

Temperance Column

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

LIQUOR, THE GREAT DESTROYER

The curse on humanity produced by beer, whiskey and all other kinds of liquor is so great that it constantly confronts us like an ever-spreading plague. It invades any home, however happy and prosperous it may be. The enticements to drink are being pressed on the people by an ever increasing flood of appeal. Politics and liquor now ride in the same saddle, and we are now in a worse state than in the worst of the days of the old-time saloon, because of the smug hypocrisy of our national leaders who have sold out, not for a mess of pottage but for a bottle of rum.

All over the world this great foe is the same. Cardinal Manning of England says: "For thirty years I have been priest and bishop in London, and now I approach my eightieth year. I have learned some things, and the first thing is this: the chief bar to the working of the Holy Spirit of God in the souls of men and women is intoxicating drink. I know no antagonist to the Holy Spirit more direct, more subtle, more stealthy, more ubiquitous than intoxicating drink."

Bishop Foss of the Methodist Church says: "As a Christian minister, I oppose drink because it opposes me. The work I try to do, it undoes. It is an obstacle to the spread of the gospel; nay, it is an enemy which assails the gospel, and whose complete success would drive the gospel from the earth."

"Booth went from a saloon in Washington to murder Lincoln," says The Voice of Washington; "Guiteau just before he shot Garfield asked for three big drinks because he had big work to do; Chzolgoy, who murdered McKinley, was a saloon keeper's son and had kept bar for his father."

A true-to-life recital of the destructive power of strong drink is told by the Honorable David Kirkwood, a member of Parliament in the London Daily Express, who says: that when he was in school there was an organization of prosperous youths called "The Jolly Twelve." They wanted to have a good time; they wanted to see life, they gambled and they drank, although at bottom they were not bad fellows at all. Mr. Kirkwood and another group formed a temperance club and enjoyed a different kind of fun.

This is the story time told: Of "The Jolly Twelve" one poisoned himself at thirty, number two was found with his throat cut at the same age, still another one cut his own throat at thirty-one, his brother accepted \$1,250 for marrying a girl and disappeared at 25. The fifth died in a lunatic asylum at thirty, the sixth drowned himself at twenty-six, and the seventh poisoned himself at thirty-two, the eighth became involved in a scandal and fled the country, the ninth ended his life in the Clyde River at thirty-five, the tenth committed suicide at thirty-six, the eleventh ended his own life at thirty-five. The longest-lived of the twelve died at the age of thirty-six.

Of the members of the temperance club, one became the manager of a mill and died at sixty-three, leaving a fine family. Another went to the United States and was returned at fifty to superintend the erection of a vast factory in England of which he became manager. He is still living. The third became a mechanic and succeeded to his father's business, which he still controls, the fourth became a slater, a partner in the business, the fifth became an engineer

and a factory manager retiring with a competence. The sixth started as a butcher's messenger boy and now owns the business, the seventh, apprenticed to a builder, became a foreman in a very large firm, the eighth for forty years has held a high position in a leather factory. The ninth is now a master builder in Glasgow, the tenth is manager of a large business in Glasgow, the eleventh, Mr. Kirkwood himself, is now a member of Parliament.—Wesleyan Methodist.

QUARTERLY MEETING DISTRICT 3

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 3 convened with the church at Calais, Maine, Nov. 4-7 inclusive.

On Thursday evening, Rev. Bennett Cochrane preached the opening message of the Quarterly from 2 Chronicles 16:9. The Lord met with us in the very first service.

On Friday evening Rev. E. R. Bradley brought a fine message from I Peter 1:15, 16. The Spirit sealed this truth to the good of our hearts.

Saturday afternoon the business session convened with a good attendance of ministers and delegates. Election of officers was as follows: President, Rev. H. S. Wilson; Vice-President, Rev. H. C. Archer; Secretary, Rev. Bennett Cochrane; Treasurer, Mrs. Barnes, (treasurer of Calais Church); Highway Agent, Rev. F. A. Watson. Delegates were present from: Wood Island, Seal Cove, Jonesport, Beal's Island, Calais, and also the Sterritt Sisters representing our African work. Written and verbal reports were received concerning the work in the churches of the district. On motion by B. C. Cochrane, seconded by H. C. Archer, it was voted that we give the sum of \$25.00 to the Wood's Harbour building fund from our S. S. Convention money, providing the consent of the Schools of the district could be obtained. Also voted that the S. S. Convention work be revived. Invitation of the delegates of the Jonesport church to hold March Quarterly with them gratefully accepted. God was present and blessed our souls even in the business session.

Saturday evening, Rev. H. C. Archer preached under the anointing of the Spirit from John 6:9. Our souls feasted on this encouraging sermon and we were inspired to more fervently bring our all to Jesus.

Sunday morning the Love Feast was held at 9.30. Bro. Eugene Wilcox brought an uplifting talk from the Word in this service, speaking with fervor and blessing as one who had "seen and heard." Many testimonies of victory were given to the glory of God. Rev. Bennett Cochrane preached from Acts 1:8 in the service following the Love Feast and once more the Lord fulfilled His good promises by owning the truth.

Sunday afternoon, Rev. H. M. Kimball was at his best while bringing a scriptural, searching, and practical sermon from Proverbs 11:24. Our brother located and exposed many weaknesses that may exist in the life of a professing Christian.

The closing message of the Quarterly session was delivered by Rev. F. A. Watson, who spoke from Mark 10:21, "One Thing Thou Lackest". This message was owned of the Spirit and three souls sought the Lord at the close, testifying to victory. A good time of song and praise brought to a termination a God-blessed quarterly session. The crowds were splendid at all the services, the visiting ministers and delegates were royally entertained in the homes of the people of Calais, and the Lord owned the Word of Truth in every service. Consequently, all agreed that this Quarterly, in blessing and spiritual benefit, ranks

with the best we have thus far enjoyed. "Blessed be God . . . who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places."

BENNETT COCHRANE,
Secretary.

QUARTERLY MEETING DISTRICT NO. 1

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the church at Perth, Nov. 4 to 7. The opening service was in charge of the president, Rev. E. R. Watson. He brought a good message Thursday evening from the text, "Behold your house is left unto you desolate", Matt. 23:38.

The service on Friday afternoon was in charge of Rev. H. C. Mullen. This was another good service. Friday evening the early part of the service was spent reading the Sunday School reports. This was followed by a rich message by Rev. L. T. Sabine on "Peace." Text, St. John 16-33.

Saturday morning Rev. F. A. Anderson had charge of the praise service. This was a time of refreshing. Saturday afternoon at 2.30 a business session was held. The following ministers were present: Rev. E. R. Watson, F. A. Anderson, G. A. DeLong, H. C. Mullen, L. T. Sabine and H. E. Mullen. Delegates were present from Gordonsville, Hartland, Woodstock and Perth. Election of officers was as follows: President, Rev. G. A. DeLong; Vice-President, Rev. L. T. Sabine; Secretary, H. E. Mullen; Highway Agent, Rev. H. C. Mullen; Treasurer, G. A. DeLong; Devotional Committee, G. A. DeLong, Sisters Clare and McCrea and Brother Hillman. Written reports came from Fredericton, Marysville, Lower Southampton, Hartland, Victoria, Meductic and Fort Fairfield. Verbal reports were given from most of the other churches. These reports were encouraging indeed. A vote of thanks was extended to the Perth Church for their entertainment.

Saturday evening Rev. H. C. Mullen brought the message, "We Have a Law", St. John 19-7. This was another good message. Sunday morning the Love Feast was led by Rev. E. R. Watson, text Matt. 26-39. He used as a basis of his remarks the words, "He Went a Little Further." A good time in the Lord was enjoyed by God's people. At 11.00 a.m., Brother Burrell Kimball preached a searching message from James 3-8. At 2.30 p.m., H. E. Mullen brought a message on "The Giants to be Conquered", Numbers 33, 52-55. The closing message Sunday evening was brought by Rev. F. A. Anderson from the text Matt. 13-44. Brother Anderson was at his best as he preached about "The Kingdom of Heaven being like unto treasured hid in a field." Two souls bowed at the altar in prayer. Thus another good Quarterly Meeting came to a close.

H. E. MULLEN,
Secretary.

MONEY AND HELL

You can vote liquor for money, make liquor for money, sell liquor wholesale and retail for money, blight human beings for money, but remember you are on your way to judgment and doom. Death is not going to change your wicked, selfish, money-loving soul. The teachings of our Lord Jesus compel us to believe that Hell is a fearful place of torment, and that eternity is such a long time that when you awake in that horrible place, and spend millions of years, will you think you got the worth of your liquor money? "The wages of sin is death." "He that soweth to the flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption."—Pentecostal Herald.