

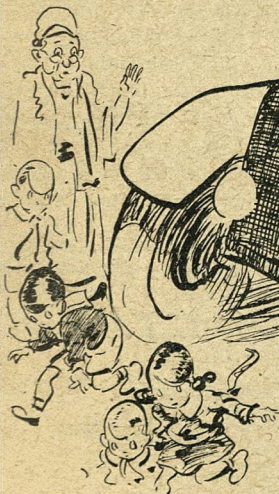
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THE GOVERNMENT PROMISE TO REFORM THE LIQUOR EVIL, BUT NOT JUST YET.

Day by day the ghastly traffic record, of the liquor evil goes unchallenged and unchecked. We must lose no chance of bringing home to those who voted in the bottom square their responsibility for these happenings.

DRUNKEN MOTORIST.

The seriousness of drunken men driving motor cars in the streets of Sydney was emphasised by Mr. Macdougall, S.M., at the Central Court when he imposed an exemplary sentence.

Allan Gordon Lingard Orwell, 39, engineer, pleaded guilty to a charge of having driven a motor car along Pitt-street, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

The Police Prosecutor (Sergeant Cummins) informed the Bench that defendant had had his license suspended for three months in August, 1927, for a similar offence.

Orwell was fined £20, or four months; his license was suspended until its expiration, and he was disqualified from holding a motor-driver's license for a further three years.

ARREST OF DRIVER.

Three people were hurt when a car collided with an unoccupied stationary car in George-street, near King-street, City.

Joyce Baverstock, Kew Lodge Flats, King's Cross-road, King's Cross; cuts and abrasions to face and head.

Jean Robertson, same address; facial wounds.

Joseph Conlon, driver of the car, Bellevue-street, North Sydney; cuts to mouth.

All were treated at Sydney hospital and permitted to leave.

Conlon was later taken into custody by Clarence-street police on a charge of driving his car while under the influence of liquor.

CHILD KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR.

Vernon Hansen, six years, was knocked down by a motor car and seriously injured, and at the Henty Police Court Hubert Lusher, 22 years, was charged with driving without a license, driving while under the influence of liquor, driving negligently, and failing to stop after an accident had occurred.

Fines of £1 or seven days and £5 or two months, were inflicted on the first and second charges, the two remaining charges being adjourned for one month. Bail was allowed in £20.

The child received a deep scalp wound and a broken collarbone.

DRUNKEN DRIVER.

CRASHED INTO CAR.

A fine of £20, or three months' jail, and disqualification from holding a license for

twelve months, were the penalties meted out by Mr. Shepherd, S.M., at the local Court, to Albert Charles Kerrigan, 23, groom, for having driven a car in Cleveland-street, Redfern, on September 1, while drunk.

Sergeant Stianes stated he saw defendant driving his car in Cleveland-street at 9.10 p.m. He was very drunk and was driving on the wrong side of the road. He collided with a car coming in the opposite direction, both cars being severely damaged. After the accident defendant was taken to Sydney Hospital, where he was treated for alcoholism.

LONG ROLL OF MOTOR FATALITIES.

LAST YEAR 335 PERSONS WERE KILLED.

ALARMING INCREASE.

Last year 335 people were killed in motor accidents, according to the N.S.W. Government Statistician, 156 being pedestrians.

The total includes 120 children under 15, or persons of 65 or over, and of this 120, 90 or 75 per cent. were pedestrians.

But of the 215 persons between 15 and 64 who were killed only 66, or 31 per cent., were pedestrians.

Of the total deaths 183, or about 55 per cent., occurred in the metropolitan area, and 152 in country districts.

IN METROPOLITAN AREA.

The persons killed in the metropolitan district included 52 children and 28 persons over 65, as against 31 and nine respectively in the country.

How deaths from motor accidents in the past five years have increased is shown by the following figures:

1923	111
1924	127
1925	227
1926	256
1927	335

During those five years the number of motor vehicles registered increased from 70,314 to 192,094, or by 173 per cent.

The increase in deaths, however—from 111 to 335—was over 200 per cent.

DRUNKEN ORGY IN MINERS' CAMP.

After having indulged in a drunken orgy, a number of miners at Catamaran colliery ran amok, wrecking a camp and interfering with the apparatus at the electrical powerhouse.

Police have been sent to restore order.

"KILL YOURSELF—" OR SOMEONE ELSE?

"Why did you do it? Do you want to kill yourself or kill someone else?"

"Do you think you are going to miss everyone every time?"

Mr. Williams, S.M., thus addressed Frederick Harrison, a professional dancer, who was charged at the Parramatta Court with having driven a motor car in a dangerous manner, and then fined him £3, with 5/6 costs.

"It is a big risk to yourself and to everyone else," declared the magistrate. "You must learn to drive carefully."

"WOULD SEND HIM TO JAIL."

"If I had the power suggested under the new Act I would deal with you very severely."

Mr. Perry thus addressed Charles Higgins, aged 42, a contractor, who was charged with having driven a motor lorry while under the influence of liquor on September 26 in Norton-street, Leichhardt.

Constable Mackie, of Leichhardt, said that he saw defendant driving the lorry in Norton-street and zigzagging from one side of the road to the other. He was very drunk when arrested and had to be practically carried to the police station.

"I must impose the maximum fine. It is a very serious matter," said Mr. Perry. He fined Higgins £20 or three months' imprisonment, and disqualified him from holding a license for a period of two years.

OUR SOCIAL DISGRACE. CHARGE AGAINST WOMAN.

"The injured woman was invited into a house by defendant, and was asked to have a drink, and on refusing she was hit on the head with a bottle. When she recovered she found that she was minus £2/10/- in money and various small articles of jewellery," said Sergeant Caban at the Central Police Court, when Nancy Joyce, aged 38, domestic, was remanded for a week on a charge of having assaulted and robbed Beatrice Whittingham.

W.C.T.U.

ANNUAL MEETING, BURWOOD MONDAY OCTOBER 29th, 8 p.m.

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LIQUOR IN POLITICS.

SOME POLITICIANS BADLY NEED DRY-CLEANING.

By the GENERAL SECRETARY, New Zealand Alliance.

The defeat of the Licensing Bill of 1928 on the third reading determined that the electors will again vote at the coming poll on the existing undemocratic three-issues ballot paper when casting their votes on the licensing issue.

The career of the existing Parliament is unique, in that during each of three sessions, held in 1926, 1927 and 1928, a Licensing Bill has been introduced by the Prime Minister, and on each occasion has failed to reach the Statute Book. The Licensing Bill introduced by the Prime Minister this year proposed an extension of time between polls; a handicap on the Prohibition voters equal to approximately 75,000 at the next poll; extension of hours of sale in clubs and hotels until 10 p.m. for the convenience of banqueters, etc.; a restoration poll providing for redistribution of licenses, and permitting the manufacture of New Zealand wine, either with or without an admixture of imported brandy up to 40 per cent. of proof spirit.

It is gratifying to note that the clauses of the bill as introduced were drastically altered in the Committee stage. The proposal to extend the time between the polls was defeated by 47 votes to 26; the two-issue ballot paper proposal was carried by 51 votes to 22; and the crucial division on the bare majority was carried by 42 votes to 30. A proposal to provide for a poll in the King Country to enable licenses to be established was also defeated by 48 votes to 21.

When the bill finally emerged from Committee stage it contained three clauses which were considered retrograde, clauses 18 and 19 providing for the admixture of imported brandy to enable New Zealand wines to be fortified up to 40 per cent. proof spirit, and also clause 37, which provided facilities for an extension of trading in hotels after 8 o'clock at night under certain restrictions. These were challenged and the Prime Minister promised reconsideration. The crucial division was taken on the third reading of the bill, which was defeated by 34 to 35.

During the previous session the third reading of a similar bill was carried in the House of Representatives by a majority of seven votes. Three of the members who voted for the bill last session were away in Canada attending the Empire Parliamentary Union, these members being the Hon. W. Nosworthy, Mr. W. J. Jordan, and Mr. T. W. Rhodes. Two of these (Messrs. Nosworthy and Jordan) had left definite instructions that pairs on the Licensing Bill should be arranged for them in accord with their votes of last session. Unfortunately, pairs were not arranged, and this meant that these three votes were not available this session. In addition, Sir A. T. Ngata was not present when the vote was taken on the third reading, and he also voted for the bill last session. This reduced the majority in favor of the bill to

three, and this was converted into a minority of one by Sir George Hunter, of Waipawa, and Mr. C. E. MacMillan, of Tauranga, changing their votes. Had pairs been arranged for Messrs. Nosworthy and Jordan the bill would have been carried on the third reading by one vote, and would have been sent to the Legislative Council. Seeing that these members were away on official business, representing the Parliament of the Dominion, it was anticipated that pairs would be granted, but this was not done, and the result is that the will of the minority prevails.

In a statement made by the senior Government Whip (Mr. J. S. Dickson) as reported in the press, he tries to cloud the issue in regard to Mr. Nosworthy's pair by stating that Mr. Nosworthy did not wish to be paired on the third reading of the bill. He then goes on to state that Mr. Nosworthy was paired on clauses 3 and 4 of the bill, these being the clauses dealing with the question of the two-issues ballot paper and the bare majority.

I challenge Mr. Dickson to produce his evidence that pairs had been arranged. I am in receipt of definite information that at 11.15 on Monday morning last no pairs had been registered on any of the divisions taken during the Committee stage of the bill. In addition Mr. D. G. Sullivan, Whip of the Labor Party, has a letter from Mr. W. J. Jordan (copy of which I hold) stating definitely, that Mr. Jordan had paired with Mr. T. W. Rhodes on such portions as were agreed upon. As Mr. Rhodes voted last session for the two-issues ballot paper and the triennial poll, but voted against the bare majority, and then voted for the third reading, there was only one issue on which Mr. Rhodes could be paired with Mr. Jordan, and that was the issue on the bare majority. And yet Mr. Dickson (Government Whip) states that Mr. Nosworthy was paired with Mr. Rhodes on the bare majority issue. Mr. Jordan's instructions are proof positive that Mr. Rhodes should not have paired with Mr. Nosworthy on this issue.

Subsequent to the voting on the third reading, Mr. Sullivan, Whip of the Labor Party, cabled to Mr. Jordan in Canada and asked him for confirmation of his instructions in regard to his pair with Mr. Rhodes on the bare majority issue. Mr. Sullivan has now received a reply, jointly signed by Mr. Jordan and Mr. Rhodes, confirming the arrangement whereby they were to be paired on the bare majority issue. This evidence proves conclusively that Mr. Dickson's statement in regard to Mr. Nosworthy's pair is entirely

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8. It has created by its activity, in church by its branches, on the sands and beaches by its agents, in public school by its annual examination—a public opinion which has won one-third of the community to vote for Prohibition.

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Mrs. E. Oxspring, in a letter, enclosing a donation for the funds of the Band of Hope Union, says: I have sold a piece of land, and

I am glad to be able to help a little, otherwise I could not have contributed. I used to go to Father Calton's (the Quaker) Band of Hope 70 years ago in London. There must be many who once belonged to a Band of Hope years ago. Write to us and let us know all about the Band of Hope you used to belong to. They were happy days, those old days, and have sweet memories, outstanding memories of one's past childhood. See that there is a Band of Hope in your district, so that the child of to-day and the man of to-morrow may have sweet memories, too.

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A MISSIONARY BAND OF HOPE.

In a recent visit to the Auburn Presbyterian Church Band of Hope a suggestion was made by the General Secretary that the branch adopt a progressive policy, and invite the Silver Spring Presbyterian Church to a surprise party in their own church. The suggestion was adopted, when the Auburn boys and girls, armed with sandwiches and cakes, made a visit to Silver Water and founded a new branch of the Band of Hope Union. Mr. D. Wilson has undertaken the leadership of this new branch of the work. He has our best wishes, and our earnest prayers go with him. The Auburn branch have set a magnificent example. What B. of H. will follow their example, and have a surprise party in some church, where there is at present no Band of Hope?

WHO WILL START A BAND OF HOPE IN WOLLONGONG?

Some months ago Allison Simpson, of Wollongong, wrote the General Secretary, deploring the fact that there was no Band of Hope in Wollongong. She had heard so much of the joy created in Bands of Hope. At that time Allison did not go either to Church or Sunday School. She was written to and advised to go to church and Sunday School. During the past few months she has been very busy with her friends, and several have been persuaded to sign the pledge. A few days ago she sent for more pledge cards, and adds: "I go to Church now every Sunday morning, and the smaller children go to Sunday School. I have got George and the rest of the boys and girls that signed the pledge to go to Church now, and they never miss." The church that has no Band of Hope is missing the recruiting ground proved by experience, and provided by God for that purpose.

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WHERE'S MY HAT?

"The next person who interrupts the proceedings will be sent home," declared the Judge.

"Hurrah!" yelled the prisoner.



It's a hard world. It takes three generations to make a gentleman and only three drinks to spoil the job.

The story on page three of the New Zealand Liquor Bill and its defeat is unpleasant reading. The world over there is abundant evidence that liquor defenders are the most sinister influence in politics. In U.S.A. they seem to have a unique way of phrasing a situation, and their slang is not only picturesque, but also illuminating. The "El Paso Times" says: "Politics is either a matter of passing the buck or passing the doe."

This is a play on words which some of you may not understand, in which case you may ask your local member to explain it to you.

It is said that some men are known by their deeds, others by their mortgages, and a further class are known by their unearned possessions.

It is in the fitness of things that if conscience is not strong enough to handle a man during business hours, it can generally roll him over and over when he gets to bed.

The real trouble to-day is that we are generally more interested in getting good laws than in getting good people, and then in our disillusionment we discover that good laws are no good when the people are no good.

GORY.

Arthur Deerin Call, Secretary of the American Peace Society, praised the efforts of Briand and Stresemann at Thoiry to promote peace in Europe.

"European peace champions," he said, have their job cut out for them. Europe, incredible as it may seem, still sings of the glory of war. Europe's spokesmen, I mean, sing of the glory of war—the old boys who will never have to fight.

"The glory of war! Ah, but how the trenches, the real fighting, knocks 'I' out of that glory!"

SIX COMMANDMENTS.

The boys and girls of a congested neighborhood were invited by their teacher to write their own personal rules of life. The collection included the following:

"You must always be obligent, clean your neck, stand ereck, and swallow good fresh hair."

"Don't get noseey or hit anybody wth cross eyes because it gives you bad luck."

"Never try to steal a dog's bone or you'll have no pants."

"Always live fair and never ask your father or uncle for money when they are drunk."

"Don't steal from the Five and Ten and if you hit a girl you are a coward."

"Every week you must have a bath and don't do no murderin'."

In the public school in Balmain some years ago a small boy, in response to a lesson given in the half-hour devoted to religious instruction, wrote this pathetic paraphrase of a portion of the Lord's Prayer: "Give us this day our daily bread, so as we won't have to steal it."

THE SKELETON IN THE CUPBOARD.

We often marvel at the cost of civic government and its crookedness. Perth provides the following illuminating statement:

Moving at a meeting of the City Council that the supply of refreshments to councillors should be restricted to half an hour prior to and after council or committee meetings, Councillor Berryman, a teetotaler, said during the month there had been consumed at council and committee meetings 10 dozen bottles of soda water, 50 dozen of ginger ale, 117 bottles of beer, 64 bottles of whisky, five bottles of brandy, seven bottles of gin, five bottles of wine, seven bottles of squash, 714 cigars, and 1840 cigarettes.

The town clerk stated that the cost of the refreshments for the four weeks ended May 24 had amounted to £83/4/4.

One councillor said that only six councillors out of 24 and the Mayor smoked cigarettes.

The motion and amendment, that refreshments should be abolished, except for civic receptions and the entertainment of distinguished visitors, were defeated.

Nearly £1000 a year to befuddle judgment and distract from business. Six councillors got away with over 300 cigarettes each, which is an easy way of being generous to your friends. You can arrive at a surprising allowance of booze per head on the figures supplied.

In Melbourne there are signs of progress. All the Mayoral chairs were filled by votes of the various councils, and of the 25 coun-

cils in the metropolitan area nine went "dry." All the councils in the industrial areas, where Labor has control of municipal affairs, voted for a "wet" cupboard, with the one exception of Coburg, where the President of the Melbourne Trades Hall Council is the new Mayor.

Melbourne shows other signs of being civilised in that liquor advertisements in railway carriages, and on bridges, hoardings, and other railway property in Victoria, are to go, according to Railways Commissioner Clapp.

He promised this to a deputation who rightly complained that it was inconsistent with the railway policy of "Safety first." In N.S.W. the Commissioners obligingly provide the travellers with the liquor means of making train journeys disgusting and endangering the lives of those nearer enough to be reached by empty bottles thrown out of carriage windows.

ALL "DRY" SOMETIMES.

Most people overlook the signs of encouragement that abound on every side.

The population of N.S.W. is now said to be 2,246,000, and 2,230,000 of these are prohibited from selling intoxicating liquor. Surely the day will come when they will be prohibited from drinking it. You retort that is a horse of another color; but you must not overlook that even Mr. Donnison or Mr. Coates are Prohibitionists in their own little way, and even they may grow. Either of them impose total abstinence on their chauffeur or the driver of the railway engine that draws the train they travel in. When safety is involved the "wettest" become despotically "dry." When the exigency of modern life demands clear brain and instant decision in order to save life or preserve property the "wettest" are subject to a sudden Prohibition conversion.

Such folk often backslide when the safety only affects the other fellow, and will continue to do so so long as they are merely pagan; but there's hope.

Our turn will come, for life is a succession of turns. When we start out someone turns us over for the spanking we deserve; later on someone turns our head, then someone turns us down, and then even a worm will turn and come into its own.

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—SIR EVELYN RUGGLES-BR ISE, Chairman of the Prison Commission of England and Wales.

GRAINS OF GOLD WORTH PICKING UP!

To Develop Personality.

Be interested and interesting!

When you are talking, concentrate on what you are saying; put your whole soul into it; get as enthusiastic over it as though you were advising a general how to capture a strong-hold.

Then, when the other fellow is talking, listen to what he is saying. Listen with your eyes; look at him; make your eyes snap with interest. Listen with your body; don't be restless but assume an attitude of concern about the matter under discussion, no matter how trivial. Follow every word the speaker says and make it easier for him to talk.

Be sincere! Personality will never amount to anything unless it rings true. Deal with people above board and in the open. Don't be afraid of anything or anybody.

See only the good in others! Close your eyes to their faults and deal with everybody just as though they were wholly good. Appeal to their best natures always.

Practice the Golden Rule and make it work for you.

Put a little pep into everything you do, everything you say, and into the way you look. Turn the corners of your mouth up all day. Smile readily; laugh heartily, every excuse you get.

The Man Who Smiles Beats the Doctor

The man who smiles is worth more to himself than all the doctors, or pills, or potions, ever invented for the ills of mankind.

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THE THREE GATES.

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale someone has told
About another, make it pass,
Before you speak, three gates of gold.

Three narrow gates; first, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind
Give truthful answer; and the next
Is last and narrowest: "Is it kind?"

And if, to reach your lips at last,
It passes through these gateways
three,

Then you may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of speech may be.

Going to church can't hurt you, and stay-
ing away won't help you. The odds are on
going to church.

It is by the construction of self, and not
by the destruction of others, that we grow.

Most of the good or bad qualities that men
attribute to others can be traced directly to
themselves.

Of the evil physical effects of excessive
drinking there is no doubt individual sus-
ceptibility is very variable; but constant
abuse of alcohol accounts for 12 per cent. of
the admissions to hospitals for the insane.—
Col. F. E. Fremantle, M.P., M.B., F.R.C.P.,
F.R.C.S., D.P.H., in "The Health of the Na-
tion," with Foreword by Rt. Hon. Neville
Chamberlain, M.P., Minister for Health.

I say it as emphatically as I can, that to
no one is alcohol a necessity. Why are peo-
ple such fools as to continue to drink alco-
hol? In acute disease or sudden injury the
steady drinker's chances of recovery are dim-
inished 50 per cent.—Prof. G. Barling,
F.R.C.S., Vice-Chancellor, (Birmingham Uni-
versity).

Our automobile figures run into millions,
and so, apparently, do our automobiles.

Are You Sure?

Are you sure you are not the cause of
nine-tenths of the trouble you have in your
association with other people?

Are you sure you have learned the art of
making yourself agreeable to others whose
association you desire to keep?

Are you sure you emit from your Life
Centre a ray of mutual service?

Are you sure that you have all the attri-
butes that you are looking for in your
friends?

Are you sure your brain reflectors are not
deceiving you when you are passing judg-
ment?

Are you sure you should not have blamed
yourself instead of the one you did in your
hasty judgment?

Is the world turned wrong side out for
you? Are you sure, after all, at the end of
the day that you can say with truthfulness
that you were not to blame for every dis-
comfort you had?

You can only be right when your brain
mirrors truthfully reflect a perfect image of
yourself.

Nine-tenths of the trouble we have with
our neighbors is caused by defective brain
mirrors.

You Want Courage to Back up Your Hope.

You will get the thing you hope for, pro-
vided you have the courage to back up your
hope. Most everybody has the ability to
hope. It is hope and courage that brings
things to pass.

Most of us are all the time hoping—for
something.

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beauty counts for nothing. Courage is the
steam to hope.

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HOW DRUNKARDS ARE MADE.

By REV. FRANK LADE, M.A.

Are drunkards made like gluttons and all other samples of self-indulgence?

Those who oppose Prohibition say "Yes," and declare that it is as reasonable to invoke an Act of Parliament against gluttony as against drunkenness. They declare with an air of finality, "A man can go to excess in anything, and it is as wise to prohibit food, because some men overeat, as to prohibit liquor because some men overdrink." In this way our adversaries seek to reduce to absurdity the argument for the Prohibition of beverage alcohol. But in this specious reasoning there lurk one or two fallacies. First of all there is no true equation between food in general and one particular beverage. To prohibit a man from "jay walking" across the street may be quite reasonable; to prohibit him from walking across the street at all would be an intolerable tyranny. To prohibit a form of liquor that is unwholesome and recognised by all to be dangerous is one thing, to prohibit all beverages is quite another thing. That would condemn people to die of thirst! In the second place, though gluttony and drunkenness may be regarded as equally forms of excess, it must be remembered that gluttony is due to the over-indulgence of a natural and necessary appetite. Drunkenness is due to the indulgence of an appetite purely artificial and unnecessary. The anti-Prohibitionists who talk this kind of piffle know perfectly well that to prohibit food to a glutton is to commit murder; but to prohibit alcohol to a drunkard is to prevent suicide!

We cannot, then, disown responsibility for the production of drunkards as we can for the production of gluttons. That which the glutton abuses we cannot put out of his reach without starving him. That which the drunkard abuses we can put out of his reach to his measureless advantage. No legislation can prevent the manufacture of gluttons, whereas for the prevention of the manufacture of drunkards than legislation no agency may more properly be invoked.

Drunkards are an unnatural product of our social and commercial life, just as really as are the victims of opium. A silly social custom encouraged and catered for by calumnious commercial interests is responsible for the alcoholic wrecks of the community. The "first glass" is taken, not to quench thirst or to relieve hunger or pain, but simply out of deference to ancient and widespread usage. Economic pressure and domestic infelicity drive some men to drink. (It should be noted here, however, that it is the tragic accessibility of drink that enables so many men to aggravate their miseries in this way.) There is little doubt that, speaking generally, the habit of the disreputable boozier and of the respectable tippler was contracted in the early years when "economic pressure" and "domestic infelicity" were mere phrases. The "glass," the "first" in a ruinous series, was quaffed not to "down cares" but as a sym-

bol of good fellowship and to avoid being thought singular. This desire to keep in step with others, and to be acclaimed as a "sport," is responsible for the drinking amongst young people said to be so rife in Australia at the present time.

"Victoria Reynolds," who writes "Chit-Chat for Women" in the Adelaide "Advertiser," quoted as follows from a conversation she had with a dance hall proprietor: "The veriest party of youngsters will insist on their 'spot.' If they do not have their 'spots' in the hall they will have them out in the cars. Many times I have personally interfered, but the result is I am called a kill-joy." She comments: "I hate to see girls and boys spotting up under the mistaken notion that it is smart. The sooner people learn that it is bad form to sneer at others because they do not like to drink the better. More girls drink in a desperate effort to be a 'sport' than because they like it. There is the idea in their minds that the young man in the case will think them stodgy. As a matter of fact he is much more likely to respect them."

This is a flashlight on how drunkards are being made in Australia under our present liquor laws. But for the drinking among the youth of the community the older generation is responsible. It is the prestige given to the festive glass by social leaders, educationists, and, alas! many clergymen that makes it cruelly hard for young people to remain abstainers. When in Sydney last June I heard Dr. Harvey Sutton, the medical head of the Education Department, declare that "Alcohol is a third-rate food, a second-rate drug, and a first-rate poison." At the same session I listened to a paper in which the writer stressed the necessity of so educating the young people along the lines indicated by Dr. Sutton that they will regard the "social glass" as "a hopelessly antiquated institution." But the question presses for answer, How much scientific instruction will a young person need to enable him to withstand the pressure of social custom?

I can imagine a young man listening to a doctor condemning alcohol in good round terms, and a few hours afterwards sitting at a University or college dinner with that same doctor only to find that the doctor's scientific convictions did not affect his social practice! The selfish adherence of influential men and women to what they know is an irrational and mischievous custom is more productive of successive crops of drunkards than is the open liquor bar. If from Government House functions and University and college dinners intoxicating liquors were banished the presence of the claret cup and the whisky "spot" at our middle-class parties and public dance halls would become unpopular. If doctors, professors, headmasters and mistresses, and all clergymen had the courage to get on the "water wagon," brewery and distillery shares would soon fall. As on September 1 a vote adverse to Prohibition was cast the blame will lie at the door of these natural leaders of the nation. It is the "social glass" that is responsible for the making of drunkards, and the social glass draws its baneful power from the sanction accorded it by men and women of light and leading.

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A Personal Chat with my readers

A POISONOUS CLERGYMAN.

A friend of mine is rightly concerned at my being misrepresented and lied about. Personally, I am quite unmoved by such things.

Many years ago a dear man of God gave me as a motto, "They say; what do they say? Let them say."

People must talk, and prejudice and imperfect knowledge will ensure much of the talk being unfair and untrue.

There is no way of defeating this kind of thing except by giving your friends all the evidence they need to maintain their faith in you. Of course, your enemies would not be convinced if one rose from the dead and confronted them with your private record.

My friend's disquiet arose from a poisonous statement made by a clergyman, who made it with confidence, because another clergyman was his informant.

Now I do not know the names of either of these brother clerics, maybe there are more than two of them, but if their sermons are not more reliable than their gossip then their congregations might as well listen to a country town bellman.

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I have never received a fee or payment of any kind for any Prohibition addresses or service that I have rendered, and when, as in a few cases, an honorarium has been sent to me, I have always donated it back or specifically devoted it to the reclamation work I carry on as an Honorary Police Court Missioner.

In 25 years only four clergy have ever sent donations to my work, though scores have sent destitute cases to me.

In writing this I feel like St. Paul felt when he wrote: "Let no one think me a fool! Yet, if you do, at least welcome me as you would a fool, that I, too, may indulge in a little boasting. When I speak thus, I am not speaking as the Masier would, but as a fool might, in boasting so confidently."

In fact it is worth your while to read the whole of the eleventh chapter of the Second Epistle to the Corinthians.

When you have done this just let us forget the incident and go on with our work.

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During the referendum campaign I wrote twice to about 3000 school teachers in N.S.W. Many of them replied with niceness and gave evidence of their sense of responsibility and appreciation of the dignity of their great work. It is a calamity for a child to pass its school days under the care of a teacher who is merely putting in their time earning a salary. There are bigger salaries and easier jobs for those who want salaries, but for those who want a big, worthwhile job, carrying great responsibility and with the promise of great compensation then there is no better job than moulding young lives and giving them a sane, healthy and Christian estimate of life.

Better jobs for getting your living out of, but no better job for putting your life into.

Parents do well to cultivate those who teach their children, encourage them and co-operate with them.

Dorothy Littlewort has voiced the teacher's prayer in these lines:

Father, between Thy strong hands Thou has bent

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The clay but roughly into shape, and lent
To me the task of smoothing where I may
And fashioning to a gentler form Thy clay.
To see some hidden beauty Thou hadst planned,

Slowly revealed beneath my laboring hand;
Sometime to help a twisted thing to grow
More straight; this is full recompense, and so

I give Thee but the praise that Thou wouldst ask. . . .

Firm hand and high heart for the further task.

* * *

Will my friends, both old and young, remember that the next few weeks will pass very quickly, and it will be wise to plan with me for our

Christmas crusade against hardship and suffering. I want your gifts for the poor. I want your old clothes. I wish 500 of my readers would give me an old garment every time they buy a new one. I want old books and magazines. I want a day's work for handy men. I want you to interest your friends in the only mission that charges nothing for conveying your help to the poor. For every pound spent the poor get twenty shillings. I want your co-operation in collecting green coupons. This is one of the easiest ways of helping me. I do not want to nag you, but I will rely on your help and will supply you with an authority to collect if you will help in that way.

The Editor

HOW TO BE BETTER AND HAPPIER.

Last year in N.S.W. £13,222,000 was spent on drink by many who said they never had a chance to save.

ADDRESS BY DR. J. S. PURDY.

Dr. J. S. Purdy, Chief City Medical Officer, addressed members of the Band of Hope on Tuesday evening, October 16, in the rooms of the N.S.W. Prohibition League, on the subject of "Alcohol: a hindrance to Mind Culture." Professor H. T. Lovell presided.

The Chairman congratulated the Band of Hope Union for arranging a series of addresses, and no more interesting subject than alcohol could have been chosen to open with. No subject interests the public unless facts are given, and he believed that no person with a modicum of intelligence, who listened to the facts as presented by Dr. Purdy, could do so without feeling the shafts go home.

In opening his address, Dr. Purdy said no one would deny that the abuse of alcohol was responsible for a very large share of the misery caused to the human race, and the people would be better and happier if it could be removed. It had been most difficult in the past to get an unbiased account of the effect of alcohol on the human body, but as the result of a sub-committee appointed in England during the war, under the Presidency of Lord D'Abernon, this had been overcome, and they now had authoritative statements by scientists which gave unbiased and unprejudiced views on the subject. On such a subject as drink people are already, unfortunately, partisans. It is admitted by all that the misuse of alcohol injures health and lessens longevity, whilst a large section of the community considers it to be the main cause of poverty and crime. The ill-effects of excessive indulgence in alcohol on the individual is a matter of common observation, and its effect on national efficiency is beyond dispute. Until the time of the issue of the booklet by the Advisory Committee of the Central Control Board (Liquor Traffic) in 1918, there was in England no authoritative impartial scientific work giving exact knowledge in regard to the action of alcohol on the human system. Now, this committee, representing the leading lights in medicine and science, under the chairmanship of Lord D'Abernon, may be said to have formed a unanimous impartial opinion, guided by scientific inquiry, after separating true knowledge from surmise, conjecture or popular belief. After expressing the fact that no subject has suffered more from over-statement and excessive violence, both of opinion and of language, they cautiously drew the following conclusions:

1. That the main action of alcohol—apart from the effects of its continued excessive use—is confined to the nervous system.

2. That alcohol is narcotic rather than stimulant in action.

3. That its nutritional value is strictly limited.

4. That its habitual use as an aid to work is physiologically unsound; and, lastly,

5. That the ordinary use of alcohol should not only be moderate but should also be limited to the consumption of beverage of adequate dilution, taken at sufficient intervals of time to prevent a persistent deleterious action on the tissues.

THE WOMEN SAVED ENGLAND.

In continuation, the speaker pointed out that the conditions under which people lived and worked last century, from the '20's right up to the '70's in England, were not conducive to the rearing of a healthy, virile people, and the drunken, dissolute habits of the people in England, Scotland and Ireland were such as to affect their progeny. But if one of the parents of a family was not affected by some racial poison, such as alcohol, the next generation may be saved. The women of the nation never drank to any extent, which saved future generations from the effects referred to. Any increase of drinking among women is to be deplored and is fraught with national consequences.

Everyone born into the world is born healthy, but if children are born of parents, either one of whom is addicted to drink or a victim to syphilis, such children deteriorate. A child who has the misfortune not to have been lucky in its choice of parents will not have as good a mental equipment, all things being equal, as a child born of good, healthy stock. Unfortunately, drink and syphilis very often combine. It is also known that the effect of alcohol, even in moderate doses, acts mainly on the nervous system, and is really not a stimulant. It is a sedative or a narcotic. The control exercised normally by the higher centres is removed, and the result is a decrease of self-consciousness. If a man who is an expert shot, indulges in alcohol before he goes through a test, even in very small doses, he will find that his shooting will be affected. If an ordinary individual takes half an ounce of alcohol, even if well diluted, and you recorded the writing of that individual before and after taking, there would be the same effect, because the co-ordinating maximum of his brain is affected to some extent. A dose which produces no change in the performance of a simple act will definitely impair precision in an act demanding greater delicacy and co-ordination. The stimulant action popularly attributed to alcohol is really due to a relaxation of tension. As a food it is absorbed very rapidly, and requires no digestion before entering the blood. It is, therefore, sometimes useful in acute diseases. A discredited drug is not used in medicine

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Liquor in Politics—

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incorrect. Further, I personally interviewed the Hon. W. Nosworthy on the Sunday, the day on which he left Wellington to come to Auckland to leave for Canada, and he then informed me that he was doing his best to secure a pair on the licensing issue. Under date of July 24, Mr. Nosworthy, in response to representations made by the N.Z. Alliance in South Canterbury area, wrote in the following terms:

"I need hardly state that my views on this subject have not changed, and that in order that the value of my vote may not be lost during my coming visit to Canada I am endeavoring to arrange for a pair."

That the Hon. Nosworthy did take action to arrange a pair is confirmed by the terms of a letter which he sent from Auckland to the New Zealand Alliance under date of July 30, just prior to his departure for Canada, in which was enclosed the copy of a letter which he sent to the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister, which reads as follows:

"Auckland, July 30, 1928.

"Dear Mr. Coates,—When the Licensing Bill comes before the House this session I should be greatly obliged if you could arrange for another Minister, or someone else, to pair with me should there be a vote on any of the three main issues. I should like my vote to be recorded in favor of:

- (1) Decision by bare majority.
- (2) Polls every three years as at present.
- (3) Elimination of the State Control issue.

"If arrangements can be made for this to be done I shall regard it as a personal favor. With kind regards.—Yours sincerely,

"(Signed) W. NOSWORTHY."

Although it may be stated that there is no definite instruction that a pair should be arranged on the third reading of the bill, it is hardly likely that Mr. Nosworthy would wish to vote for the main clauses of the bill and then lose the value of that vote on the third reading. Particularly is this evident when it is remembered that Mr. Nos-

worthy voted last session against reporting progress when the Prime Minister moved to do so, and also voted for the third reading of the bill when it was in much the same position as the bill of this session.

The Prime Minister assured our President, Mr. Charles Todd, in my hearing during the afternoon of Thursday, September 20, that pairs for Hon. G. J. Anderson and the Hon. W. Nosworthy had already been arranged. It was not until the bells were ringing for the vote on the third reading early on Friday morning that Mr. Coates stated that Mr. Nosworthy did not desire to be paired on the third reading of the bill. On Thursday, September 20, the President of the Ashburton No-License Council wired to the Prime Minister requesting him to arrange a pair on the third reading for the Hon. W. Nosworthy. A reply by telegraph was received in the following terms:

"Telegram dated Sept. 20, 1928.

"G. D. Vercoe, Esq., President, No-License Council, Ashburton.

"Memo. 6 p.m., Parliament Buildings. Memo. 31/1.

"Your telegram received. Matter of pair for Hon. Nosworthy on third reading of Licensing Bill has already been arranged.

"J. G. COATES."

It will be noted from the above that this was despatched from Parliament Buildings at 6 o'clock on Thursday, 20th., when the bill was in Committee stage subsequent to the passing of the main clauses dealing with the triennial polls, ballot paper, and the bare majority issues.

It would be interesting to know what influenced the Prime Minister to change his mind in regard to granting a pair to Mr. Nosworthy in such a short space of time.

In a statement made to the House after the bare majority was carried against his wish Mr. Coates is reported to have said:

"Members will realise that, as far as the bill I introduced is concerned, it has lost all recognition almost of what I think were the masterful proposals and principles contained in it. However, I am anxious that, if possible, during this Parliament we should get a bill through the House that will, I hope, have the effect of satisfying the majority of members of Parliament. I am going to persevere and try to do it."

His perseverance was demonstrated by the fact that he refused to arrange a pair for members absent on Parliamentary business, and he voted against the third reading of the bill when, if he had voted for the bill, it would have been sent to the Legislative Council with some hope of reaching the Statute Book.

The responsibility for the failure to pass the Licensing Bill of 1928 must rest on the shoulders of the Prime Minister and the members of all parties who opposed the right of the people to decide the licensing referendum on the basis of a democratic vote.

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The drinkers in New Zealand have spent since 1925 £25,839,693 on injurious liquor; the drunkenness convictions and prohibition orders during that time totalled 26,725, while the actual wealth, destroyed and lost, as a result of the operations of the traffic is well over £6,000,000, not to mention other losses due to inefficiency, crime and poverty induced by the traffic. The Alliance is fighting to secure for the people the right to declare, under democratic conditions, whether this business, producing such appalling results, shall go on.

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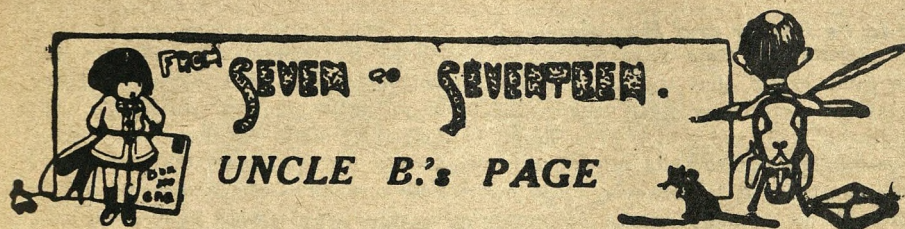
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I tell you this for two reasons, first, to make you humble as you think how much there is of which you have never heard and know nothing. Secondly, I want you to remember that it is a good thing to remember that a wise person does not try to know something about everything, but everything about something.

Buy good books, read them thoroughly, and you will find that what you know is easily carried about.—Uncle B.

GREEN COUPONS.

I want 1000 green coupons a month from Ne's and Ni's, so shake a leg, you Scallywags, and help my Christmas Necessity Fund.

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OUR LETTER BAG.

A LOVELY TRIP.

Ruth Benson, "Mascotte," Quarry Road, Hyde, writes: It is some time since I wrote to you, but am always interested in the letters in "Grit." We are all sorry that you are not broadcasting now on Monday nights. We miss your talks very much, Uncle B. I hope you will be on the air again very soon. We always listen in to your church service from Q.G.B., with great pleasure. We all had a very nice trip in the country in the holidays. We arrived at Jenolan Caves at one o'clock, then had our lunch, and at 2.30 went through the Right Imperial Cave. We left the Caves at 5.45, and got as far as Edith and camped. Next day we got to Bathurst in time for dinner, then went on to

Orange (which is a very pretty town), then to Molong. We camped just out of Molong, then went on to Wellington and Mudgee, then home through Capertee (where we camped the third night), and Bowenfels, and down the mountains home. It was a very pleasant four days, and there were sheep and willow trees everywhere.

(Dear Ruth,—That must have been a lovely trip. I am sorry that I am not on the air, but the conditions imposed by the radio people are impossible. They are more afraid of a Prohibitionist than surfers are of a shark.—Uncle B.)

A LEAP YEAR NE.

Arthur Wilson, "Milton," 86 Windsor St., Paddington, writes: I have been reading "Grit" for some time, and was at last persuaded to write to you. I am 12 years old, and my birthday is on February 29. I was born in leap-year. I go to Jersey Road Congregational Church and Sunday School regularly each Sunday. I hope to become one of your Ne's. I attend Cleveland Street Intermediate High School, and study French and Latin. In the French exam. I came third in the class. I have a good collection of stamps, numbering about 3000, 1000 being duplicates. Could you let me have the address of any stamp collectors in Australia, so that I could exchange him some?

(Dear Arthur,—You are the first Ne in my family with a birthday on February 29. You have to wait a long time for your anniversary. I am sending you a few stamps. You will see by the letters on this page who the stamp collectors are.—Uncle B.)

A BUSY HELPER.

Elsie Crawford, Uralla Road, Alstonville, writes: I saw my last letter in "Grit," and was pleased to see it. I also received the 75 copies, which I distributed. There is a girl at school who, after I took one to her, asked me to bring a copy of the "Grit" each week. She told me that she is trying to persuade her father to buy it. It is raining at present, so I was unable to go to school today. I like school better than I used to, and I think I will be sorry when I leave. My little sister, Muriel, is four years and ten months old, and dad bought her a little book to learn to read from. I have left off getting music lessons now, as my music teacher is getting married. In our last shorthand exam. I came second. Do you like reading, Uncle? I suppose you are too busy to read very much. I love reading, and I have read all the interesting books in the house. We could not go to Sunday School last Sunday, as it was too wet. I have only missed one Sunday this year, so far.

(Dear Elsie,—Thank you for your splendid help. I hope you will go on helping. We must not be discouraged. All the worthwhile things are hard to obtain. I am glad you like school, and that you have such a good record in your Sunday School.—Uncle B.)

BAND OF HOPE.

Cliff Cooke, 290 Latrobe Terrace, Newtown, Geelong, writes: You asked me to tell you some more about Band of Hope Week. The first Saturday we had a procession through the streets of the city, and competitions, etc., in Johnston's Park. On all the other evenings of the week different societies had concerts. The concert which the Band of Hope of West Geelong gave was a very good one.

(Dear Cliff,—You will be glad to see the new page in "Grit" with Band of Hope news. Perhaps your Band will send something to be printed on this new page.—Uncle B.)

A GLIMPSE AT WYONG.

Edna Horner, Margaret-st., Wyong, writes: As you have told me to write about Wyong I will do so. There is a butter factory and citrus packing shed. I suppose we will be having the electric light soon and a water supply. The butter factory is a long way out of town. They bring milk in from the factory every day to be sent away. The school is built on a hill, and it is very windy. I read "Grit" every week. Mrs. Smith is a friend of mother's, and she gives us "Grit" to read. There is a hill which is called Chapman's Hill. It is very high from the top. You can see all around you orchards, green fields, roads, houses and everything.

(Dear Edna,—Thank you for giving us a glimpse of Wyong. It sounds as if it was a pretty place. I must plan a visit when the fruit is ripe.—Uncle B.)

GLADLY.

Lila Horner, Margaret-street, Wyong, writes: Yes, Uncle, I would gladly give "Grits" out, or sell them for you. Mother's friend, Mrs. M. A. Smith, gives my big sister Mollie (who goes to the Gosford High School) "Grits," and she leaves them in the carriages, on the seats. She takes four down each morning. Well, Uncle, I will tell you something about the concert we had at school. There was a crowd, and the school room was full. It first started by two little girls singing a song called "As I was strolling down Wyong-road." They were dressed in red and blue, with little cock red hats with red and blue bands on them. Then that was followed by a little girl reciting a piece called "Mrs. Frog." She was dressed like a frog, with a green dress and big black spots on them.

(Dear Lila,—Thank you for gladly helping, also thanks to Mollie. I would like to know more about that song "As I was strolling down Wyong-road." What happened? Did the stroller pick up a "Grit"?—Uncle B.)

"Doris is getting a man's wages."
"Yes, I knew she was married."

COLUMBIAN LIQUOR BAN ON IN OCTOBER.

Bogota, Colombia, August 14.—An effort to postpone application of a recent law restricting the consumption of alcoholic liquors in Colombia until 1932 has been defeated by a large majority in the Colombian Chamber of Deputies. The new legislation will go into effect in October.

BUT THEY MUST QUIT BOOZE!

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A RACIAL POISON.

Dr. Temulouse, a Parisian nerve specialist, advocates the prohibition of marriage for confirmed inebriates. He opposes the projected Swiss law for sterilisation of mental defectives, stating that the children of defectives are often exceptionally intelligent.

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How to be Better and Happier— (Continued from page 9.)

to the same extent that it was in former times, as there are many other drugs which act quite as well, and which give equally good results without the bad effects it has on an individual. It is, however, quite out of place as an ordinary source of energy on account of its harmful action on the higher centres. Furthermore, it cannot be stored in the body to be drained upon as required. It remains as alcohol in the blood till destroyed by combustion, and if taken frequently the tissues are never free from it, and the changes found in chronic alcoholism are produced. With regard to the effect of alcohol on the mind, the speaker quoted extracts at length from a work, entitled "Alcohol, its action on the Human Organ," which was issued by the Committee in England. Continuing, he said that the taking of alcohol by people who had to do delicate work affected the movements of their fingers, believed to be due to the interference with the co-ordinating maximum of the brain. Chronic inebriation or persistence in the use of alcohol leads to squalor and misery. Undoubtedly, it is a very material factor in causing much of the misery and a good deal of the crime in this world. How far it is a factor in causing insanity is difficult to say, because there are quite a number of sub-normal people who possibly become insane, not entirely due to the effects of drink. In his opinion, there was not so much serious drinking in England to-day as when he was a boy. At that time one could not visit the workhouses, asylums and hospitals in Northumberland without seeing on every hand the ill-effects of over-indulgence in alcohol. Some people, like Thackeray, "never felt so well or in such a good humor for writing as when they had a skinful." But Thackeray found, the next morning, that this was only drivel. Then some people felt that their after-dinner speech was full of wit, and were accordingly pleased with themselves, but some of their hearers were not so impressed. He considered that the verdict of most people would be that alcohol is a deterrent for the improvement of the mind, and from young people it should be withheld. Anyone straying from the path of total abstinence is certainly taking the first step leading to ultimate collapse and ruin.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Purdy for his instructive address. In a few well-chosen remarks he referred to habit. Habits, he impressed upon the audience, found themselves in some instinctive native tendency Habit would begin with curiosity on the one hand and social tendency on the other. In order to get habit, you had to get repetition. In a club, at golf, at a game of cards, at the races, one is asked to have a "spot." You are not asked to "come and drink the stuff that will turn your head, that will destroy your nervous system." People grow into the ways in which they act and think, and before they go very far the system is crying out for that stimulant. They have now built

into their system a new stimulus due to a habit. It is claimed for Bernard Hart, of London, that he said "alcohol, whether good or for evil, is to be regarded as a physiological necessity for these people who come to take it." He meant that some were born with a weak strain, and would not be able to stand up to what came their way, and that it would be very difficult for them to recover unless they were made brave again in some way or other. But people who do not stand up to their difficulties are those who look to day-dreams, to drugs, to alcohol, and so on. Some people are born to become alcoholics and day-dreamers, and need protection, and are worth protecting.

A vote of thanks by the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond, and seconded by Miss Phillips, was carried with acclamation.

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WOFUL WANT.

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Exceedingly hungry was he;
He downed some sheer stockings and speedily cleared

A bundle of choice lingerie;
Ate four evening dresses and then passed away

With a sigh of profound resignation.
An inquest was held on the following day
And the verdict was: "Death from starvation."

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WEASEL WORDS.

The farmer sat up in bed with a start.
He had heard a noise in the poultry house.
Pulling on an old coat and arming himself with a revolver, he made his way to the scene of the trouble.

"Who's there?" he called.

There was no answer.

"Who's there?" he cried again.

No answer.

"Right!" said the farmer. "I'll give you one more chance! Who's there—before I shoot?"

Then came a shaky voice: "Nobody—only just us 'ens!"

They're pickin' up the pieces,
With a dust-pan and a rake,
Because he used his horn
When he oughta used his brake.

* * *

Dinah: "Is mah man you jailed fo' stealin' a ham comin' out soon, jedge?"

Judge: "Do you need support, Dinah?"

Dinah: "No, suh, but I'se about out-a ham."

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SKIN GAME.

Johnnie had been scolded for playing with a little colored boy of his acquaintance. One day while watching his mother pare potatoes, he said:

"Mother, I like Arthur so much. Can't we peel him so I can play with him?"

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PASS THE ASBESTOS SPOONS.

A colored preacher down South was trying to explain the fury of hell to his congregation.

"You all is seen molten iron runnin' out frum a furnace, ain't you?" he asked.

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DAILY INSPIRATION.

By FAIRELIE THORNTON.

SUNDAY.

"The whole world lieth in wickedness."—1 John, 5, 19.

"Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."—1 Tim, 3, 13.

Such texts as these we seldom hear preached from. The Holy Spirit who inspired the Apostles to write them, would not be listened to, and those who dared to quote them, ranked amongst the pessimists. They are conveniently substituted by the sayings of man such as "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world." Or the oft quoted words, "The world is getting better and better in spite of all the evidence against it." These and similar sayings are the popular verdicts of to-day. "Seeing then all these things shall be dissolved," and that "The world and all that is therein, shall be burned up," and that "we look for a new heaven and a new earth," how can men teach that this earth and this world is gradually going to evolve into a millennium, that Christ is coming to Jerusalem again to set up an earthly kingdom? Certainly we are told "Righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea," but it will be a new earth, for "the former things will have passed away." "We look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness." Let us not be among the deceivers and the deceived, but search the Scriptures, not only those texts we fancy, but the while, and we shall find that many errors are popular to-day to which the Bible gives no countenance.

MONDAY.

"The world passeth away and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."—1 John, 5, 17.

One of the favorite present day sayings is, "We must keep with the times," as though the times had all the wisdom of the ages. The wisdom of to-day will be the foolishness of to-morrow. The next generation will look with the supercilious contempt on this, which the present generation bestows on the "Victorian age." Yet is this generation so much better than the last? One sometimes queries. Is there more regard for authority, more modesty, more devotion to the spiritual, more honesty? Is the moral standard higher, are sacred things more venerated, is there more or less anarchy and strife, less crime, fewer homes darkened by drink and unfaithfulness? These are questions which are mostly ignored. "Smile at all the ills you see, and pretend they are not there, don't look at the dark side, or at things as they really are. Just live to enjoy the present, keep with the times, and you'll get through life much more comfortably, and please people better than if you have your eyes open or attempt to open others' eyes." It is true to-day as in the Apostle's day, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." Persecution, not perhaps in the form it came to them, but in being looked upon as strait-laced, narrow-minded, old-fashioned, out-of-date; some of the things not easy for one who loves to find favor with man, but hard to bear. "For know this, that in the last times perilous times shall come."

TUESDAY.

"Christ in you."—Col., 1, 21.

Let in the Christ-life. Let the Master enter And flood with sunshine all thy inmost soul.

Let out the dark thoughts which in self now centre,

Let in the Selfless One to take control.

Let out the pride which causeth such contention,

Let in the meek and lowly One as Guest. The Prince of Peace will banish all dissension,

And thou wilt find thy soul at perfect rest.

Let out the phantom forms of dark foreboding,

Let in the One who will all doubt dispel. Let out the evil beast of Care corroding, For Christ and Fear together never dwell.

Let out the hideous reptiles, Hate and Malice,

Let in the God of Love to rule within, He will transform a hovel to a Palace, And make thy heart His temple, free from sin.

Let out the worldly spirit which drags downward ever,

The Christ-life then can have its perfect sway.

The links which bind the earthward He will sever, And thou shalt mount on eagle's wings away.

WEDNESDAY.

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof, from such turn away."—2 Tim., 3, 1-5.

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam prophesied of these saying, Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts."—Jude, 4.

"The Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me."—John, 14, 30.

"The God of this world hath blinded the eyes of them that believe not."—2 Cor., 3, 4.

THURSDAY.

"Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."—Matt., 24, 42.

Watch! for no mortal knoweth The hour when Christ draws nigh. The grace which He bestoweth Needs feeding lest it die.

And we must watch lest slumber Should close our weary eyes If we would be among the number Who meet Him in the skies.

For He will come, He told us, And, lest we weary grow, Lest drowsiness enfold us, The hour no man can know. Blessed is he that keepeth His garments without stain Who slumbereth not nor sleepeth When Christ doth come again.

FRIDAY.
UNBELIEF.

"If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful, He cannot deny Himself."—2 Tim., 2, 12.

Unbelief does not alter facts. Some people seem to think if they say, "I don't believe it," that settles the question for ever. Like the proverbial ostrich, hiding his head in the sand, they imagine there is no danger if they refuse to see it. How true is it that "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God"? None but a fool would say that. What man most wishes, that his heart believes. He imagines in the folly of his heart that he can get rid of all responsibility attaching to the knowledge of God's Word, by denying its inspiration, or at any rate, those parts which he does not fancy. It is as if a child were sitting on the shore with its back to the ocean, building its sand castles, refusing to believe there was any ocean, because it could not see it, until the waves came and washed it away. A blind man might as well say there was no sun, because it was invisible to him. "Men love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." Those who live underground soon lose their eyesight. But these mists and shadows melt away in the light of eternity, and even atheists have had to own their delusions in their last hours.

SATURDAY.

"Behold, I am alive for evermore."—Rev., 1, 18.

God liveth yet! the heavens may loom with thunder,

And burst in storms and deluge on this world.

Nations, which seemed as rocks, be rent asunder,

And kings and rulers from their seats be hurled,

Kingdoms, as stars which rise and see, may perish,

Dynasties reach their zenith, and then set. Customs may vanish which we fondly cherish,

All things may change; but our God liveth yet.

Though men their faith for husks of doubt may squander,

Groping in darkness for the light of day, Turning their backs upon the Sun, and wander

Among the tombs of debris and decay; Truth will survive, and stand the test of ages,

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hymn of praise sweetly and reverently sung by this company of Christian girls was worth hearing. Then as groups of girls quickly did the duties allotted to them for the day, the work was soon done. Then the morning's study began. Miss Fishbarker, a missionary on furlough from China, gave some excellent and deeply spiritual talks, which must surely tell in the lives of those who were privileged to listen. After lunch another study was held, after which walks and surf bathing filled in the time until tea. Very real personal work was done by the girls. It was a usual sight to find two or more girls alone in a quiet spot on their knees seeking help and guidance from God. Evening prayer brought to a close each wonderful day. But Sunday, September 30, will long linger in the memories of all who were there. Church service in the morning at the two local churches, an afternoon talk on the beach by Miss Fishbarker, and church again at night, when four of the girls sang a double duet as sweet and full of message as some of us have ever heard. Then at the close of this peaceful Sabbath day, gathered in the dining-room of the Camp was every girl, where after a hymn and prayer a very personal talk was given by the same speaker on "Confessing and witnessing for Christ." An earnest appeal was made to those who had never publicly confessed Christ to do it then. The Spirit of God was made manifest to those seated in the hush of that quiet hour, and a subdued quietness fell on that little gathering which we can never forget. Then up stood a girl who that afternoon had given herself to Christ, and in a simple broken sentence thanked Him for accepting her. And then one after another spoke until 15 had made their first witness for Him to Whom they had given their lives. It was a very quiet but happy band who went to bed that night. But all hearts were not satisfied, because some felt they had not taken a wonderful opportunity, and so at breakfast next morning nine more, with thankful hearts, told how God for Christ's sake had forgiven their sins, and their desire was to follow and serve Him. On the Monday before we began our morning study a bright-faced girl told how another girl had led her to Christ that morning. And so the Camp of 1928 came to a close, but the business life of Sydney must surely be enriched by the lessons learnt, the fresh visions of God, and the desires for a deeper and more consecrated and consistent service for Him were learnt and gained at Austinmer. Difficulties cleared away, rough places made smooth, friendships made and deepened, a better understanding of the Word of God, a keener desire for more private study and prayer, and an overflowing thankfulness to God for the gift of Jesus Christ, and His forgiveness for sin and the abiding pre-

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