

Temperance Column

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

DRUNK YIELD IS UNUSUALLY LARGE

The holiday week-end yielded a bigger crop of drunks than the police court has seen for a long time. No less than 13 appeared or were called by Magistrate Lane this morning and their fines and forfeits enriched the city treasury considerably. Eight of them were first-timers and were fined the customary \$5 or five days. Most paid. One was fined \$10 and two left deposits of \$10 which they forfeited by non-appearance.

The foregoing: "Drunk Yield is Unusually Large," was taken from a Moncton paper of recent date, and gives us some idea of the influence of the present liquor law on our men. Note it says a bigger crop of drunks than the police court has seen for a long time; and also that "eight of them were first-timers." What does that mean? Just this: There is an increase in liquor drinking in spite of the promises of the government control advocates that this law would decrease drunkenness. And again, "eight first-timers" means that under this system of government sale eight more young men have qualified, and become eligible for the police court: which is only the report of one week-end in one small city. But this report represents conditions in thousands of places in our Dominion. Hundreds of thousands of our boys have become habitual drinkers, and many of them will soon be confirmed drunkards. The soldier boys in training tell us that there is a great deal of drinking among them. We would better take our money and buy war munitions to send to Hitler than to use it in manufacturing strong drink to give to our soldier boys, and make drunkards of them. God help us to wake up and see that our greatest foe is within our own country, and that is Rum. We were glad to note that Hon. R. B. Hanson, M. P., advocates prohibitory laws as a war measure to save our grain for food, and also save our boys.

H. S. DOW

GOD IS NOT MOCKED

Emma Meckenstock

In the spring of the year 19—, the Temperance people of a certain city in Illinois made a desperate effort to vote out the saloons. The saloon element, seeing that their business was in danger, also put up a hard fight and spent a large sum of money in employing people to work for their interest. They even hired women to canvass the city, influencing the people to vote for the maintenance of the saloons, each woman receiving \$2.50 a day. One of these women, a widow, and mother of three young boys, made her home with her mother and brother. As the ringleader, she went boastfully about her business, and rejoiced greatly because the Temperance people were defeated in the election.

One day, a few months later, a crowd gathered in one part of the city, and great excitement took place. A man who had been seen drunk for several days was found dead in an alley. Who was he? It was the brother of the widow who had worked so hard in the interest of the saloon business. Whisky had killed him, and although in the prime of life, he filled a drunkard's grave. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

QUARTERLY MEETING DIST. No. 2

Quarterly meeting Dist. No. 2 convened with the church at Head of Millstream from Sept. 3rd to 8th inclusive. We had bad weather all through the meetings, which hindered many from attending that otherwise would have been there. However, on Sunday the church was filled at all three services.

There were delegates present from Saint John, Amherst, Killam's Mills, Moncton, Grey's Mills and Norton and all the pastors of the district were present but Bros. Cann of Westchester, N. S., and Bro. Grant of Amherst, N. S.

The love feast and preaching services were times of blessing to the saints, and conviction to the unsaved. We regret that there were no souls saved during these meetings, but had those yielded who felt moved upon, there would have been a number forward for prayer.

At the business meeting Saturday afternoon Rev. H. S. Dow was elected Dist. President for the coming quarter, and several very encouraging reports were read from the various churches on the District. We are sorry that some churches fail to send in any report. Oral reports were also given. During the business session, the secretary was authorized to write the Premiers of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, also the Lieutenant-Governors stating our disapproval of the government sale of liquor, and requesting that the liquor stores be closed for the duration of the war.

The next Quarterly meeting will be held at Mercer Settlement, the date to be announced later.

Thank God for such times of blessing to the saints. Let us pray much, and plan to attend the next sessions. MRS. J. A. OWENS, Sec.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School Convention for District No. 2 met in annual session in the church at Head of Millstream on Saturday evening, Sept. 7.

The president, Raymond H. Parks, had charge of the convention which opened with singing and prayer. The president read as his scripture lesson the 103rd Psalm and brought a very helpful and inspiring message on unity of purpose, prayer and faith in Sunday School work. Bro. Parks also urged the cooperation of the parents in precept and example.

A special vocal selection was rendered by Mrs. J. A. Owens.

Minutes of the previous convention were read and approved.

The following Sunday Schools reported: Moncton, Saint John, Grey's Mills, Head of Millstream, Amherst and Salem.

The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected:

President—Raymond H. Parks.

Vice-President—James Bradley.

Secretary-Treasurer—Grace C. Lawlor.

Resolved that Sunday, Sept. 29th, be observed throughout the district as a Rally Day in the Sunday Schools.

Rev. H. S. Dow spoke for a few moments on "Does Sunday School Work Pay?" Rev. J. A. Owens also made a few remarks on the subject.

Mrs. Sanders related an interesting account of the growth of the Sunday Schools founded by Sister Grace Sanders at Hartland Mission Station.

On motion the convention adjourned to meet again (D.V.) at the time and place of the spring quarterly meeting.

Gambling is the child of avarice, but the parent of prodigality.—Colton.

OBITUARY

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

Mrs. C. H. Beal

The church at Beals, Maine, has lost one of its oldest members in the passing on Aug. 28 of Sylvia W. (Mina), wife of Deacon C. H. Beal. Sister Beal has been a great sufferer for many years. She had been confined to her bed for the last three months. She was sixty-nine years of age.

She was converted very early in life and has been a valued member of the church since it was first organized. She took a stand for Holiness when it meant real sacrifice to do so.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her loving husband, one daughter, Mrs. G. H. Carver, two sons, Avery E. Beal and Esten L. Beal, also eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and one brother, J. P. Alley.

The funeral service was held from the Reformed Baptist Church and was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. B. Shorey (Adventist). A mixed quartette sang our sister's favorite hymns, "Take Time To Be Holy," "Living For Jesus," and "Safe in The Arms of Jesus."

The writer at Sister Beal's request used as a text Phil. 1:23 & 24.

We extend our deepest sympathy to those who mourn. REV. F. A. WATSON

Leonard G. Ahrens

Funeral services for Leonard G. Ahrens, 76, a resident of Portland since 1919, were held September 3, at 17 Myrtle Street, Portland, the Rev. Henry Sinclair officiating. Services were also held at the Reformed Baptist Church, Jonesport, September 4, Rev. Harry S. Wilson officiating. Interment was at Greenwood Cemetery. The many beautiful floral offerings spoke of the high esteem with which Mr. Ahrens was held.

Mr. Ahrens, who died Sept. 1 at his residence, 9 Dyer Street, after an illness of several months, was born in Sundsvall, Sweden, Jan. 21, 1864. Coming to the United States in 1882 he resided at Jonesport for several years before coming to Portland. His last sickness confined him to his home the last seven months. He was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church in Jonesport.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Sophia Ahrens; two sons, Edward of Brevard, N.C., and Herman; four sisters, and a brother, and two granddaughters. MRS. E. PALMER

Earl Webb

The death of Mr. Earl Webb occurred at his home on Sunday evening, Sept. 15, after a lingering illness.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer assisted by Lic. R. T. Sellick of Oxford and Rev. Clyde Hicks of Westchester. Interment was made in the Westchester cemetery.

Mr. Webb left to mourn his wife, seven young children, his mother, Mrs. Charles Webb; five brothers, Raymond, Russel, Leo, Blye, Ivan, and three sisters, Mrs. Etta Emery, Mrs. Ella Mayberry and Mrs. Douglas Fraser, besides many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Webb was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church at Westchester and left testimony that he was ready to go.

To the sorrowing ones we extend our sympathy A. D. CANN

JEALOUSY

O, beware, my lord, of jealousy,
It is the green-eyed monster
which doth mock
The meat it feeds on. —Shakespeare.