

PLEADS FOR SANE VIEWS ON TEMPERANCE QUESTION

Rev. J. S. Bonnell Rebukes Fanatical Prohibitionists and Stresses Need of a Return to Saner Methods Moral Suasion.

The supreme need of an educational and spiritual crusade for temperance, looking for victory not to legal enactments but to the love and power of Christ, was the message of Rev. J. S. Bonnell in a sermon on "The Church and the Liquor Question" delivered on Sunday evening last in St. Andrew's United church, St. John, before a very large congregation.

Mr. Bonnell stated that for the five years he had been in Saint John he had never spoken on that subject, principally because he found it difficult that it demanded earnest, patient and scientific study. He had dissociated himself from the methods of certain extremists on the temperance question.

In the year that he had devoted to the study of the question he had become convinced that two methods in use today by advocates of prohibition were sure of failure. The first was personal attack on government officials, and this always antagonized reasonable people and their sympathy went out to the one attacked because of an inherent sense of justice in the average man.

The second method he condemned was fanaticism. A fanatic, he defined as one who was intemperate, easily zealous or wildly extravagant. The fanatic, Mr. Bonnell said, was not careful of his facts, but rather sweeping in his assertions and an unsafe leader. Both of these methods Mr. Bonnell considered did the cause of temperance more harm than good.

Mr. Bonnell declared that there must be fairness meted out to those who were of opposing views.

The Anglo-Saxon Countries.

He pointed out that the liquor problem was peculiarly pressing in Anglo-Saxon countries. He had spent two months in France and Italy and met only one drunken man and that one, Mr. Bonnell believed, had been an Englishman. The people of France and Italy drank mostly light wines and beer, whereas the Anglo-Saxon demanded hard liquor. He contrasted the situation between the two continental countries and England and Scotland.

In Canada and the United States, the population was largely made up of Anglo-Saxons and Celts and there was the same demand for liquor and hence the problem in these countries.

Prohibition, Mr. Bonnell said, had been tried throughout the Dominion and rejected by six provinces by the will of the people. New Brunswick had abandoned it without the will of the people. The simple reason why prohibition had failed he felt had been because too many people did not want it to succeed and there was too good a market for liquor.

Quotes Criticism A very just criticism was expressed to Mr. Bonnell by a prominent citizen of London on Canadian and United States ideas of law. He had said, "You people of the United States and Canada like to enact new laws and then spend the next ten years in persuading your people to obey them. In Great Britain we never enact a law until the battle has been fought and won, and then we enforce it absolutely with public opinion behind it."

Mr. Bonnell said he believed that the attitude of that London citizen was the right one. A law should not be a compulsion on public opinion but an agreement. The will of the people must prevail. He stated that in facing the Canadian situation he was not pessimistic and that it was not an unmixt evil that the churches had been disappointed in their trust in the power of legislation to produce morality. The church, he said, must go back to its primary task of moral education and the providing of a spiritual dynamic for the regeneration of individual man. Legislation could never accomplish this, he asserted.

In setting forth the case against the liquor traffic, Mr. Bonnell stated it was strong, reasonable and scientific; that it was not necessary to be either an extremist or a fanatic in condemning it.

The traffic stood condemned, he believed, on grounds of health, economy and morality. Instances were given to show the evil consequences of drunkenness, the harvest of vice, poverty and crime which followed the neglect of temperance ideals.

Sir Henry Presented to Crown Prince

(Special to the Guardian)

(VIA MARCONI) OSLO, September 20.—Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of Canadian National Railways, had a delightful half hour audience yesterday with the Crown Prince, Gustaf Adolf, at the latter's private residence near Stockholm. The Crown Prince is interested in Canada and made many inquiries regarding the Dominion and the opportunities within its borders.

In addition to surveys and inspections of railways and plants, Sir Henry and Lady Thornton have assisted at several social functions, including a luncheon given at the legation by Sir Tudor Vaughan, the British Minister. A dinner was given by Axel Lagergren, general manager of the Swedish American line. Sir Henry inspected the electrified Swedish state railway between Gothenburg and Stockholm accompanied by A. Grenholm, general manager.

Sir Henry Thornton expressed himself as being much impressed by the efficiency and the extraordinary standard of cleanliness of the Swedish state railways. The Canadian railway president met and conferred with Mr. J. G. Peterson, minister in charge of social affairs, who is concerned with immigration and similar matters, and later with Mr. C. B. Rourling, minister of communications. Tonight Sir Henry was host at dinner to Mr. Grenholm and the latter's associates.

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Baptists Meet at Montague

The Baptists of Prince Edward Island met in quarterly session at Montague, Sept. 11-12. The following ministers were present: Rev. R. H. Morton, of East Point, Student Pastor; Russel Wallace, of Murray River; Rev. W. W. Lindsay, of Hazelbrook; Rev. W. R. MacWalker, of North River; Rev. M. O. Brinton, of Tryon, and Rev. J. J. Sibley of Bedouque.

There was present, also, a goodly representation of lay delegates. Rev. R. W. Lindsay conducted the first meeting, assisted by pastors Emery Wallace and Wallace MacWalker. Rev. M. O. Brinton preached from the text "Keep that which is committed to thy trust." The sermon was a clear and pleasing presentation of the truth that life is a gift entrusted to us to develop for noble ends.

Following a devotional service on Wednesday morning, there was a session devoted to important business connected with the work of the Island Baptist Churches. It was decided that the stronger churches should assist the weaker in meeting financial obligations.

The meeting also voted itself as being in hearty co-operation with the Bible Society in celebrating the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Rev. R. C. Eaton and Rev. R. H. Morton read papers on "The Holy Spirit." These papers showed painstaking preparation by the congregation of congregations. Rev. R. W. Lindsay in a brief address stressed the fact that the Christlike life in the individual is the greatest evidence we have of the presence of the Holy Spirit in this world.

Wednesday afternoon was devoted to the work of the Woman's Mission Aid Society. Mrs. Isabella Glidden of Summerside presided. She was assisted by Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. MacFarlane and Mrs. Gordon Ives. Dr. Zella Clark, who is visiting her island home while on furlough, spoke in the interests of the Telugu Mission of India. Rev. M. O. Brinton and Rev. W. R. MacWalker spoke in the interests of Acadia University.

Rev. Dr. Sibley was the preacher on Wednesday evening. Dr. Sibley spoke on "The Broad and the Narrow Ways"—two choices are before us. The right choice calls for courage, stability, loyalty to truth and determination to make Christ the only law-giver of the church and of the individual life.

The visiting pastors and others were delighted with the beauties of "Montague the Beautiful," with the hospitality of the homes, the sweet music provided by the choir and by the evident spirit of good-will and co-operation existing between pastor Russel Wallace and the flock.

Among other resolutions accepted by the Prince Edward Island Baptists was one to the effect that they appreciated the stand for temperance taken by the Maritime Baptist Convention, recently assembled at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, in declaring the conviction that Prohibition is the only means of combatting the liquor evil, and placed themselves upon record as opposed to any government that supports the government sale of liquor.

Baptists have ever stood firmly for temperance. In this the Prince Edward Island Baptists are not an exception but stand ready and united to oppose intemperance in any form.

New London School Fair

New London School Fair was held at New London, on Sept. 12th, at the following schools taking part: Clifton, Clinton, Graham's Road, Long River and Stanley. The exhibits, including the Grains, Oats, Vegetables and School work, were of high quality and were commended favourably upon by the large number of visitors.

Class 1 Grains.—Sec. 1 Oats.—1. Elsie Heaney, Clinton, 2. Ruth Heaney, Clinton, 3. Ray Paynter, Clinton.

Sec. 2 Wheat.—1. James MacKay, Clinton, 2. Ray Paynter, Clinton, 3. Emily MacKay, Graham's Road.

Sec. 4 Corn.—1. Irene Pickering, Clinton, 2. Ivan Pickering, Clinton, Neil Durant, Graham's Road.

Sec. 5 Beans.—Margaret Ramsey, Clinton, 2. Christine Paynter, Clinton.

Class 2 Roots.—Sec. 1 Green Mountain Potatoes.—1. George Whitehead, Graham's Road, 2. Leith Campbell, Graham's Road, 3. Leith Paynter, Clinton.

Sec. 2 Irish Cobbler.—1. Lloyd Wigmore, Graham's Road, 2. George Wigmore, Graham's Road, 3. Elmer Wigmore, Graham's Road.

Sec. 3 Turnips.—1. Lorna MacEwen, Clifton, 2. Ester Bernard, Long River, 3. Lloyd Ramsay, Clifton.

Sec. 5 Carrots.—1. Ester Bernard, Long River, 2. Elva Pickering, Clifton, Mattie Constable, Clifton.

Sec. 6 Parsnips.—1. Elsie Heaney, Clinton, 2. Layton Dunning, Long River.

Class 3 Vegetables.—Sec. 2 Green Tomatoes.—1. Edith Whitehead, Clinton, 2. Elva Pickering, Clinton, 3. Grace Whitehead, Clinton.

Sec. 3 Onions.—1. Elmer Somers, Clinton, 2. James MacKay, Clinton, 3. Lloyd Ramsay and Ivan Pickering, Clinton.

Sec. 4 Cucumbers.—1. Emily MacKay, Graham's Road, 2. George MacKinnon, Graham's Road, 3. Frank Weir, Stanley.

Sec. 5 Beets.—1. Edith Whitehead, Clinton, 2. Elva Pickering, Clinton, 3. George Whitehead, Graham's Road.

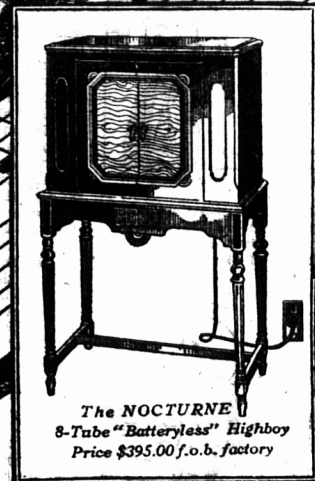
Sec. 6 Pumpkins.—1. Leigh Campbell, Graham's Road, 2. Edna Wigmore, Graham's Road, 3. Elmer Wigmore, Graham's Road.

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