

sort with a Gentile." but they said, "Then to the Gentiles also God hath granted repentance unto life." And they saw that they could not refuse to receive what God received. The doctrine of human brotherhood was born in their thoughts. We cannot read this description without reflecting how many chapters in the history of the Christian Church would be changed if Christians had always had the openness of mind to fresh truth and the willingness to be controlled by it, that we see in the earliest Christians.

**Prohibition the Ultimatum.**

By A. A. Pirales, A. M.

The effects of alcohol a crowning curse. Its horrors have never been fully portrayed. No pencil is black enough to print the picture and do it full justice. No tongue is eloquent enough to tell the sad story in all its dreadful details. The use of alcohol is a vile and withering scourge. It is a physical curse—blinding the eyes, blistering the tongue, deranging the stomach, paralyzing the nerves, hardening the liver, poisoning the blood, coagulating the brain, maiming and aggravating many diseases and digging myriads of premature graves. It is a financial curse—draining the pocket, inviting poverty, diminishing comforts, multiplying miseries, filling ails houses and creating hard times. It is a mental curse—clouding the judgment, dethroning the reason, promoting ignorance, producing imbecility, and transforming its unhappy victims into maniacs and fools. It is a moral curse—weakening the will, inflaming the passions, hushing the voice of conscience, and preparing the way for every vice and crime.

The attendant miseries of drunkenness swarm like a locust plague. In the slimy trail of this alcoholic serpent you find everything that is dark and dreadful—everything that is regretful manhood, women without womanhood, age without solace, and infancy without hope. You find want and woe, rags and wretchedness, squalor and filth, disease and death. You find broken vows, broken homes, broken fortunes, broken hopes, and broken hearts. You find bad manners and bad morals; bad words and bad actions; bad reputation and bad characters; bad plans and bad performances; bad parents and bad children; a bad beginning and a bad end. Surely, intemperance is the crowning curse of American Society.

The liquor-traffic is a gigantic crime. I bring against it the following indictments:

It is a destroying intruder. We need the store, the school, the mill, the church. These are all uplifting forces and we bid them a hearty welcome. But where under the shining sun is there any need of a brewery, a distillery, or a dram-shop? What want does that supply? What sorrow does that alleviate? What home does that make happy? Does it add thrift to your farms, skill to your mechanics, a brilliancy to your brains, or nobility to your character? There is absolutely no need of a single saloon in all our broad domain.

It is a fatal temptation and a snare. It is a man-trap and a death trap. It multiplies its blaudishments and lures its unwary victims to death and damnation. No wnder that Lord Chesterfield, in words as eloquent as they were burning, should say of rum-sellers: "Let us crush out these artists in human slaughter, who have reconciled their countrymen to sickness and ruin, and spread over the pitfalls of debauchery such baits as men cannot resist."

It is a commerial fraud. It is full of shams, hollow pretences, and false claims. It takes a blessing and gives a curse. It takes your money, but fails to return a fair equivalent.

**Notices.**

The Albert county Quarterly Meeting will convene with the Lower Cape Section of the Hopewell church, Tuesday, June 3rd, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Rev. F. N. Atkinson will preach the Quarterly sermon Tuesday evening. Papers will be read by Pastors Addison and Ganong and a good time is expected. Try and send a delegation from your church.

The Sunday School Convention opens the following day at 2 o'clock.

F. D. DAVIDSON, Sec'y & Treas.

The following programme will be presented at the Quarterly Meeting at North River, Westmoreland county, N. B., Tuesday and Wednesday, May 20th and 21st D. V. Tuesday afternoon, 4 o'clock, devotional Conference, 7:30 session by Rev. B. H. Thomas of Dorchester, followed by social meeting led by Pastor Robinson, Sackville. Wednesday morning, 9 o'clock, devotional service, leader, Pastor Christopher, Port Elgin, 9:30, election of officers, 10:12 Home Mission Conference, Wednesday afternoon, "Importance of having evergreen Sunday Schools," Pastor Saunders, Elgin, "Teacher training in relation to evergreen Sunday Schools," Pastor Brown, Havelock, Wednesday evening, "Needs of the Home," Pastor Hutchinson, Monton, Pastor McLatchey, Sackville, (subject announced later).

The New Brunswick Western Baptist Association will convene (D. V.) with the Rockland Baptist church, Caticton county, on Friday 2:30 p. m., June 27th. We hope to see a large delegation from the churches.

C. N. BARTON, Clerk.

Deber Junction, May 8th.

It is with profound regret that we hear of the death of Hon. A. F. Randolph of Fredericton. He will be sadly missed by all who ever had acquaintance or dealings with him. The province, the city, the county, the church with which he worshipped—in fact all classes of society sustain a loss in his departure which will not be easily filled. Brother Randolph was a man of high moral and sound principles; human, sympathetic, benevolent and altogether kind hearted; truly honest, and fair in all his dealings with his fellow creatures. He held many important offices in connection with the county and city in which he lived, as well as in the province and in the church of his choice. The large cortege attending his funeral was evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. To the bereft family we tender our deepest sympathy, and while they mourn departed worth, they sorrow not as those without hope; but have the sweet assurance that he rests from his toils, his pains and weakness, with Jesus and the glorified. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." "The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance."

**RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.**

It is with profound sorrow that we, the brethren of the York and Sunbury Baptist Quarterly Meeting, here assembled, learn of the death of our late brother, Honorable A. F. Randolph. His many noble acts and philanthropic works have endeared him to the hearts of the Baptist people of this county and city. In his life he proved a true friend and a wise councillor, and his departure means a distinct loss to church country and home.

To the bereaved widow and children and many friends we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and commit them to the loving care of an all-wise Providence.

Signed in behalf of the Baptist quarterly meeting:

REV. GEORGE HOWARD, Chairman.  
REV. W. D. MANZER, Sec. Treas.  
M. S. HALL.

Wiser.—On April 5th at Hopewell Hill, Albert Co., N. B., William A. West passed over to be with his Lord, aged 60 years. Our brother last June fell and dislocated his back, and although the joint was put back into its place again he did not recover the full use of his limbs and suffered greatly. It was finally decided to try an operation and the shock seemed too great for him. He died of heart failure. He has been the efficient clerk of our church for several years and was superintendent of the Sunday school at the Hill, and an active worker in the church. He also represented the parish of Hopewell in the Municipal Council for several terms. His funeral was one of the largest ever seen here. The pastor was assisted by the Rev. M. E. Fletcher (Baptist) and Rev. J. K. King (Methodist). His body was interred in Bay View Cemetery, Harvey. He leaves a wife and seven children and a very large circle of friends to mourn.

[This notice was prepared for our last issue but was overlooked by the printer in the making up of the paper. We very much regret its late appearance.—Ed.]

**Religious News.**

Mr. Editor, I feel quite certain that the following items will interest some of your readers: perhaps all of them. I have been on this field nearly one year and six months. During this length of time there has not been either a birth, marriage or death in the town congregation. There has not been an addition to the church, either by baptism, letter or experience. Two members were dismissed; but as they united with one of the churches on the field no loss was suffered. A conversion has not taken place in the Baptist congregation or in any other so far as I can learn. Since my coming to the place, no serious attempt at Evangelistic work has been made by any church in the town. We are not pessimistic though the above may seem so, but hopeful, as there are some good things left to mention. The congregation does not dwindle, but keeps up the average. We have a good choir and the best singing in the county. Our prayer-meetings are excellent and well attended. The Sunday School is efficiently conducted by Deacon George F. Hibbed, whose esteemed wife is the leading spirit of the choir. The ladies of the church, though few in number, are energetic, and have already succeeded in raising a fairly good sum of money, the same to be expended on the interior of the church building. We are among a kind people and have no reason to complain. Of the other churches in the group, I will write another time. CALVIN CURRIE.

Thanks to Bro. Currie for his honest report. It is full of useful suggestions. We hope he will not get weary in well-doing, for in due time he shall reap if he faints not. He that goeth forth weeping bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with Him.

Baptisms on April 6th and MAIN STREET, May 4th, also members received by letter. Several ST. JOHN. conversions have taken place lately and some are enquiring.

On May 4th, I baptized one HAMPTON, N. B. young man, and on the preceding Conference received a sister on experience. We are busy preparing for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the reorganization of the church. A sister, the daughter of Rev. R. Mutch, has also been received by letter into the Norton church. H. S. SHAW.

Bro. Adams has come and HOPEWELL, N. B. gone. His visit has done us all good. This good old church responded well to the truth and he carried away cash and pledges to the amount of \$625, which I feel sure will be brought up to \$700 or more. This church last year stood sixth in this province in giving to the work of the denomination. She has given over \$2500 for building purposes inside of two years, beside paying all running expenses.

F. D. DAVIDSON.

On Sunday evening, May 4th, the pastor baptized nine SUSSEX, N. B. converts in the presence of a congregation which completely filled the house. The ordinance was impressive and was witnessed by many who have not obeyed Christ as the New Testament directs. One man in middle life who was converted last fall has been debating in his mind the matter of Scriptural mode of baptism. He is a sincere and godly man and is anxious to do right. He has been brought up under the teaching of a pedo-Baptist denomination and had a hard fight. However he came and requested immersion saying he was satisfied that immersion was the right way. Bro. Marple assisted me a little over a week. He was to stay with us longer but was taken ill. He is a good earnest worker with a fine Christian spirit. His work with us was attended by the blessing of God.

Since our last communication GIBSON AND MARYS the work has been going on splendidly. God is blessing us in our labors. VILLE.

Eight precious souls have followed Jesus in baptism. Three have united by letter and three by experience. A total of 14 additions. We