

ery Sunday evening since we organized. We find our society holds the respect and prayers of our Christian co-operatives in the community and this knowledge gives us courage for the performance of the many tasks which lie before us.

Grace and love from God the Father Almighty keep you like unto Christ until the glorious return of our blessed Lord. Amen.

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Temperance Column

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

TEMPERANCE REPORT 1936

Your Committee on Temperance regret that we cannot report any better conditions relative to the liquor traffic. The hypocritical profession of our government of interest in true temperance is "mere camouflage," and we observe abundant proof that the aim is not Government Control at all, but Government Sale. "The Government—the representative and trustee of the best thought and the highest ideals of the state, the supposed guardians of its morals and protector of its welfare and happiness," the government that we would wish to honor and hold in high regard has forfeited the true faith and respect of its people it is supposed to represent. After the positive failure of this experiment in controlling the liquor demon, if our Government were honest, it would acknowledge the failure and rid itself of the approbrium of being engaged in the liquor traffic. We cannot resist crying "Shame" on a Government that would sell its people for money, and divert the money to itself and brewers that should be used for the needs of the home. Samuel Johnson said "To support government by propagating vice is to support it by means which destroy the end for which it was originally established and for which its continuance is desired." And can the Government control the traffic? True, there has been some effort made but to sell it and then try to control it is childish folly. We quote an editor in Nova Scotia who recently remarked that if the same efforts had been made to enforce Prohibition, something might have been accomplished. Control may be possible on the shelves of the Government Stores, but after the flask is passed through the wicket and slipped in the pocket of the purchaser, the control ceases. Evangeline Booth says: "It is not Prohibition alone that the liquor trade defies. It is any law that at any time restricts the flow of liquor in any way."

The American Motorists Insurance Co. in a report says: "Politicians who promised faithfully that the saloon would not return, promptly forgot those promises as soon as the election was over. The result is that not only has the saloon returned, but the regulation of the liquor traffic is probably the most lax the country has ever known." Witness to this fact is the increasing drunkenness with its resultant increase in crime and accidents. The National Safety Council has gathered statistics which show that the influence of alcohol on traffic accidents has greatly increased since the repeal of prohibition. An appeal has been made by Los Angeles traffic officers to business executives to help devise methods to decrease drunken driving. The only method we could suggest would be to dispense with the sale to the drinker.

Is then the bootlegger being controlled?

New York State collects taxes on less than one-half of the liquor drunk and a report to a Senate finance committee states that 50% of distilled liquor goes tax free. The New York Times in an article reviewing the first two years under repeal says: Authorities think that one glass of illicit liquor is consumed for every legal drink. More people, particularly the middle class, are drinking. We have brought these opinions not only from prohibitionists but from the calculations of business men and companies.

We feel then to strongly protest against the whole traffic as it is now directed by our government. It has utterly failed in its pretended object. Our youth is degraded. The time was when the saloon was satisfied with the men and boys—now it takes our women and girls and even children of tender years are offered and taught to drink. It has failed to eliminate the bootlegger, to relieve unemployment, to reduce taxes, to avoid advertising in papers, on bill boards and radios.

We protest against it because it is morally wrong and no legislation can make it right. "It cannot be legalized without sin and the Bible inspired of God puts prohibition on the whole dreadful traffic." While we do not expect to make men righteous in heart by legislation yet we believe much good can be done in the way of moral betterment by the continued opposition and aggression of Temperance farces. The liquor traffic fears energetic prohibitionists and makes efforts to prevent their broadcasting. "Col. Jacob Ruppert, Pres. of the U. S. brewers, in addressing the National Convention made this statement, 'We brewers need to launch a national fight against professional prohibitionists. In eight or ten states there is already danger of drifting back toward prohibition unless a concerted fight is made against it.'"

Let all who desire peace and safety, who love the youth of our land, who yearn to remove temptation from a weaker brother, who seek to honor God and serve humanity, realize that "Now it is time to 'Arise and Build' the broken walls around the holy city of Home and our God will be with us as He was with Ezra and Nehemiah."

Respectfully submitted,
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A FISHING EXPEDITION

Simon Peter saith unto them: "I go a fishing". They said unto him, we also go with thee. They went forth and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.—John 21:3.

It is not to be understood that the disciples backslid at this time by going fishing. They made a mistake under existing circumstance.

We have in this instance a very striking illustration as to the unfailing result of getting out of the Divine order. The Master had called them away from their nets to go forth as fishers of men. But like many others, under perplexing conditions, they returned to their former occupation, the very thing from which they had been definitely called.

Note the power of one's influence. Peter saith unto them: "I go fishing". He was the first to break rank with their calling and under his influence they said: "We also go with thee." So often today one expresses their doubt and discouragement and others catch the complaint and so to speak, go off fishing and neglect the work

of God and often whole neighborhoods have been abandoned to the enemy just because someone started a moral fishing expedition. Note the consequence: "They got darkness." This is the inevitable case when souls break covenant with Jesus who is the Light of the World. Did you ever see how dark it is after the light has gone out. As light accommodates itself to the pupil of the eye, so it is with the soul who departs from God. It is said how great is that darkness. Again "They got nothing." Just so will it be with all who labor without God. We can only expect success when we labor with God. How true the words of Solomon: "As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place." God has a place for every one and we fall out side of the divine purpose, just as a bird who leaves its nest.—Rev. S. K. Wheatlake in Free Methodist.

QUARTERLY MEETING DIST. NO. 4

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 4 convened with the Church at Brazil Lake, June 4—7th inclusive for its 47th session.

Thursday evening the opening service of the quarterly was in charge of the president, Rev. F. A. Anderson, who brought a message from Rev. 1:12-13.

Friday evening the Sunday School Convention had charge.

At 2.30 o'clock Saturday afternoon the usual business session was held with the president, Rev. F. A. Anderson, in the chair. Roll call of preachers: Rev. P. J. Trafton, Rev. H. C. Mullen, Rev. F. A. Anderson, Lic. Grace Sanders. Roll call of delegates: Port Maitland: Brother Fred Sollows and Sisters Alvin Perry; New Tusket; Bro. Jesse Goudey. Minutes of last quarterly meeting read and approved.

Election of officers: President, Bro. Gordon Symonds; secretary, Lois Hersey; treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Crosby; Highway agent, Rev. H. C. Mullen; Devotional Committee, Sisters Alvin Perry, Lois Hersey, Bro. Jesse Goudey and Rev. P. J. Trafton. Church reports from Wood's Harbour, Port Maitland, New Tusket and Sandford were read.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Church at Brazil Lake for their entertainment during the Quarterly Meeting.

Sabbath Day Observance Committee report accepted. Next Quarterly Meeting to be held at New Tusket Sept. 3rd to 6th inclusive. A vote of appreciation was extended to those leaving us, for their help and inspiration also their fellowship that we have enjoyed while they laboured with us on this district. Devotional Committee report accepted. Motion of adjournment. Closing hymn, doxology. Benediction by Rev. H. C. Mullen.

Saturday evening given to Young People's Convention.

Sunday morning at 9.30 o'clock Love Feast led by Bro. Oscar Sweeney. At 10.30 o'clock preaching by Rev. H. C. Mullen. Text Luke 11:36. At 2.30 o'clock preaching by Lic. Grace Sanders. Text Ezekiel 9:4-6. At the close of this message four seekers knelt at the altar and claimed victory.

Sunday evening the closing message was brought by Rev. F. A. Anderson. Text: Heb. 1:14. A message on the work and ministry of angels. Two seekers at the altar.

We wish to thank God for this good Quarterly Meeting, for His blessing upon our services and the helpful messages and all that made it a good quarterly session.

LOIS E. HERSEY, Secretary.