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## EDITORIAL

There are many questions which are agitating the minds of good people these days, and the temperance question is not the least among them. It would seem to us that God's professed people of today should be up and doing. We are sorry that the Temperance Alliance in the Province of New Brunswick has ceased to function for lack of funds. The condition to us is serious. The rum element and the liquor selling board of our province are seeking to discount prohibition in every way possible. In the United States the battle is on in the Presidential campaign. Every good thinking and Christian citizen of that country should stand for righteousness and truth. Can the country expect any help to sobriety from an avowed friend of the liquor traffic? Can this fair province of ours expect help to sobriety from a board who are seeking to sell all the booze they can under the protection of the government? No doubt we will have an election ere long in the Province of New Brunswick. We trust the temperance people will not be deceived by the wily tactics of the enemy. It is a fine camouflage the board is putting up, but it is the same old cursed traffic, just the same, whether handled by private citizen or government. The baptism of the holy spirit will separate us from all unholy alliances. The wicked shall be cast into hell with all the nations that forget God.

## OUR PRESENT PROBLEM

Prepared by Mrs. John Mowat, St. Stephen, N. B. Read at the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the New Brunswick Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Newcastle, N. B., Sept. 19th, 1929.

Since there is always a new horizon for forward-looking folk, we must not be discouraged by the present outlook for our work; rather we must seek to be stimulated to new effort. The source of Power has ever been the same, and if we listen we can hear the voice of that One, who is the same yesterday, today and forever, saying to each anxious toiler, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

"Thou Master Workman, grant us grace  
The challenge of our task to face,  
By loyal scorn of second best,  
By effort true to meet each test,  
In work which gives effect to prayer,

Thy purpose for Thy world to share."

What constitutes our present problem? Our prohibitory law is gone; a crying evil has been made legal and has been given a cloak of respectability. We are all in the liquor business, in spite of our will or wish. Our government is receiving large revenue from the traffic in souls; a new generation of drunkards is being reared in our beloved Canada. We are a thorn in the side of our neighbor, with prohibition in its Constitution.

How did it happen? Heart-searching is always of value. Perhaps we felt, more or less, that the victory was won when prohibition became law, sustained by a large majority. Or perhaps we relaxed somewhat, and turned our attention to lesser interests or pursuits. We need to keep before us the fact that the struggle between good and evil is long and hard, and never to forget that it is well worth while; there is no discharge in the Christian warfare; we must have hearts to dare and hands to do until the very end.

"We are not here to play, to dream, to drift,  
We have work to do and loads to lift;  
Shun not the struggle; face it, 'tis God's gift,  
Be strong, be strong."

There is much of inspiration as well as admonition in all the verses of Dr. Babcock's little poem—

"Say not the days are evil—who's to blame?  
And fold the hands and acquiesce, O shame!  
Stand up, speak out and bravely in God's name  
Be strong, be strong."

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,  
How hard the battle goes, the day how long,  
Faint not, fight on; to-morrow comes the song,  
Be strong, be strong."

A great statesman proclaimed that it is the duty of any government to make it easy for the people to do right, and difficult for them to do wrong. We know we have been betrayed; we realize that the men who were elected broke their pledged word and robbed us of the Canada Temperance Act, substituting Government Control, so-called, which is really government sale. Liquor sales in 1928 totalled \$107,694,334, which is rather more than \$10 per capita all over Canada. Who is to imbibe all this strong drink?

The Temperance Bulletin has furnished the following questionnaire:

Should locomotive engineers, automobile drivers or captains of steamships drink?

Should employees in any industry, hazardous or not, drink?

Should students at our institutions of learning drink?

Should doctors, lawyers or other professional men, requiring clear judgment, drink?

Should teen age boys and girls—our own or our neighbors—do our drinking?

Do those who believe in government sale wish to perpetuate the poverty, debauchery, immorality and disease, which is socially and scientifically acknowledged to be associated with drink? Do they wish to facilitate such carnivals of crime as follow hard in the wake of intoxicating drink? For any citizen of Canada to advocate the legal sale of intoxicating liquor and at the same time protest his repugnance to being considered an advocate of any or all of the above propositions, is the pinnacle of hypocrisy.

In the light of modern science, the tragic and hideous truth about alcohol now stands revealed. Alcohol is a narcotic poison. It is a habit-forming drug, deceptive and enslaving. Alcohol is a specific cause of degeneracy, an active principle of death to the body, mind and soul in the individual who drinks it. The only cure for the evil of strong drink is total abstinence for the indi-

vidual and total prohibition for the nation.

Our duty as an organization is to rally our women for prayer. *We must talk with God* before we go out to talk with men. *We must have funds* to fight this most strenuous battle of all our years of campaigning. *We must make each local union of the W. C. T. U. the centre of an educational service* to its community, so that the liquor traffic may be recognized as more deadly than war, famine or pestilence.

Let us keep in mind the admonition of Dr. Anna A. Gordon, W.C.T.U. world president: "From the early crusading women, the W.C.T.U. accepted a legacy of faith and faithfulness. From the day the first praying band knelt on the sand-floored of the old-time saloon, an extraordinary task has challenged the home-loving, child-protecting women of the world. As an organization let us be true to the sacred obligation, patient under the daily discipline, happy in the hardships, undismayed in the severest tests and strain of our God-given task."

The hope, happiness, highness and blessedness of our commission have led us to a consecration commensurate with its challenge—we must keep at white heat our glowing flame of total abstinence and prohibition sentiment. Upon the path ahead shines the light of victory. "The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge."

Let us go back to the methods of the Crusaders; such work alone will arouse and energize the recreant Christian voters, overturn unrighteous laws, and rout from power the legislators who have broken their pledges to the electors. This is a big contract, but God can carry it out, and our Women's Christian Temperance Unions must be His power-houses—not through our own ability, but through the ability of the living Christ. We must do our best in order that He may do His best through us.

We must repeat the call of our own national president, Mrs. Wright: "Jehovah calls and we must be obedient to the heavenly vision. What does the call indicate? It indicates that we must obey God's call with clarity of soul, steadfastness of purpose, and with an eye to His glory. Let us make a chain of White Ribboners, a chain of the mothers of Canada, a chain of women patriots, willing to sacrifice to the death that Canada, our beloved land, may yet be free from the legalized drink trade; that we may rally God's children everywhere to help us win the fight for internal freedom, and help us in our prohibition march on to victory. This is what the aroused and militant Church of God can do."

"He has sounded forth the trumpet

That shall never call retreat;

He is sifting out the hearts of men

Before His judgment seat;

O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him.

Be jubilant, my feet!

Our God is marching on."

## OBITUARY

Little Charles A. True, son of J. Ellis and Lillie True, of Woodstock, was called above at the early age of 15 months, on Sept.

Besides his father and mother he leaves to mourn two brothers and two sisters and quite a large circle of relatives.

He was a bright little fellow, large for his age and will be much missed in the home but this makes another tie in heaven.

Rev. E. W. Lester attended the funeral.

Greatness comes only to those who seek not how to avoid obstacles, but to overcome them.—Roosevelt.