

Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

We get some idea of the success that our present liquor law is having in making the Canadian people temperate and sober (as the devotees of the government control law promised it would do when it came into force) by the following excerpts from a Vancouver paper, sent in by A. I. J. Ward of Vancouver. A great many people who professed to be working in the interest of temperance when they voted for the repeal of the prohibition law; and for the enactment of the present liquor law, must be greatly disappointed since they see that the sales and consumption of intoxicating liquors are continually increasing. In spite of the hard times depression and scarcity of money people will buy and drink liquor even though it means suffering and lack of food and clothing for their families.

May God have mercy on Canada and save us from this awful curse.—Editor.

LIQUOR SALES UP \$500,000

Year's Profits \$2,000,000

SURPRISE FOR HART

(By Leslie F. Fox, Vancouver Sun Correspondent.)

Victoria, B. C., Nov. 30.—Liquor sales in British Columbia were up by \$520,374 in the six months ending September 30.

The increase was twelve per cent over the corresponding period last year and five per cent over the preceding six months.

Total sales were \$4,977,437 against \$4,457,062 in the six months ending Sept. 30, 1933.

"The sales increase is general throughout the province with few exceptions and should be a fairly good indication that conditions are greatly improved over the same period last year," said W. F. Kennedy, chairman of the board.

CHRISTMAS TRADE HIGH

New Westminster, Dec. 29.—Reflecting the general improvement of conditions, volume of Christmas business experienced by New Westminster merchants shows increase ranging from 10 to 30 per cent, compared with last year.

The Royal City Government Liquor Store sold \$12,000 worth of liquid refreshments on Christmas Eve, a new record.

THE SUNDIAL

The shadow by my finger cast
Divides the future from the past:
Before it, sleeps the unborn hour
In darkness, and beyond thy power:
Behind its unreturning line,
The vanished hour, no longer thine:
One hour alone is in thy hands,—
The Now on which the shadow stands.

—Henry Van Dyke.

CHARACTER

Give me a character on which we can thoroughly depend, which we are sure will not fail us in time of need, which we know to be based on principle and on the fear of God, and it is wonderful how many brilliant, and popular, and splendid qualities we can safely and gladly dispense with.—Dean Stanley.

Through light and dark, through rain and shine, the carrier pigeon holds its course straight homeward. So life's aim may be won, whatever of failure checks our business or whatever of sorrow maims our happiness.—R. F. Johnson.

OBITUARY

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

Mrs. Alton Oakes

Mrs. Lucinda Oakes, wife of Alton Oakes of Four Falls, N. B., died at her home Saturday, March 16, aged 42 years. Mrs. Oakes was a patient at Community hospital a number of weeks, but returned to her home two months or more ago. Mrs. Oakes was a daughter of Charles Shorey of California, N. B. Besides her husband and father, she leaves four daughters, Mrs. Frederick Grant, Andover, N. B., Elva Signa and Nora at home, and five sons, Ralph, Alton, Jr., Philip, Glenn and Vernon, at home. She also leaves five sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held at 1.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the Reformed Baptist church, Fort Fairfield, the pastor, Rev. G. A. Rogers, officiating, assisted by Rev. M. Ella Slipp. The body was placed in the vault at Riverside cemetery. To the sorrowing ones is extended the sympathy of the community.—Fort Fairfield Review.

Mrs. Sarah V. McLeod

Mrs. Sarah Victory McLeod, wife of Chas. McLeod, passed peacefully away, early Sunday morning at her home on Pleasant Street, at the advanced age of 92 years. She had been ill during the past three weeks.

A native of Nova Scotia, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Victory, she was the last of a family of thirteen children. She had been a resident of Houlton and vicinity for nearly 80 years.

She was married three times, and had resided for a time near Sebec with her first husband, Mr. Harvey. Her second husband, Thomas Grant, conducted a general store here for many years. About 21 years ago, she was married to Charles McLeod, of this town, who survives. She was of strong Christian character, and bright, sunny disposition. She could always see the good in people and the sunny side of life, and enjoyed doing for others as long as her health permitted. She had no children. Besides her husband she is survived by several nieces and nephews, Adrian Victory and Willard Victory of this town; Mrs. Almon Potter of Portland, and Mrs. Laura Marley of Patten; also a number of grand nieces and nephews, including Mrs. Benj. Sweet, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Victory, Mrs. Ernest Anderson, Mrs. Finley Moores, Miss Dorothy Victory, George Victory, Roy, Murray and Henry Victory of this town, also Mrs. Roy Lilley of Portland, Mrs. Walter Auber of Springfield, Mass., and Willie Rankin of Winter, Wis.

Funeral services were held at her home on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Richard Simpson of the Christian Alliance, officiated and was assisted by Rev. Merton Gregg of the Military St. Baptist Church. Two selections were sung by a ladies' quartette. There were many beautiful flowers. The remains were placed in the vault to await burial in the Spring in the East Hodgdon Cemetery.

LABOR

It is surprising how men will figure and scheme and work to escape legitimate labor and to sidestep responsibility. Not all men, of course, but some men. It is strange that such can not see they are putting in more energy to escape a task than would be required to do it. Laziness is at the bottom of it and ignorance is at the top of it. Struggle to replace these with ambition and wisdom.—Selected.

BELIEVERS IN PRAYER

When William Jennings Bryan discovered that he had power to sway audiences with his eloquence, he relates that at first he was frightened at the thought of his power. Then, he says, he knelt by his bedside and asked God to help him use that power for the benefit of his fellow men.

The great orator was a believer in prayer. The world's greatest men and women have all been believers in prayer. Cyrus W. Field struggled for thirteen years before he succeeded in laying the Atlantic cable. He said, "I have often prayed that I might not taste of death until the work was accomplished."

Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, testified that often when he came up against a problem which was too much for him he took it to God in prayer.

A professor in a large university was appointed to a position that called for considerable responsibility. He was inclined to be absent-minded and forgetful of appointments. His new job required him to remember details. He went to God in prayer, asking for help to remember what he must remember. Later the professor reported that he had never forgotten a single detail, nor failed to keep a single appointment.

There seems to be an idea in the minds of some young folk that to have it known that they believe in prayer and in religion is a sign of weakness. They are careful to keep secret the fact of their belief in God and the church. But they are wrong. It is a characteristic of strength, not weakness, to let your faith in God be known. You are in good company if you do. The truly great are not ashamed to be known as believers.—Selected.

SEEKING CHRIST IN NATIONAL DISTRESS

According to DeHeraut, a Dutch religious journal, no less than 20,000 Austrians have come into the Evangelical and Reformed churches from the Roman Catholic Church. Dr. Adolf Keller believes it to be a movement from formal Christianity to a genuine religious experience.—Westeyan Methodist.

THREE INSCRIPTIONS

Over the triple doorway of the Cathedral of Milan there are three inscriptions spanning the splendid arches. Over one is carved a beautiful wreath of roses, and underneath is the legend, "All that pleases is but for a moment."

Over the other is sculptured a cross, and these are the words beneath: "All that troubles is but for a moment." But underneath the great central entrance in the main side aisle is the inscription, "That only is important which is eternal."—Selected.

ECONOMIC INSANITY

A recent survey shows that one child in every five in this country is actually not getting enough to eat. While we are killing pigs, plowing under cotton, restricting the raising of wheat and other grain, and doing our utmost to make food scarce and high, multitudes of little children are going hungry. And doubtless many adults, as well. Something is wrong.—Methodist Protestant Recorder.

When a violin is daily played on, it is kept in order; but if it be awhile neglected and cast into a corner, the strings are apt to break, the frets to crack, the bridge to fly off, and no small trouble and stir is requisite to bring it into order again.—Swinnock.