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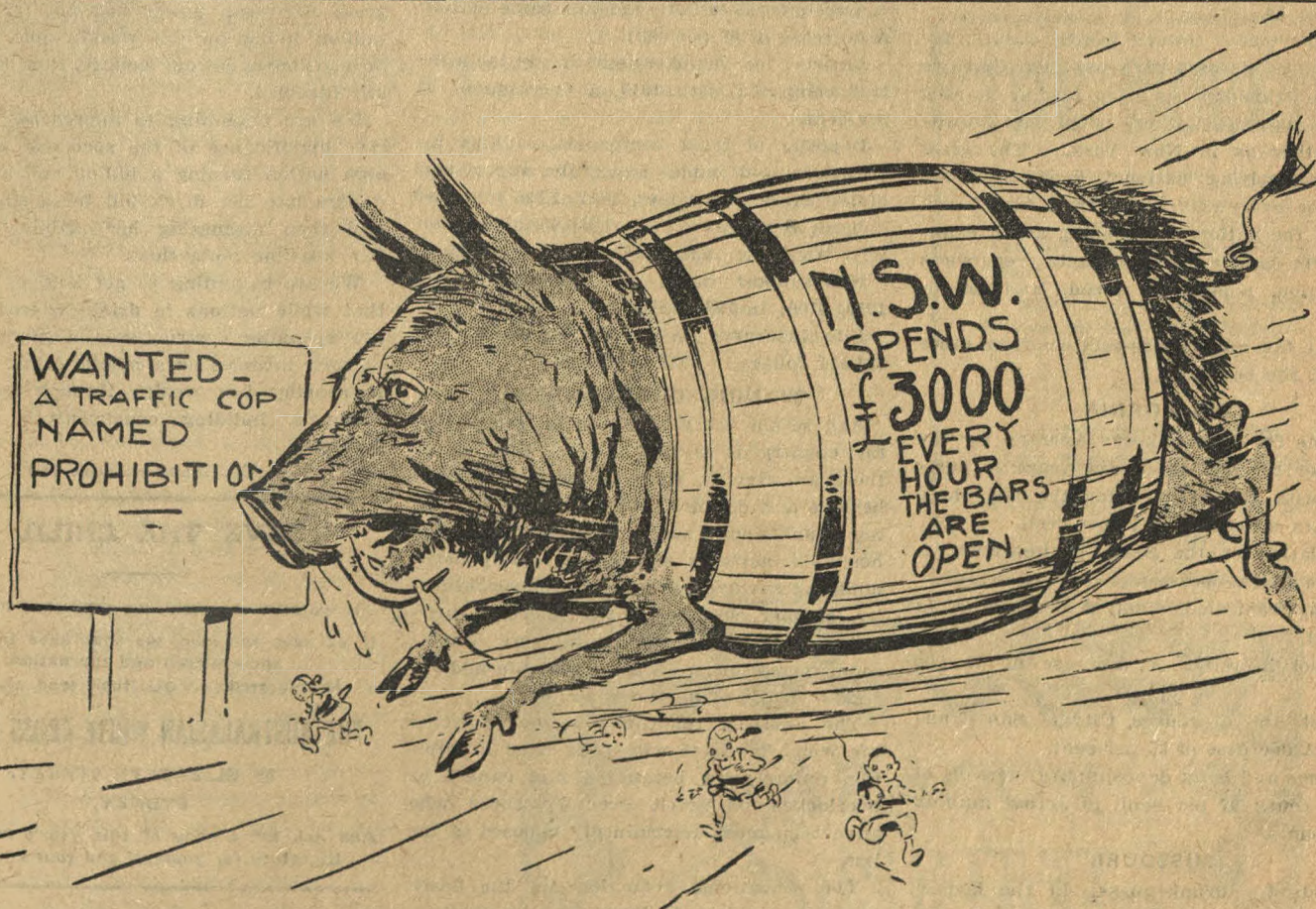
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FACTS JUSTIFY PROHIBITION.

A CRITICAL REVIEW BY THE U.S.A. FEDERAL COMMISSIONER.

While New York City's population had increased over 10 per cent., her death rate in 1921 had decreased by 23 per cent. and a fraction since 1915. The death rate of children under 5 years fell off 28 per cent. within a single year.

For the whole State the general death rate decreased by 18 per cent., and for children under 5 years by 25 per cent.

Drunkenness decreased throughout the State, in some places over 80 per cent. Comparing the last two wet years with the first two dry ones, the following figures on decrease in arrests for drunkenness give a picture of what has been going on in the State of New York:

Albany, 81 per cent.; Buffalo, 43; Geneva, 83; Kingston, 60; New York City, 42.

The average percentage of decrease for twenty-six cities was 54 per cent. and the average percentage, exclusive of New York City, was 50.

The movement toward health, sanity, increased usefulness and prosperity that we found in Michigan has been just as marked and just as certain where people are crowded together as in New York. The great forces underlying national Prohibition are the same everywhere, and their manifestations in the national well-being are irresistibly of the same general character, regardless of location, population, creed, tradition or blood.

Take a few quick cross-sections from other parts of the country:

CALIFORNIA.

Arrests for drunkenness: Average for the cities for the last three wet years as compared with the average for the last three dry years, a decrease of 47 per cent.

Population of the State penitentiary: A decrease of 20.5 per cent.

Deaths from alcoholism: A decrease of 74 per cent.

Alcohol insanity: A decrease of 47 per cent.

Arrests for all causes, City of San Francisco: A decrease of 35 per cent.

Savings and bank deposits: An increase of 48 per cent.; 37 per cent. in actual number of accounts.

MISSOURI.

Arrests for drunkenness: In the largest cities and towns a decrease of 70 per cent. during the three dry years, as compared to the last three wet years.

DELAWARE.

Arrests for drunkenness, except Kent County: A decrease from 2,703 in 1919 to 623 in ten months of 1922.

New Castle County Workhouse population: In 1916, 462 inmates; in 1917, 458; in 1918, 548; the number gradually decreased from

then on to 1922, when there were 363 inmates.

Offences against chastity: A decrease from 139 in 1916 to 66 in 1922.

Juvenile offences: A decrease from 945 in 1918 to 615 in 1922.

Savings and bank accounts: An increase from 45,307,356 dollars in 1917 to 64,650,289 dollars in 1922.

School attendance: From 1917 to 1922, an increase of 2,723.

Insurance in force: In 1916, 38,143,931 dollars; in 1922, 83,885,693 dollars.

Out of 178 former saloons and breweries all but ten are now occupied by legitimate business concerns.

Murders: Twenty in 1918; 8 in 1922.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Arrests for drunkenness in Philadelphia: First two dry years compared with last two wet years, a decrease of 37 per cent.

Arrests for disorderly conduct same period: A decrease of 63 per cent.

Arrests for drunkenness in Pittsburgh: 1922 compared with 1917, a decrease of 45 per cent.

Deposits of trust companies, savings institutions and banks under the supervision of the State: December, 1917, 1,296,349,512.63 dollars; September, 1921, 1,656,403,956.66 dollars; October, 1922, 1,762,673,207.12 dollars.

Non-support cases in Philadelphia: In 1919, 4106; in 1922, 1873.

Life insurance in force: Increased 844,234,644 dollars in 1921 over 1917.

"WANING DRUNKENNESS."

And so the story runs. In all sections of the country it is the same. Everywhere there are figures, complete or less comprehensive and detailed, but all telling of waning drunkenness, vice and crime; emptying hospitals, asylums and jails; rapidly accumulating savings, overflowing schools, sturdier, happier children; better, more prosperous homes; increasing and more wholesome recreation, healthier social life and increased fruits of human labor.

The amazing tendencies in our national life which we have witnessed since Prohibition enforcement became a fact cannot be overlooked or unfelt even by those who have been most determinedly opposed to the law.

The sensational reductions in the death rate, the increase in longevity, the elimination of the brothel, the rapid disappearance of crimes against chastity, the startling de-

crease in major crimes as well as in the amount of public drunkenness and disorder, the falling off in cases of destitution due to intemperance, the reduction in the burden on the juvenile courts, the lowered rate of alcoholic insanity, the abandonment of institutions for the cure of drunkards—all these have pointed with inexorable definiteness and certainty to the fact that Prohibition, even imperfectly enforced as yet, is putting the brakes on against the downward influences in society; is weaving something new and infinitely worth while into the fabric of American life.

Inspiring as have been these results on the curative side, the effects on the constructive side of American life have been equally amazing. Not even the business depression could check the upward climb of savings deposits, the thickening sheaves of new insurance policies, the almost unbelievable figures on home and recreational building which I have cited in earlier paragraphs.

CONTRASTS WITH EUROPE.

We, as a nation, are but beginning to discern that these economic benefits have played a large part in developing America's position as a leader of the world. While a great European power had not far from a million living on the weekly dole, we had no pensioners on our bounty, save the weak and disabled.

We are beginning to apprehend, too, the true significance of the spectacle of a foreign nation turning a billion and a quarter dollars into her drink bill for a single year and then discussing her inability to pay her wartime obligations.

We are beginning to get hold of the fact that while nations in drink-fettered Europe are spending destructively a great portion of their incomes on alcoholic drink, America is sending her wealth through productive channels, building constructively for the future.

(Continued on page 16.)

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"Save America," a book backed by 10,000,000 organised women of the United States with the objective of an avalanche vote for Prohibition enforcement in 1924, has just been completed by the Woman's National Committee for Law Enforcement. Mrs. Elizabeth Tilton is editor of the work, and it is being distributed as the first step in a vigorous campaign.

The book abounds in facts proving the benefits of Prohibition as already realised and the baneful effects of intoxicating drink, exposes methods and arguments of those who are striving to overthrow the law, and presents campaign programmes to be carried through by organisations of women standing for law and order. Working for enforcement of all law, those women are a unit in declaring that the Prohibition law is the front to-day where the battle against lawlessness must be fought.

PROMINENT MEN QUOTED.

At the bottom of each page is a footnote in the form of an epigram, striking question, strong statement of fact, or convincing quotation, which gives the key to the page and sounds the character of the book; for example:

"Prohibition can and will be enforced," former Governor Whitman of New York before the American Bar Association, August, 1923.

Experience shows that Prohibition means, first, a long war waged against the open traffic; second, an equally long war waged against the illicit traffic.

To laugh at Prohibition is to deride the law of your land.

A world where every man's an engine is a world where no man should drink.

"America is making a bold experiment to deal with probably the greatest curse of modern civilisation. Let us give her a fair chance," David Lloyd George.

Don't vote for a President or a Congressman until he adds to a declaration for law enforcement one against 2.75 per cent. beer.

Two and three-fourths per cent. beer is the danger, the hole that will scuttle the ship Prohibition. You personally cannot enforce the law, but you can elect law enforcers.

A bad mixer! Booze and gasoline!

Prohibition must be saved by the women. Organise! Register! Vote! Have you a liquor squad of police? If not, why not?

Aliens that smuggle liquor must be deported. See to it that Congress passes such a law.

If you want Prohibition to prohibit, work for punishments that punish. The Government talks law enforcement, but is it appropriating money that makes law enforcement possible?

Have you written that letter of appreciation to the honest judge, police chief, mayor? Judge Boardman finds the trouble not with the police but with those whom the law-abiding citizens allow to occupy positions of leadership.

WHISKY UNKNOWN IN ROMAN CAROUSALS.

Remember, not only was the drunkenness of Greece, Rome, and Israel fearful, but it was caused by beer and wine, distilled liquor as beverages not being in use before 1000 A.D.

The only solution of the saloon is no saloon. Fight State nullification. Fight 2.75 per cent. beer.

Appointments from fitness only. Place Federal Prohibition agents under civil service. Elect dries from President down to Mayor and aldermen. No wet captains for the ship Prohibition. Remarkable increase in savings accounts of more than 2,000,000,000 dollars since Prohibition.

Danger! A Congress and a President that will pass a bill to allow 2.75 per cent. beer! American women must prove that in a great moral issue they are not swayed by politics or party but by pure patriotism which stands always for loyalty to the Constitution, enforcement of law, and the safeguarding of the child in the home.

Are your courts meeting offences against the Prohibition law with insignificant fines or jail sentences?

"I find a marked improvement in the number of men who are saving their money and buying their homes, and a decided improvement in the home life. Drunkenness has decreased at least 75 per cent. among the workers," said Warren S. Stone, President of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Appeal to the chivalry of men to totally abstain for the sake of the misery that will be lifted from mankind by a totally abstaining nation.

The army and navy should be used, if necessary, to give us Prohibition enforced. Do not fall a prey to wet politics trying to get reactionary women as heads of women's organisations. Liberty is respect for law. Forward into battle.

PRESIDENTS' OPINIONS EMPHASISED.

On the back cover page are the words uttered by Warren G. Harding in Denver last June: "It is not a question between those who believe in Prohibition and those who do not. It is fast being raised above all that, to recognition as an issue whether the laws of this country can and will be enforced."

Corresponding with this, in the front of the book is the following from President Coolidge, spoken when he was Governor of Massachusetts: "The authority of the law is questioned in these days all too much. The binding obligation of obedience against personal desire is denied in many quarters. If these doctrines prevail, all organised government, all liberty . . . are at an end."

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FIELD DAY APPOINTMENTS.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9th.

- 7.30 p.m.: Botany Road Methodist Church.
Mr. R. J. C. Butler.
11 a.m.: Albury Presbyterian Church.
7.30 p.m.: Albury Salvation Army.
Mr. W. D. B. Creagh.
3 p.m.: Bungoona Methodist Church.
7.30 p.m.: Albury Methodist Church.
Mr. C. W. Chandler.
7 p.m.: Lewisham Baptist Church.
Ex-Senator David Watson.
11 a.m.: West Botany Methodist Church.
Mr. Phil Adler.
11 a.m.: Cabramatta Methodist Church.
7.15 p.m.: Ingleburn Methodist Church.
Mr. C. E. Still.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th.

Public Meeting, Thurgoona.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11th.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th.

Public Meeting, Gerogery. Mr. W. D. B. Creagh and Mr. Chas. W. Chandler.

PROTEST CAMPAIGN MEETINGS.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10th.

Baulkham Hills School of Arts.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th.

Protestant Hall, Crow's Nest.
Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.

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Denman Public Hall, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th.

Merriwa School of Arts, 8 p.m.

Australia's "Dry" Comedian wishes to extend to all his cordial good wishes, and hopes to meet many of his friends at his forthcoming meetings, where he may personally extend to all the compliments of the season.

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

During the past week Mr. Heath, a most prominent Prohibition worker from Curlewis, has been in to cheer us up with optimistic news from the North-West, and although the district which he represents has been experiencing a very depressing time from the weather standpoint, the residents have still retained the necessary enthusiasm to keep the enthronement of juvenile right and liberty secure in the forefront of public thought.

Mr. Beard, a representative and valuable Prohibition worker, residing in Young district, called in at headquarters whilst in Sydney recently, and left a splendid impression of our workers and assistants for communal probity at this southern centre.

"HONOR THE PLEDGE CAMPAIGN."

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13th
at 8 p.m.

The Prohibition Party expects that every citizen will voice their emphatic protest at these meetings and elsewhere against continuance of the liquor traffic.

You must hear

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WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH £10,000,000?

HERE IS A CHANCE TO SHOW YOUR
SKILL.

We have received a letter from a reader who lives at Jamberoo, and the writer suggests that it would be interesting if we published a list of things which could be bought with the money at present spent on alcoholic liquor.

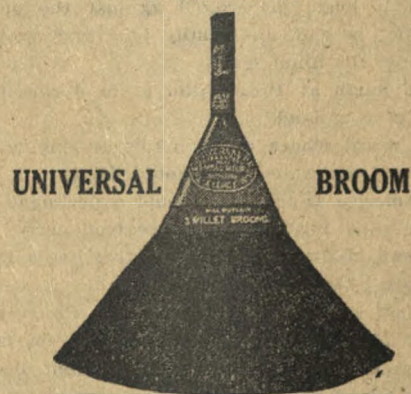
Here is a chance for our readers. The drink bill for N.S.W. for 1921-22 was £10,500,000 (in round figures). Now, if you had that amount of money to spend what would you purchase? Make a list and send it to "Grit," and we will publish it. For the best lists received we will forward a copy of the latest edition of Gordon's book, "35,000 Miles of Prohibition."

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A LETTER TO A MAN IN SHANGHAI.

By DR. FRANK CRANE.

(Dr. Frank Crane addresses ten million people every day. At the moment—the history of journalism is recorded in moments—he is one of the six most influential journalists in U.S.A.).

A man from Shanghai writes me, in substance, that, noting I had recently visited his city, and believing that I am in a position to know American conditions pretty well, that I am not a fanatic or a propagandist, and that I am honest enough to tell the truth as I see it, he would like to get from me my views on Prohibition in the United States.

From the newspapers he gets the most diverse opinions. Is Prohibition a farce? Is it being violated everywhere? Will it be repealed? Or modified?

My answer is simple. Prohibition is in the United States to stay. The saloon is gone forever. The law may possibly be modified, but not probably in our lifetime; but the gist of it will remain.

Alcoholic beverages will never again be sold openly on the street to all-comers.

This drug has been placed for all time along with opium, cocaine and other habit-forming drugs, to be sold only under the supervision of the medical profession.

Prohibition rests upon a Constitutional Amendment. This is the hardest kind of law in the world to pass.

First, an amendment must receive an overwhelming majority in both the National Senate and House. After that it must be ratified by three-fourths of the State Legislatures. All this takes much time and the utmost publicity.

The richest lobby in the world fought this amendment at every step.

Almost every agency of public opinion was against it. It was opposed by the greater part of the newspapers, by the Labor organisations, by the leaders of Society, by the Intellectuals and by the enormous momentum of tradition and habit.

Nobody was left except the plain Main Street folks, and there were so many of them, and they were so solidified in conviction that they swept the amendment through by a decisive vote, and with few exceptions every body of legislators that has been elected since has been even more strongly in favor of it.

Americans never pass an amendment to the Constitution unless they mean it thoroughly. And none has ever been repealed in history.

There isn't a chance in the world of Prohibition being repealed; at least not until Woman's Suffrage and Negro Emancipation are repealed. You will see the Saloon come back about the time you see the Auction Block once more set up, and slaves sold in the market place.

Personally I am not a teetotaler. But even that does not make me blind or cross-eyed to facts. And the fact is that no human

being ever needed alcohol except as administered by a physician in a crisis. The further fact is that the open sale of alcohol in undeniably prejudicial to public welfare, provocative of crime and disorder, and a recognised enemy of efficiency.

The fact again is that the State has a perfect right to regulate the sale of all drugs, including alcohol, and this right is acknowledged in every country on earth.

Prohibition was not put over by fanatics, but by hard-headed business men and sober-minded, common-sense folks. They simply got tired of the saloon, which always was and always will be a dirty, septic hole, and a menace to civilisation, and they wiped it out.

It was the greatest moral gesture ever made by a free people in history.

In carrying it out there will be mistakes, extravagances and foolish things done, of course, for we are human.

The law is violated in some parts of the country. But we have had laws against murder, theft and adultery for thousands of years, and they are still violated by a certain class.

But in nine-tenths of the United States the law is well observed. Millions of boys and girls are growing up, and never see a drunken man.

Savings have increased, thousands of homes are happier, labor is more efficient, and property and life are more secure.

The President is flatly in favor of the law's enforcement, over forty of the forty-eight State Legislatures are for it. The Supreme Court approves it; the women (who can all vote, are solidly for it; so that if you hear one say that Prohibition is a failure in the United States, you may be rather sure that he is talking through his hat, or seeing things through the bottom of an up-ended beer mug.

Three things have brought on Prohibition. (1) Science, which declares that alcohol is not a necessary food, and is a habit-forming drug. (2) Business, which found out that the drinker is a poor worker. And (3) Conscience, which recognises that any man's right to pursue happiness is limited by his power to injure other people's happiness.

Of course, the smart ones, the flappers, the old soaks, and all who put their pleasure and freedom before their sense of responsibility will go on violating the law. But they will die out after a while.



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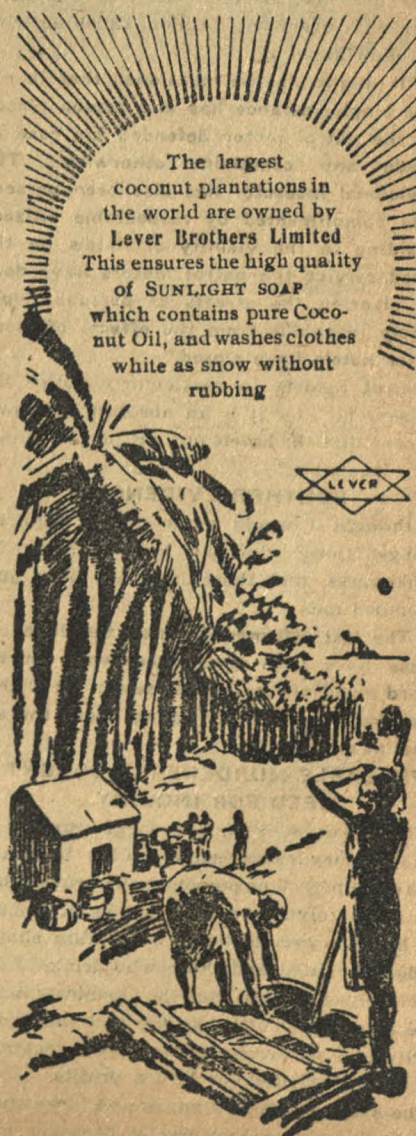
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PADDINGTON COUNCIL, WAKE UP! BUT WORRY OVER WRONG PHRASE.

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

Quite recently the Paddington Council complained about the police patrol motor going to their district. The press gave prominence to these complaints. The "Daily Mail" (20/11/23) printed the following:—

POLICE TRAWLERS.

PADDINGTON'S PROTEST.

MORE DISCRETION WANTED.

Paddington Council is of the opinion that the members of the police patrol which plies along Oxford-street on Saturday evenings are over-zealous in their activities.

Ald. Connell said that it was dangerous for a man after having a drink to show his nose outside a hotel when the "trawlers"—as the patrol is known—was in the vicinity. Whether the man was drunk or not he was grabbed and thrust into the wagon.

The Paddington Council are barking up the wrong tree, when facts prove that in 1920 and 1921 270 men and women were killed while drunk.

POLICE REPORTS.

The Inspector-General of Police made a statement pointing out that the officers in charge of the patrol were all men of long city experience, discreet, carrying out their duties with every satisfaction, finishing with the following:—

"It might also be mentioned that in not one single instance has any person placed in the patrol motor defended his case or made any complaint otherwise. The divisional inspector has also been personally complimented by respectable citizens residing in the vicinity of hotels on the good service the patrol motors have done in clearing the streets of persons hopelessly incapable from the effects of drink after hotels have closed."

I want readers to particularly notice the last sentence, for it is an absolute acknowledgment that the hotels put out people "hopelessly incapable."

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

I thought I would make a few inquiries amongst those who had been arrested for drunkenness, and those inquiries have just astounded me.

The last 100 men arrested for drunkenness have been questioned while in the yard awaiting trial. Only seven out of that hundred remember anything about the arrest at all.

PROBABLE MURDERERS.—URGENT NEED FOR INQUIRY.

There has been such a large number of extraordinary cases, some ending in death, where the person or persons have proved they had absolutely no control, and in the morning have no recollection. Something should be done to safeguard those who drink. I am absolutely convinced that the chemicals being used in certain bottled beers, and the cheap spirits and wines made from lees, generally are being exploited for larger profits.

The system of high finance and large sums of money paid to brewers by licensees also

compel those engaged in the trade to sell their liquors to people.

LONG AFTER INTOXICATION.

Case after case has appeared at the court to prove this, and where the evidence proves drunkenness took place in the hotel no notice is taken, even when death of a violent nature takes place.

Take the evidence of one of the latest tragedies, as seen in the Sydney "Morning Herald," 26/11/23:—

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Campbell.)

Crown Prosecutor, Mr. W. T. Coyle, K.C.

MANSLAUGHTER.

Joseph Stephenson was charged with having murdered John Jarvis, an old man, 70 years of age, at Nimitybelle, on September 27.

The evidence for the Crown was that the two men lived together in a hut at Nimity-

SYDNEY'S RECORD OF SHAME.

Last Month—October, 1923.
Convictions for drunkenness at
the Central Court were:

972 Males
174 Females

Total ... 1146
Week ending 28th Nov., 1923:
188 Males
40 Females

Total 228
Previous three weeks, 628.

belle, and on the afternoon of September 27 last were both drinking at the Commercial Hotel at Nimitybelle. Mrs. Harriett Goggin, the licensee, stated that during the afternoon she advised the deceased to go home, as he was then under the influence of drink. Deceased left about 3.30 p.m., and accused left about twenty minutes later. Both were always friendly with one another, but, she alleged, deceased was always "cranky" when in liquor.

The above proves that the man was served to a state of intoxication. The one making money out of the unfortunate people is the one who can say when the drinking shall cease. When it is proved by results that the cease drinking signal did not take place until the man was incapable no action is taken even when the death of another person takes place. Surely those who have power to alter things are real murderers if they let this state of things go on any longer. A test action should be taken by the police against the licensees.

AUSTRALIAN LIQUOR TOO STRONG FOR SEAMEN.

A British seaman was asked to give evidence. He had been robbed; three men had

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held him against a wall while they went through his pockets. The victim said:

"He had not the slightest recollection of what occurred. His temporary loss of memory was not due to the quantity of liquor he consumed, but to its strength.

"Australian liquor is much stronger than English," he said.

The magistrate answered:

"Don't blame the strength of the Australian liquor for your condition. You don't know how much you drink."

The above reasoning of the magistrate does not help the victims, especially after they are placed in the dock on a charge of murder, as often happens.

ANOTHER VICTIM GOES WEST.

Nearly every day the press publishes the end of some person who undoubtedly goes down through the booze route; some silent, some with much noise. The following is one of the silent ones ("Sun," 22/11/23):—

FATAL POISONING.

WHERE ARE RELATIVES?

Pauline Costello, 24, of Bourke-street, Surry Hills, died in the Sydney Hospital to-day as a result of swallowing poison at her residence yesterday.

Sergeant White (Darlinghurst) wants relatives of the deceased to call on him in regard to the matter.

I have struggled for ten years to get this woman from alcohol. Time after time she has been through the Central Court. Only a few days before her death she came to me in the street, blood running from her face. I gave her help. She said she would go to hospital; then I see the notice of her death. The constant reading of these deaths of victims of drink unnerves me. The constant refusal of the authorities to protect them, and the constant endeavor of liquor people to make money out of their degradation, even to death, disgusts me.

The English whisky firms sent a deputation this week to Mr. Ley, Minister for Justice, asking that they should be included in the compensation clause of the Prohibition Act. Will they get it?

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These were declarations made to a representative of "The Christian Science Monitor," by Hobart H. Todd, superintendent of the New York State Agricultural and Industrial School at Industry, New York, and secretary-treasurer of the National Conference of Juvenile Agencies, which is now meeting in Boston in its twentieth annual session in connection with the fifty-third congress of the American Prison Association.

Press-agented reports of the failure of Prohibition in New York gave added interest to the figures which Mr. Todd presented to support his statement. "The industrial school of which I am the head," he said, "has a capacity of 700 boys. In 1918, 326 boys were sent to me, whose fathers were intemperate. In 1921 there were only 56. In 1918 80 boys were sent to the school whose mothers were intemperate. In 1921 there were none."

IRREFUTABLE STATISTICS.

"On Randall's Island," continued Mr. Todd, "there is the House of Refuge, which can care for 800 juvenile delinquents. Prior to Prohibition it was nearly always filled to capacity. Now, however, after Prohibition, the number has been reduced to 300. You cannot refute these figures. And the much-heralded bootlegging and increased intoxication lose a good deal of their validity as arguments against Prohibition in the face of these facts."

Edward J. Henry, president of the National Conference of Juvenile Agencies, and superintendent of the Cleveland, O., Protestant Orphan Asylum, was equally outspoken in his declarations regarding Prohibition. "We don't want to return to the old order," he said. "Our problems are simplified, and boys and girls throughout this country are having a better chance for the future because shoes and food and education are being bought to-day with the money which, before Prohibition, went for booze."

"Fathers think more of their family responsibilities. Mothers get the means for providing those things which, in the old, pre-Prohibition days, were impossible. You can't have liquor as we had it then, and have also a family life capable of giving children a fair chance for the best in life. Prohibition may not be absolutely enforced, but we have seen enough of it to be convinced that it is the only hopeful course."

CO-ORDINATION NECESSARY.

Mr. Henry presided and delivered the presidential address at the opening meeting of the Juvenile Agencies Conference this afternoon. Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education for Massachusetts, delivered the welcoming address in the place of Channing H. Cox, Governor of Massachusetts.

The major problem before this conference, in the opinion of Mr. Henry, is to co-ordinate the forces already in the field of juvenile welfare. "Modern life," said Mr. Henry, "is removing from the home many of the responsibilities which formerly rested upon parents. School and State are being called increasingly to take over that responsibility. Communities are facing their problems of congested districts and the youth living in them. Churches are at work in the field of child welfare. There is material

and there are workers sufficient to deal with the problem—great as it is.

"What is needed is a co-ordination of all these activities. Overlapping should be eliminated, and a wider field covered. Above all, money should not be spared in this big job of seeing to it that the boys and girls of this country have the opportunity to fill in that period of development from 12 to 16 years of age with constructive activity."

A Personal Chat with my readers

THE NEWS that the papers, the movies, **VALUE** the novelists, and the theatres **OF NASTY** cater for public taste. They **THINGS.** give the people what they want. In other words, those who cater for the public taste say the public are like a dog on the beach: after he has had a wash he looks for a piece of very dead fish to roll on.

They tell us they know public taste by their receipts, and that the public would sooner take a peep into a moral garbage box than a moral flower garden. I am confident they are wrong. A wedding is more attractive than a murder. A hero is more interesting than a burglar. A beautiful thing is more appreciated than a grotesque one. If you ring the bell loud enough most humans are curious enough to want to know what it is all about, and go and have a peep. The advertising of the "nasty thing" rouses curiosity, and attracts a crowd, but this is not evidence of appreciation, nor is there any evidence that such things hold a crowd. A "best seller" seldom has a long life. It would have been better described as a "loudest advertiser." It is read; it is not kept to lend. It is seen; it is not recommended to one's nice friends. All that good people have to do to let this misconception of public taste continue is to remain silent. You read, hear, see, and keep your disgust or disapproval to yourself, and the caterers are misled by your silence. In the course of time we grow callous; in fact, we become unshockable, and tolerate what we formerly disapproved of, and our tolerance is interpreted as appreciation. "Somebody" ought to protest, and you are that somebody.

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The papers have often made a **A REAL** fuss about folk who were not **HEROINE** worth a line or a comment, and they just as often miss a really great incident. After 21 months a tardy recognition of a little heroine has just taken place at the Lismore Hospital.

The daily papers found no place for the incident, and no paper gave it the prominence it so well deserved. It is the sad old story of a two-column heading for an ill-balanced girl who tries to commit suicide, but for a heroine—a corner in small type.

"It is possible that Irene Lee performed this act of heroism without thinking and without counting the consequences; but she assures us that she would do the same thing again if it were demanded of her.

"This, to my mind, is the finest proof we can have of her heroism."

In these words Dr. R. V. Graham spoke at a gathering at the Lismore Hospital, when Irene Lee, who is still an inmate of that institution after 21 months, was honored by being presented with a bronze medal from the Royal Shipwreck and Humane Society, and a framed certificate from the same body.

The little girl snatched her twin baby brother and sister from a bed enveloped in flames, at the home of her parents at Ewingsdale, Byron Bay.

She carried them to safety, and in doing so was frightfully burnt. Her life for a long time was despaired of.

Her action was brought under the notice of the authorities by Sergeant Howarth, of Byron Bay.

The little heroine is now on the high road to recovery, and her case is regarded as a triumph of medical skill.

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A STATESMAN'S FAITH.

It is said of one famous man that when asked at a dinner party by a lady what was his religion, he replied: "The religion of all sensible men." "And she said: 'What is that?' He answered: 'All sensible men keep that to themselves.'" Like many other smart answers, it was not quite true.

The religious views of statesmen are seldom known, except to their intimates, until after their biographies are written, and therefore a letter written by Lord Grey to Mrs. Asquith on the approaching death of one of her friends is "remarkable enough" for the London "Times" to quote at length. Lord Grey was British Foreign Secretary at the outbreak of the world war. He writes:

"There is a suffering which purifies, raises and strengthens and in which one can see the Crown as well as the Cross, but where there is no Crown visible it is terrible even to see suffering, and must be intolerable to undergo it. My own belief is that if we could know all we should understand everything, but there is much in the world that cannot be explained without knowing what came before life, and what is to come after it, and of that we know nothing, for faith is not knowledge. All that we can do is to take refuge in reverence and submission. 'God is in Heaven and thou upon earth, therefore let thy words be few' is one way of expressing the reverence, and: 'I was dumb and opened not my mouth, for it was Thy doing' is an expression of submission. They are hard things to say, but I don't know what else is to be said, and it is better to say them than to rail against what we cannot understand, or to attempt to belittle it, and put a gloss upon it. . . . The abyss is unfathomable to those who stand upon the brink, and I fear each of us who has to descend into it must find for himself or herself on what ledges a foot can be placed; and the

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path by which one can find his way is not always that which is practicable for another. I have been through that which would make it very easy for me to die, but that path is no use for anyone who has to die and wants to live."

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At times I have been embarrassed by receiving gifts **CHRISTMAS** the day before Christmas for **KINDNESS.** disposal among the poor. One's effort has been made by then. One's own time is fully occupied, and it is very difficult to know what to do then. Will you let me know as soon as you can if I may expect to be your Fairy Godmother to some of the unfortunates?

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THE TESTIMONY OF A DRINKER.

From "Modern Shoemaking," September, 1923.

The table which Mr. Cutts has secured for us in the dining coach on that occasion gave us the exclusive right all the way, and I settled down with full determination to enjoy it.

Cutts might be termed in America "a good mixer," and we had hardly settled in our seats when he said, "Mr. McCormack, what will you have to drink?"

That started something, for when I told him I had not imbibed for many years we very naturally drifted on to the subject of Prohibition in America, with its influences internationally, and he very adroitly, but fairly, angled for my opinion on the subject.

The fellow was so cosmopolitan, apparently, that I felt an exchange of ideas might not be so bad, so I began:

"Suppose you and I get chummy, forgetting that we are English and American, dyed-in-the-wool. Let us try to be as broad in our thoughts as we are in our commercial connections. Let me take you back to the winter of 1904, when I first went to London and found fault with every bit of it I could see through the fog. There was nothing in England, Europe or the rest of the world, as I saw it, quite so good as what was in America, but somehow I began to like the hansom cabs which picked me up most any place and dropped me just where I wished to go. The hotels were chilly, of course, but the natives did not seem to mind it, and the trains kept to schedule time, and the boats on the sea met with few disasters, and as I began to observe things more closely everything seemed to fit the place and object for which it was intended.

"On my second visit to England I began to realise what a wonderful people they were and what they had accomplished in the affairs of men; how clever they were in inventing schemes and devices for their own comfort and the establishment of their commerce, creating rules and regulations to maintain, and laws to protect it, throughout the world. And I have learned that no country under the sun to-day upholds and enforces the keeping of its statutes more determinedly or absolutely than does England.

"Now, the United States of America also does things best adapted for its own use, and they, the authorised representatives of the people, by a legal act added the

Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution—an act which was duly ratified by more States in the union than the measure required to make it valid, and the U.S. Congress, with the signature of the President, passed the Volstead Act to enforce it. Add to that the final decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in its favor, and that country has a law to maintain until it is legally changed or repealed.

"Suppose, now, we view the close relations of these two wonderful nations from a moral standpoint, passing over the cause that drove the Pilgrims of Plymouth and the framing of the Declaration of Independence, and begin where General Haig stood at Amiens with his back to the wall, while many churches and public halls in the United States were entertaining English orators, who were im-war which the U.S.A. played no part in creating.

"America invested approximately 35,000,000,000 dollars in answer to that appeal; 25,000,000,000 dollars proved a dead loss and is marked off the books, and 10,000,000,000 dollars, loaned to her allies, is still unpaid.

"America sent more than 2,000,000 physically strong, fully equipped and well-provisioned soldiers across the Atlantic Ocean to the scene of action, and paid for the passage of every one of them she did not transport on her own boats.

"After that, was it fair to America to have English subsidised and registered ships come to its ports for passengers representing 90 per cent. of their total support, and, in competition with America's infant merchant marine, not only violate her laws to obtain a distinct advantage over the home fleet, but employ the British seal in their attempt to continue to do so?

"I am a teetotaler, but not a Prohibitionist. I have never moralised on the subject of alcoholic drinks, but to observe a law of my country is a duty clearly defined.

"As to whether or not the law is a good one, I am of the opinion that if the United States of America successfully enforces the Volstead Act for a century she will become mentally, physically and morally the stalwart nation of the earth.

"All fair-minded Americans would like to have these problems satisfactorily solved, and it is my firm belief that, sooner or later, they will be."

WHAT EVERY WOMAN OUGHT TO KNOW.

The premiere was over. It had been a successful evening, the play had been not too bad, and the production and lighting excellent. However, the greatest success of all had been that of a young and hitherto unknown actress who had given a brilliant interpretation of her first big role.

Among the many critics who were discussing her over the supper tables were two girls of her own age. Said one: "I'm glad she's made such a big hit. I always knew she had it in her."

To which the other replied: "Oh, yes . . . I knew she had it in her to act. But I never realised she was such a beauty!"

"She did look lovely," agreed her friend. "I suppose she always had good features, but with that dull, sallow skin she looks insignificant, even plain off the stage. But—made-up—she is ravishing!"

"She'll have to paint off the stage as well," laughed the other. "A famous actress must keep up her reputation for beauty in private life as well."

"I can't think why she hasn't discovered mercollized wax. Nearly every pretty actress I know uses it. Marie Hemingway . . . Gertie Millar . . . oh . . . and heaps of others. Someone ought to tell her of it."

"Isn't it marvellous stuff?" exclaimed the first girl. "I couldn't live without it. Directly my skin shows the least sign of getting sallow or blotchy, I use mercollized wax for a night or two and gently get rid of that soiled outer skin. Really, I must tell X—about it. The wax would absorb that ugly outer skin of hers and give the nice clear complexion underneath a chance to show itself. She wouldn't need any paint off the stage then; it would be 'painting the lily.' Why, every woman has a lovely skin underneath if she only gives mercollized wax the chance of revealing it!"

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Introduction.—In presenting the annual report the members of the Council realise that they have much to be thankful for. Throughout the year the hand of God has been ever present, guiding and guarding all the efforts that have been made in the interests of Prohibition and the children.

The work has improved wonderfully, and we have received great encouragement. We look forward to the work of the coming year with light hearts, confident that still greater success will attend our labors, and that God's presence will ever be near to help create the right atmosphere for the educational work among children in the Temperance and Prohibition Cause.

The Council.—Since its foundation, 1921, the Council has been able to unite into one force many State-wide organisations interested in child welfare.

At the present time there are 21 State-wide organisations represented on the Council.

Meetings.—Numerous societies are regularly holding their own meetings, and continual assistance is given by volunteers and members of the Y.P. Prohibition Council. They have visited State schools, Sunday schools, Bands of Hope, Boy Scout meetings, C.E. Societies, lodges and conferences. During the past 12 months 203 meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 82. A total attendance of 16,263 for the year is recorded.

Y.P. Demonstration.—Early in the year a number of demonstrations were given by the Western Suburbs District C.E. Societies. These demonstrations were of an educational character, showing the use that alcohol can be put to. Following on these demonstrations came the "Mothers' Day" demonstration, held in the Town Hall on May 12th. This proved a pronounced success, and greater interest was shown this year than the previous year.

General Publicity.—One of the features of the Council's work has been to give publicity to Temperance and Prohibition, as related to young people. Many paragraphs have been inserted in sympathetic papers, including the various denominational and several Y.P. publications. Special mention should be made of "Grit" for its regular publication of notes and news, and a special Y.P. issue, the "Australian Band of Hope News," for the monthly notes on N.S.W. "Australian Young Folks," 4 pages, and "Pure Words," 2 pages, of Prohibition notes and news each issue. For seven months a special paper called "The New Day Crusade," was issued to our workers, proving a very valuable help. Owing to a change of plans this will not continue for the present.

Financial Summary.—The treasurer's statement shows a total receipt of £234, this being more than twice the amount handled last year. Against the credit bal-

ance of £6/0/5 must be put accounts totalling £11/2/6, and also the £5 held on behalf of the School Examination Committee. We have, however, £2/9/- outstanding for goods supplied by the Council, and also as asset we have a large number of Mile of Pinnies books, as that the financial position is quite satisfactory.

Statistics.—Numerous Y.P. Temperance Societies exist in this State, but the chief work of the Council is with the Sunday Schools, Band of Hope. There are 134 Bands of Hope, with a membership of 7234. This represents an increase of three societies, but a decrease of 237 members. Other Y.P. Temperance Societies include the I.O.R., O.S.T., I.O.G.T., and the L.T.L., which, together, total about 150 societies and 10,000 members.

The New Day Crusade.—This big educational campaign aims at the training of young people on the principle of Abstinence, Prohibition, and Citizenship. Our aim is 100,000 pledges signed by young people, aged 8-18, pledging themselves to a three-fold pledge and appeal, and thus uniting the Y.P. into an effective army for Prohibition. The Australian Union has adopted the crusade for a Commonwealth campaign, setting a total aim of 300,000 signatures.

Crusade Statistics for N.S.W.—No. of signatures, 6487; electorates reached, 24; polling places, 264; honor shields, 54.

We have to remember that our work can only be judged by the young people who pass through our hands. Trusting in Christ for strength to continue in this work, we go forward with determination, fully confident that our Crusade among the young people will lead to victory. When they have more generally accepted the principles of total abstinence, have united forces in a demand for Prohibition, and have solemnly pledged themselves to observe the law as good citizens, then, under the guidance of our Heavenly Father, victory will come, for "The Battle is the Lord's." He will give us the victory.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Young People's Prohibition Council was held on Monday, 19th inst., and the following were elected to the Executive for the next 12 months: Chairman, Rev. T. Davies; Vice-Chairmen, Miss M. E. George, Mr. L. D. Gilmour; Director, Mr. W. H. Mitchell; Treasurer, Mr. F. Rushton; Auditor, Mr. G. H. Beaumont; General Secretary, Mr. E. Spurgeon Gilbert; Representatives, Mrs. Masterman, Messrs. W. C. Clegg, F. Wilson, D. H. Hardy, H. Turner, A. J. Head, P. Mercer, A. E. Oldfield, Rev. H. M. Riley, together with three to be elected by the N.S.W. Alliance.

Finance.—In reference to the Treasurer's report it was pointed out that in the year just closed the Council handled £234. The previous year's report showed £99. This coming year we are out to make the work self-supporting, and we look to our friends to help us in this direction.

Secretary's Report.—This report shows that there still remains a great deal to be done in connection with the work among societies. During the last 12 months 203 meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 82. A total attendance for the year of 16,263 is recorded.

CRUSADE NOTES.

We are still waiting for more signatures. Already we have 6487 signatures, and hope to obtain more.

We want each girl and boy Crusader to work hard to try and get their friends to join our army.

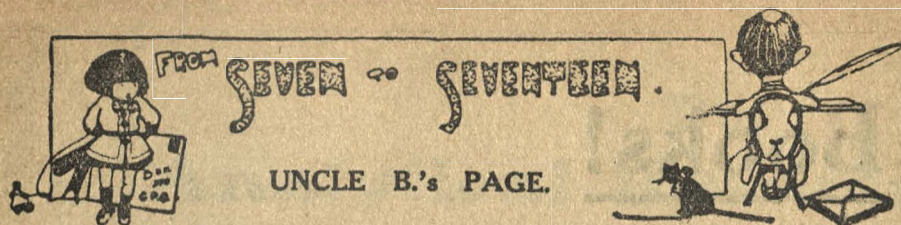
Do not forget the mile-of-penny books. Please send these in as soon as possible.

MR. A. J. FISHER.

At the conclusion of the annual meeting a social was held to give our friends the opportunity to say farewell to Mr. A. J. Fisher. Mr. W. H. Mitchell presented Mr. Fisher with a neat little inkstand and calendar and silver pen-holder on behalf of the Y.P. Prohibition Council and Band of Hope Union.

We wish Mr. Fisher every success in his new duties, and also assure Mr. W. H. Mitchell, his successor, our hearty co-operation in the work he has undertaken.

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WHY DO WE GROWL?

Why do we grumble, and growl, and pout, and slam the door?

Of course, we all do these things once in a while, and we can always excuse ourselves, for, as the Bible says: "Every way of man is right in his own eyes."

We are ashamed of ourselves for doing such things. We know others do not like us a bit when we do them, and we nearly always promise ourselves we won't do them again.

Then how is it we do them again?

Let us ask some other questions:

Why does the door creak?

Why does the wheelbarrow squeak?

Why does the lamp smoke?

Why do any of those things happen that make us exclaim, "Oh, what a nuisance!" "Bother it!" and "That's the limit!"

If only "somebody" had oiled the hinges of the door, or the barrow wheel, or trimmed the lamp—and that "somebody" was me.

These things happen always, for two reasons:

First: We leave things for others to do that by a little extra effort we might have done ourselves.

Second: We did not put our own temper and nerve machinery in good order and so it did not stand the strain when other things went wrong.

Church, prayer and quiet time for thinking are the best ways—sometimes the only ways—for putting our temper and nerve machinery in good order, so that we won't growl, grumble, slam, grouch, pout and stamp.

A railway train can be stopped by one carriage having a "hot box," and a whole family can be made unhappy by one member having a "hot-box temper."

The train "hot box" needed to be kept clean and saturated in oil or grease, and the family "hot box" needs a weekly clean at church and a daily renewal of the right spirit in answer to prayer.

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A PHILATELIST.

William Sturmer, c/o. E. McNaught, Thulimbah, via Stanthorpe, Queensland, writes: I have heard a good bit about your Philatelic Club and I wish to become a member. I have been a collector for ten years and I will be fifteen on April 17 next. I have not had much of a chance to secure many stamps, but what I have are old ones. I am going to get in contact with some dealers in other countries. I am very anxious to secure the kookaburra stamp of Australia. My collection contains over eight hundred stamps. Hoping you are well.

(Dear Will,—So you are a philatelist. Good luck to you. I wonder if you have any old Queensland stamps to swap? I have a lot of good "swappers," and will send a few and see if they are any good to you.—Uncle B.)

A NEW NI.

Kathleen Trotter, Beechwood, writes: Will you have me for a little Ni? I will be nine years old on the 7th of December. I have one sister, Jean, and two brothers, Isaac and Bobbie. I am in lower fourth class at school. I like going to school very much. I go to Sunday school and church every Sunday. I will tell you more next time.

(Dear Kathleen,—You are welcome to my big family, and I look forward to your next letter in which you promise to tell me more about yourself. Be sure and tell me how you celebrate December 7.—Uncle B.)

THE JOY OF HELPING OTHERS.

Hilda Walker, Wattamondara, writes: I saw my letter in "Grit" some time ago. I was 17 years old on September 22, so I can only write you an annual letter. I am enclosing 5/- from my sister Laurel and myself for "Uncle B.'s Poor." I am also knitting a few warm things for them to send later on for the cold weather. Harvest is in full swing here now. The crops are fairly good. There are a terrible lot of unemployed about here. Farther out west the crops are mostly failures and the men are coming in this way looking for work. That's the trouble. My father and sister and myself have not long returned from an extensive tour of South Australia. We were away six and a half weeks, and had a most enjoyable time. I would just like you to see our flower garden, Uncle. It is beautiful now. I do a good deal of gardening. I love flowers. Don't you? Many of the people around here seem to believe all the stuff they read in the "Published by Arrangement" columns. They swallow it all, and don't know any better. I pass on every "Grit" I can get. I don't think they could help being enlightened if they read it. Of course, there are some that won't see,

because it does not suit them to see. There are several young fellows, still in their teens, whom it is not at all unusual to see very much under the influence of liquor, even in this small village. It's a cruel shame that it is allowed to go on. I have joined the "C. and K." League. I have not yet written to my little cripple friend, but will as soon as I can get some English stamps to enclose a stamped envelope for reply. I think the League is a very good thing. Don't you, Uncle? How many are the blessings we enjoy here in the country that are unknown to the poor little cripples in London! I hope a lot of my cousins will join the League. It is only a little thing for us to write or send a magazine once a month. But I think it would be a big joy to the poor little cripples who have not the good things we enjoy, and I'm sure it would make us feel happy, too.

Dear Hilda,—Your letter is most interesting, and I hope some others will also join the C. and K. League. This time last year I went to see a little cripple boy in London whom one of your "cousins" had written to from Australia, and it was fine. His pleasure and the interest of the whole family were a great encouragement to go on writing.—Uncle B.)

13 LBS. OF BABY.

Ruth McAnally, Moleton, via Coramba, writes: This is the first time I have written to you. I joined the family after Uncle A. took it over. I like "Grit"—the first page I read is page 11. It is very hot here today, and we need rain badly. We have a beautiful lot of flowers out in our garden, but it needs the rain. I have a darling baby brother; he is nine weeks old. He has long black hair and dark blue eyes. He weighed 13 lbs. last Monday. His name is Albert Henry, but he gets Bertie.

(Dear Ruth,—You are fortunate to have 13 lbs. of baby in your home. They are worth any trouble they may be, and do us more good than we ever guess at; hope he joins my family.—Uncle B.)

AMONG THE ANIMALS.

Violet Thorn, North Dandalup, W.A., writes: I thought I would write again, as the three months are nearly up. I was very pleased to find my last letter in print. My two sisters and I wrote for the Crusade shield, but we have not yet received them. It has been rather hot lately, but I think it will rain soon. Our clover has grown nicely this year, although it was burnt last year. Our currants are in bud now, and I hope we have a nice crop. There are many wild-flowers out now, and such a lot of birds—magpies, crows, sparrows, jackasses, willy-wag tails and parrots. We have seventeen chickens and two more hens sitting. Our pig has got six little ones, which are so funny.

(Dear Violet,—When I read of the birds and animals you write about I envy you. I agree with a friend of mine who says, "The more I see of men, the more I love dogs."—Uncle B.)

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SUNDAY.

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

For us He came to earth,

For us He came to die,
Shall we not celebrate His birth,
And praise Him joyously?

Ah, let us not forget

The reason why He came—
The agony and bloody sweat,
The sorrow and the shame.

Let us remember all

Which here He had to bear
That He our souls might disenthral
From sin and Satan's snare.

And while with holy joy

We think of all our gain,
Oh, may His grief our thoughts employ—
Dare we forget His pain?

Oh, Saviour who didst come

To live that life of woe,
That we at last might reach Thy home,
Nor hell's fierce torments know,

Look down in tender love

On this dark world of sin,
And lift it up to things above,
And Thy new reign begin.

MONDAY.

"As many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."—John, 1, 12.

"He came unto His own, and His own received Him not." Yes, we are all His own by creation, and redemption. He has bought us all at a most tremendous price. But only those who receive Him are in any real sense His sons. A slave may be redeemed by his master and told that henceforth he shall be his son, and is free from the bondage of servitude, yet if he refuses to accept the freedom, and does not believe his master, what is the use of it to him? So it is only those who receive Christ into their hearts, those who believe in His redeeming work, who enter into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. We are sons through our great Elder Brother. The real Fatherhood of God is only really known by us when we become heirs with Christ. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Have we received the Christ? Do we submit to His sway?

TUESDAY.

"Thou shalt call his name Emmanuel, which is being interpreted, God with us."—Matt., 1, 23.

Hear, O hear the angels sing—
Tidings of great joy we bring,
Unto you is born this day
One to bear your sins away.
Peace on earth, goodwill to man
Is His great redemptive plan,
To all nations now we bring
This our message from heaven's King.

Centuries have passed away,
Still the message rings to-day.
Christ hath come to be our peace,
And to bid all tumult cease,
Christ hath come to be our life,
And to end all earthly strife,
He, the Christ of God, hath come
In our hearts to make His home.

To all who receive the Christ
He brings gifts of love unpriced,
Stands He knocking at each heart
All His riches to impart.

Shall we not then let Him in,
Take the gifts He died to win?
Come, O Christ, Emmanuel,
In our hearts for ever dwell.

WEDNESDAY.

"In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."—Phil., 4, 6 (R.V.).

The revisers do not always improve on the old translators of Scripture, and in some cases make the meaning less clear; but in this verse they seem to have caught the Apostle's real meaning. The old version, "Be careful for nothing," might lead some to suppose they had to cultivate a sort of "Don't care" stoical disposition, and leave everything to chance or "fate," as they are pleased to call it. Even Christians are heard to sometimes say, "What will be, will be." But this is not according to Scriptural teaching. St. Paul is merely repeating the injunction of Christ when he tells His disciples to take no anxious thought for the morrow. Jesus tells them the reason—that their heavenly Father takes thought for them. St. Paul tells us how to cure anxious care, to which Satan is ever ready to tempt us. "In NOTHING be anxious," he says; but "In EVERYTHING . . . make known your requests unto God." Care should always drive us to prayer. Are we tempted to dread the future, to wonder how we shall get through some arduous undertaking, do the shadows of coming trouble loom before us? Are we anticipating some bereavement, some loss, some sickness? Let us cast ALL upon Him who careth for us. To cast a thing on anyone is not to take it up again, but to leave it with that one with whom we have entrusted it. Once cast on one who is able to undertake our case, we need have no further worry about it. "I would have you without carefulness," he says in another place. Care is a cankerworm which destroys one's peace. The result of obedience to this command—for it is an inspired command—will be that that peace which the world cannot understand keeps our thoughts and hearts in Christ Jesus, so that we are no longer tormented with anxious thoughts. Worry will take its flight, and peace, perfect peace take its place. "If you worry, you do not trust; if you trust you will not worry." Have we this trust? If not, we may have it to-day. "To thy Redeemer take that care, and change anxiety to prayer," "and the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall guard your hearts and thoughts in Christ Jesus."

THURSDAY.

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee."

Dread not the future, Christian,
If Jesus leads the way.
And thou but trust His guidance,
Thy feet shall never stray.
E'en though thine heart be heavy,
E'en though thine eyes be dim,
With trustfulness and gladness
Arise and follow Him.

FRIDAY.

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."—Rom., 13, 12.

Thus far have we trodden life's journey

together—the old year and our souls, and now we must say farewell. His last days have come, his hours are few. As we look back over the 365 days which have come so rapidly, what do we see? We scarcely noticed their flight as we passed from day to day; but now as we look back we see that each day came with its appointed task, and well for us if we faithfully performed that task. If we look back like the leper who was healed, to give thanks, we shall see One standing there waiting to give us a further blessing. We see the days when the sun was obscured; the day when stern disappointment laid its hand on us and snatched from us our joy, when we sighed, "Out of the day and night, a joy has taken flight, and life can be the same no more—ah, nevermore." But Time brought other joys upon its wing, and the sunshine poured forth its rays again. Perhaps we stood by the graveside of some buried hope—some old companion who seemed part of our life, and we said:

"The tender grace of a day that is dead
Will never come back to me."

But One came and wept with us, and wiped our tears away, saying, "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in Me shall never die." "Thy brother shall rise again." The days passed on and the grass grew over that grave where we thought we had buried our heart, and now only a tender memory remains. Time heals all smarts and "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." Hope is the angel God sends to carry us over the rough places of life, and "we are saved by Hope." Hope lifted us out of the slough of Despond, saved from sinking into despair. We look back and see the joyous days when the sunshine streamed across our path and the flowers spread everywhere—those days flew by on song's wings as we praised Him who "Gives us all we ask and more, makes our cup of joy run o'er."

SATURDAY.

"He will be our guide even unto death."—Ps., 48, 14.

And now can we dread the unknown future? Thank God, it is not unknown to Him. "He knoweth the way that I take." With Him knowing means caring. For a parent to know his children's wants is to provide for them. We peer sometimes anxiously into the path before and can see nothing but clouds and darkness. We fear as we enter the cloud; but lo! it rolls away as we enter it and we find that it was but the hiding of God's presence. The darkest clouds are tipped with gold, for He is there. "Clouds and darkness are round about Him," because we could not bear the dazzling light of His presence, but "the clouds we so much dread are big with mercy and shall break in blessings on our head." Let us then go forth hopefully, trustfully placing our hand in His strong hand, so will He say to us, "As I was with Moses, so will I be with thee, until the day break and the shadows flee away."

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TALES OF THE OLD WORLD.

W. H. Taft, writing foreword to British Justice's book, says he opposes Prohibition, but that 90 per cent. of Americans favored law, and he urges end of resistance to Dry Act.

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Chief Justice of the Supreme Court William Howard Taft contributes a remarkable preface to the new book of his friend, Lord Shaw, Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals, not only of the United Kingdom, but also of the entire British Empire, entitled "The Law of Kinsmen." The preface contains some weighty utterances on the present state and the consequences of Prohibition in America, and coming as they do from the head of the most august tribunal of the New World, and from one of the most popular statesmen who ever filled the office of President of the United States, they are naturally attracting much attention abroad.

The Chief Justice mentions that he was "strongly opposed" to Prohibition. He feared the demoralisation of law, the disturbance of balance between national and State powers of the American system and electoral confusion, and declares that these fears have been "realised only too fully." He deplores the present lack of respect for law in America and, insisting that the special promoting cause of lawlessness is to be found in Prohibition, continues:

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Chief Justice Taft predicts that if the continuance or abolition of Prohibition were presented to the country as a broad issue, fully 90 per cent. would be for its continuance. Under the circumstances he takes the ground that repeal of Prohibition must be regarded as "simply impossible," and advocates enforcement of the law and the ceasing of all further protest against its enactment. For he sees in the violation of the Prohibition law a far worse evil than the aberration of the law-makers in its enactment.

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The uncertainty is not whether national Prohibition shall become an American institution. That is already decided. It is how rapidly America shall move toward universal observance of a principle that has been written into her charter, and through this to a civilisation that inevitably will set a new mark in human attainment.

That is my conviction. It cannot fail to be the conviction of every serious-minded American who will study the facts and figures as they come in from every State, city and village of the land.

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