

Temperance Column

OBITUARY

Fighting the devil with the devil's weapons.

I read from some clippings that I received from a Vancouver paper recently, that the Powers that be, in that city, are "putting on a drive against bootlegging and traffic in moonshine". The paper states that the liquor sales in Greater Vancouver and New Westminster last Saturday, Dec. 23rd, amounted to \$103,000, an increase of 21½ per cent and in Victoria an increase of 36 percent over the corresponding day one year ago. Note—(This is the way that our governments are reducing the consumption of liquor, and making men more sober as they promised they would by the system of government sale which we have), and notwithstanding the enormous amount of liquor sold the Saturday before Christmas, the paper reads, "An angry mob of about 2,000 people were still clamoring for admission to one liquor store after it had been closed at 11 p. m., and police reserves were required to get the door closed", and thousands who had waited for hours for admittance were disappointed and had to go to the bootleggers who being prepared beforehand reaped a harvest. Now this is the way that the authorities are about to make the drive on bootleggers. Whereas some liquor stores averaged 11 customers a minute all day, and still many had to be turned away and to be served by bootleggers. Therefore, the Liquor Control Board has decided to open three more government stores in Vancouver and to have several of the stores to remain open until 11 p. m. and to have one of the largest in the city remain open all night. And in addition to this, the liquor board has suggested to institute a delivery system, which will deliver liquor to those who order by telephone, as the bootlegger has been doing. And when the government has in this way met the bootleggers' hours and delivery system. It is hoped that he will have no further excuse for existing and will become discouraged and quit or leave the city.

That is certainly a unique way of punishing law breakers and criminals. I am thinking just now, that if this scheme works on bootleggers as the government expects it will, that perhaps we might try a similar plan on other criminals, say for instance those murderous gangsters who go about killing people, and are not punished. If our governments could find out who those murderers want to rob and kill, the government could take control of it, and get some revenue from it, by appointing a board to which it could pay large salaries like it does to the men on our Liquor Control Board and have them kill off all the citizens whom the gangsters want killed, and thus, you see that would naturally drive the gangsters out of business, like they say that the system of government sale of liquor is going to do to the bootlegger. Of course it doesn't matter about the thousands of poor victims, who suffer and die, as a result of drunkenness, or murder either, seeing it will be under government control. What think ye, is that not logic, and also fighting the devil with the devil's weapons?

H. S. DOW

DOS AND DON'T FOR YOUR SOCIETY

- Pray at home for your meetings.
- Don't expect the service to run itself.
- Don't take it out of the hands of the Lord either.
- Make your meetings spiritual.
- Attempt great things for God, and
- Expect great things from God.
- Don't be satisfied with the present.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."
Rev. 13.14.

The death of Leslie Staples occurred, suddenly after a short illness at his home, in Staples Settlement, in his eighty-fifth year.

Mr. Staples occupied a farm and spent many winters in the woods, lumbering.

The funeral was conducted by the writer, with prayer at the house and service in the U. B. Church of Staples Settlement. The choir sang two selections at the house and three at the church. The message was based upon Job 30:23. Interment was made in the Staple's Settlement cemetery.

Our brother leaves to mourn their loss, a wife, three sisters: Mrs. H. J. Lord, Miss Henrietta, and Mrs. Susan Morgan, all of Salem, N. H.; one brother, Melzar, of Middle Hainesville; one son, William at home and four daughters: Mrs. Roy Anderson, Vermillion, Alberta; Mrs. John Sloan, Craik, Sask., Mrs. Walter Brown, Fort Francis, Ont., and Mrs. L. C. Mazerole, Kingsclear, N. B.

Our brother found the Lord in his old age and was baptized a little over two years ago.

To the sorrowing ones we extend our sympathy.

S. G. HILYARD

Mrs. Isaac B. Clark passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. G. Good at Moncton, N. B., in her 93rd year on Jan. 22nd. In spite of her great age she had been confined to her bed only a few weeks.

Her husband predeceased her about 30 years. She is survived by two sons, George of Moncton and Fred of St. John, and three daughters, Mrs. A. G. Good with whom she lived, Mrs. H. C. Archer of Beals, Maine, and Mrs. Wendal Kimball of Calgary.

The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon with service at the home, conducted by Rev. H. S. Dow, assisted by Rev. Dr. Ramsay, of the United Church of Canada. The remains were placed in the vault in Elmwood cemetery.

Our sister had been a Christian for many years, and when she knew that the end of her earthly sojourn was near, she expressed her faith and abiding confidence and trust in Him whom she had served so long.

QUESTION BOX

Q.—Can one possessing New Testament salvation, engage in war, slaughtering his fellow man, and still retain his experience? Give proof to answer from Christ's teaching.

A.—The teachings of Jesus are clearly opposed to war. He said: "It hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you and do good to them that hate you", etc. Matt. 5:43-44. I believe that many Christians did enlist in the last world war, or were conscripted, who believed that they were doing it in defence of a righteous cause, but they found out before they were through that the devil was the most potent agency in inducing them to enlist, for many of the heard of atrocities of the German soldier, such as cutting off the hands and feet of innocent children and nailing them to the sides of buildings, and also violent crimes against womanhood, were all fabrications, and were told to stir up righteous indignation against the enemy, which would have been justifiable, had the stories been true, and to induce our men to go and fight to protect the innocent.

But Jesus said, The Son of Man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

Q.—Does repentance mean more than being sorry for sin?

A.—Yes. Godly sorrow for sin, and a forsaking of the same with a purpose of heart to refrain from sinning, and a confession of all sins to God, and asking forgiveness for them, and a confession to our fellowmen of the wrongs that we have done to them, and asking forgiveness.

And as far as possible rectifying the wrongs done, is all comprehended in scriptural repentance that brings salvation.

H. S. D.

MARRIED

"What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder." Mark 10:9.

On Monday morning, December 18th, 1933, at the home of the bride's parents, Black's Harbor, N. B. in the presence of the immediate family and a few intimate friends, a very pretty wedding took place, when Rev. Heston Flannigan united in marriage, Lic., Fred A. Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, of Wood Island, Grand Manan, and Miss Lorna Small, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Small, of Black's Harbor.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and was attended by her sister, Miss Frances Small. The groom was supported by his brother, Herman Anderson, of Wood Island, Grand Manan.

After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served by the bride's mother. The happy couple spent a short honeymoon at Grand Manan, and have now taken up residence at Black's Harbor, where the groom is pastor of the Reformed Baptist Church.

Miss Helen Canam, daughter of Thomas Canam, Upper Kent, N. B., became the bride of Cecil Dougherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Dougherty, Fort Fairfield, Me. The wedding took place at the home of the groom's parents on Saturday evening, Jan. 6th, at seven o'clock. They were attended by Mr. Ernest Connors and Miss Elice Dougherty. Rev. G. A. Rogers performed the ceremony.

Best wishes for a long and happy life.

Grafton, N. B., Jan. 9—An interesting social event took place on January 5 at the home of the bride, when Marian Alice Cronkhite, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cronkhite, of Grafton, became the bride of Horace Guy London, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred London of Hodgdon, Maine.

The bride was attended by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Donald Cronkhite; the groom was supported by Mr. Donald Cronkhite of Grafton.

After the ceremony a sumptuous lunch was served after which the happy couple left for Concord, N. H., where the groom is employed.

The bride is a member of the Reformed Baptist church of Woodstock. They will reside in Concord, New Hampshire. Rev. H. L. Robertson officiated at the wedding.

What is said to be the largest book in the world, a volume weighing more than a ton and measuring seven feet six inches by seven feet three inches by three feet six inches, was unveiled at a ceremony in Union Square, New York City, last month. The book contains the largest petition for universal peace ever prepared. Under the auspices of World Peaceways, Inc., the book was launched on a 10,000-mile tour that will bring it eventually to the World Disarmament Conference in Geneva.—Sel.