

Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Who-soever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Proverbs 1-20.

A REQUEST FROM THE TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE!

Do you want wine and beer to be sold in hotels, restaurants and clubs in New Brunswick? If not, you are requested to do three things.

(1) Write immediately to your local representatives in the legislature as individual electors voicing protest, and urging them to use their influence to prevent the proposed "Beer and Wine" alteration in the liquor laws.

(2) Pastors, leaders of churches, community and temperance organizations start a petition of protest at once, securing the names of all citizens of voting age, whether members of your societies or not, and have same forwarded without delay to N. B. Temperance Alliance, Brunswick St. Church, Fredericton. You must act at once. Assist the move by seeing that all churches and other organizations in your community are presented with this appeal.

(3) As far as possible have your organizations as such pass strong resolutions of protest. Have same action referred to in your local papers, and forward such formal expressions of collective protest to your local representatives.

The time is short. Have your personal protests mailed to your representatives not later than January 15th and your petitions at Alliance headquarters as soon as possible, but not later than the first week of February.

We sincerely hope that our readers and especially all who are interested in the cause of temperance, the pastors and leaders, etc., will take immediate action and do what we can to keep back this awful foe of a drink devil that is over-running our land. We must keep up an aggressive warfare against this traffic. Perhaps if we had been more awake and active, as churches and temperance people, when we had a prohibition law, we might not have lost it. I have been told by responsible persons that many preachers never utter a word of protest, in their preaching, against the liquor traffic lest they might offend some of their congregation. Isaiah calls watchmen like these, "dumb dogs that cannot bark, sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. It may take us a long time to accomplish much in visible results, such as getting prohibition laws passed again. It took Neal Dow several years to get a prohibitory law on the statute books of Maine, but God alone knows how many were saved from a drunkard's grave and hell, long after the great reformer had passed to his eternal reward because of the passing of that prohibitory law. So let us take courage and do our best we owe it not only to ourselves but to those of the next generation and our children's children who follow after. The following poem is very suggestive:

H. S. DOW

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man going a lone highway
Came at evening, cold and gray,

To a chasm vast and deep and wide,
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him;

But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,

"You are wasting your strength with building here,

Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head,
"Good friend, in the path I've come," he said,

"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way;
This chasm that has been naught to me
To that fair youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—
Good friend, I'm building this bridge for him."
—Selected.

DONATION

On Thursday evening, Dec. 21st, we were happily surprised when a number of our church people came to the parsonage and presented us with a nice donation of groceries, preserves and money. A fine social evening was enjoyed. We tried to thank these people for their support. The evening closed with prayer.

We also want to take the opportunity to thank all those who helped to make our Christmas such a pleasant one.

H. S. & MRS. WILSON

On the evening of Friday, Dec. 15th, I was invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Blaney's, Maple Ridge.

Here some thirty of the good people had met despite a heavy snow storm. We all seemed to enjoy this social time together and feel nearer in fellowship.

One important feature of this gathering was the very tasty lunch served by the ladies.

During the evening Mrs. S. Blaney with a very fitting address on behalf of those present presented the pastor with a very fine sum of money and produce. This was responded to with a few words of appreciation and prayer to our Heavenly Father from whom all good and perfect gifts come.

May the Blessing of God rest upon you.

S. H. HILYARD

Friday evening, Dec. 22nd, between sixty-five and seventy met at the parsonage.

The evening was spent in a very enjoyable way to all present. A chorus of young people sang lustily and Miss Helen Haines gave a reading.

Mrs. Abner Sharpe was on hand to supervise the serving of refreshments which was supplied by the ladies.

The Lord has blessed Millville and vicinity since the donation last year, with the salvation of many souls for which we give Him praise.

During the evening Brother H. C. Greenlaw in behalf of church and community with well chosen remarks, presented the pastor with a very substantial sum of money and some produce.

May the God of all praise richly repay all these kind people and bless them abundantly.

S. H. HILYARD

We were very generously remembered at Xmas time by our dear people of the Lower Brighton Church. On Saturday afternoon preceding the 25th, Brother Byron Brown drove into our yard with a sleigh loaded with everything we could mention that was

good to eat. We thank them for their thoughtfulness at this time, and pray God's richest blessing upon them and us as we labour together during the coming year. We also wish to thank all others for their personal donation and gifts to us during the Xmas season, and for the many beautiful greeting cards received.

Yours in Christ,

REV. J. A. & MRS. OWENS

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE PARTY

The True Blue S. S. Class is making it a habit to surprise their pastor and members of the class.

The surprise came a little late this year because of special meetings held in Millville.

On the evening of Nov. 28th, upon my return from prayer-meeting at Nortondale, I was greeted by a very enthusiastic group gathered in the parsonage. I was presented with the end of a string by each member, and upon finding the other end of the string I had groceries to the sum of about three dollars.

A very pleasant evening was had by all. Refreshments were served by the ladies, after which the teacher, Mrs. J. K. Liston, presented the pastor with a very fine brief case. I enjoy being a member of this class and enjoy the fellowship of these young people.

May the Lord richly bless each one.

S. G. HILYARD

OBITUARY

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Revelation 13:14.

It is with feelings of sorrow that we report the death of Mrs. Martha Thompson, widow of the late Herbert Thompson of Amherst. Sister Thompson was 82 years of age and was very active up until three weeks before her death, when she was stricken with "Flu" which finally weakened her heart and caused her death.

Sister Thompson was a life long Baptist, but was a sympathetic friend of our little holiness church here. Years ago she visited Beulah Camp several times and sought and found the blessing of "Heart Purity" also we had the pleasure of taking her on her last trip to dear old Beulah this last summer, which she greatly enjoyed.

Left to mourn are two children, Lloyd of Amherst, Mrs. Myrtle MacKityerick, St. Petersburg, Fla., and one brother John Baird, Oak Bluff, Mass.

We extend our sympathy to these sorrowing hearts.

"When we all meet there

At the meeting in the air,

There is sure to be some shouting,

When we all meet there."

Funeral service was held Tuesday morning, January 2nd, conducted by Rev. F. L. Orchard being assisted by the writer, and the body was taken to Oxford, N. S., for interment in the family plot.

Mrs. Annie Horton of Brookline, Mass., died on Nov. 30, being 86 years old, after a short illness of only a few days. Mrs. Horton had lived for some time with her grand-daughter, Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

The funeral service was held from Waterman's undertaking parlors in Brookline on Dec. 2nd, attended by Rev. G. M. Late.

The deceased is survived by one other grand-daughter, Mrs. Flowers, and other relatives.

Notice sent by Miss Alice Lewis.