"Beware of seeming truths, that grow on roots of error."—*M. Tupper.*

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c/o Mrs. M. S. Moulton

CRUSADE FOR FREEDOM

"Grieve not the holy Spirit of God." Ephesians 4:30, also 31 and 32.

A magazine "What It Takes" has in it an article by S. M. Shoemaker entitled "What Are We Fighting For?" In the answers he summarizes the fact that this war is simply "a footnote to the everlasting war between Good and Evil, between God and chaos." In the same magazine we find "The Principles of National Religion." Found in the State Paper of Abraham Lincoln.

1. "God deals with nations as with individuals.

2. It is the duty of nations, as well as of man, to acknowledge their dependence upon the power and goodness of Almighty God.

3. Nations should not in their prosperity forget the God who made them prosperous.

4. Nations may and do sin against God, and may suffer under divine judgments.

5. God furnishes national sin with exact justice.

6. God furnishes national sin to bring nations to repentance and reformation.

7. The Holy Spirit can change rebellious hearts, guide the councils of the government, and console the afflicted.

8. Humiliation, confession of sin, and prayer are God's way out of national judgments.

9. The united and sincere cry of a nation for pardon of sin will be heard on high and answered with forgiveness and peace.

10. Those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

A newspaper clipping received from Toronto gives information that a Protestant Party is being urged by a Baptist minister. Surely this war is teaching that we do not desire another war—least cf all a religious one. Zeal for a worthy cause is admirable, but excessive zeal may be a menace. In both Protestant and Catholic churches are zealots, no doubt as sincere in one as in the other, but in the opinion of this writer, sincerely wrong.

The truth of the matter is that ALL churches today need to be reconverted Protestant and Catholic alike. SIN has entered the sacred portals of all churches. While it is true that with all her faults the church is the best institution to be found in our imperfect world, yet we must all recognize that our churches today need purifying and cleansing.

In the new and better world which we all hope to help build we must not only banish the evil, but salvage the good from all churches, both Protestant and Catholic. You in the Maritimes know that I am neither Liberal, Conservative, nor C. C. F., that I favour not a Protestant, but a CHRISTIAN Government, including representatives of different churches.

A ninety year old saint in Ottawa said to me "the powers that be are ordained of God." Instead of adverse criticism of the leaders "ordained of God," from Prime Minister Churchill down to the humblest leader in our nation, should we not be praying for them, and thank Our HeavenlyFather for having used them to help save our nations, and Liberty for the world? I hate those big cigars and the alcohol that has ruined so many lives, but on my knees I have thanked Our Loving Father for Winston Churchill, for his courage, his vision, his perseverance, his restoration to health. These leaders are the men that God has used to save our country—to save World Freedom. As President Roosevelt so nobly admitted he has made mistakes so have they all, but with all their mistakes they have certainly earned, not criticisms, but a heartfelt thank you from all of us.

The three men in Ottawa who so kindly granted an interview, Prime Minister King's secretary, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Coldwell, Leader of the C. C. F., and Mr. and Mrs. Bracken are all fine Canadians, men of whom Canada may well be proud. (These are mentioned in the order chronologically interviewed). One statement made to Mr. Turnbull should be repeated; "I would be very sorry to have you interpret this interview as an inference that there are no Christians on Parliament Hill." That statement is true, but the message entrusted to my keeping to the leaders and people of Canada is expressed by the quotation of Abraham Lincoln at the beginning of this article, with the personal revelation that individually Our Father wants us to seek His forgiveness for our individual sins, and nationally He wants us to make the Bible the Foundation of our Canadian Parliament and to legally abolish the manufacture, importation, sale, use and possession of alcohol as a beverage. In this critical period Our Father NEEDS the co-operation of every real Christian in burying denominational, organizational and political barriers and while keeping our church homes separate, unite to fight a common foe—the enemy of God and man—alcohol.

May we realize that our first duty is not to any political party, nor to any particular church, but to the Kingdom of God.

In Our Father's Task

BESSIE MacMILLAN MILLER
(Mrs. V. L.)

Plebiscite On Beer Parlour In Halifax

For some time there has been an agitation for a plebiscite on the question of opening beer parlours in Halifax.

When the matter was up a year or so ago, it was found that the City Council had no authority to expend money for such purposes and when an order was sought from the Supreme Court to grant such authority, it was refused.

At the last session of the Provincial Assembly the City Bill contained a clause giving them authority to make such expenditure, and since then pressure has been brought to bear on the Council to hold such a plebiscite. The matter came before the Council, and has been referred to the finance committee, who according to press report, were to report to the City Council at a session on Aug. 24th.

The matter has been under considerable discussion in Mayflower Division, and a committee was appointed to see that our views on the matter were given to members of the Council.

Several of the Aldermen have been approached, and on the 24th. the Grand Scribe and Bro. D. MacPhail had a long interview with Mayor Lloyd, and presented the views of the Sons of Temperance, on this question.

They opposed the suggestion chiefly on these grounds:

That when people were asked to conserve every possible dollar, and not to incur any unnecessary expenditure, the city should not expend several thousand dollars, for this unnecessary purpose.

That with the present war tension so keenly felt in this city, that it was not a fitting time to take a plebiscite.

That the facilities for obtaining liquor, had reached such proportions that they should not be extended.

That the greater the facilities for getting liquor, the more liquor would be drunk, with resulting additions to the crime, police court work, and drunkard making, with which the city is at present overburdened.

That where beer parlours had been established in other Provinces, drunkenness and crime had increased, and they had been everything but an asset to the City.

The committee from the Sons of Temperance were very courteously received, and had an interesting conversation of an hour, with Mayor Lloyd, in which the whole liquor question was discussed.

He promised to present their views to the Council, when the matter came up, and was kind enough to say he had learned some new facts, during the interview.

What action the Council will take on this Plebiscite matter the future will tell.

P. S.—Since the above was written the Halifax City Council has decided not to take a plebiscite, at least, for the present. Ed.

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Liquor Plebiscite Favored

(From the Halifax Star, Aug. 23, 1944)

The Central C.C.F. Club at a special meeting held last night at the Lord Nelson Hotel gave an expression of opinion on the stand it favored on the beer and liquor question in the form of a resolution moved by J. R. Clark, seconded by Mr. Fleet, and passed unanimously by the meeting.

The resolution stated "Whereas we deplore the action of the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia in the sale and distribution of beer and liquor, be it resolved that should it be the will of the people of Nova Scotia to have beer parlors in the City of Halifax and Province of Nova Scotia that the C. C. F. will carry out the wishes of the people if elected to Parliament and that the people will be given a full opportunity to express their approval or disapproval of the method of distribution."

William Ware, president of the Central C. C. F. Club, presided at the meeting, and introduced the subject by quoting a press report on the beer and liquor question and stating that the Central Club members believed that they should define their stand on the subject. Mr. Ware suggested that a resolution be presented to the City Council requesting that a plebiscity be held on the sale of beer in taverns. He stated that rumors had gone abroad that the C. C. F. was controlled by prohibitionists. Such a statement was incorrect, declared the chairman, who called for the views of those present on the beer and liquor question.

The opinion was expressed that a party's stand on beer and liquor in this constituency might determine

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W. E. SIMMS PASSES AWAY

YARMOUTH, Aug. 18—William Everett Simms, well known Western Nova Scotia contractor and builder, died at his Yarmouth home early this morning. He had been in indifferent health for several years but had attended to his community contacts as usual until this week when he remained at his Cliff Street home. The late Mr. Simms retired from active business some years ago and later moved from his native village of Plymouth, and took up residence in town where he maintained his contacts until the time of his death.

He was born in Plymouth, son of the late Melford and Almira Crocker Simms, and was in his 77th year. As a young man he entered the carpentry and building trade, and was associated with his father for many years until the latter's retirement from active business life when he continued the contracting activities on his own account.

Many of Yarmouth's outstanding buildings were the product of his firm, among these are Central United Church, Old Ladies Home and Town Mission. He also was responsible for many of the fine residential properties in the Town of Yarmouth, which he had erected.

His interest in the community and religious life of the county was marked. For many years prior to his affiliation with Arcadia Methodist Church he was one of the consistent supporters of the Methodist congregation in his native village of Plymouth. He was a life long member of the Sons of Temperance and active in its councils. Yarmouth Rotarians knew his worth, and he had served as President of the organization. For many years he was a member of the various church choirs wherein he was associated and was an enthusiastic, and one of the most active members of the Yarmouth Male Choir.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Albert Merrill of Boston, and Mrs. Harold MacNutt, Dartmouth.

The above item from the daily press records the death of one of the best known and valued Sons of Temperance in the Province.

For years Bro. Simms has been an outstanding figure in our Grand Division. His genial personality, his devotion to the work of the Order, his advice and dependibility, added much to the sessions, while his humor made him one of the enjoyable speakers at the banquets.

For a number of years the wedding anniversaries of Sister Simms and himself coincided with the dates of the Grand Division, and recognition of the fact, was often made then.

He was ever a generous contributor to our Extension Fund, and active worker in New Hope Division, and Markland District Division, while health permitted.

To Sister Simms and his family, Forward extends deep sympathy in the loss of one who left the world better for his having lived.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die."

"The Immoderate Use Of Drink"

A Halifax daily in giving a report of greatly increased crime list speaks of some of these crimes as due to "the immoderate use of drink."

This makes one wonder what is "an immoderate use of drink?"

One person may take the occasional drink, and go many years without showing any visible effects. Another person starts to drink and in a short time, develops an appetite for this "habit forming drug" as the British scientists called it, which make him a drunkard.

Without knowing what its effect on the individual will be, how can one distinguish between the moderate and the immoderate use of alcohol?

A recent scientific book on alcohol says, that while one can take tests which will show whether one may contract diphtheria, small pox, and many other diseases, there is no known test to tell the beginner whether he will be immune to alcohol or not.

Dr. Oscar Rodgers, Chief Medical Director of the New York Life Insurance Co., said "There appears to be no limit within which alcohol may be entirely harmless."

The moderate use leads to the immoderate. There is no safe moderate use. Total abstinence is the only safe way.

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Appreciation From Education

On Aug. 6th., the Nova Scotia Summer School for Teachers took over on C. H. N. S. the Radio Forum sponsored by the N. S. Committee of the Canadian Youth Commission, subject "Education."

Of the three speakers—Mrs. Madeline Sangster who last year taught in Guysboro County— and Mr. C.*M.* Chisholm, now on staff of the Halifax City Schools, paid tribute to the work of the Sons of Temperance and the Bands of Hope, and all the contributors felt that children, should be taught from youth to hate alcoholic beverages.

We appreciate the tribute paid to the work of the Order by these educationalists. The teaching profession of this Province have as a rule, been very sympathetic to our work and principles.

They have a great influence, and their cooperation is always appreciated.

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A.A.A. & A.B.C.

A.A.A. stands for American Automobile Association.

A.A.A. often stands for a very fine grade.

A.B.C. stands for the simplest of truths.

A.B.C. also stands for American Business Men's Club.

Now what is the relation of A.A.A. to A.B.C.?

We will begin backwards so as to come to a climax.

A.B.C. is rolling in wealth and makes a hobby of figures.

A.B.C. finds that A.A.A. stands for ALCOHOL — ACCIDENT — and — ABSENTEEISM

A.B.C. says that in 1943 in the U. S. A.

1-4 of all accidents requiring a doctor had an element of liquor in them.

1-3 of all accidents, of the same class, after dark had the same element.

88 per cent of sun-stroke cases in 1943 had an element of liquor in them and 44 per cent of these cases were fatal.

In the U. S. A. in 1943 accidents due to liquor immobilized an average of 40,000 troops a day.

In the U. S. A. in the year 1943 Absenteeism due to liquor would have built:

20 A.A.A. battleships
1,000 A.A.A. destroyers
9,000 A.A.A. bombers
40,000 A.A.A. super-tanks.

Drink Spells Defeat

As a child, John L. Sullivan had a good start. He was naturally strong and developed a wonderful physique. He had an appetite for strong drink. He thought it did him no harm. All unknown to himself this strong man was sowing the seed of his own defeat.

Jim Corbett, handicapped from childhood by a weak constitution, knowing his frailty, studied foods and the care of his body. By intelligence and perseverance, he developed a strong physique. Conscious of his power he challenged Sullivan. Sullivan was angry. "I'll hit him just once," he said, for an hour the battle raged—then the championship passed to Corbett.

Sullivan was wise enough to place the blame where it belonged—on drink. He then used his voice in denouncing the thing that had been his undoing. He became a temperance advocate, sounding a warning from the public platform. "Don't tamper with alcohol; it'll get you. Abstain and keep strong for life's task."

—Temple Baptist Messenger.

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Salesman: "Can I sell you a vacuum cleaner?"

Lady: "No, we have no vacuum to clean."

Let Alcohol Itself Speak!

I ride behind the steering wheel, in the blood stream of the drinking driver.

I give him a false sense of his security and power.

I lengthen the time it takes him to give an answer in action to the danger he sees ahead.

Through him I scatter wounds and death along the highways of the land.

I have proved in the accident statistics of the world that I am the tragic misfit in a mechanical age.

I destroy the happiness of little children, undermine the prospect of youth, and weaken the peaceful security of age.

I paralyse the moral restraints that men and women have built up as their inner protection against the evils of life.

I strike first at the highest powers of the minds and thus progressively degrade men to the level of the beast.

I will yield my age-old sway over mankind only at the wise insistence of those competent to live without me and unselfish enough to deny me to those too weak to stand alone.

Thus speaks Alcohol.

—P.R.H. (from "Outlook").

Forward

Love Purity Fidelity

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Divisions are urged to insert Division Cards in Forward at the special rate of $3.50 per year.

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EDITORIAL

THE SAME OLD STORY

Since our last issue the editor has been on holiday in the United States, survived the intense heat wave of mid-August, and observed that liquor, no matter by whom, or where, it is consumed has the same demoralizing effect.

In the state of Massachusetts juvenile delinquency is growing with astounding speed. Gangs of young people, boys and girls from 15 to 18 years, are organized for hold-ups and even murder. One of these gangs seemed to make it their business to send a young girl, or girls, to accost young men under the influence of liquor, lead them to where the young men were in hiding. When an attack is made, the man is robbed and left unconscious. Even if these young brigands were not drinking, they were preying upon those who were under its influence, with criminal intent.

From all parts of the world came the same story of crime, horror and destruction through drink. A judge in the United States said recently, "90 per cent of the cases in his court are brought there through drink," and that he believed liquor played a part in 75 per cent of all highway accidents.

Even if we were away from our office on holiday our brains were still operating, unhindered by any liquor stimulation. Consequently we thought of the many influences and effects which would develop if the nationalization of liquor took place in Canada. So we went back to the document sent to us from Toronto over the signature of Rev. Dr. A. J. Irwin, to reconsider the plan suggested to guard "the use of profits." The first was "provision for adequate temperance education." That is, the expense of this temperance education was to be met from the profits of the government owned liquor business. How does that suggestion strike you? To me, it came in this form. If I were in the liquor business and I was in it for the revenue it brought, I would engage men to give instruction on the subject who would remember that their salaries were at stake, and if they gave true temperance instruction, that would cut down consumption, they would destroy the source of their salary, and ultimately put them out of a job. We all know what the result of such a situation would be.

Another suggestion is, that out of these liquor profits, there was to come "provision for homes and families injured by liquor." Again I can see certain domestic conditions under which a wife and family would not open their mouths in protest against the business, but secretly wish that the drunken members, become such alcoholics would which require them to be put into some institution for inebriates, and that they would receive from the government, special allowance, such as they never received when the drinker was at home.

The more we think of the suggested government ownership, manufacture and distribution of liquor, the more we are mystified to find out what has happened to the mental and spiritual vision of certain outstanding temperance leaders of the past. Have these men re-erected that god of whom Swinburne said "Is not compromise of old a god among you?"

It was John Ruskin who said in "The Two Paths" Lecture 5, "You may either win your peace or buy it; win it, by resistance to evil; buy it by compromise with evil."

We appeal to all temperance people to have nothing whatever to do with those who would compromise on the drink evil. Such an attitude would defeat the cause of true temperance completely. Let us remember, there can be no reform from drink by drinking. The evil in liquor cannot be reformed, it must be resisted to the point of total abstinence. Governments in the past, and new parties seeking to gain control, all seek their share of the profits from the brewers and votes from the consumers. We cannot be a party to this evil by compromise. James Russell Lowell said in "The Present Crisis:" "They enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin."

UNDER PROHIBITION

Dr. George W. Kirchwey is recognized nationally as a leading authority on crime. He is the President of the American Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology, a former Dean of Columbia School of Law and a former Warden of Sing Sing Prison. He has made searching studies of the subject. In the New York Times of May 26, 1929, Dr. Kirchwey said: ".....the official record covering the eighteen years 1910 to 1927, inclusive.....shows a marked decline of from 35 to 40 per cent in the general crime rate in the United States."

"The use of liquor and its influence have done more to darken labor's homes, dwarf its energies and chain it hand and foot to the wheels of corporate aggression than all other influences conbined."

R. F. Travelick, President of the National Labor Union and Eight Hour League.

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Teacher "If there are any dumbbells in this room, please stand up."

Silence for the space of time it took the proverbial 'pin' to drop; When Johnny rose hesitantly.

Teacher: "Well, Johnny, do you consider yourself a dumb-bell."

"No, ma'am, but I didn't like to see you standing alone."

Buy War Saving Certificates

EDITORS COLUMN

EDITOR'S COLUMN

The editor wishes to make it clear that he does not necessarily agree with the views of writers who contribute articles to this paper. The writers alone are responsible for the views expressed. At the same time, we would ask contributors to "Forward" not to send articles on denominationalism which might provoke controversy. There are many papers in Canada which can ably, and would willingly, publish such articles. But "Forward" has a very limited space and our special emphasis is to fight a common foe, the Drink Evil, and work for the education of the young to become Total Abstainers.

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ELOCUTION CONTEST

We call upon all District and Division officers to start at once, if not already begun, to choose their contestants for the Grand Division Elocution Contest. This Elocution Contest will take the place of the usual public speaking contest.

Are you working to get **blotters** in the hands of high-school pupils in your district? Remember, the purpose of these blotters is to place a temperance message before young people in a form that is also useful.

Here is a quotation from a letter just received:

Dear Editor:

"We have no Division in..... but I should like to give our School children one of the blotters which you mention in "Forward"

We have about 100 pupils in attendance."

Please let us know how many "blotters" you can wisely use.

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Letters to the Editor

Editor Forward:—

We were most decidedly pleased to read in the "Halifax Daily Star," where a Division of the Sons of Temperance, Chebucto No. 7, has become one of the first, if not the first Organization in Eastern Canada, if not in Canada to publicly announce its intention of singing "The Maple Leaf" on all its programs, in conjunction with "The King," which of course is our National Anthem.

We glory in the loyalty and courage of the members of Chebucto Division, in these days when so much is being done, in various places, to bring about the sort of conditions which is the most pleasing to those whose actions are bringing about a serious disruption in our Canadian life.

We wonder why the "Canadian Flag" issue has been revived in the House of Commons so shortly after the Quebec elections.

May all our organizations and schools sing the "Maple Leaf Forever" on all possible occasions.

Yours very truly,
CANADIAN

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"A small brain active is better than a big brain idle."

"It's the Brain that counts, and liquor attacks the brain first."

"Never take anything that costs your self-respect, and that applies to liquor."

'Some drink to get thrills, but get motor spills, doctor's bills, and other ills."

Said Mick Cronin, Australian footballer, "To Keep in the pink, keep off the drink. '

COLBERS

Jameson came along with his rod and line and stopped where the ancient angler had sat all day.

"Well, how are the fish to-day?"

"Well," I really can't say, I've dropped them a line every day for a week but I've had no reply.'

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Halifax, Evening Mail: **Rum shipment at Halifax, of 60,000 gallons of** Jamaica rum was unloaded here. The consignment is destined for all parts of Canada and is one of the largest to reach here during this war. A report over the radio said that a number of R.C.N. Police were on hand, but in spite of that fact quite a number of cases had been stolen.

TEMPERANCE STUDY COURSE

(By Rev. Dr. R. C. Chalmers, P. G. Chap.

16. The Need For Self-Discipline
Read Mark 9:43-48.

From the personal standpoint the chief aim in life of a Christian is to glorify God in His own character. While one may have ambitions which will lead him in varying directions he nevertheless requires something which will enable him to carry out his ambitions to the full and that something is a purposive will.

To the creating of a virile personality many things are necessary and this passage of Scripture reminds us that one of the most important of these is self-discipline. Tennyson wrote:

"Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control;

These three alone lead life to sovereign power."

The last mentioned is the basis of the other two elements.

Jesus has this in mind as He utters these pungent words. He says that there is no sacrifice too great to reach that strength and purity which will enable one to be of the greatest service to God and humanity. Unless a man disciplines himself, sacrificing some things in order that he may obtain that which is best, he cannot hope to achieve moral excellence.

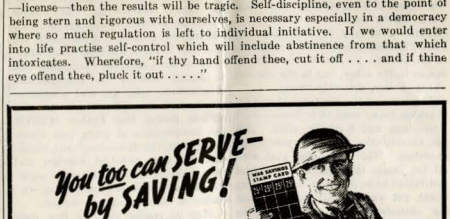
In order to enforce this truth Jesus uses symbolical language which must have had a telling effect upon his hearers. The Greek word for 'hell' is 'gehenna', a name originally given to a ravine outside Jerusalem where human sacrifices were offered in ancient times to a pagan god—Moloch. Later on, because the name was of evil omen, it became a metaphorical expression for the place where the wicked were punished. The imagery of verses 46 and 48 suggests maggots preying on offal and fires perpetually burning for the destruction of refuse. "It typfies the destruction of waste products in God's creation rather than the prolonged torture of human beings." "Our God is a consuming fire," burning the dross out of society. The fact is that an undisciplined life—one given over to drunkenness and other forms of riotousness living—brings destruction upon itself. Sin, like a parasite, gradually destroys that which it feeds upon.

Jesus says in effect that we are to eradicate from our habits everything which would keep us from attaining the abundant life. If there is something that is hindering us from developing a stable personality then we must sacrifice it, that is "cut it off" or "pluck it out." The word 'offend' refers to that which would be a stumbling-block to one trying to reach a goal. This stumbling-block must be removed.

In order to follow Jesus here we will have to exercise will power. Without strong resolution we will not accomplish much that is worthwhile. To possess, for instance, the power to say "no" when the drinks are passed, even while others around you are saying "yes," requires strength of will.

It is in this sense of self-discipline that the New Testament uses the word, 'Temperance'. When Paul reasoned with Felix of 'righteousness, temperance and judgment to come' it is self-control that he means by the second word, for Felix was living a dissolute life. The 'temperance' which is a portion of 'the fruit of the spirit' contains the same idea. When a person is loose in his moral habits, giving himself to the lusts of appetite, he is said to be 'intemperate' in the New Testament. And I think we are justified in stating that to be in line with the spirit of the New Testament the use of the word 'temperance' in our day implies total abstinence from intoxicating liquors, even though our opponents might argue otherwise. It is a fact which medical science substantiates that alcohol, even in small quantities, weakens the powers of self-control in the life of any one of us.

We are told to-day that youth craves freedom. If it is true freedom for which they seek then well and good. But if it is that counterfeit of real freedom —license—then the results will be tragic. Self-discipline, even to the point of being stern and rigorous with ourselves, is necessary especially in a democracy where so much regulation is left to individual initiative. If we would enter into life practise self-control which will include abstinence from that which intoxicates. Wherefore, "if thy hand offend thee, cut it off . . . . and if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out . . . . ."



SOCIAL DRINKING

(Excerpts from sermon by Dr. R. C. Raines in Methodist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., April 23, 1944, quoted in THE SPOTLIGHT).

"There was a time when I too felt this sort of talk was rather fanatical. I was liberal. That was just after college, when I knew a great deal more than I know now. But 20 years in the ministry has given me opportunity to see scores and scores of homes where social drinking has eaten out the strength, fire, beauty, and joy of family life.

I would to God that not one in this congregation would ever touch or serve a drop of wine, beer, or hard liquor. Why? Because I see and have seen people coming here.....who .....have begun social drinking, I have seen them drifting away from Christ. We never stand still. Every family i seither moving toward Christ .....lor moving the other way. **I have yet to see a Methodist family begin social drinking, and not begin to drift away from Christ**.....

I would to God I had the assurance that when money is given (here), not one nickel of it came from brewery and liquor dividends. I speak not my personal opinion. It is all written in the Methodist Discipline."—"Hammer Away."

ALCOHOLIC POISONINGS

Temperance Advocate

Two deaths recently have occurred at Ottawa from the use of wood alcohol. The supply came, it is alleged, from a plant engaged in war-time production through the night watchman who is charged with manslaughter.

This unfortunate occurrence, because it took place at a time of liquor shortages will, no doubt, be attributed by liquor propagandists as due to current restrictions. Any one conversant with the facts knows quite well that similar incidents have occurred from time to time under every type of liquor administration. Beer at least is available in unlimited quantity in the United States and yet the Ottawa deaths occured almost at the same time as the death of five negroes in New Orleans who died from drinking what is called a "derail cocktail"—a concoction made up of material obtained from paint mixed with wine and sugar.

Such events are due, not to the type of liquor administration but to the cheapness of the supply and the demands of the uncontrollable appetite that milder drinks have created.

Among the Divisions

MURRAY DIVISION

Regular meeting of Murray Division No. 451 met on August 16th., in St. Matthias Hall, with Worthy Patriarch Barbara Naylor presiding.

Welcomed visiting members were: Sister Mrs. Perron—Chebucto Division; Sister Miss Hiltz, Mayflower Division; Bro. Daniel Lyle, Brunswick Division; Bro. D. A. MacLeod, Chebucto Division.

Heartfelt sympathy is being extended to Sis. Florence Payne on the sad bereavement of her loving mother.

A letter was received from Sis. Laura M. Powell, of Esquimalt, B. C., a former member of Murray Division. We regret to learn that she will have to undergo another operation on her leg, as the former one was unsuccessful.

August 16th marked the 59th anniversary of Sis. Mrs. Charles Naylor's membership into the Division. She was heartily congratulated by all members for being such a faithful member for those 59 years.

Sis. Betty Kimber was installed as Treasurer by Sis. Mrs. Jakeman. For the Good of the Order a quiz was held by Sis. Mrs. Baird, the questions being on alcohol and its harmful reactions on the human body.

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KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT DIVISION

S. of T. met in quarterly session at Grafton, on Wednesday, July 26, with Goswer Division, opening at 3 p. m., with a large attendance.

All the divisions in the county were represented.

The suspension of members for nonpayment of dues was fully discussed, the divisions having different opinions.

We certainly missed our Grand Scribe at this session.

A short memorial service was held for our departed sister (Rev.) Mrs. A. H. MacCabe, and also in sympathy for Sister Mrs. Hennigar in the death of her father, prayer was offered by Bro. MacIntosh.

A public meeting was held in the evening. Lic. Bro. Hawksworth gave a temperance address, a few remarks by Bro. MacIntosh, also several musical numbers and readings by the different division members.

We also extend thanks to Bro. and Sister Mahar for giving their home in which to serve supper to the visitors.

Meeting closed by singing National Anthem.

In Love, Purity and Fidelity,
MABEL SPINNEY,
Dist. Scribe.

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CHEBUCTO NO. 7

FLAGS PRESENTED TO DIVISION

Chebucto Division No. 7, Sons of Temperance, held a very enjoyable program of a patriotic nature recently, with the Worthy Patriarch, Mrs. Edward U. Prowse, presiding, Mrs. J. W. Sidebottom very capably filling the post of pianist.

The occasion was made all the more interesting and colorful through the presentation of two large British flags to the Division. One, a gift from Daniel Llye, was presented by himself personally and gracefully accepted on behalf of the Division by the worthy patriarch. The other was presented to the Division through Ed Prowse on behalf of the donor, Mrs. D. A. Macleod, a member of Chebucto Division and a past most worthy conductor of the National Division. The singing of the "Maple Leaf" was a decided hit, as Chebucto Division has for a long time sung "The Maple Leaf" on all occasions. After stirring addresses on the flag and what it stood for, by Dr. Lewis Thomas and D. A. Macleod, a past president and secretary of a branch of the Canadian Legion, the program was brought to a close by the National Anthem.

It was decided that on Tuesday evening, September 26, the Honor Roll, dedicated to the honor of the Chebucto members in the services, will be unveiled at an appropriate ceremony, with the public invited.

A letter of sympathy was sent to C. W. Haley on the loss of his only son, FO. Wilbur St. Clair Haley, in July. Mr. Haley is a past worthy patriarch of the Division.

Letters were ordered sent to two teachers, Miss Sangster and Mr. Chisholm, who in their radio talks on Sunday evening complemented the

By William Tell

Our popular undertaker, the erstwhile North Sydney druggist, Bro. Rod G. Macaskill, Grand Treasurer, has become overtaken with the obsession of flying to Sydney occasionally.

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The genial editor of Forward, Rev. Edward Morris, has had a short, but we hope pleasant, trip to Massachusetts Everybody should read his editorials on Nationalization of the Liquor Traffic.

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Another prominent member of our Order who "has taken to the air" in travelling, is Bro. Charles Ivey, D. G. W. P. of North Sydney Division. We were delighted to see Charlie while in Halifax.

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Bro. William Rodger, accompanied by Sis. Rodger, Brunswick St. Division, has gone to Toronto on his vacation. Bro. Rodger is a strong advocate of "Division Holidays" and as a true Scot he practises what he preaches. However, we could do with a lot of William Rodgers in the Order. More power to him when he comes back, and that goes for Sis. Rodger as well—Pleasant trip!

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The Grand Worthy Patriarch, Bro. Harold Nickerson, is now in Cape Breton. Hope he will be able to revive interest in the Order "up there." Gets me where they get that stuff "down to Cape Breton." Whether speaking spiritual or temporal—look at the map my friends!

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The heartfelt sympathy of this "columnist" goes out to Bro. C. Wilbur Haley of both Chebucto and Brunswick St. Divisions in the great loss he has sustained in the death on active service of his only son, Wilbur St. Clair Haley. There has been no trace found of the plane nor any of the crew. This twenty-three year old lad was very especially praised by his officer in command.

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The many friends of Bro. Ales Kirker, P. W. P., of Chebucto Division, are glad to learn that he is out of the hospital now, and getting along nicely on the West Coast. Alex is an honor to any organization.

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What a pleasure to read Rev. A. F. Baker's letter! What a loss to the Sons of Temperance that Bro. Baker is not as active in the Order as he was some few years ago! Remember, how he organized the Provinces when he was chairman of the Extension Fund! Rev. Baker's equals are few. Indeed we hope to see his name among our P. G. W. P's soon.

Sons of Temperance on their good work in the temperance educational field.

Plans were made for a splendid program next Tuesday evening. Miss Barbara Naylor, the worthy patriarch of Murray Division, brought the greetings of Murray Division, as did Mrs. D. B. Naylor and Charles E. Smithers of the same division and Daniel Lyle from the Brunswick Street Division.

The Recording Scribe was instructed to send Alderman E. Bert Batson a letter of thanks for his splendid donation to Chebucto Division; also to Sister Mrs. D. A. Macleod for the splendid flag donated.

A committee comprised of Bros. D. A. Macleod and Ed. M. Prowse with power to add was appointed to have full charge of arrangements for the Sept. 26th. meeting at which the Honor Roll is to be unveiled.

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NEW GLASGOW NOTES

New Glasgow Division is still carrying on, holding their meetings regularly despite the hot weather.

On July 17th, the members with their children and friends held a most enjoyable picnic at Rustico Park, Pictou Landing. The day was warm and sunny and the gentle sea breeze added much to the making of an ideal picnic day. Games of various kinds were played and enjoyed by all. Races were well contested, and suitable prizes given for each.

When the supper hour arrived, all were ready for the good things the baskets yielded, and all did ample justice to the bountiful supper. We closed the day with a sing-song, guitar music being supplied by one of our members. Thus we closed a good day by catching the evening train for home, all present voting our picnic "a grand success."

DIV. SCRIBE.

Program Helps

PUNNING RIDDLES

1. Why is a stupid pupil like a jungle?
2. When does a chair dislike you?
3. What ten letter word can be spelled as well with five?
4. What part of the house always suffers?
5. Why are clouds like coachmen?
6. Why is the letter K like a pig's tail?
7. When is a window like at star?

ANSWERS:—

1. Because he is so dense.
2. When it cannot bear you.
3. Expediency. (XPDNC)
4. The window, it always has pains (panes).
5. Because it hold the reins (rains).
6. Because it is at the end of pork.
7. When it is a sky-light.

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ALCOHOL QUIZ

Port Wine

(Charlottetown Guardian)

1. What is used in making Port Wine?

Port Wine is made from fruit and sugar, by the process of fermentation due to the action of chemical substances produced by living yeast cells. These special substances are known as enzymes or ferments.

2. What results come from these ferments?

In some peculiar way these ferments change the sugar into ethyl alcohol and carbon dioxide. Carbon dioxide is a gas which bubbles up through the fermenting liquid such as is seen in preserved fruit left exposed to the air.

3. How is the concentration of alcohol in this process determined?

The amount of sugar in the liquid determines the concentration of ethyl alcohol; when the concentration of alcohol approaches fifteen per cent, the yeast cells are paralyzed.

4. Then Port Wine never has more than 15 per cent of alcohol in it?

This is quite untrue. By the process of distillation wines are fortified or the alcoholic content is increased. Thus man's ingenuity has found means of surpassing far the fermentation that is a process of nature.

5. How great a concentration of alcohol is found in native wines in Ontario?

Native wines produced in Ontario may be fortified to a 40 per cent alcoholic content. This limit is set by law.

6. Should Port Wine be used in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

Since fermented wine is a source of temptation to those fighting the drink habit, it should not be used, even in the small quantity partaken of in the sacrament. Read the life of John B. Gough, the greatest temperance lecturer on record. He was the means of breaking the fetters of the drink habit of hundreds of men, yet to the day of his death the fermented wine of the sacrement aroused the old craving in him and caused him to go on a spree more than once.

THE TRAFFIC

The Liquor Traffic is an unfair competitor with essential trade, in the matter of hours of sale, profits secured and commodity sold, which creates an unnautral appetite for itself, and diverts the money from necessities of life. The Liquor Traffic is commercially our greatest wastrel, socially our greatest criminal, and religiously our greatest enemy. It shrivels man's noble possibilities, and excludes from the Kingdom.

"It is a brake on the wheels of progress.

It is a racial poison (alcohol) taking toll of each succeeding generation.

It is a burden on the shoulders of philanthropy.

It is an anti-social agent, making the man a brute the child a victim and the woman a martyr."

It is no respector of persons or families. It is the enemy within our gates, given extensive privileges and pampered by our Governments.

Let's end this colossal waste—waste of food in making waste of money in buying, waste of manhood and womanhood in consuming. Drink affects people internally, externally and eternally.

R. J. McIntyre.
1665 West 12th Ave., Vancouver, BC

Our Program Poem

In this space each issue will appear a poem suitable to be used on your Division Programmes. The Editor welcomes contributions to this column.

WOULD YOU?

Would you be content that none should vote
Who know what the vote is about?
Then you've not much to lose
If, holding these views,
At the polls you do not turn out.

Would you be content that none should vote
Who distinguish the false from the true?
Then you need not bother
To learn from the other
And you'll be a slacker, too.

Would you be content that none should vote
Save those whose votes are for sale?
Then you may stay
From the polls away
And help honest votes to fail.

For the ignorant vote and the careless vote
And the vote for sale will be there;
But how fearful the cost
When the battle is lost
By the Christians who do not care!
—Civic Committee, American Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Societies.

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LICENSED RUIN

Mrs. WILLIAM COOKSON

In "World's Crisis"

I saw a young man passing by,
His steps were firm, his head held high;
A handsome youth, as on he trod,
Made in the image of his God.

I saw him stop before a sign
Which read, "Come in, the beer is fine.
Try it! It's good to the last drop,
This is a licensed liquor shop."

He entered with no thought of fear,
And called for just one glass of beer.
One glass—and soon he called for more—
Then staggered from that licensed store.

Gone was his sure and steady tread,
Low hung the once uplifted head.
Some mother's heart will bleed tonight
To see her boy in such a plight.

So, many boys are led astray
As we go calmly on our way.
Nor lift a hand to save the boy
This licensed ruin to destroy.

—National Voice.

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The class composition was about "Kings." One boy wrote thus:

"The most powerful king on earth is Wor-king; the laziest, Shir-king; the wittiest, Jo-king; the quietest, Thin-king; the thirstiest, Drin-king; the shyest, Win-king, and the noisiest, Tal-king."

Band of Hope Corner

Mrs. C.H.C. MacLaren, G.P.,
Elmsdale, Hants Co., N. S.

PATRONS, TRY THIS IN B. of H.

POISON IS POISON

"Old Timer" was ready for an oration. On the table before him was a set of glasses—a 2 oz. whiskey glass, a 5-oz. and a 10. The boys were wondering what he was going to do with this drug store equipment.

O. T. picked up the 2-oz. glass, he put into it a spoonful of white powder from a bottle labeled—"Poison." He filled it up with water and invited a boy to drink of the bubbling contents.

"No, sir," said the boy. Why?

"Because it is poison!"

"That boy," said O. T. shows more sense than some grownups, "in not drinking poison."

Next he poured the contents into the 5-oz. bottle and filled it up with water and invited any one to drink. The result was the same. No one would drink.

"Let us try again," said O. T. He emptied the contents of the 5-oz. bottle into the 10-oz. tumbler and filled it with water. "Is this good water?" he asked the Y. M. C. A. Secretary. "The best of spring water" the secretary replied. "Now will you drink it?" "No" came a chorus of replies. "You are sensible lads, said O. T. "Now follow me closely." He produced a phial labelled "Alcohol—poison." He poured two spoonfuls into each of the three glasses and filled each up with water and put coloring matter into each glass—amber, red and caramel.

"You will observe," said O. T. "that in this glass there is an ounce of liquid. There is about 1-2 an ounce of liquid and about the same of alcohol, or 10 per cent. In the large glass, representing beer, there is the same amount of alcohol but more water. The proportion being about 5 per cent of alcohol. "Now boys, you refused to drink the big glass because it contained as much poison as the small glass. Yet some people say that we ought not to drink whiskey because it contains so much alcohol, but wine and beer are all right. These three glasses we will say represent beer, wine and whiskey. If you drink the whiskey you will drink half an ounce of water and half an ounce of alcohol. If you drink this glass of 'wine' or this glass of 'beer' you will drink exactly the same amount of alcohol but more water. Which of the three is the worst as poison?"

"All the same" came the reply.

"I see," said O. T. that you cannot be fooled with the light 'wine' and 'beer' propaganda. Now this is what I want to leave with you. Any liquor that contains alcohol is intoxicating, for a one-ounce dram of alcohol, a glass of wine, or a small bottle of beer contain the same amount of poison alcohol. The difference in bulk is in the water, that will not hurt anyone."

N. J. Temperance Society.
N. Messenger.

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SING THIS SONG

Tune "Annie Laurie."

For a body strong and healthy,
A body proud to own,
For a mind both clear and cheerful
Leave alcohol alone.

Life should be sweet and fine
If we would make it shine.
Keep away from spirits harmful,
And shun the tempting wine.

For life that's pure and carefree,
Without complaint or groan.
For a heart that sets you singing,
Let alcohol alone.

Life should be sweet, sublime,
For happiness you pine?
Keep away from spirits deadly,
And shun the evil wine.
—Cobbars.

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A PLEDGE

"I promise Mom to follow in the Footsteps of You and Daddy and Never touch liquor in any Form; and when I get old Enough to vote I too will cast My Ballot only for men and Political parties that are Dry."
(National Voice)

E. M. Prowse, 118 Quinpool Road, Halifax, N. S., Secretary

. . . The New . . . Extension Fund Campaign

Dear Brothers and Sisters,—

A man accompanied by his young son, was climbing up a steep hill, when the lad said, "be careful daddy I am behind you." What a pearl of wisdom in the saying of the boy! If the parents of today would only realize that the youth of our country are behind them, watching their actions, I feel sure they would be very careful and avoid many things that hamper the young who will be the guardians of Democracy in the coming generation. The carrying out of the post war programme will be such as we in this critical time endeavor to guide and train the youth in a sane and proper way; otherwise only a repetition of the follies of the past bringing in its wake another period of sorrow and death. For God is not mocked. If the nation fails to hold the standard high then the nation falls into a low level and must suffer the consequences.

We as units in our commonwealth can do our duty in placing before youth the perils of intemperance and the need for safer upright men and women to carry on the affairs of our land when we have passed on.

Yours in Love, Purity and Fidelity,
E. M. PROWSE,
Financial Secretary.

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AGENCY WORK BY THE GRAND WORTHY ASSOCIATE

The Grand Worthy Associate has found a bit of time to do some field agency work in Queens and Shelburne Counties. The Divisions visited in this short tour were Defender at Buckfield; Beaconsfield at Sable River; Loyal Acorn at Jordan Falls and Clyde at Clyde River. These Divisions are all carrying on very wonderfully indeed. The number of young folk, former members of these Divisions, that are now absent is noticeable. But in spite of all, the older members are carrying on and are doing a good work. They will no doubt carry on until the day when those young members will return to their former stations in the Division.

While it is neither wise nor fair to mention names, I feel that such names as the Haydens, Skunnaman, and Holdens, from Loyal Acorn, Jordan Falls; Robarts, and Freemans, Beaconsfield, Sable River; and the Whynotts, Ramey's and once again the Freemans from Defender, Buckfield should be recognized. As long as such names as these are existing on our rolls the cause of the Sons of Temperance will always be emphasized.

In each of the Divisions visited the attendance was good and the co-operation, on the part of the members in arranging these meetings, splendid. In one particular incident a perfect attendance was lacking by only three members two of them being sick. Such incidents speak well for the type of men and women that make up the great forces of Champions behind the work of the Sons of Temperance.

At the close of the meeting in Loyal Acorn a very glowing and most appreciative tribute was paid to the Grand Worthy Associate, in a very tangible manner. This gesture on the part of the members was certainly much appreciated by the speaker.

At each meeting the work of the order was emphasized in the matter of blotters, calendars and elocution contests. Mention was also made of the work of the order and the present great need for the Sons of Temperance.

We extend to each and every member the very best wishes of Grand Division for the days to come and our heartiest congratulations for their successful effort in the past. May you even be spared to fight the good fight of right. R. R. W.

LIQUOR PLEBISCITE FAVORED

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whether the party elects a candidate in the next election.

The chairman stated that Halifax had the same number of outlets today as in the pre-war period, when there was a far smaller population, and expressed the opinion that the government could have put in more outlets to save the consumers time and inconvenience. He said that the club should be instrumental in reviving the Moderation League and having a petition sent to the Provincial Government and City Council. He said the Moderation League had formerly secured 52,000 signatures and presented them to the Government of Nova Scotia and that Halifax was four to one wet, and he had no doubt the City would go the same tomorrow.

BOMBERS USED FOR BEER DELIVERY SERVICE

An Associated Press dispatch from Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, Dated July 15, says:

"Planes heading towards France with oddly shaped loads bulging beneath the wings are not secret weapons carriers; they are 'beer barrel bombers.'

"R. A. F. fighter-bombers have been using non-operational trips for replenishing ale supplies of the personnel on Normandy landing strips. The barrels are slung from bomb racks. The pilots call themselves 'Abds'—the Air Beer Delivery Service." —National Voice.

GASPS AND GIGGLES

Bob: Mamma, when Willie has toothache you take him to the dentist to have it filled don't you?

Mamma: Yes, dear.

Bobby: Well I got a stomach-ache don't you think we'd better go to the confectioner's?

Orator: "There are two sides to very question.

"Yes, said the half wit, "and there are two sides to a fly paper, but it makes a great difference to the fly which side he chooses.'"

HONOUR ROLL INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION CONTEST

The Following Divisions Have Sent In Five Or More New Subscriptions To Forward

Murray Division, Halifax.
Chebucto Division, Halifax.
Mayflower Division, Halifax.
North Sydney Division, N. Sydney.
Hopewell Division 448, Avonport.
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Wolfville, Nova Scotia

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"Amethyst Band of Hope" meets every Monday at 4 p.m. in new Division Hall Elm Ave.

Visiting members are always welcome

SILENCE IS GOLDEN

So says Time of June 19th. Major-General Henry J. F. Miller went to a cocktail party in London, England, and on his honor declared that the invasion would take place before the 15th of June. The commander in chief soon heard about this crow from the cock-tail party and as a result General Miller became once more Lt.-Col. Miller and was last reported with a nervous break down in a Florida hospital. Yet many military authorities insist on wet canteens.

Extension Fund HONOR ROLL

1. **Chebucto Division No. 7 Halifax, Halifax County 45 members** $36.00
2. **Geneva Division No. 1062 Dartmouth, Htx., Co. So. 39 members** 31.20
3. **Mayflower Division No. 9 Halifax, N. S. 73 Members** $69.84
4. **Wolfville Division 112 64 members** 51.20
5. **Solid Rock Division No. 584 West Gore, Hants Co., 22 members** $23.15
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Chebucto Division No. 7

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in
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Meets first and third Tuesdays of Month
in
First Baptist Church Hall, Truro, at 8 p.m.
Visitors are always Welcome!

"Mayflower" Division, No. 9, S. of T.,

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia

Meets every Tuesday evening at 8 p. m., in Oxford St., United Church Hall Oxford St.

BANDS OF HOPE

"Star" meets Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in same hall.

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