

Christ's Heralds

A Sermon for the Christmas Season by Rev. W. Harris Wallace, Pastor Victoria Ave. Baptist Church

On Sunday morning Rev. W. Harris Wallace preached the following appropriate and impressive sermon to a large congregation...

witness that this is the Son of God. John as a true herald, was great in humility...

The World's Preparation.

I. The outward conditions were fitted for Messiah's coming. Roman Empire was world-wide and had its roads leading to all nations...

II. The Greek language was then known—it has been spread among the peoples of the earth...

3. Again, the Jews were dispersed among all the nations and made known the doctrine of the true God...

In the Province of Ontario, in spite of frequent undesirable importations from the ancient province to the east...

The Results of Prohibition in Canada

One of the reports at the recent Anglican General Synod, to which much prominence has been given, called forth testimony to many clergy...

The Prophets' Proclamation.

1. Moses' promise to the Race. "The seed of the woman would bruise the serpents' head..."

2. To Daniel the greatness of Messiah's Kingdom and the Time of His coming.

3. To Micah is made known the town where Messiah would be born. Then think of Psalms, Isaiah and Malachi.

Godly Waiting Ones As Heralds.

1. Lacharias and Elizabeth—see Luke 1:6. "And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless..."

2. They waited for answer to their prayers—surely earnest and definite. It appears that Elizabeth was like the mother of Samuel.

The Angels Were True Heralds.

1. The words of our text are uttered by an angel. He came to give his message of comfort and hope at the hour of prayer...

2. He told of a herald who would be great in the sight of the Lord. Who would break the silence of 400 years. He would go before the face of the King in the spirit and power of Elijah and make ready a people for the Lord.

3. Note that the message by the angel is given in the presence of great religious symbols—"On the right side of the Altar of Incense," and nearby the table of Bread and the lamps of oil that never went out in the Temple.

The True Herald or Forerunner.

1. John—"A man sent from God." He was burning and a shining light and men rejoiced in his light. But John pointed men to the True Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. John said: "He was sent to bear witness of the True Light." He claimed to be a "shone" law in the wilderness.

2. John was a true gospel herald, for he pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. He was also a true witness of the Divinity of Jesus. When he baptized Jesus in the Jordan and saw the dove on Jesus' head, he knew it was both a sign and a symbol for his said: "I saw and heard, and now I testify that Jesus is the Son of God."

of deeds of homes where instead of wretchedness there is now peace and plenty. When municipal enforcement of law, which is the system in this province, gives place to effective provincial enforcement, conditions will be yet more improved.

There can be no question but that prohibition has completely revolutionized the social life of New Brunswick. This is the unreserved testimony of the chief inspector for the province. Especially are the benefits evident in the lumber trade, where the men arrive in the bush sober, well-behaved and ready to begin work their first morning.

From Quebec no adequate summary can be obtained, for though many counties and towns have local option, the city of Montreal does not come under prohibition until next May. In consideration of these circumstances, any report would not be a fair statement of the case, since we may suspect that "all roads lead to Montreal."

One of the most valuable comments is that of the editor of a British Columbia labor paper, a former bitter opponent of the law, who says that prohibition has enabled him to consolidate labor interests, as he could never do previously. The men come to the meetings soberly, regularly and with money; business can be transacted calmly and readily. The employers speak enthusiastically of the law, since labor is stabilized.

Such whole-hearted endorsements of the legislation seems to guarantee the permanence of the measure in the various provinces. The liquor interests will perforce concentrate on preventing the Federal War Time Prohibition Act from becoming permanent by Act of Parliament, as their one hope of plying again their ancient and (personally) profitable trade, or falling this, upon getting exemption in Federal or Provincial legislation for wine and beer.

Keeping in mind that large quantities of liquor previously imported have been available during these months and that during the whole month of April liquor was being delivered, this showing seems somewhat encouraging.

A fair index to the working out results of the legislation in Manitoba may be found in the following statement by F. J. Billarde, Juvenile Court of Winnipeg:

"The chief factor to which may be attributed the falling off in delinquency is the closing of the saloons and bar-rooms." Saskatchewan is most definite in its support of the measure. We are indebted to our Provincial Secretary, W. J. Stewart, for the information herewith printed.

The social life of the province has a higher and cleaner tone. Business transactions and social relationships are not now linked up with the social glass.

The family is where the greatest good has been accomplished. That fathers and sons are not tempted by the open bar and their earnings squandered as formerly, is wonderfully evidenced by the material, social and moral blessings that have come in the new order upon thousands of our homes. The children are able to go to school and to college, and to acquire an education impossible where the home was impoverished and cursed by strong drink.

The organized liquor traffic no longer exists, and so has no power in the realm of politics. The dying kicks of the traffic in Saskatchewan were aimed at the Government for its advanced temperance legislation. While liquor can be produced by prescription there is little drunkenness to be seen.

Practically all crime resulting from intoxication has vanished. This does not say we have no crime, but crime from drunkenness has ceased. That for nearly four years several thousand soldiers have been in Regina, and according to police report, not a single case of trouble, argues well for prohibition.

The general sentiment of the province is overwhelmingly in favor of prohibition. There are no indications of reverting to the open bar, or to any other method of disposing of alcoholic liquors, other than the prescription for medicinal, mechanical and scientific purposes.

There is but one voice in the Province of Alberta regarding the effect of prohibition, viz., that it has been a most beneficent. It is nothing short of a social revolution affecting every phase of human life.

first two years of prohibition, there was created a market for legitimate business throughout the province to the extent of \$15,000,000. From one of the best known newspaper men on the Pacific Coast comes the report of British Columbia's satisfaction with the law.

Prohibition has been most satisfactory. Two things have qualified its complete success, one was the large stock of liquor which was cached by private individuals previous to the advent of the law in preparation for a protracted drought. This has, of course, been drawn off and under the law, there can be little interference with it. However, its exhaustion is rapidly approaching and the difficulties from that source would seem to be nearing an end.

There is a degree of blinding, but not more than under the license law. In Vancouver, where the shipping trade involves a daily payroll of \$20,000 to \$25,000, with the individual drawing from \$5 to \$10 a day (where previously he earned a bare living wage), there is practical immunity from drunkenness, and free movement of money.

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\$50,000 Worth of Diamonds Stolen

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Diamonds valued at \$50,000 were stolen from I. L. Michaelson, and Sons, Eastern Township Bank building, corner of St. James street and Victoria Square, between 10.30 Sunday night and two o'clock Monday morning by three masked bandits who overpowered the night watchman and blew the safe with two charges.

The robbery is a sensational one. About 10.30 o'clock Sunday night the watchman of the building, George Fletcher, was called to the door by the ringing of a bell. As soon as he opened it, three men stepped up. Handing him a suitcase, one remarked "give this to the woman who cleans up the place." As he said this, the others pressed inside and attacked the watchman. He was quickly overpowered, bound hand and foot and carried up the elevator to the eighth floor, where the Michaelson offices are located. There he was tied in a chair obtained from the robbed offices and left outside in the corridor where the three thieves were busy. The firm has been in business here for only a month and the offices had not been completely arranged.

Milo H. Piper Had M'de Plans for His Death

Charged With Murder He Defeats Justice by Hanging—Says He Was Innocent—Note Written to Family is Found Pinned to His Underwear.

Muskogee, Mich., Dec. 23.—That Milo H. Piper, who Saturday night ended his life in a cell at the county jail here, whence he was held on a charge of killing Miss Freda Waldman had for some time contemplated suicide was the belief expressed by the authorities to-day.

Poland Stripped of all Materials

Warsaw, Dec. 24.—Poland was stripped of all materials and machinery during the German occupation which ended on November 11th. On that day a few thousand soldiers of the Polish Legion, aided by the population of Warsaw, disarmed more than 20,000 German soldiers who had planned a revolt against their own officers. All food and all telephone wires were removed by the Germans.

All industrial plants were robbed and dismantled, with the result that Poland will have a hard job to start in again, even if financial and political conditions were of the best, observers say.

After Jan. 1 no manufacturer in Hamilton will be allowed to use natural gas. The days are "short" now because there is less time in them—and time is money.

it be me. Good bye, all. I am not guilty—Milo." Piper's body was found in his cell where he had hanged himself by his collar. Slight signs of life were manifest when the discovery was made but a physician who responded quickly to the call found that life was extinct.

FOUR MEN TO BE ARRESTED IN SMUGGLING CASE

Big Craft Loaded With Liquor and Merchandise—Owner of Boat Held.

Ogdensburg, Dec. 24.—An attempt to smuggle on a large scale was brought to light when it was learned that the Canadian custom authorities had seized an exceptionally large motor boat loaded with merchandise and liquor that was attempting to cross from the American side to Canada.

Although no definite information could be obtained last evening in Prescott as to those involved it is understood that four well known citizens of Canada are under surveillance by the custom authorities and will be placed in custody as soon as the necessary evidence has been accurately compiled.

A union Xmas service will be held to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock in Victoria Avenue Baptist Church. The Rev. Dr. Scott, of Bridge St. Methodist Church will preach.

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No Merry Xmas for Berliners

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The outlook for Berlin's first revolutionary Christmas appears to be anything but merry. The disposition of the Berliners seems to be gloomy. The stigma of military defeat has been eclipsed momentarily by political uncertainty, food stringency and disturbed economic conditions.

Never before, even during the war, have beggars and street vendors been met with in such numbers in Berlin. Professional beggars and crippled and invalid soldiers multiply from the robbed offices and left outside in the corridor where the three thieves were busy. The firm has been in business here for only a month and the offices had not been completely arranged.

There will be little holiday travel as trains have been withdrawn. Trips which ordinarily took twelve hours, now take thirty. Newspapers also are lacking in Christmas cheer.

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Miss Coralle Cook, of Montreal, is spending her holidays with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. Burrows, Bridge St.

Mrs. J. W. Boyce and little son, Horace, Chatham St., left this afternoon for Ottawa to spend Christmas with Mrs. Boyce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stinson.

The "Ontario" composing room staff wishes to thank the following for Christmas remembrances: The Ritchie Co., Wims & Co.

Miss Edna O'Rourke, of the C.A.D.C., Kingston, arrived in the city to-day to spend the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. O'Rourke, Pinnacle St.

Miss Mary O'Rourke, of Detroit, Mich., arrived in town this afternoon to spend the holidays with her brother, Mr. Ed. O'Rourke, Pinnacle St.

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Mrs. Hattie McGonigal and Mr. E. M. Wright, of Rochester, N. Y./Mr. John MacDonald, of Thorold, Ont., attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, Freeman Calnan, also Mrs. James MacDonald, of Thorold, Mrs. Calnan's mother.

More than 700 stores in New York have agreed not to sell German goods.

The powers that be too frequently sit down upon an evil as if it were an inverted tuck.

Mrs. William Clark and her little grandson who were somewhat injured yesterday when struck by a runaway horse belonging to Mr. J. Logan are doing nicely.

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Mr. Ross G. Bell, of Dupont St. Barracks, R.A.F., Toronto, spent Christmas in the city with his parents.

Mr. Douglas McKenna of the Bank of Montreal, Lindsay, spent part of his Christmas holidays the guest of his mother, here.

Mr. R. Cole, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. William Frizzell and Mr. and Mrs. George Cole spent Christmas at Mr. W. Cole's, Cannifton.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Vanblaricom and daughter, Irene, of Toronto, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. Vanblaricom's mother, Commercial St.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Roughton and children, of Kingston, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Burrows, 257 Bridge St. east.

Mr. and Mrs. R. McCurdy, Lakeview Cottage, Concession spent Xmas in the city the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. John McKenna, Gt. St. James street.

Professor and Mrs. Frederick A. Ashley, of Boston, Mass., are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ashley and Mr. and Mrs. Adam Leslie.

The death occurred on Tuesday evening of Miss Iva Nellie Madden, at 47 Grove street. Miss Madden, who had been living in Toronto, was taken seriously ill several weeks ago. She was brought to Belleville but no hope was held out for recovery. She was the youngest daughter of the late A.C. and Mrs. Madden and was a member of the Methodist Church. Surviving are one brother, Mr. George Madden, Belleville and two sisters, Miss Jennie and Miss Annie Madden at home. The deepest sympathy is extended to them in their bereavement.

Obituary

THE LATE ROBERT LYNN

The news spread rapidly on Monday morning of the death of Robert Lynn which occurred after a long illness.

The late Robert Lynn was well and favorably known in this section, having been night-watchman and chief of police in Campbellford for twelve years. He was born in Rawdon Township on July 1st, 1854.

Besides living in his native township for many years at Menie. On coming to Campbellford he was appointed chief of police which office he filled with such fearless devotion to duty as to command the respect of all. His straightforward manner and honesty of purpose won for him friends everywhere.

He is survived by a widow and two daughters and by four brothers and two sisters. The late Mr. Lynn was for many years identified with the Orange Order.

The funeral was held on Christmas Day, at 2 o'clock, interment being made in Mount Pleasant cemetery. Rev. C. F. McIntosh officiating. The Orangemen attended the funeral in a body and officiated at the grave.

The Late Ethel Stark

The funeral of the late Miss Ethel Stark, who died in Toronto, was held on Tuesday afternoon from the residence of her mother, Mary street. Rev. Dr. Scott officiating. The bearers were Messrs. Jules Hickey, Walter Hickey, Fred Hickey, Wm. Finlay, Fraser Way and Joshua Canning. Interment was made in Belleville cemetery. Floral offerings follow:

Gates ajar—Family. Wreaths—Mrs. Edward Hickey, Mr. and Mrs. W. Finley, Mrs. A. B. Green.

Sprays—Mrs. Mayhew, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Goyve, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland, Mrs. Goyer, Mrs. Goodenbury, Mr. C. Eaton.

Impurities of the Blood Counteracted—Impurities in the blood come from defects in the action of the liver. They are revealed by pimples and unsightly blotches on the skin. They must be treated inwardly, and for this purpose there is no more effective compound to be used than Parnelee's Vegetable Pills. They act directly on the liver and by setting up healthy processes have a beneficial effect upon the blood, so that impurities are eliminated.

Always tell the truth—and you'll probably pose as the defendant in a suit for damages.

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Under the directi er, Miss Roblin, the public school held tainment. Santa Cl to delight the lit

The Sidgley Town tory held their an the 22nd. The m attended by stock and bank managers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Strassburg, Sask., and Mrs. Jno. Hinch this place but now made a flying visit.

Jas. A. Hinchliff from Gunter after saw logs, for turkey Mrs. Wilson Jack is doing nicely after Her son, Everett, has overseas.

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Mrs. Walter Gains on, spent a few days ents, Mr. and Mrs. A. The regular meeti was held at the H. W. Weese on Thurs Mrs. Jas. Johnston ers spent Wednesday servent in Trenton.

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