

been more missionary minded before and prayed more.

It is marvellous how the Lord has supplied grace, strength and material needs as I trust Him. The promise is "according to your faith be it unto you." It is not enough to know these promises but one must appropriate them to one's own need. Jesus said to Peter: "I have prayed for thee that thy faith fail not." Again he prays: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word." Yes, Jesus prays for us.

Let us pray together that God's cause will progress and more souls claimed for the kingdom, and cleansed by Holy Spirit, before the soon return of Jesus.

Yours trusting Him,
THELMA ROSE

Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Highway:

It has been some little time since I have written to your columns. I love our paper, The King's Highway. I thank the Lord for its clean pages, and for our Editor, who has so ably edited it, and kept to the standard of holiness. Amen.

We were quite busy during the fall, preaching and calling, but it took its toll on my strength so that when Christmas was over, I had used up much of my reserve strength, and in consequence I have had to slow down, but I do thank God for the help He has given and for His sustaining grace. Praise His name!

We were kindly remembered by friends and relatives at the Christmas season, by receiving over 180 beautiful greeting cards, gifts of cash and merchandise, and letters of encouragement. We say to one and all a hearty "God bless you." May this year of 1948 be one of great blessing to you all, as you honor the Lord with your substance and the first fruits of your increase. The Lord has been good in supplying our need. He is worthy of all honor and praise. We are looking to the future with hope and expectancy, that we may still do service for Him here below and keep ready for His appearing. It means much to keep going the way of the cross with all that means to the sanctified soul. God bless you all. Keep on praying.

Yours in His love,
P. J. and MRS. TRAFTON

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Dear Highway Friends:

New Year's Greetings to all in His name.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our friends who so kindly remembered us at Christmas with beautiful cards. We appreciate them very much. We also received many gifts, and the people on this circuit have been very kind to us also. God bless each one.

Trusting the continuance of the Lord's blessing upon us all in this New Year, we are as ever,

Yours in the Lord,
HELEN and ALICE STERRITT

CAUSE FOR REPENTANCE

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead

That never to himself hath said:

"I will my own church paper take

Both for myself and family's sake."

If such there be, let him repent,

And have the paper to him sent;

And if he'd spend a happy winter,

He in advance should pay the printer."

—Sel.

"TEMPERED TRUTHS"

F. A. Dunlop

"Government Control" is a familiar term to most of us. It represents the sale of intoxicants under Government sanction and Government control. This form of sale operates in eight of the nine Provinces of our Dominion. This has become a Colossal Business. I believe our Dominion made a gross sale last year of Two Hundred and Seventy-Five Million Dollars. Our own Province doing a Sixteen Million Dollar Business.

The most startling thing about the whole question today is: We, the people, have accepted the fact, hands down. We have pretty much succumbed to its intrusion. However, I feel to give the matter a bit of an airing in my "Tempered Truths" column.

Before one opposes a business supported and controlled by our Government one ought to acquaint oneself with their stated reasons for so doing. As I understand the claims of those who support Government sale they run something like the following:

"Both Political Parties Are In Favor Of It"

I remember when this Measure was thrust upon us, the Party responsible justified the act by saying, "The other Party was prepared to do so providing they were elected to office." That decided nothing regarding the righteousness or unrighteousness of the Measure. If their premise was correct, it only meant that they were no better no worse than the other Party.

"The people want Government Control"

I remember at a later period, when the Conservative Party was again elected to Office, that the then Premier stated in an address over the Radio, "This shows what the people think of Government Control." Anyone can see that statement was very unfair. That election was not fought on grounds of Government Control. It was not made an issue by either Party. I question if either Party, then or now, would dare submit the matter to a plebiscite. I wish we could challenge them to do so. But even if the liquor interests won, it would only prove that the majority of the voters favored Government Control, and moral issues are never settled on that score.

"Liquor will be Sold and Consumed"

"Liquor has been, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Hence, the Government should control the same, and if there is any profit accruing from the traffic the Government should have it." That there should be some kind of "control" we all agree, and that the Government should provide this control we likewise agree, but to justify Government sale on this ground we are no more ready to sanction than that the Government should engage in the practice of burglary because burglary is persisted in. It is pretty grim business to justify a Government for doing what is not justifiable for the individual.

A better grade of liquor than that handled by the "bootlegger"

I doubt not that this is so. But, does this decrease the total danger of alcoholic beverages to the public. I don't think the quality of the alcohol consumed makes as much difference as the quantity consumed. Even the best is too dangerous to drink. After a few suicides and attempted suicides had taken place in one of our city jails, the Officer in charge said, "I look upon every drunk that enters this jail now as a potential suicide." That doesn't speak too highly for the brand handled

by our present Liquor Stores. There is only one method known to man which makes intoxicants safe—the method of total abstinence. Unless the supporters of Government Control can show us less consumption they have no argument.

Prohibition Made Hypocrites

This on the grounds of "law infractions." But has our present set-up curtailed these infractions? What about the drinking in our buses, trains, waiting-rooms, etc.? Is not this an infraction of the law? What about the drunks we meet up with on our streets, in restaurants, and elsewhere? These are all infractions of our present liquor law. And what about the Liquor Stores? Do they observe all the rules regarding sales? Who's making the Hypocrites now?

Revenue

When one considers the revenue from this business it does look like a gain. It is a debatable question though. We can hardly accept as clear gain a thing that reacts unfavorably toward any good. One cannot accept a cheque for ten thousand dollars as clear profit if it cost the loss of a hand or limb. Revenue from the sale of liquors should always be considered by this principle. It has taken many bushels of grain to keep the liquor stores grinding, and grain is much needed today for other purposes. Many man-hours have been used in this business that might have been used for something constructive. Our Province has engaged in a great number of Court trials as a result of this traffic during the last ten years. Our Courts have been obliged to deal with every crime from disorderly conduct to rape and murder because of this nefarious business. The cost of this Trade? Ask the mothers of our Province. The cost? Ask the wife whose husband has become a slave to drink. The cost? Ask the man whose wife was struck and killed by a driver too drunk to know where he was going. The cost? Ask that mother and father whose daughter was dragged away by a married man too drunk to give any answer for the events that led to a brutal murder. Pretty hard to estimate costs like these. One thing we do know, they figure awfully against the boasted revenue had from the sale of commodities handled by our Government Liquor Stores. Support this thing for Revenue? I don't think so.

PROFIT FROM THE PAST

"Tis greatly wise to talk with our past hours, and ask them what report they bore to heaven, and how they might have borne more welcome news."

Another year has taken its place in the unchangeable and irrevocable past. We have already stepped from the Old to the New.

It is well to pause near the threshold, and ere we move far into the unknown, reflect on the experiences of the past. We may thus prepare ourselves for richer living and better service in the days that lie ahead.

Does the retrospective mood reveal loss of opportunity, failure in life and service, unwise and impulsive words and acts? If so let us not be discouraged or despondent. Make the mistakes of the past serve as a spur to more noble efforts and greater caution against repeated failure.

Let us face the sunrise of a New Year with faith, hope, and resolution.