

## Temperance Column

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

We have studied the life of John B. Gough, who in forty years traveled enough to go around the world twenty times, whose addresses stirred the people wherever he went. Last issue our thoughts were turned to Neal Dow, who sought to rid the country of the saloon by passing laws regulating and forbidding it. During these years the women of the country had but a minor part in the struggle. It remained for Frances E. Willard to come to the front and prove herself leader and organizer of the women of the country for every good work relating to the home and its protection.

The ancestors of Miss Willard came to America in 1636, and were the founders of Concord, Mass. Frances E. Willard was born in the State of New York, but passed most of her childhood in Wisconsin. Her father and mother were godly people. The home life of Miss Willard was ideal. Her mother was a teacher, and trained her carefully for the college years, which were passed in Milwaukee Female College and Northwestern Female College. She had a most happy and healthful childhood, much of it passed in the open air. She graduated from college in 1859. During her college years she became a Christian.

From 1859 to 1873 Miss Willard was engaged in teaching, except for a period of two years, when she was travelling in Europe. At the latter date she resigned the presidency of the Women's College of Northwestern University to take up some form of temperance work in which she had become very interested. In the same mail there came to her the offer of a position as director of a girls' school and a letter asking her to come to Chicago and become the president of the Chicago branch of the newly organized Women's Christian Temperance Union. Miss Willard did not hesitate, but turned at once from the lucrative position to the one offering her an opportunity to work for the temperance reform movement. She came to Chicago and during the first month knew the pinch of poverty, often walking a long distance because she did not have the nickel to ride upon the cars. It was soon evident that a true leader was at the head of the new local movement. Within five years Miss Willard had been elected president of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union. The same ability for organization which she had shown in Chicago was now felt in the larger union. She started to tour the country. For fifteen years she averaged an address a day, and during that time traveled two hundred and forty thousand miles and presented the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in every city of five thousand and over in the United States. The World's Women's Christian Temperance Union was organized by Miss Willard in 1883, and under her guiding hand soon was established in thirty-five different countries.

One of the interesting pieces of work of the new World's Union was the preparation of a monster petition to the governments of the world asking for the abolition of the liquor and opium traffic. Seven millions of signatures were obtained from men and women in fifty different nations. The petition was presented to several of the prominent governments of the world.

Miss Willard felt that the Union should be interested in everything which made for home protection. Her interests were therefore wider than the destruction of the liquor trade. She wanted working men to have fair wages, she sought to aid factory girls toward better working conditions. Her ideals for the home were sweet and strong. She supported every movement which promised to bring such ideals to pass.

She wrote for papers and magazines and was the author of some books; among others she wrote the life of a sister, and her own autobiography.

Frances E. Willard was one of the most loved women of her time among those who knew her and were associated with her in the work of the Union. She was also one of the most hated women of her generation, because she advocated temperance and other reforms in which other men and women did not believe. She was true to every conviction and honest in the expression of her opinion. She marshaled a great army of women to fight for the homes of the country. We can never know the extent of the good accomplished by Miss Willard. The White Ribbon host bear her love and earnest devotion in mind, and are ever stimulated to do more for the cause held dear by her. She was one of the greatest women of her time. Her death, in 1898, made many thousands mourn. Her life was thoroughly ruled by the Christian ideal. All of her work and writings show her desire to live in accord with the desire of the Christ. We are reminded by her life of Paul's words when he was writing a letter to the little church at Philippi. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, take account of these things" (Phil. 4:8). Her life reflected this noble ideal which Paul gave to the Philippians in the long ago. At another time Paul wrote to the Church at Ephesus, and gave them some good advice to help them to be strong and true Christians. In most beautiful language he urged them to the noble love of truth and life of righteousness; to peace and faith. He urged them to live praying daily and reading the Scriptures, and to watch against all temptation. The life of Frances E. Willard showed that she was trying to show forth the Christ-characteristics in her life.

### FRUIT BEARING OR BARREN, WHICH?

The Story Teller

John 15:1-2, 7, 8 v.

Jesus the true vine, our Father, the husbandman, every branch in me, this is not for the unconverted but for the converted in him that beareth not fruit, He His Father, Our Father taketh away. Is it then possible that we may be born again and abide in Him, and if we bear no fruit, His Father God taketh us away because he cannot bear with a fruitless branch. May the Good Lord help us to wake up and pray that His Blessed Spirit may show us just where we stand and for what purpose we are here. (Must I go and empty-handed, must I meet my Saviour so, not one soul with which to greet Him; must I empty-handed go?)

No, no, praise His name, this need not be so for any of us; verse 7, If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye

wish and it shall be done unto you. What a sweeping promise—no limit according to your faith it shall be done unto you. But this is just what happens if we abide in Jesus because He has said so, and His word never fails. He also says that every branch that beareth fruit He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit. It may be that He will permit sickness, sorrow, loss of loved ones, temptation and trial to perfect us. We read that the captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffering, and if it was necessary for Him to suffer, how much more for us, and in doing this may we learn to love Him with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves for love is the fulfilling of the law and the only thing that will save this old world.

1st John, 4th v.: Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. Verse 8: He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love. Verse 19: We love Him because he first loved us. Verse 21: And this commandment have we from Him, that he who loveth God loveth his brother also, and may our song be, more love to Thee, oh Jesus, more love to Thee.

### OBITUARY

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

Adrian Ingersoll

The death of Adrian Ingersoll occurred at his home, North Head, on April 14th of heart disease, after a short illness of six days. Mr. Ingersoll was born at Grand Manan, 81 years ago, and while engaged various times elsewhere, always made this his home. He leaves to mourn their loss, one brother, Turner, of Woodwards Cove, G. M., five children, Harold, of Saint John, Mrs. Vera Mahar, Calais, Me., Mrs. Herman Hatt and Mrs. Jennie Harmon, both of Lubec, Me.; Clarice, at home, who cared for him during his illness. The service was conducted at the home by the writer, assisted by the R. B. Choir. We extend our prayer and sympathy to the sorrowing ones.

L. J. SEARS

Nathaniel Beal

Our community was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Nathaniel Beale. He had been in poor health for the past year, yet he was able to be up and about. Saturday evening, March 23rd, he was out to a neighbor's house calling, and after returning home suffered a severe shock which left him completely paralyzed and unconscious, in which state he remained, passing away Monday, March 25th.

Brother Beale was a member of the North Head R. B. Church, and always took an active part in the Church. This is the second valuable member we have lost this spring. We miss them greatly and their places are hard to fill. He was 78 years of age. He leaves to mourn, his wife, who was formerly Mrs. Upton, of Fredericton, two brothers, John, of Jonesport, Me., and Clement, of this place; one son, Roy Beale, at home, and two step-children, Gladys and Percy Upton.

The service was held at the home by Lic. B. C. Cochrane, of Seal Cove, assisted by Dr. H. C. Sanders and Rev. Mr. Crabtree, the writer being confined to the house. To the sorrowing we extend our sympathy.

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