

Temperance Column

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

CARELESS DRIVER MENACE IN N. B.

Fredericton, April 5.—Carelessness of automobile drivers caused most of the 72 highway fatalities in New Brunswick during the year ending Oct. 31 last, according to a report of R. C. M. P. Superintendent W. V. Bruce tabled in the Legislature today. The death toll was more than double that of the preceding year.

"It is difficult to understand," he said, "what will be required to bring home to citizens that the need for constant alertness is an essential in the operation of a motor vehicle, that pedestrians have equal responsibility for care in using the highways and that parents have a duty with regard to their children using public roads as playgrounds."

The 72 deaths did not include fatal accidents investigated by police of incorporated municipalities.—Sel.

Editorial Note: In the foregoing little clipping from a Fredericton paper, the speaker, R. C. M. P. Superintendent, W. V. Bruce, seems to be perplexed and distressed because of the great increase in highway fatalities. You will note that he says, the number of deaths caused by careless auto drivers has more than doubled. You have noticed too, no doubt, during the past year the great increase in the sales of liquor.

Increase in the sale of liquor means increase in drinking by auto drivers as well as others; and increase in drinking drivers means an increase in accidents and deaths. It seems that the only way to stop this awful destruction of life and property is to go to the cause of the trouble and prohibit the sale of intoxicating drink, which so-called government control is not doing.

NONE SO BLIND AS THOSE WHO WILL NOT SEE

Great Britain cut the supplies to brewers by 2-3. The news came in a very late proclamation. The Nova Scotia press hid an important announcement like that on page four in the body of a general correspondent's letter. Now comes the news that France has cut the public sale of hard liquor by 1-3 and a day later that Germany is going both of the allies one better by cutting the sale of Pilsener beer by one half and less important beers by one quarter. Nice if during the recess of the provincial government our legislators, so anxious to carry the war to a successful conclusion, would follow the example of all those who have an even greater stake at hazard than have we. Germany also has reduced the strength of beer by ½, thus releasing 520,000 bushels of barley for war use.

Is the Conservative candidate in Halifax the same Donahue or Donnybrook or whatever his name, the same lawyer who took a leading part in the effort to secure beer and wine parlors for Halifax. For one he would not get my vote. The liquor question is bigger than the party question.

We heard that one of the chief chaplains of the Canadian Forces lately on a visit to Nova Scotia appeared before a great gathering of a certain local garrison and many others and

advised: "Now men I know that I cannot stop you having your beer but be content with one glass or at the most two. Be your own masters and drink in moderation." It sounded very much to us like an echo of the teaching of Jesus regarding "Swear not at all" and "Look not at all to lust."—Forward.

NOT BY MY VOTE

Men will have strong drink, and will sell liquor,—but not by my vote!

Saloons may run on like the brook, forever, and men may die in them by the thousands,—but not by my vote!

Truth may be wrecked, and character dismantled; homes may be destroyed, and women and children starved,—but not by my vote!

Children may be caught in the snare of the saloon, the victims of alcohol may fill our jails, almshouses and insane asylums,—but not by my vote!

The saloon may impoverish and degrade the people, producing idleness, disease and pauperism. It may breed anarchy and crime,—but not by my vote!

The Government may license the liquor traffic, and for a consideration take a "reward against the innocent," and bargain away the public health and public morals,—but not by my vote!

The liquor traffic may corrupt the social and political life of the nation; it may worm its way into all business and even into the sacred precincts of the home and some churches,—but not by my vote!

The bells may toll the death knell of a human being slain by Rum every five minutes,—but not by my vote!—Sel

WORDS

W. Garrett Horder

I have sometimes wished that it were possible to trace the course of some spoken word, that we could follow its silent, mystic, wondrous influence through all the tangled course of human thought.

Through all the devious way of human life, seeing it as God sees it, from the moment of utterance down to the end of time!

Robert South

The carrying of a tale and reporting what such an one has said or such an one did, is the way to sow grudges, to kindle such heart-burnings between persons, as sometimes breaks forth into flame, to the consumption of families, courts, and perhaps at length, of cities and kingdoms.

The mischief such incendiaries do is incredible, as being for the most part inevitable.

And a vine or a rose-tree may as well flourish when there is a secret worm lurking and gnawing at the root of them, as the peace of those societies thrive that have such concealed plagues wrapt up in their hearts.—Sel.

B. Y. Williams

Forget the unkindness that rankled a bit,

Forget the quick words that were spoken—
Shall we let the friendship we've valued so long—

In one hapless moment be broken!
And why do we take precious time to lament
Our blunders that proved so upsetting!

If there is no mending, let's try for a while
The very fine art of forgetting. —Sel.

SENTENCED TO CHURCH

Five young men of Philadelphia must go to Church every Sunday for the next five years. They must also stop smoking cigarettes. One slip, and they will go to jail!

This unusual sentence was meted out to a group of irresponsible youths on February 13 by Judge McDevitt in the Philadelphia City Hall. Their ages range from 18 to 21, and they were convicted of stealing an automobile "for a joy ride."

When all admitted they were confirmed smokers, and that they rarely, if ever, attended church, Judge McDevitt, having roundly condemned the smoking habit, asked: "Don't you think you need religion? Do you think you know more than God?"

To the father of one of the boys, who admitted that he never went to church himself, the judge said, "Maybe that's why your son doesn't go, and why he should get into all this trouble."

He then placed all the boys on probation, warning them that if they should fail to keep their promises to go to church and stop smoking, they would serve the whole five years in jail.

While the plan of compelling young people to go to church may be open to serious question on the grounds of religious liberty, nevertheless, we cannot but feel that this judge rendered society a valuable service in pointing out the essential weakness in the lives of these young men—a weakness that is all too prevalent among the youth of our country.

Judge McDevitt was right when he said that what the boys needed was religion. It is the greatest need of multitudes of young people in this "evil and adulterous generation." They have grown up without any knowledge of Christ or the Bible. To them, Scripture characters are a joke, and the holy name of Jesus is but a swear word. Fed upon fiction and the "funnies" from childhood, nourished in high school and college upon atheism and evolution, their minds poisoned with movies, and their bodies poisoned with alcohol and tobacco, they have little moral stamina, and are the prey of all leaders of lawlessness.

Only pure religion can prevent this situation from becoming infinitely worse than it is now; and how to "get religion across" to modern youth is perhaps the greatest problem that confronts the church and nation today.—Sel. by Ray L. Kimbrough.

GOLDEN NUGGETS

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."—Romans 6:23.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."—I. Timothy 1:15.

"Thou shalt call His name Jesus for He shall save His people from their sins."—Matt. 1:21.

"By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God:

"Not of works, lest any man should boast."—Ephesians 2:8, 9.

—Sel. by M. E. Bradley

Policy is trying to serve God in such a manner as will not offend the devil.—Sel.