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EDITORIAL

THAT FLY IN THE OINTMENT

"Dead flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honour." Eccl. 10-1.

Several weeks ago we read in the paper, of General Montgomery telling Prime Minister Winston Churchill that he did not smoke or drink, and was 100 per cent fit. The answer that Mr. Churchill made to this well-known man brings to our mind the foregoing words of scripture. I suppose the Prime Minister thought that he was making a very wise crack when he said: "I both drink and smoke and am 200 per cent fit." But doubtless thousands of the best people of the great British Commonwealth, and of the world over, would regard that statement as very weak and foolish; and very unbecoming for a man in Winston Churchill's position.

If the Prime Minister had been as wise a man as many of us think he is, he would have said something to encourage that worthy general, who is endeavouring to live a clean, sober life, because drinking and smoking spells ruin to millions of young men, and Mr. Churchill knows it: But because he is able to hold a responsible position and indulge in these habits that he finds pleasure in, he is not willing to admit the truth.

It is very unfortunate indeed for the temperance forces to have a man in Mr. Churchill's position, and with his influence, to make such a statement. The wets will use that statement as capital in their efforts to overthrow the cause of prohibition. We read in the paper not long ago of one John Turner, in the government at Ottawa, quoting this saying of Mr. Churchill's in making a plea in the House of Commons to the government, to rescind the law restricting the sale of beer in Canada. Mr. Turner said, beer is the poor man's drink. Well, we agree with him in that statement, for if a man is not poor when he begins to drink beer, he will be if he continues to drink it. So it can rightly be called the poor man's drink. It makes and keeps millions of them poor.

It is very obvious from Mr. Churchill's statement that he won't do anything to promote the interests of temperance and prohibition among our soldier boys. During the other world war, when Honorable David Lloyd George was Premier, he saw the baneful effects of strong drink on the soldiers,

and said: "We are fighting three foes: Germany, Austria and rum, and the greatest of these is rum." And the wise Premier used his influence and had some laws passed restricting the manufacture and sale of liquor, for the protection of our boys in the fighting forces. When a big man like Churchill speaks, the world listens, and his words carry weight with multitudes who don't think much for themselves, and no doubt this statement of his on drinking, will be the fly in the ointment that will corrupt the thinking of great numbers of people, and make them more lenient towards the cursed liquor traffic, and less concerned about supporting the cause of temperance. And, as the scripture states, it sends forth a very bad smell. H. S. D.

Hero of the Allied rout of Field Marshall General Edwin Rommel in the North African desert is lean, tough Lieut-General Bernard Law Montgomery, commander of the Imperial Eighth Army. A bishop's son, he neither smokes nor drinks; makes the physical fitness of his men his wartime gospel.—Selected.

QUARTERLY MEETING

District No. 4 has again enjoyed a blessed time in the Lord as we met together at the quarterly meeting which convened with the church at Port Maitland May 20-23 inclusive.

Ministers present were: Revs. F. A. Dunlop, B. D. Price and P. W. Briggs. The unction and blessing of God accompanied the messages that were brought, bringing soul food to the Christian and conviction to the unsaved. The morning services were given entirely to prayer and praise. On Saturday afternoon a business session was held. This was an interesting and profitable time; different subjects were discussed and the election of officers. There were delegates and letters from each church except Brazil Lake. The reports from the different churches were encouraging. Wood's Harbour has been engaged in special services, souls were saved and the church greatly edified. Havelock reports the blessing of God on their services, and their determination to uphold the truth of holiness. They are doing extensive repair work on the church.

Port Maitland is being blessed in their services. They have adopted the store-house tithing system. Sanford reports their services well attended, and times of rich blessing from the Lord. The pastor reported for Brazil Lake, telling of the real pleasure he enjoyed ministering to this loyal band of Christians. Their services are good. The pastors of these different churches are remaining for another year.

The love feast on Sunday morning was a blessed time. It was an old-fashioned experience meeting, when folk told of the time they found the Lord in saving grace and sanctifying power. Time did not permit for all to testify, but on invitation for all who were saved and sanctified to stand, how our hearts were made to rejoice at the large company of people that stood. Praise the Lord! There was a good delegation at all the services and large crowds on Sunday. And we praise God for His presence and blessing. Some who have been attending quarterly meetings for a number of years testified that this was as good a quarterly as they had ever attended. We can say with Ecclesiastes 7:10, "Say not thou, what is the

cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not enquire wisely concerning this." God is still on the throne, and is ready to bless each trusting heart. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever, May the God of all grace bless the work of holiness everywhere.

Signed MRS. PERLEY BRIGGS,
Secretary

The quarterly meeting of District No. 2 convened with the Church at Killam's Mills May 27th over the 30th.

The blessing of the Lord was in evidence and a fine spirit of unity and good fellowship prevailed throughout the services. Roll Call found the following ministers present: Revs. J. A. Owens, D. W. Marsten, B. C. Cochrane; also Lics. Helen and Alice Sterritt and Judson Sanders.

The first service was in charge of the president, Rev. B. C. Cochrane, who spoke from Acts 11:1-13. On Friday evening Rev. J. A. Owens brought us a fine message from Acts 9:22. The business session was held on Saturday afternoon preceded by a half hour prayer service. Encouraging letters were read from Amherst and Moncton and verbal reports given for Saint John, Grey's Mills, Head of Millstream, Amherst and Killam's Mills.

It was moved that the secretary send a letter of appreciation to Brothers Cann and Kimball on behalf of the quarterly meeting in view of their change of pastorates.

The preaching service Saturday evening was conducted by Sister Alice Sterritt. This was a fine service and our hearts were inspired as our sister spoke from Heb. 11:6.

Sunday proved a day of rich blessing. The attendance was good in spite of the rainy weather that continued throughout the services.

The Love Feast was in charge of Sister Helen Sterritt, who brought a helpful message from Isa. 55.

The regular morning service was in charge of Rev. D. W. Marsten, who preached from Ex. 12:1-14: "It is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul."

A short session of the Sunday school was held at 2.30 and the afternoon message was brought by Rev. J. A. Owens. His text was taken from John 8:32 and 36.

The closing service was held at 8 p. m. Rev. B. C. Cochrane preached from the words found in Mark 14:72: "When he thought thereon he wept." There was evidence of the moving of the Spirit upon many hearts who should have come back to God. May the Lord bless these wanderers, also those who have never known Him and continue to draw them to Himself. Let us continue to pray for the faithful band at Killam's Mills who are carrying on at present under the leadership of Rev. G. A. Rogers.

HILDA M. COCHRANE,
Secretary

All sermons and addresses, all Bible readings and classes, all religious magazines and books can never take the place of our own quiet study of God's Word. We may measure our growth in grace by the growth of our love for private Bible study. And we may be sure there is something seriously wrong when we close our appetite for private Bible study. The Bible seldom speaks, and certainly never its deepest, sweetest words, to those who always read it in a hurry.—Dr. F. B. Meyer.