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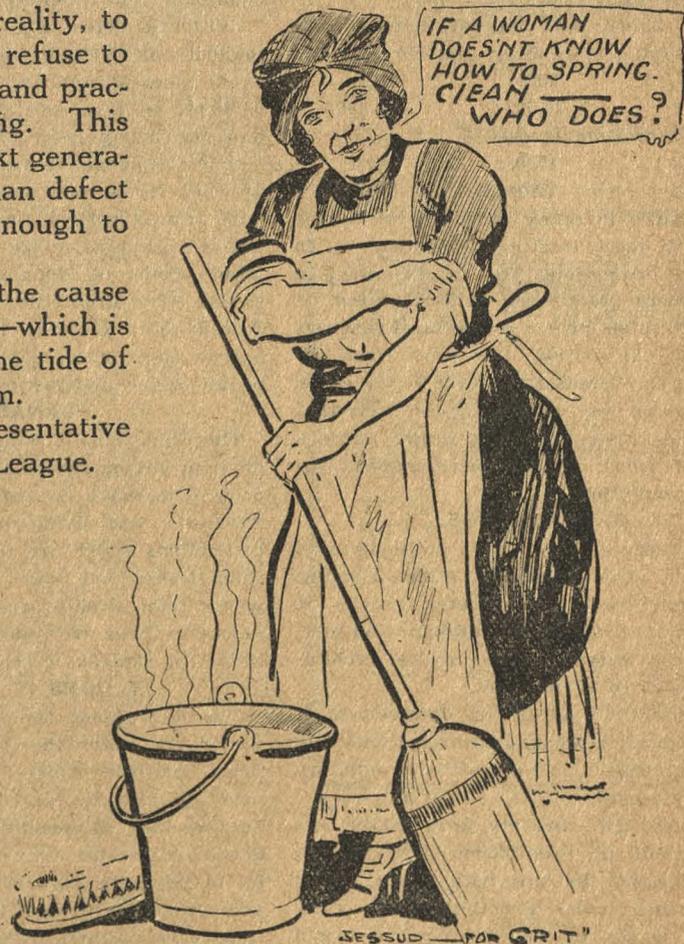
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The time has come for women to face reality, to scorn compromises, to get down to causes, to refuse to spend the whole of their lives in social work and practically to achieve nothing that is great or lasting. This may sound harsh, but it is true, because the next generation will have to face an endless chain of human defect if we have not vision enough and courage enough to attack the cause.

Let us determine that we will remove the cause of most of our great social problems—alcohol—which is more responsible than any other factor for the tide of human degeneracy which we are trying to stem.

—M. Preston-Stanley, President, Representative Women's Prohibition League.



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## PLAY PROHIBITION LIKE YOU PLAY FOOTBALL.

### STRIKING AND CONSISTENT IMPROVEMENT.

By ROBERT B. S. HAMMOND.

The City of New York is the most un-American city, in that there are far more foreigners than American born citizens living there. It receives the largest oversea contingent of visitors, and it had Prohibition thrust on it, and there was much natural resentment when the amendment of the Constitution made them "dry." In spite of all this we have the following striking results—supplied by the Chief of Police on May 23rd, 1922:

Major crimes, viz., murder, felonies, assault, assault and robbery, and burglary:

1917.	1920.	1921.
13,141	11,597	10,436

Arrests for drunkenness—

1917.	1920.	1921.
19,453	7,804	8,169

The results in many other big cities are very much more striking. For instance, in 1917 the convictions for drunkenness in N.S.W. were 20,902, and this increased by just 10,000 in six years, yet in San Francisco, during a like period, the convictions for drunkenness decreased by over 10,000 cases.

There is no way of evading the facts that prove that every evil thing grows under a system of license and decreases under a system of Prohibition.

#### A CHALLENGE.

I am prepared to prove on authority that cannot be questioned that street begging, street soliciting by prostitutes, cruelty to dumb animals, neglect of children, and general charity cases decrease under Prohibition from 35 to 75 per cent.

Whatever there be of lax enforcement is common to all laws, and is exceptional and not characteristic as far as the prohibitory law is concerned.

Drug addiction and sly grog selling are not a result of Prohibition. They exist everywhere side by side with liquor selling and decrease under Prohibition. No well-informed person or honest investigator will dream of disputing this.

#### HOW TO JUDGE.

A horse wins by a neck, a crew by a length, a football team by a goal, a cricket team by a wicket. Let us test Prohibition in the same way.

The State of Washington carried Prohibition in 1914 by a majority of 18,632. Having lived under it they increased this majority to 215,036 in 1916.

The State of Colorado carried Prohibition in 1914 by a majority of 11,572. After living under it they increased this majority to 85,789.

Michigan carried Prohibition in 1916 by a majority of 68,624, and in 1918 increased this majority to 207,520.

There are many people in these places who do not like or believe in Prohibition, but judged as we judge sport Prohibition is a champion and an unbeaten winner.

California defeated a "bone dry" law by a majority of 65,000 in 1919. In 1922, having lived under Prohibition, it gave a majority of 60,000 in favor of the law it had feared and previously defeated.

It is the collective verdict that settles the question for normal people.

No law is perfect, no law is observed by everyone, but as Judge Thomas of the Supreme Court of Montgomery, Alabama, said to me: "The Prohibition law is as easily enforced as any other law, and it is the largest contributing factor to the promotion of law, order, and justice."

#### CANADA.

There are nine Provinces in Canada. Six of them having lived under Prohibition have decided to make the law permanent. Three Provinces are living under unsatisfactory restrictions which are supposed to be better than license, but which are evidently much worse than Prohibition. Anyhow, six Provinces to three are figures that leave Prohibition in Canada a comfortable winner.

#### IT DOES IT BETTER.

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The Pledge, the Police Court, the charity aid, the hospital, the inebriate institution, the homes for degenerates or uncared for children or people, all do a humane work without reducing the number who claim their attention. Prohibition steps in and "does it better" in that it prevents much that these other means failed to cure.

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## BUSINESS WOMEN'S PROHIBITION LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING.

The first annual meeting of the Business Women's Prohibition League was held on Wednesday, August 21, at the Feminist Club Rooms, Miss Preston Stanley presiding.

There was a large attendance of members, and the bright, intelligent body of business girls assembled dedicated themselves unanimously to a progressive programme of work for the coming year.

After an address from the President, who urged the girls to realise the wonderful powers which were slumbering within them, and the opportunity which they had of developing those powers through intelligently directed work in the "Business Girl's League" during the next year, submitted a draft syllabus for consideration and discussion. Subsequently the syllabus was unanimously and enthusiastically adopted.

The annual report was read by the Secretary and adopted.

The Treasurer's report showing a credit balance was presented and adopted.

The following officer-bearers were unanimously elected: President, Miss Preston Stanley; vice-presidents, Mrs. Courtenay Smith and Mrs. Stupart; hon. secretary, Miss Andrews; hon. treasurer, Miss P. Sinclair; committee, Misses E. Ansell, B. Arscott, Christmas, Curtis, Flett, Harvey, Lade, Lansdowne, McKenzie, MacKinnon, Muir, E. Murray, Morris, J. Murray, Newman, Nimo, Phillips, Varley, Wylie, Wright.

It was decided to meet monthly on the third Wednesday in future at the Feminist Club.

The syllabus up to June next is as follows:

1. Address by President upon "First Principle of Public Speaking."
2. Prepared speeches, with criticism by President.
3. Mock election.
4. Debate.
5. Challenge debate with Men's Society.
6. Debate.
7. Tea Table Conference, etc.

The business of the evening being disposed of a most delightful programme, short sketches and elocutionary items were given by Misses MacBrae and Rita Boyle, and were most thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

The officers of the League were most happy, not only because the gathering was representative, but because of the deep interest evinced in the future work of the organisation, which could be most valuable to the cause for which we are all working.

Will the members whose subscriptions are due please send them to the Secretary, Miss Andrews, c/o Cropley's Ltd., 736 George Street, Haymarket.

### PROHIBITION TEA PARTY.

A very interesting party was held last Saturday at the Feminist Club Rooms when Mesdames Wolfcarus, John Fell, Black, Henwood, Blain, Kline, and Miss Nina Campbell acted as hostesses, each having her own party of 10 guests. The rooms looked very beautiful with Iceland poppies and grasses and masses of other beautiful blooms, sent by Mrs. Blain.

Mrs. John Fell, on behalf of the hostesses, welcomed the guests and asked our leader, Mr. Hammond, to address the gathering. Mr. Hammond made a deep and throbbing appeal to those present to remember all that Prohibition had done for the child, for woman, and the home. He quoted wonderfully convincing facts in support of his claims, and he urged those present to realise that they could make a definite contribution to a better civilisation by working to bring Prohibition to Australia.

Brief addresses were also delivered by Mrs. Blair, Mayoress of Burwood, who has just returned from America, and who spoke of the improvement effected by Prohibition everywhere in the United States.

Miss Mary Wildash spoke on drink as a factor in producing crime and poverty.

Mr. Emmott also spoke briefly.

All present expressed a desire to link up with the work of the Representative Women's Prohibition League.

Another tea party has been arranged for Saturday, the 25th inst., at the Feminist Club Rooms, when Mesdames Wallace, Fraser, McIntyre, Blair, Emmott, Pratt, and the Misses Ruby Rich and Preston Stanley will be the hostesses. Addresses will be delivered by Miss A. V. Macallum and Mr. Hammond.

Miss Macallum, who has just returned from America, will speak on Prohibition in relation to health and drug addiction.

At the invitation of Mrs. North Ash, of Waverley, Miss Preston Stanley addressed a very fine meeting of Waverley women on Tuesday afternoon, and it was decided to call a large meeting of the women of all denominations in that district to form a branch of the Representative Women's Prohibition League.

At Auburn on August 10 a most successful meeting was held, and a branch of the Representative Women's Prohibition League was formed, with Mrs. Nicholls, the popular dentist of Auburn, as president; Mrs. Ruddle, secretary; and Mrs. Fretwell, treasurer.

The first meeting to be held under the auspices of the new Branch is a public debate, to be held in the Town Hall, Auburn, to be presided over by Mr. Morrow, M.L.A., and Miss Preston Stanley to take the Prohibition side, whilst Mr. J. W. Stanton, an experienced debater, is to debate the question on the side of alcohol.

Mrs. Gilbert, of Mascot, organised a very fine meeting which was held in the Methodist School Hall, Mascot, on the 14th inst. Miss Preston Stanley spoke on the work of the Representative Women's Prohibition League.

It was decided to consult the Fete Committee before deciding whether a Branch of the women's organisation should be formed.

Mrs. Birkett, of Chatswood, kindly arranged a drawing-room meeting at her home on the 23rd inst. to further the work of the Representative Women's Prohibition League. Miss Preston Stanley addressed the meeting, and it was unanimously decided that those present form themselves into a committee and undertake the responsibility of a stall at the Chatswood Prohibition Fete to be held on November 16th and 17th.

A very successful meeting was also held at Lindfield to strengthen the Roseville-Lindfield Branch of the Representative Women's League. Mrs. List was a tower of strength in the organisation of this meeting.

The Vacluse Branch has arranged to hold its "Prohibition drive" on Saturday, September 15th. Some of our local friends are blocking out the district, and fifty women will meet at 2 p.m. on the 15th of September, and will call at every house in the district leaving "Grit" and other literature in every home.

**Burwood.**—A women's meeting is to be held in the Congregational School Hall, Burwood. A very large audience is anticipated. The Lady Mayoress of Sydney will preside, and Miss Preston Stanley will speak on "A Great Problem before the Women Movement."

**Greenwich.**—Mrs. Innes, of "Standish," Greenwich, has very kindly lent her home

once more for a meeting to organise a Fete Committee. The meeting will be held at her residence on the 3rd of September, at 2.45 p.m., and all interested are invited to attend.

An invitation has been received from the women of Lawson to extend our work to that town, and a meeting has been arranged for Friday, the 7th of September, when Miss Preston Stanley will address the women citizens of Lawson with a view to the formation of a Branch of the Representative Women's Prohibition League.

Miss Preston Stanley is also addressing the Lakemba's Men's Fellowship on Sunday, the 26th inst., at which a large attendance of women citizens is expected.

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## FIELD DAY APPOINTMENTS.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.

11 a.m.: Mortdale Methodist Church.  
3 p.m.: Peakhurst Methodist Church.  
7.15 p.m.: Oatley Methodist Church.

Mr. R. J. C. Butler.

11 a.m.: The Pinnacle Anglican Church.  
3 p.m.: Brundah Presbyterian Church.  
7 p.m.: Grenfell Presbyterian Church.

Mr. C. W. Chandler.

3 p.m.: Greenthorpe Methodist Church.  
7 p.m.: Grenfell Methodist Church.

Ex-Senator David Watson.

11 a.m.: Grenfell Methodist Church.  
3 p.m.: Oomah Anglican Church.  
7 p.m.: Grenfell Anglican Church.

Mr. Chas. E. Still.

7 p.m.: Bankstown Baptist Church.

Mr. Francis Wilson.

MR. HERBERT CARROLL'S FIXTURES.

Monday, Sept. 3: Bombala School of Arts  
Tuesday, Sept. 4: Bibbenluke School of Arts.

Wednesday, Sept. 5: Cathcart School of Arts.

Thursday, Sept. 6: Pambula Literary Institute.

Friday, Sept. 7: Candelo School of Arts.

## CAMPAIGN NOTES.

R. B. S. HAMMOND.

Do you know where to hear "The Mender of Broken Men" (R. B. S. Hammond) tell his human story, "Adventures in Prohibition," before the series of Metropolitan meetings terminate?

Here are the remaining dates:

Monday, Sept. 10: Beecroft School of Arts  
Tuesday, Sept. 11: Stanmore Baptist School Hall.

Monday, Sept. 17: Homebush Congregational School Hall.

Tuesday, Sept. 18: Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Herbert-street, Dulwich Hill.

Monday, Sept. 24: Parish Hall, Lindfield.

Thursday, Sept. 27: Hazeldine Hall, Carlton (opposite station).

Book the dates on Memory's Page and hear Hammond at his best.

During the past week several prominent Prohibition workers have found time to call in at headquarters. Amongst them, Mr. W. H. Sparkes, of Summer Hill, who has been an ardent worker and supporter for many years.

Mr. J. T. Hutchinson, of Lismore, a prominent farmer, and member of North Coast Prohibition Council, gave us a few minutes of his valuable time and much useful local information.

"Australia's Dry Comedian" continues to interest and entertain local audiences and reports gratifying results from Liverpool, Hurlstone Park, Hurstville, and other metropolitan centres.

Despite continued rain at Liverpool, the Alliance Fun Factor, "Australia's Dry Comedian," proved that it requires more than the wetness of the ordinary rain to dampen the ardor of Australia's Prohibition audiences.

We looked forward with a certain degree of curiosity to the postponed visit of Mr. Carroll to Campbelltown on August 29.

Prohibition's Fun Factor raised the biggest storm in the history of Campbelltown on the date of his previous visit, and the drought was broken. We were gratified to find the elements more favorably disposed on the date of the return visit, and for the spontaneous welcome from Campbelltown residents our comedian is extremely grateful.

## THE FARMER SAYS !!

It is a very fine example which the most important conference of primary producers ever yet held in N.S.W. have quite recently set all other public associations.

A resolution was carried, almost unanimously, that "this conference of farmers and settlers urge upon the Government of N.S.W. the necessity of taking a referendum on the liquor question at an early date."

## THE LEGION OF HONOR.

The N.S.W. Alliance of Churches and Temperance Organisations.

## THE CENSURE MOTION.

### ARE YOU "AGIN" THE GOVERNMENT?

For the two weeks just passed most of our readers have been in the habit of opening their morning paper with a degree of suppressed excitement wondering if the vote has yet been taken against the Address-in-Reply.

A vote of censure hangs over the Government, and the electors are all agog with excitement. Will the vote be against the Government? is the all-important question of the day.

Now, just try and realise this fact, that for very many years the thinking populace have been debating a motion of censure against the liquor traffic, and alongside of this great question the fact of whether or no holders of wheat scrip will receive a certain sum of money for wheat lost, stolen, or strayed is of very small proportion indeed.

Every year vast quantities of cereals and other valuable foodstuffs are wantonly thrown away in manufacturing "wet damnation," upon the profits of which the traffickers in "solution of devil" fatten and grow rich, and through the effects of which our jails and lunatic asylums are full, and our benevolent institutions crowded from attic to cellar.

When will the vote of censure be decided? To be, or not to be? That is the all-important question.

The Legion of Honor.—An alliance of Churches and temperance organisations have been, and are still, debating a motion of censure against the liquor traffic.

That motion of censure will find its voice through the ballot box of the referendum (no sliding panels). Put your efforts behind the Seven Points Campaign, and assist the Legion of Honor to compel our unassuming (?) politicians to pass the necessary measure which will give you the power to exercise your right at the referendum ballot box, whereby you may do your moral duty to the rising generation and to posterity. Write for further particulars to Field Secretary, N.S.W. Alliance, Room 32, 321 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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The final arrangements for the Great Conference have now been completed by the Alliance Executive.

The programme contains something of interest to all Prohibitionists.

Here is an outline of the Agenda:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

11 A.M., SPECIAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN.

3 P.M., MASS DEMONSTRATION, LYCEUM, PITT STREET.

7.15 P.M., OFFICIAL SERVICE, ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

To this service Metropolitan Lodge members are being invited. Seats will be reserved for Delegates to the Conference.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1st

ST. JAMES' HALL.

2 p.m.—Roll Call.

2.30 p.m.—Address by President of the Alliance, R. B. S. Hammond: "The Political Situation."

3.15 p.m.—Subject: "Organisation, the Secret of Success."

4.30 p.m.—Subject: "Liquor Influence in Country Press, and How to Combat."

5.30 p.m.—Tea.

7.30 p.m.—Subject: "Woman: Her Part in the Campaign."

8.30 p.m.—Subject: "Best Methods to Sustain Local Committees."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2nd.

7.30 p.m.—Subject: "The Church Must Lead."

8.30 p.m.—General Business.

10 p.m.—Closing Services.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1923.

## ORDERS HOME WINES TO BE NON-ALCOHOLIC.

COMMISSIONER BLAIR SAYS PRESERVATIVES MUST BE USED TO  
PREVENT FERMENTATION.

NO PERMIT IS REQUIRED.

ANY FAMILY CAN MAKE 200 GALLONS YEARLY OF  
"SWEET CIDER OR FRUIT JUICES."

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Manufacture of cider and other non-intoxicating fruit juices is authorised without the formality of applying for a permit, under regulations issued to-day by Commissioner Blair, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, but persons who make them must add preservatives to prevent "further alcoholic fermentation." Fruit juices may not be lawfully used, the regulations stipulate, for beverage purposes after becoming intoxicating.

Under a ruling superseded by the new regulations manufacturers of fruit juices have not been held responsible for any natural reaction of the liquid.

The new regulations define "preserved sweet cider" as that in which alcoholic fermentation has been prevented by the addition "immediately upon pressing" of benzoate of soda in the proportion of not less than four to four and one-half ounces to each barrel of fifty gallons, or by immediate sterilisation. The presence of 4 per cent. of acetic acid will be considered as changing the cider to authentic vinegar.

With regard to the home manufacture of non-intoxicating cider and fruit juices the regulations say:

"Any person may manufacture cider and fruit juices for use exclusively in his home without obtaining permit or giving bond. Such manufacture need not be done at the home of the producer, but such person may take his apples or other fruits to a custom or commercial mill and have the juice expressed and removed to his home, but such removal must be accomplished immediately after the juice is expressed.

"If the non-intoxicating cider or fruit juice so manufactured is intended for beverage use it must, if intended for other than immediate consumption, be so preserved and put up as to prevent further alcoholic fermentation. The processes by which fruit and vegetables are ordinarily prepared for winter use are familiar to most housewives, and it is expected that the same care will be exercised in sterilising and bottling cider, grape juice, etc., as is done in the case of the other preserving operations mentioned, so that such juices will not, when consumed for beverage purposes, be found to have 'worked' or fermented so as to become intoxicating."

The use of "dried fruits, dandelions, rhubarb, etc.," for the production of the "fruit juices" covered in the regulations is specifically prohibited. Provision is made, however, for the issuance of a permit to the "head of a family intending to produce in any one year not to exceed 200 gallons of a fruit juice, other than cider, any part of which may ferment so as to contain as much as one-half of one per cent. of alcohol by volume." Such householder is required to apply to the Internal Revenue Bureau for the regular formal permit "at least five days before commencing operations."

Warning is given that any persons selling unpreserved sweet cider, even though it is not intoxicating at the time of sale, to be consumed after an illegal alcoholic content has developed, is guilty of violating that section of the Prohibition law which deals with the sale of alcoholic beverages.

### TABLOID TESTIMONY.

"Yesterday the corner (liquor) saloon was triumphant. The man spent time and money there. His family were at the door outside. To-day the saloon is dead. The family united, and many a mother, on her knees, thanks God for it every week."—"The Boston American."

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Speaking at a great meeting of the No-License Council in Edinburgh, Mr. James Brown, a Scottish Labor M.P., said: "I am a Prohibitionist. Many years ago I said it would pay the Miners' Union of Ayrshire to engage a Temperance missionary, for they

would have more Trade Unionists if they had more sober people."

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Some well-meaning people want to see a public-house to which a man may take his family. So do I. When they exclude John Barleycorn and Johnny Walker, I'll take my Johnny—not until.—J. L. Paton, M.A., High Master of the Manchester Grammar School.

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## MORE ASSAULTS.

### OUR CONTROLLED LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

By W. D. B. (JACK) CREAGH.

A number of serious assaults on the police took place during the week end. Drink in each case started the trouble, for each assault followed on an arrest for drunkenness. Two of the cases were reported in the "Evening News" of 20th August, and I give some details, for these constant assaults on the police are serious, and they will continue while we keep the liquor traffic with us.

Charles Seale, known to me personally, was one of those charged. He had four other previous convictions, was 62 years old, and when Constable Russell saw Seale drunk he arrested him. Seale threw himself down and kicked the constable on the shins—that was the case. For being drunk he was fined £1; for bad language he was fined £5, or one month; for the assault he was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. I would like to point out that Seale did just what a drunk would do.

#### POLICE PARTLY TO BLAME.

Now, look carefully at the case. N.S.W. Parliament permit drinking. Men and women take up the business—the magistrates granting a license. The licensee pays a big sum to control the liquor bar on a short lease. Seale and others like him get the alcohol habit. They go in and have a drink, and then another. They can drink in most bars until their conduct compels the licensee to stop. Then in the case of all these unfortunates they are put out in the streets. The police are called. Arrest, assault, heavy punishment inflicted on the poor drunken victim. The hotel or wine-bar keepers get off scot free. Their business goes on, the authorities put the telescope to their blind eye; the press protects the real source of trouble.

In the case of Constable Sherman, he, too, saw a drunken man in Union-street, Pyrmont. Arrest followed, prisoner resisted, a mob went to the assistance of the drunk. I don't expect those in the mob were from a local Band of Hope. The result was the prisoner gets off, the constable goes to hospital; so if readers of "Grit" see a man swathed in bandages no doubt it will be the constable. Just have a good square look at him, and thank God you are working for the protection of such men.

#### PROBABLE MURDERERS.

Every man or woman who gets drunk is a probable murderer. They are in that condition that if excited, or circumstances arise, they will resist. All violence does not come from drunkenness, but most does, and for the simple reason that the alcohol drug makes the devotees lose control.

#### A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

An incident happened last week that shows the serious effects of drinking. The "Sun," of the 17th, gives the details of the case.

A two-year-old baby was taken to the Sydney Hospital. Let the "Sun" tell the story, and make a note of the jocular way the little baby's plight is written up:

#### HIS DAY OUT.

#### MUST HAVE BEEN THE WINE. BOY AND BOTTLE.

"Well, what's the matter with this little chappie?" said the doctor at Sydney Hospital, eyeing the two-year-old boy who had just been carried in.

"He's intoxicated, sir," was the startling rejoinder.

"Great Scott, he's blithered," said a near-by patient.

"Stonkered," ventured another.

"Splashed! sozzled! soused! dented!" came the chorus.

"Habsolutely houted!" said a Domain habitue, who had called in—probably for a rest.

"Shocking case. Did 'e resist the pleece?" asked a bystander.

"You see, sir," came the belated information, "the little fellow found a bottle with some wine in it—a couple of tablespoonfuls—in a lane near our house, and he drank it when no one was looking."

"A cuppla tablespoonful!" said the Domain man. "Aint 'e lucky!—why, it 'ud corst me 'erbout 'alf a quid to get like that!"

The bibulous little boy responded to the usual treatment for C2 H5 OH, and was able to go home.

#### PRESS QUIETLY EDUCATING.

Every day the press gives reasons why Prohibition should come here, also evidence as to the success of the 18th Amendment in America. One of the latest bits of success comes from an unusual source. Members of the Federation of British Industries have received from head office a report prepared by an expert on the conditions of the diamond and precious stone industry. The following taken from the report and published in the "Evening News," August 16th, is interesting, and throws another light on the question:

#### PRECIOUS STONES.

##### EFFECT OF PROHIBITION.

The United States remains the world's largest consumer of diamonds, and Prohibition is said to have assisted in further encouraging the trade, though with what truth is not known. It scarcely appears probable (the report continues) that an American, at bay before the closed door of his favorite saloon, would necessarily be consoled by the counter-attraction of a jeweller's shop window, but the resulting saving of expenditure may enable him to devote a greater portion of his income than hitherto to this luxury.

The drink trade in this country get more than their share of the precious stones available, but when Prohibition comes things will be evened up. The only jewellery at present worn by many drinkers I know is black eyes and police handcuffs.

#### DRINK SHOPS—SAILOR'S TEMPTATION.

Judge White delivered a little lecture from the bench on the 10th August. A young sailor drinking about Woolloomooloo inflicted grievous bodily harm on one Willard, another seaman from the same boat.

However, the jury acquitted, but before discharging him, Judge White addressed him and said that the trouble arose through drinking in a drink-shop at Woolloomooloo. He would not express an opinion on the virtues of such shops, but if managed differently the fracas would not have happened, and decent young fellows would not have been allowed to get drunk.

His Honor's final advice to both Reid and Willard was to keep away from bars.

"If you had not got drunk, both of you would be good friends now," he said.

Note the judge's remarks about the management of the drink shops. Where are the police?

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These remarks were made by Mr. W. H. Ifould, chief librarian of the New South Wales Public Library, who returned yesterday by the Tahiti from a visit to Europe and America, undertaken primarily with a view to purchasing documents relating to Cook's voyages.

Mr. Cecil H. Hoskins, one of the big iron men of Australia, at Lithgow recently, gave a lecture, being just back from U.S.A. He said of the people there:

America possessed a brainy, energetic, and magnanimous people, who sought the advancement of their country, and always spoke well of it.

When our people outlaw the liquor traffic, the political and gambling crooks, visitors will be able to say the same of us.

The "Evening News," August 16, came out with its usual insult to those in Parliament who may be against the liquor traffic. Referring to the new Tasmanian Government, it alluded to it as a Wowser Cabinet. In these words it shows its drink bias:

#### TASMANIA'S WOWSER CABINET.

##### LEE MINISTRY.

##### PERSONNEL REVIEWED.

It is claimed that it is a Wowser Ministry. Of its five members four are ardent Prohibitionists, and the other, Mr. Bavin, the Attorney-General, declared on the hustings that he would support a referendum on the subject. Sir Walter Lee and Mr. G. H. Pitt are regular occupants of the Methodist pulpits. Mr. Newton is a strict teetotaler, a prominent Methodist, an opponent of gambling in all its forms, and a rabid Prohibitionist. Mr. Hobbs is also favorable to Prohibition. It is certain, however, that the gambling institutions, which are a prolific source of revenue to Tasmania, will not be interfered with.

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### A POEM—REV. JOHN G. WARD—THE "GUARDIAN"—THOSE POLITICIANS.

**THE BRIDGE BUILDER.** These lines drifted into my office. My readers will, I am sure, appreciate them:—

An old man, going a lone highway,  
Came at the evening, cold and gray,  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide.  
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,  
The sullen stream had no fear for him,  
But he turned, when safe on the other side,  
And built a bridge to span the tide.  
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,  
"You are wasting your strength with build-  
ing here;  
Your journey will end with the ending day,  
You never again will pass this way;  
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,  
Why build you this bridge at evening tide?"  
The builder lifted his old gray head.  
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he  
said,  
"There followeth after me to-day  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.  
This chasm that has been as naught to me,  
To that fair-haired youth may a pit-fall be.  
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim—  
Good friend, I am building this bridge for  
him."

**REV. JOHN G. WARD FINDS PROHIBITION GOOD.**

Rev. John G. Ward, of the New Court Congregational Church, London, visited U.S.A. during last June. After a tour of investigation he made this statement to the people of America:—

"I think the greatest achievement of this movement has been the removal of the saloon and its influence upon the young life of your nation. Granting that Prohibition may be, shall be say, only partially effective in certain communities—that drink can be obtained for a price—yet you have this tre-

mendous benefit which we do not have, namely: the young life of your country is growing up without the influence and pernicious example of the saloon on every street corner. We in Great Britain would like to see something of the same improvement or reform inaugurated there, but the British move slowly. The drink traffic is entrenched there in a way perhaps that it was not here. But there is a growing feeling, I am persuaded, for control of the trade. Such beneficial effects resulted from the curtailment of hours during the war that the public houses are not allowed to be open for the same number of hours that they were before. That is proof of a certain feeling that America has given us a great moral lead in attacking the drink traffic.

"But you are chiefly to be commended because you are rearing a new generation that has not been tainted by a desire for drink, or corrupted by the sight of drunkenness as obtained in former times. And while bootlegging may be conceivably a profitable business for the time being, we can conceive that the public conscience will be so developed and quickened that the traffic in drink will become as obnoxious as the traffic in slaves.

Continuing he says: "Eco-  
**HAS DONE A** nomically Prohibition is  
**MAGNIFICENT** making itself felt. Conversa-  
**THING.** tions I have had with  
some of your leading busi-  
ness men have assured me that while they  
were not at first convinced of the value  
of Prohibition that the increase of output  
of their factories has proved that the meas-  
ure has had an entirely beneficial effect upon  
their workers. That being so, it is conceivable  
that manufacturers in other parts of the  
world will have to reckon with this fact,  
that the wet nations will have to compete  
with the dry.

"Quite apart from its moral value, the  
effect of Prohibition upon the physical and  
mental welfare of the community at large  
must be taken into account. My own view is  
that America has done a magnificent thing  
in taking this course. Every needed reform  
has been hailed at the outset as quixotic and  
impossible. Wilberforce found that to be the  
case when he assailed British slavery in the  
British Empire. Yet he carried his point and  
won a magnificent victory. America had the  
same problem confront her when she sought  
to emancipate her slaves, but 'one man and  
God are a majority,' and the right prevailed."

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The "Daily Guardian" is  
THE "DAILY our youngest newspaper. It  
GUARDIAN." is not too young to get its  
voice heard, and of late it has  
had several splendid articles on the Drink  
Traffic. A few days ago it had a sub-leader  
on "Beer and the Law." I reprint it, not be-  
cause it says anything new, but because  
it is said by a daily paper, and is a  
sign of the times. Here it is as it appeared  
in the "Guardian":—

#### BEER AND THE LAW.

"The story of the widower of Rozelle who  
held his sixth annual wake, inviting the  
mourners to bring their own glasses and  
drink beer in memory of the departed,  
amused 'Guardian' readers yesterday.

"As at all beer soirees, the police arrived in  
due course. Police as inevitably go where  
beer is, as trade follows the flag. The logic  
is, that if there were more beer there would  
be more police.

"Ergo, when a suburb wants greater police  
protection, its residents must first take to  
beer in large quantities for community drink-  
ing. Community singing will be the natural  
sequence. And the police will unfailingly  
come along.

"An observer of this immutable law has re-  
marked that no one ever heard of burglars  
breaking into a brewery!"

#### THE WAY OF POLITICIANS.

Some months ago now I  
was yarning to our cartoon-  
ist, and the precarious life  
of politicians was mentioned.  
One very definite conclusion was reached. I  
will state it in a sentence, and Mr. Jessup  
has his say in a picture.

"A politician who will make a promise to  
the electors and then lack the courage to  
stand up to it deserves to be 'dumped' at the  
earliest opportunity." Jessup agreed, and in  
this drawing sets forth a warning to poli-  
ticians.



# A Personal Chat with my readers

**THE GROWTH OF IGNORANCE.** Professor John Burnett, who delivered the Romanes Lecture at Oxford this year, took for his subject "Ignorance." He expressed the fear that the civilised world might be facing another dark age. There have been dark ages before, and they have generally supervened on periods when knowledge of a sort has been more widely distributed than ever. The decay has always set in at the top. It cannot be denied that there are warnings and portents at the present day such as have before now heralded an age of darkness.

The professor believed the young men of the present are, on the whole, healthier in mind and body and more intelligent than those of his own generation. On the other hand, he was certain that the young men of to-day are absolutely and relatively more ignorant than those of forty years ago, and, what was worse, they have less curiosity and intellectual independence.

Many superficial folk think we are improving because we are living under improved material circumstances.

The question is, are we more self-restrained, more kind, more generous, more considerate of others, or are we more indulgent, more callous to suffering, more dependent, and more evasive of responsibility?

In the old days it was a case of do it yourself or it will remain undone; find out for yourself or it will remain undiscovered.

Now we let the Government do it. We let the newspaper do our thinking; we merely echo their unthinking clap-trap.

The sun has set, even if twilight lingers, and the darkness creeps silently and unobtrusively over the land.

The one hope is a revival of faith in God, strong, stern, virile.

This comes only to meditative people, and we are living in an age of rush, and this hope is but a dim one. The one need is more independence, a scorn of all that comes by any other means than by personal effort, and there are no signs of this.

**NOT IN U.S.A.** "A lot of hoodlums come out here to dances in the Town Hall, get drunk, and disgrace the place."

Thus Alderman Noller at Parramatta Council last week. He added that a number of people got drunk and made a scene outside the hall, which had been hired for a public dance. There had been a similar scene the week previously. The people did not belong to Parramatta.

Alderman Musto said that the people were sober when they entered the hall, but had bottles in their pockets.

The Council failed to devise any remedy, and the debate ended.

If this all too-common incident had taken place in U.S.A. it would have been cabled out as a direful result of Prohibition.

There is no public dance hall, from the highest to the lowest, that has not known such an incident of late, and decent folk are more and more being forced to recognise the anti-social, kill-joy, death to decency power of a few drinks.

## THE UNEMPLOYED.

Good men are out of work. No experience is so demoralising and so sad as unemployment.

Katharine Tynan, in the London "Spectator," writes these lines:

The dead men to the living call:  
Brothers of old, how goes the day?  
Is there ripe fruit on the southern wall  
Rich with our blood that rot in clay?

Brothers of the great brotherhood,  
Do they fling roses for your feet?  
The living heard them where they stood  
Idle, or trudged the pitiless street.

Hopeless, unwanted. Brothers of old,  
How go the song, the dance, the mirth?  
So you are warm, we are not cold  
Lapped in impenetrable earth.

The victors stand in the market-place  
And no man gives them wine or bread;  
Would that we too had won that race  
And earned the clay-cold rest! they said.

But to be dead, to lie alone!  
They answered: It is well; go sleep,  
Never to know what we have known—  
With dreams to keep: with dreams to keep.

## NOT UNDERSTOOD.

We all indulge in a little self-pity from time to time and flatter ourselves that we would have done better but for the fact that we are not understood.

Have you ever analysed the facts? Is all the blame to be given to the other fellow? Is it not true that we are mighty hard to understand?

Is it true that we are careless and slipshod and misunderstood like the autoist in California? All the farms there are ranches. His car was in trouble and he approached a farm house with the inquiry, "Have you a monkey wrench?"

"Naw," replied the Portuguese tenant, "dis is a cow ranch." There is another incident worth recalling. A man went into a library and asked for a copy of "A Kentucky Cardinal." The librarian said, "Look under 'Religious Books' in the catalogue." "But this cardinal was a bird!" remonstrated the applicant. "I have no interest in his personal habits," said the librarian, coldly. In each case the one called the other a fool. Trivial

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as are these cases, they only differ in degree from most of our misunderstandings which would yield to a little patient explanation.

**OUR PATRIOTIC DUTY.** The Commonwealth Government is facing a financial situation which has grown out

of the war. There are still great after-the-war obligations involving the returned soldiers' enterprises. The business is as much mine as anyone else's. There is no more reason why the big fellow should do a big thing than there is reason for the little fellow doing a little thing—to each of us comes the call to take a hand in this patriotic call to renew our loan.

The glory of Australia was in the splendid volunteer spirit in 1914-1918. Surely we may emulate that spirit now and be as proud to do our bit now as we were in those other great days.

*The Editor*

"Keep Up Style" and wear a smile,  
Look successful all the while.  
Oil your engines! Pile on steam!  
Others deem you what you seem.  
Though the wish of all is wealth,  
Nothing matters much but health.  
Bronchial trouble don't endure—  
Pour in Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

# "HE BEING DEAD YET SPEAKETH."

## THE LATE PRESIDENT HARDING'S GREAT SPEECH ON LAW ENFORCEMENT.

DELIVERED AT DENVER, JUNE 25.

"My Countrymen: It has been said that 'Of the making of books there is no end.' Quite as truthfully it might be paraphrased 'Of the making of laws there is no end.' We Americans undoubtedly hold all records for the making of a multiplicity of laws, State and National, if we were as assiduous about obeying and enforcing obedience to them as we are in demanding and enacting them there would be no particular occasion for me to address you to-day on the general subject of law enforcement. We all recognise that to secure effective administration of the laws, to establish in the public mind an attitude of willing acceptance and obedience to law, is the most impressive mark of a civilised community.

### RESTRICTION ON INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY.

"Laws, of course, represent restrictions upon individual liberty, and in these very restrictions make liberty more secure. The individual surrenders something of his privilege to do as he pleases for the common good, and so organised society is possible. It is successful just about in proportion as laws are wise, as they represent deliberate and intelligent public opinion, and as they are obeyed. Civilisation had to travel a long way before it came to be commonly accepted that even an unwise law ought to be enforced in orderly fashion, because such enforcement would insure its repeal or modification, also in orderly fashion, if that were found desirable.

### LIBERTY NOT LICENSE.

"At this point it is worth while to raise a voice in protest against the vast volume of half-baked criticism that is constantly aimed against Americans, on the ground that they are alleged to be an undisciplined and rather lawless community. The criticism, of course, arises out of the fact that during the period of a very short national life, during which the currents of human affairs and interests have moved more rapidly than in any other period of history, we have been under the necessity to establish institutions, laws, modes of administration, which not only would meet the requirements of a new community established in a new world, but would permit adaptation to rapidly changing conditions. It comes also of the very erroneous impression of many nationals that our liberty is a license, instead of guaranteed freedom under the law.

### JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENCE IN AN ASSURED FUTURE.

"Older countries have had the privilege of developing laws and institutions slowly, gradually, painstakingly, through multiplied centuries in which change was commonly extremely slow. America had to build on the foundation of long-established European models not always adaptable to our require-

ments, and therefore necessitating many experiments in modification and readaptation. Moreover, we started our experiment just at the time when the old medieval order was being changed at high speed by the processes of the industrial and social revolution which marked emergence from the latter Middle Ages into the onrushing era of modern industrialism, modern science and modern Democratic procedures in government.

"The founders of our country were compelled to establish institutions here in a time when their whole inheritance of intellectual, moral, political and industrial traditions was being wrenched by the most amazing revolution that human society has known. In the circumstances their achievement in laying the foundation, and our later one in building our present superstructure upon it, represent an accomplishment I believe without parallel. Thus viewed, I think we will find all justification for satisfaction in our progress thus far and confidence in an assured future."

### DESTROYING THEIR OWN SAFETY.

President Harding had the following to say to the citizen who connives with the law-breaker either as a purchaser of contraband liquor or as a sympathiser with lawlessness of others.

"I do not see how any citizen who cherishes the protection of law in organised society may feel himself secure when he himself is the example of contempt for law. Clearly there is a call for an awakened conscience and an awakened realisation of true self-interest on the part of the few who will themselves suffer most when reverence for law is forgotten and passion is expressed in destructive lawlessness. Ours must be a law-abiding republic and reverence and obedience must spring from the influential and the leaders among men as well as obedience from the humbler citizens, else the temple will collapse."

### CHANGES WILL BE FOR MORE EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT.

"But for the present there are immediate problems before us which cannot await the possible creation of any such slow-moving mechanism of philosophic consideration. The Prohibition amendment to the Constitution is the basic law of the land. The Volstead Act has been passed, providing a code of enforcement. I am convinced that they are a small, and a greatly mistaken, minority who believe the Eighteenth Amendment will ever be repealed. Details of enforcement policy doubtless will be changed as experience dictates. Further, I am convinced that

whatever changes may be made will represent the sincere purpose of effective enforcement, rather than moderation of the general policy. It will be the part of wisdom to recognise the facts as they stand.

"The general policy of the States to support the Prohibition programme and to cooperate with the Federal Government regarding it is attested by the fact that almost unanimously the States have passed enforcement laws of their own. A difficulty, however, arises at this point. A good deal of testimony comes to Washington that some States are disposed to abdicate their own police authority in this matter and to turn over the burden of Prohibition enforcement to the Federal authorities. It is a singular fact that some States which successfully enforced their own Prohibition statutes before the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted have latterly gone backward in this regard.

### STATES MUST SHARE RESPONSIBILITY OF ENFORCEMENT.

"Communities in which the policy was frankly accepted as productive of highly beneficial results and in which there was no widespread protest so long as it was merely a State concern, report that since the Federal Government became in part responsible there has been a growing laxity on the part of State authorities about enforcing the law. Doubtless this is largely due to a misconceived notion, too widely entertained, that the Federal Government has actually taken over the real responsibility. The fact is

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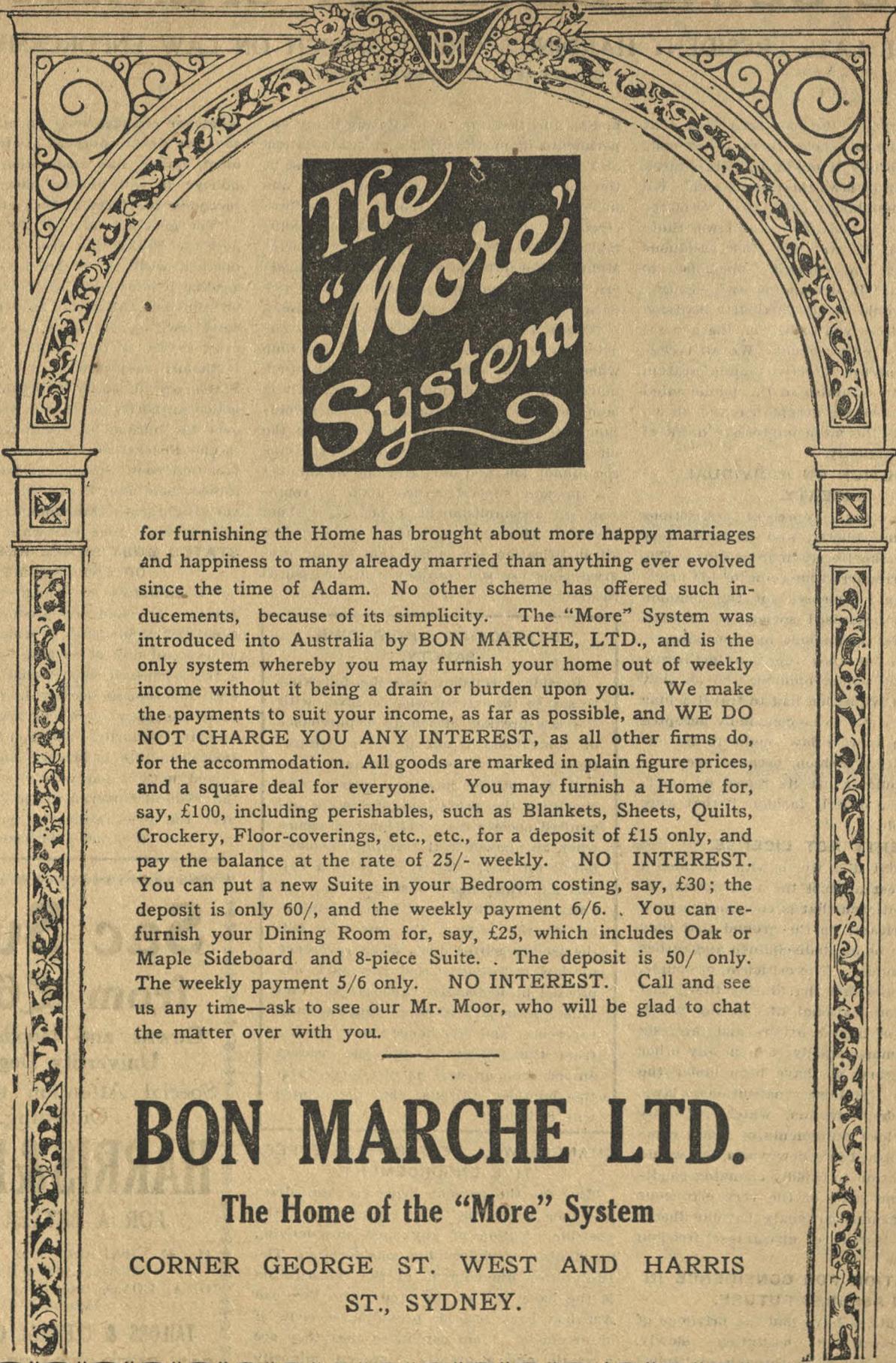
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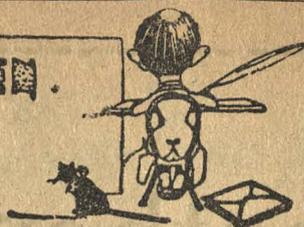
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What about this:

Sing a song of toothpaste  
At morning and at night.  
Twenty healthy little teeth  
Strong and shining white.  
Every day I brush them  
To keep them nice and clean.  
Aren't they a set of pearls  
Fit for any queen?

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### OUR LETTER BAG.

#### MATAVELO.

Ruth Magrath, Mixner-street, The Rock, writes: My father gets "Grit," and I enjoy reading the letters in it. I was reading "The Missionary Review," which had a lovely piece in it about Matavelo Girls' Boarding School at Fiji. I go to S.S. at The Rock, and father is superintendent, and at the picnic my two brothers and my sister and I won some beautiful prizes. There is a hotel at The Rock which we want to close. It is a very bad hotel. The people have been building it bigger.

(Dear Ruth,—We are glad to have your letter. Tell us more about "Matavelo."—Uncle A.)

#### WHERE ARE HURLSTONE PARK WRITERS?

Jack Philpott, Hampden-street, Hurlstone Park, writes: I would like to become one of your large family of Ne's and Ni's. I was nine on November 25. I go to Dulwich Hill Public School. My sister gets "Grit" every week and I think it is lovely to read. I also enjoy the little riddle corner. I don't think anybody about Hurlstone Park has ever writ-

ten to you, so I will try to persuade someone else to write to you.

(Dear Jack,—Welcome! I hope you get lots of friends to write. Put Hurlstone Park on our family list in a big way.—Uncle A.)

#### SUCCESS AT ECHOOL.

Isabel Macauley, Woodstock, writes: I would like to be one of your many Ni's. I am 9 years of age; my birthday is on October 9. I got first prize at school in our last exam. My brother Cecil got highest marks in the school. We attend the Combaning Siding school, which is 1 1/2 mile from our house. We had 8 inches of rain last month, and the grass is nice and green. One of our cows got drowned last week. We have two pet lambs.

(Dear Isabel,—Welcome! Tell me more about your farm.—Uncle A.)

#### LETTERS AND VESTS FOR CHEER.

Hazel Hartley, Prince's Highway, via Helensburgh, writes: I would like to become a Ni. I am 11 on November 26. It would be a great thing for young Australians if we could get Prohibition here. As soon as I am enrolled as a member in "Grit" I will join the Crutch and Kindness League. It would be so nice to cheer a little child who suffers just by writing a cheery letter. London is a great city, but there are too many poor people there. What a lot of that sort of thing could be done away with if we could get Prohibition. I made a vest for one of Sydney's poor little ones in the holidays.

(Dear Hazel,—Welcome, and cheerio for your helping hand with letters for the C. and K. and vests for other needy ones.—Uncle A.)

#### AN UNCROWNED QUEEN.

Hilda Walker, Wattamondara, writes: I joined your family years ago. I wrote one letter, and have never written since, so I suppose I am "Queen of Scallywags" now. I would like to make a fresh start before I get too old. Do you do much gardening? I spend a lot of time gardening. We have a lovely flower garden. There are very few flowers at present, but you just ought to see it in spring. My father and brothers are Prohibitionists. Wouldn't it be just great if we got Prohibition? I am making a parcel of things for the Prohibition Victory Fetes. Watta is only a small village. We have no hotel, thank goodness. I believe we would have had one long ago but for my father fighting against it.

(Dear Hilda,—You are forgiven, especially because your father is such a fighter for Prohibition. I think we should call him "the queen's champion."—Uncle A.)

#### "HULLO, ALFIE."

Grace Westerweller, Chandos-street, Gun-nedah, writes: I saw my name in the birth-

day greetings, which reminded me I was on the scallywag list. Will you please take my name off quickly? I go to the Methodist Sunday school, and am studying for the S.S. exam. and for the Qualifying exam. this year. We had ex-Senator Watson speaking in our church a little while back. I do hope we get Prohibition. Our show is in September. We should have a nice show, as we have had lovely rain lately. The wheat crops look lovely, and the green grass is like a beautiful carpet under our feet. Mr. Thomas, our Presbyterian minister, died last Sunday. It seems so sad, as he left a widow and three children. He had such a nice funeral. I have a lovely galah. It wakes us of a morning calling Alfie (my brother's name). We also have a dear little pup and some pigeons.

(Dear Grace,—At last I can cross your name off that list. Don't get on it again. We are extremely grieved at the death of your minister, and pray that the sorrowing ones may be comforted.—Uncle A.)

#### GLORIOUS SNOW.

Una Pickard, "Warwick," Bowral, writes: I think I am on the scallywag list by now, but please cross my name off. It snowed up here last night, and lasted till ten o'clock a.m. Some of the flakes were very big. The Gib (Mt. Gibraltar, a hill up here) was covered and looked pretty at the quarries. The pine trees had layers of snow on each branch and made them look lovely. We had lovely snowball fights, too. I have a little half-Persian cat. He is a bluey-grey, and is always getting sick. He is very greedy. Generally he goes to sleep in the chaff box. I ride to school every day. My pony's name is Topsy. We have three kittens—Tim, Mick, and Pat. Mick is my pussy. He allows us to dress him up in dolls' clothes, and likes it very much. He is asleep in my doll's clothes now. I am going up for the elementary exam. in music, the Associated Board of Music. The exam. is on the 21st of August. With love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Una,—I am glad to take you off the black list, and your letter is most interesting. It was a good thing for you I was not there when the snow was, or you would have been calling for mercy.—Uncle B.)

#### THE DROUGHT.

Winnie Gresham, Glenavon, Stratford, writes: I saw my letter in "Grit" and noticed that I was on the scallywag list. It is raining lovely up here now, which will do a lot of good. We are going to have a concert soon, which I think will turn out very good. Grandmother and Grandfather are coming up to live with us. My word, Uncle, the cattle look poor up here; our poor old bull died last week. We are feeding thirty cows on chaff and bran.

(Dear Winnie,—It is good for us city folk to be reminded of the drought. We see so little of it in the city that we grow very selfish and very forgetful of all the folk on the land have to contend with.—Uncle B.)

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"If you are so certain of the details of the case," said the accused man, "why don't you call your fellow-policeman to corroborate you?" "There's only one constable in the village," said the policeman. "But I saw two last night," said the indignant prisoner. "That is just the charge against you," retorted the policeman, with a smile.

**AN ATHLETE.**

"Is the baby strong?"

"Well, rather. You know what a tremendous voice he has?"

"Yes."

"Well, he lifts that five or six times an hour."

**HELP NEEDED.**

Doctor: "But, my dear sir, I can't prescribe whisky for you unless I am convinced that you need it. What are your symptoms?"

Patient: "What symptoms would you suggest, doctor?"

**EULOGY AND ELEGY.**

A story is told of a young society lady who, during a country-house visit, had been making herself somewhat notorious.

Her hostess, an elderly lady, took it upon her to warn her guest of her indiscretions, adding: "My dear girl, don't you know every-one is talking about you?"

"Well," said the young lady, "what of that? If it amuses them, let them talk, it doesn't hurt me."

"Oh! yes it does," persisted her hostess—"that's just where the difference between the sexes lies. For to say that everybody is talking about a young man is a eulogy—while to say that everybody is talking about a young woman is an elegy."

**WORDS AND MUSIC.**

Terence O'Flannigan had been hired to assist the station-master. As the train arrived he called out, "Change here for Limerickgalwayandmayo!"

The station master went for him. "Haven't I told you," he cried, "to sing out the stations clearly and distinctly? Remember now—sing 'em out."

"I will sir," said Terence. And when the next train came in, the passengers were very much astonished to hear him sing:

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## DAILY INSPIRATION.

## SUNDAY.

"TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU."

"O God," I cried, "what may I not forget?  
These halt and hurt in life's hard battle  
Throng me yet.

Am I their keeper? Only I, to bear  
This constant burden of their grief and  
care?"

And the thorn-crowned and patient One  
Replied, "They thronged Me too, I too have  
seen."

"Thy other children go at will," I said,  
Protesting still.

"They go unheeding; but these sick and sad,  
These blind and orphan, yea, and those that  
sin

Drag at my heart. For them I serve and  
groan,

Why is it? Let me rest, Lord. I have tried."  
He turned and looked at me—"But I have  
died."

"But, Lord, this ceaseless travail of my soul!  
This stress! This often fruitless toil

These souls to win; they are not mine."  
He looked at them—the look of One Divine;  
He turned and looked at me—"But they are  
Mine."

"O God," I said, "I understand at last.  
Forgive! and henceforth I will bondslave be  
To Thy least weakest ones; I would not more  
be free."

He smiled and said, "It is to Me."

—Lucy Rider Meyer.

## MONDAY.

"Thou visitest the earth and waterest it."  
—Ps., 66, 9.

Sweet beautiful water—brewed in the run-  
ning brook, the rippling fountain and the  
laughing rill—in the limpid cascade, as it  
joyfully leaps down the side of the moun-  
tain. Brewed in yonder mountain top, whose  
granite peak glitters like gold bathed in the  
morning sun—brewed in the sparkling dew-  
drop; sweet beautiful water—brewed in the  
crested wave of the ocean deeps, driven by  
the storm, breathing its terrible anthem to  
the God of the sea—brewed in the fleecy  
foam and the whitened spray as it hangs  
like a speck over the distant cataract—  
brewed in the clouds of heaven; sweet beau-  
tiful water! As it sings in the rain-shower  
and dances in the hailstorm—as it comes  
dancing down in feathery flakes, clothing  
the earth with a mantle of white. Distilled  
in the golden tissues that paint the western  
sky at the setting of the sun, and the silvery  
tissues that veil the midnight moon—sweet  
health-giving water. Distilled in the rainbow  
of promise, whose warp is the raindrop of  
earth, and whose roof is the sunbeam of  
heaven—sweet beautiful life-giving water.—  
John B. Gough.

## TUESDAY.

"If thou faint in the day of adversity thy  
strength is small."—Prov., 24, 10.

The proudest motto for the young—

Write it in words of gold

Upon thy heart, and in thy mind

The stirring truths unfold;

And in misfortune's dreary hour,

Or fortune's prosperous gale,

'Twill have a holy cheering power—

"There's no such thing as fail."

The child of God though oft beset

By foes without, within,

These precious words will ne'er forget,

Amid their dreadful din,

But upward looks with eye of faith,

Armed with the Christian mail,

And in the hottest conflict saith—

"There's no such thing as fail."

—Alice B. Neal.

## WEDNESDAY.

"Have not I sent thee?"—Judg., 6, 14.

Hudson Taylor heard Him say, "I am going  
to evangelise Inland China, and if you will  
walk with Me, I will do it through you."  
D. L. Moody used to say that the beginning  
of his marvellous ministry was the remark  
made in his hearing, "The world has yet to  
learn what God can do through a man wholly  
yielded to Him." Paul and Barnabas re-  
hearsed what God had done by their means.  
It is not what WE do, but what God does  
through us, that counts; and His power,  
passing through the tiniest aperture of faith,  
keeps hollowing it wider.

Most gracious Lord, Thou didst truly say,  
"Without Me ye can do nothing." We know  
that this is so. The failures of our past,  
when we have wrought in our own strength,  
have taught us our need of Thee. We thank  
Thee for Thy patient teaching; and now we  
desire to yield ourselves to Thee as those  
alive from the dead, and our members as  
instruments of righteousness for Thy use.  
Help us to use what little faith we have,  
until by use it shall become great and  
strong. Let this day be to us the beginning  
of a new life. We ask it in the Name of  
Jesus. Amen.—F. B. Meyer.

## THURSDAY.

"When thou vowest a vow defer not to  
pay it."—Eccles., 6, 4.

There's a little mischief maker

That is stealing half our bliss,

Sketching pictures in a dreamland

That are never seen in this.

When the calls of duty haunt us,

And the present seems to be

All the time that ever mortals

Snatch from dark eternity.

"By-and-bye," the wind is sighing,

"By-and-bye," the heart replies,

But the phantom just above it

Ere we grasp it ever flies.

List not to the idle charmer,

Scorn the very specious lie,

Do not you believe or trust in

That deceiver by-and-bye.

— Anonymous.

## FRIDAY.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation.  
Whom shall I fear?"—Ps., 27, 1.

There are hours of mental darkness and  
depression for us in this sin-laden world.  
What shall we do? Resort to fiction, fashion,  
or the wine cup? No; let us look up. The  
Lord is our light. There are times of fear  
and apprehension; but He is our salvation.  
We are sometimes painfully conscious of our  
weakness in the presence of many hostile  
forces from sin, Satan, the world, and our  
own remaining and selfish love of sin. But  
let us not be afraid. He is the strength of  
our life. Reader, are you leaning on him?—  
John Hall.

## SATURDAY.

"God is not unrighteous to forget your  
work and labor of love."—Heb., 6, 16.

The look of sympathy, the gentle word,  
Spoken so low that only angels heard,  
The secret act of pure self-sacrifice,  
Unseen by man, but marked by angels' eyes,  
These are not lost.

The kindly plan devised for others' good,  
So seldom guessed, so little understood,  
The quiet steadfast love that tried to win  
Some wandered from the woeful paths of sin,  
These are not lost.

Not lost, O Lord, for in Thy city bright,  
Our eyes shall see the past by clearer light,  
And things long hidden from our gaze below,  
Thou wilt reveal, and we shall surely know  
They were not lost.

—Sarah Doudney.

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(By L. C. ELLIOTT, President of the R.S. and S.I.L. of N.S.W.)

It is being stated in many quarters that there is no question of sentiment in the new Commonwealth loan, and that it is purely a financial proposition. I do not agree with this viewpoint. The Federal Treasurer has stated that the money in the present instance is required to provide for the unconverted balance of the seventh war loan falling due on September 15 next. This loan was really a promissory note drawn on Australia for the defenders of Australia—the returned soldiers. Non-combatants supported it very willingly, as is demonstrated by the fact that nearly a quarter of a million people subscribed. The victorious end of the war did not terminate the citizens' duty, and to me it seems quite plain that if this renewal loan is not oversubscribed, every returned soldier will feel that his long years of service at the war have been forgotten. I am afraid that the general public embodies all the human frailties of the individual, and is prone to forget when victory is won and danger is past.

As regards the attitude of returned soldiers, it would be interesting to know what proportion of them subscribed to the loans raised after the war for the fulfilment of war commitments. I think it will be found that the Diggers have done more than their share, compared with other sections of the community.

As regards the financial aspect of the loan, I advise all League members to study the rates that were offered for Government securities before the war, particularly New South Wales. Three and one-half per cent. and 4 per cent. were looked upon as a good return in those days, and I think that when the Ruhr trouble is fixed up interest rates on Government securities will speedily work back to normal. In this case the present loan, which actually returns an interest rate of £5/9/3 per cent., will soon be at a very nice premium. To those of our League members who are in a position to subscribe, I would say, "Hop in and get a bit of your own back."

**WHAT CONSTITUTES CHARM?**

**PHOTOGRAPHIC FAILURES.**

How many women who in real life have an attractive appearance are woeful failures as photographs! The converse, too, is true—how often one admires a "camera study" of a woman with lovely features and finds the original sallow-skinned and disappointing!

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**"He Being Dead Yet Speaketh"—**

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quite the contrary. The Federal Government is not equipped with the instrumentalities to make enforcement locally effective. It does not maintain either a police or a judicial establishment adequate or designed for such a task. If the burden of enforcement shall continue to be increasingly thrown upon the Federal Government it will be necessary, at large expense, to create a Federal police authority which in time will inevitably come to be regarded as an intrusion upon and interference with the right of local authority to manage local concerns. The possibilities of disaster in such a situation hardly need to be suggested. Yet it is something that we must recognise as among the menaces in this situation."

**THE ISSUE IS LAW ENFORCEMENT.**

The President clearly defined the issue before the people. He said:

"The issue is fast coming to be recognised not as an issue between wets and dries, not a question between those who believe in Prohibition and those who do not, not a contention between those who want to drink and those who do not. It is fast being raised above all that to recognition as an issue of whether the laws of this country can be and will be enforced. So far as the Federal Government is concerned I am very sure, also so far as concerns the very great majority of State Governments and the the local governments, it will be enforced."

**A CALL FOR AN AWAKENED CONSCIENCE.**

"I do not see how any citizen who cherishes the protection of law in organised society may feel himself secure when he himself is the example of contempt for law. Clearly there is call for awakened conscience and awakened realisation of true self-interest on the part of the few who will themselves suffer most when reverence for law is forgotten and passion is expressed in destructive lawlessness. Ours must be a law-abiding Republic, and reverence and obedience must spring from the influential and the leaders among men, as well as obedience from the humbler citizens, else the temple will collapse.

"Whatever satisfaction there may be in indulgence, whatever objection there is to the so-called invasion of personal liberty, neither counts when the supremacy of law and the stability of our institutions are menaced. With all good intention the majority sentiment of the United States has sought by law to remove strong drink as a curse upon the American citizen, but ours is a larger problem now to remove lawless drinking as a menace to the Republic itself."

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