

## Temperance Column

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

### THE CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT IN NEW BRUNSWICK

On Nov. 18th, in response to a hurried call from Rev. G. W. Guion, Secretary of the N. B. Temperance Alliance, a number of people gathered in George Street United Baptist Church, Fredericton, for the purpose of considering the proper line of action in opposition to the efforts being made to induce the government to authorize the sale of light wines and beers in hotels and restaurants. Considerable time was spent in discussing the nature of the organization under which we were to work. Finally it was agreed to reorganize under the name of the Christian Temperance League of New Brunswick, the purpose of which should be "the abolition of the liquor traffic by systematic education, legislation and total abstinence, together with the promotion of good citizenship in general and such social and moral reform projects as may demand attention."

Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. H. E. Allaby, Woodstock; first vice-president, C. L. Taylor, Notre Dame; second vice-president, R. B. Wallace, Fredericton; third vice-president, Rev. P. A. Fitzpatrick, St. Stephen; fourth vice-president, Rev. W. R. Seeley, Saint John; secretary, H. H. Stuart, Fredericton Junction; treasurer, W. M. Burns, Fredericton; additional members of the executive, Rev. Bryce D. Knott, D.D., Saint John; Rev. W. A. Burge, South Devon; Rev. F. A. Watson, Fredericton; Norman C. Cochrane, Marysville; the president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Brunswick, Mrs. W. Steadman Smith, Marysville; and the president of the Fredericton branch of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. W. B. Wiggins.

The first meeting of the executive was held in Fredericton on Dec. 3rd. It was clearly revealed at that meeting that the interest in the cause of temperance throughout the province is rising very rapidly. For this reason it was considered desirable for the executive to confine itself to the immediate task of opposing any efforts to procure the sale of beer and wines in hotels, and to summon as soon as possible a representative convention that will endeavor to enlarge our organization to meet the requirements of the enlarging interest in this cause. Indeed, from correspondence from the large number in attendance on Nov. 18th, despite a bad storm, from the number of representative men who sat in with the executive at its meeting, and from the encouraging reports brought from various parts of the province, one is led to feel that there is on foot a real movement inspired of God, which demands the best human leadership possible, leadership that will adequately interpret and courageously follow the will of God in this matter.

Therefore the following lines of action were decided upon:

1. That petitions be circulated protesting against the proposal to have legalized sale of beer and wines in hotels, etc. One petition is to be signed by citizens 21 and over, the other by those under 21. This second petition is in response to the urgent demand of young people in different parts of the province that they have an opportunity to express themselves on this question. These petitions are being sent

out by the secretary, Mr. H. H. Stuart, Fredericton Junction, to key-persons all over the province who are being asked to see that they are circulated as widely as possible and returned to the secretary when signed. It is hoped that this may be done by the end of the year. Let everyone in New Brunswick who reads this feel a personal sense of responsibility to see to it that the petitions are circulated in his or her own locality.

2. A delegation to present our case to the Premier has graciously assured us that such an opportunity will be afforded us. Rev. G. W. Guion, of Fredericton, has been appointed organizer of this delegation. It is hoped that a convention for further organization can be held on the same day that the delegation meets the government. For this reason it is urged that each locality send representatives and that the names of those selected to attend be sent to the secretary, so that when the notice of the convention is sent out none may be omitted.

3. The encouragement of personal letters to the Premier and other members of the house, and the sending in of resolutions passed by bodies opposed to the sale of beer and wine, all of which is very valuable.

All this is along the line of prevention. We do not want in New Brunswick the conditions which have resulted in other places where beer and wine are freely sold. But our real task is much greater than that. We must seek to develop a very strong public opinion against the whole traffic in alcoholic beverages. We must recognize that God is against the traffic, and we must call men and women and young people to God's side of the question. Moreover, it is not enough to make it hard for the drinker to get liquor. We must help him to be free from the appetite. This is done effectively only by the power of God within. We must answer God's challenge to effective evangelistic effort as never before. Let us pray until we hear God's voice very distinctly and then go forth to do his bidding in the power of "the Holy Spirit whom God hath given to them that obey him."

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### REVIVE OR PERISH

In discussing the subject of revival many do not seem to realize the true meaning of the word. "Revive" means to "bring to life again; re-animate, restore, renew;" "to come back to life, activity, or vigor; to be reawakened."

Many suppose a revival means an ingathering of souls, a large number of conversions, an increase in church membership, etc. It is true that these are the normal results of a true revival, but the revival itself has to do with the church. It is the bringing of new life and health to the churches including the leaders and the members of the churches as individuals and as a body.

And that this is the supreme need of the present day will not be disputed by any whose eyes are open to conditions as they are in both the Church and the world. The only hope of the world is Christ and the Church (Matt. 5:13-14), and the only hope of the Church is a revival. Conditions in the Church are so bad that many believe there is no hope for revival. Students of prophecy see in the "Church of the Loadiceans" the picture of the Church of this age. It is a period of lukewarmness,

worldliness, unbelief, spiritual poverty, blindness, wretchedness and misery and the Worst Feature of the picture is that of self-satisfied pride which refuses to confess, and keep the Saviour outside the door of His Church as effectively as the Jews refused to receive Him when first He came. We sincerely believe that the above picture applies accurately to the present-day Church and that it is not in the least overdrawn.

As Holiness people, we have been quick to recognize the application to what we call the "popular" or "worldly" churches, but failed to make the application as faithfully as we should to ourselves. There is no doubt of the fact that the worldly churches in general are spiritually dead, cold, devoid of holiness and lacking in not only the power but even the form of godliness. But it is likewise beyond successful dispute that many Holiness churches are lukewarm, and on the verge of spiritual death from which only a genuine radical, old-time Holy Ghost revival will save them. It is plain that of the two, the condition most disgusting to the gentle, heart-broken Savior is that of the lukewarm professor of Holiness who has grieved away the Holy Ghost. The deadest thing in all the religious world and the hardest to revive is the church that has back-slidden from Holiness and refuses to confess its deplorable state.

### HOLINESS CHURCHES WITHOUT THE HOLY GHOST

What an anomaly! and yet they exist all too numerous in this land. Churches whose only signs of life are manifestations of carnal strife, jealousy, selfishness and pride—unless perchance there is a vigorous effort to drown those discordant notes by boisterous and noisy demonstrations in the flesh!

Truly a dark picture; but only too true to life in many quarters; and there is but one ray of hope that the church in general will act on this suggestion. But there are yet individuals to whom the voice of Jesus is audible as He still stands at the door of His Churches saying pleadingly, "If any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in." It is upon the individual believer that the whole responsibility rests. Who will be the one to "open the door" to Jesus as He stands at the door in the form of a Holy Ghost Revival awaiting a welcome?

### MARRIED

Braman—Goffe

Miss Florence Mabel Goffe to Mr. Calvin Amos Braman, both of French Village, N. B., where the groom is a prosperous farmer. To this fine young couple, we extend our best wishes. The ceremony was performed at the Reformed Baptist Parsonage, St. John, N. B., by the writer.

H. S. MULLEN

Boyce—White

At the Reformed Baptist Parsonage, Marysville, N. B., on the evening of November 30th, Miss Madeline White and George Boyce, were united in marriage by Rev. F. A. Dunlop.

"The present circumstance, which presses so hard against you, (if surrendered to Christ) is the best shaped tool in the Master's hand to chisel you for eternity. TRUST HIM THEN. Do not push away the instrument, lest you lose also its work."—Sel.