mullen brought the message to a large and attentive audience. In the evening Bro. Trafton spoke from Gen. 6:14 coupled with Rev. 22:17.

The business session was held at the usual time, Saturday p. m., President P. J. Trafton in the chair. Scripture reading from Ps. 97. Prayer by Chas. Webb. Roll call of ministers and delegates: Ministers—P. J. Trafton and H. C. Mullen. Delegates—Saint John, Miss Ella McCarthy; Moncton—Mr. and Mrs. A. Hopper and Mrs. Wesley Weir; Lutz Mountain—Oliver Trites; Mercer—Noah Hicks; Westchester—Chas. Webb.

P. J. Trafton was elected president, and H. C. Mullen secretary. Treasurer, Miss Jean Doyle; P. J. Trafton, Highway agent. Devotional Committee—Mrs. Weir, Miss McCarthy and Charles Webb.

Reports were given by the delegates. All were expressive of hope for the future, and none spoke of giving up the fight. The place of meeting for the next quarterly meeting was decided on. The place, Saint John, and the time to take in the first Sunday in December. The usual vote of thanks was given the church for entertaining the quarterly meeting. This was another good quarterly, weather all that could be desired and attendance and spiritual atmosphere good.

The quarterly meeting attracted people from as far as Amherst and Truro. These brothers and sisters came with the blessing of God upon them and they were a source of real blessing and inspiration. Several splendid selections were sung by the sisters from Truro.

H. C. MULLEN, Sec'y.

THANKSGIVING.

By Emma Fleeson Watters

For the spring, with its sun and showers,
For growing crops and springing flowers,
For summer and the latter rain,
The promised fruit, and yellow grain,
For autumn, with its abundant yield
Of golden corn and fruited field;
For winter storms, for ice and snow,
The grateful fire, the hearth's warmth,
For friends who cheer us in our stress,
And comfort in our loneliness;
For a stainless flag, as it floats on the breeze,
For home, and country, all of these,
O God, we thank Thee.