

Temperance Column

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

THE CLERGY SPEAKS

A Tell-Tale Simile—"As Disgusting as a Topsy Woman"

By Bishop A. K. White

Under the caption of "Current Similes," the Pathfinder which has been published for forty-seven years includes this one:

"As disgusting as a tipsy woman."

In many ways, because of its wide circulation, appealing to America's middle class, this magazine may be depended upon to interpret American life very well as it really is. Some may protest against this simile as unfair to women, but there is, nevertheless, a general, deep-seated feeling of revulsion in the minds of average citizens everywhere toward the spectacle of female drunkenness. It is an evil admitted by even the wets themselves and disgraces the American people around the world.

England has had its drunken women for generations—shameless spectacles in public life. Europeans have thought less since time immemorial of seeing females reeling on the streets, or falling in the gutters of British cities. Anybody who has traveled abroad to make comparisons, knows that this was not, even in the days of the old "family entrance," an outstanding characteristic in our American social life, but the crime of it has come so suddenly, violently and overwhelmingly with repeal that American sensibilities are shocked, and God knows the simile fits.

The pernicious advertising of the liquor forces, with all of their devilish lies—in short, the tragedy of repeal, is responsible for it. Will the disgust grow until we do something to correct the evil, or will we, as a nation, be content to slump into indifference and get used to it?

Some may laugh at a drunken man reeling ridiculously under the influence of liquor, but it just isn't funny in a woman. Nevertheless when you analyze what drunkenness means to a man—the neglect of his wife, the poverty of his children, the disgrace of his name, it can't be very funny in him either, however much of a monkey he may make himself.

Humor in times of trouble may sometimes be a saving element. There are some troubles we may take too seriously, and we can giggle them out of existence, but America's drinking evil cannot be laughed off.

Let's turn our laughter and ridicule in the direction of the brewers, saloonkeepers, and New Deal repeal economists who delude themselves and everybody else with the doctrine that liquor-drinking contributes to gracious living, to true freedom, to the paying of taxes, or the creation of any kind of economic or social prosperity.

Can't we laugh these hypocrites out of American life? If satire is a sharp weapon, it is time to use it pointedly on those who create the drunken fools that make monkeys of themselves. Before God the repeal philosophers, brewers and saloonkeepers are the funniest baboons.—The Dry Legion.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of District No. 3 convened with the Church at Crawford, Maine.

The blessing of God was upon every service in an unusual way, and in nearly every service previous, souls were at the altar.

The preacher on Thursday evening was Rev. H. S. Wilson, who brought a challenging message from Dan. 6:20. He spoke of the

many "lions" which confront the Christian Church, and closed his message by pointing us to the lion of the tribe of Judah.

The business session was held on Friday afternoon. The following ministers were present: Rev. H. L. Robertson, Rev. H. S. Wilson and Rev. F. A. Watson, and delegates from Beals, Jonesport, Crawford and Seal Cove.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. H. L. Robertson; vice-president, Rev. H. S. Wilson; secretary, Rev. F. A. Watson; treasurer, Brother Cushing. Highway Agent, Brother Lester Alley.

Letters were received from the churches at Calais, Crawford, Jonesport and Beals.

The time and place of next quarterly was left with the Officers to arrange.

Following a discussion regarding extension work, Brother Wilson and Brother Robertson were appointed a committee to inquire as to the possibility of procuring a tent for use in the district.

The treasurer of extension fund reported a balance of \$103.94. It was recommended that each church of the district be encouraged to give toward this fund.

Friday evening Rev. F. A. Watson brought the message from I. Thess. 5:23. God's blessing was on the service and a number of seekers were at the altar for pardon or purity.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to prayer and was of course a profitable time.

Saturday evening Brother Judson Sanders brought a message on "Life." Again God blessed His word and seekers found a place of prayer.

The service Sunday morning was led by Brother L. Wilson, followed by preaching by Brother Joseph Moses, whose theme was backsliding. Again there were souls at the altar and God was there to meet their need. At the close of this service communion was administered and was blessed of God.

Sunday afternoon Brother F. A. Watson preached from Mathew 23:29, and God blessed and owned His word.

The closing message was brought by Rev. H. S. Wilson, who preached from Rev. 20:15. This was a solemn warning to the unsaved, and at the close of the service souls were again at the altar seeking God.

During the quarterly fifteen souls came as seekers and so from the standpoint of visible results the meetings were blessed of God. We believe that the blessing which came to all present was more than can be described by figures.

Truly God blessed the Quarterly Meeting at Crawford.

REV. F. A. WATSON, Secretary

THE BLESSING OF REPEAL

Drunken driving has increased by leaps and bounds since repeal, out of all proportion to the increase of motor vehicles. Such increase is from fifty per cent in some states to more than five hundred per cent in a considerable area of the country. According to The Travelers (accident) Insurance Company, of Hartford, Connecticut, the killed in action during the fifteen-years' total of all the United States wars numbered 244,357, while in fifteen years of automobile fatalities to the end of 1938 there were 441,912, with a nearly fifty per cent record of drunk-driving deaths in New York State, a sixty per cent record in Illinois, and still larger in California.—Selected.

OBITUARY

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."—

Mrs. Herbert Woodward

The death occurred at Jonesport, Me., Sept. 17th of Gertrude, beloved wife of Herbert L. Woodward, aged 51 years. Sister Woodward was the daughter of the late Deacon F. W. and Mrs. Beal, of Beals, Me. Early in life she was converted, baptized and united with the church at Beals. Until her home going she kept true to Jesus and as long as her health permitted, was faithful in her attendance at church and prayer meeting. A few years ago the family moved to Jonesport but retained membership in the Beals Church. Sister Woodward had been in poor health for a number of years but was only confined to bed for a few weeks. Prayers were offered at the house, and the remains taken to the Congregational Church in Jonesport where service was conducted by Rev. F. A. Watson, of Beals, assisted by Rev. H. S. Wilson, of Jonesport. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband; one son, Willis, of Portland, Me.; two daughters, Mrs. Alfred Beal, of Beals, and Louise, at home; a sister, Mrs. Vinton Beal, of Beals, Me., and one brother, Edmund, of Oakland, Me.

To these sorrowing hearts we extend our deepest sympathy.

HER RESPONSIBILITY

A poor man was once obliged to seek financial aid of a wealthy Christian woman. After hearing of the need, the lady made out a check for the amount and, as she handed it to the man, told him that he need not return the money. Then she made a strong remark: "This is more than God ever gave me," she said. The man looked at her in surprise and said: "Mrs. D—, I am surprised to hear you say that. You have abundance, and God has given you all you have." She smiled and replied: "I speak the truth, for God has not given me but lent unto me what I have, that I may in His name bestow it upon those who are in need."—The King's Business.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION

The Mississippi Supreme Court, in a judgment handed down at Jackson, Mississippi, affirmed that "church authorities and such tribunals as they may set up for themselves are supreme in ecclesiastical matters." The case concerned a minister who had been discharged as a pastor recently because of certain tendencies in his teachings. The minister sought an injunction to obtain use of the church building, and then appealed when his bill was dismissed by the chancery court.—Religious Digest.

WHAT IS LIFE?

Seven years in childhood sports and play 7
Seven years in school from day to day..... 14
Seven years at a trade, or college life..... 21
Seven years to find a place and a wife..... 28
Seven years to pleasures and follies given 35
Seven years by business hardly driven..... 42
Seven years for fame—a wild-goose chase 49
Seven years for wealth—at breathless pace 56
Seven years of hoarding for your heir..... 63
Seven years in weakness spent, with care 70
Then die, and go—you know not where!

—From an Old Newspaper