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## THE POPE FOR PROHIBITION.

(By GEO. MCGINNIS.)

A newspaper item, dated at Rome, September 14, carries the news that the Vatican will enter the world Prohibition battle. Prof. Angelini, who represented the Holy See at the Sixteenth International Non-Alcoholic Congress at Lausanne, was received in audience by Pope Benedict.

The pontiff announced "the Vatican would do its utmost to fight alcoholism."

This is the most significant, far-reaching, and important announcement for Prohibition that has occurred in late years.

Tens of thousands of Catholic altars all round the globe thundering against alcoholism will surely awaken a sodden, drunken world and give Gambrinus a jolt from which he will never recover. The dawn of a dry world was never brighter than it is to-day.

## PROHIBITION.

### "THE GREATEST THING TO-DAY IN AMERICA," SAYS EDISON.

"It is the greatest thing in America to-day. A drink of whisky is a rotten habit, just like opium, cocaine, and too much eating. Everybody ought to help to protect themselves against the sale of whisky. Even the drunkards should help and they would if they had plain common sense."

The above statement was made by Thomas A. Edison to representatives of the press at a meeting of his Ediphone distributors, held in his West Orange laboratories on August 12, 1921.

## THE OLD SOAK LAMENTS.

(New York "Evening Sun," Sept. 19, 1921.)

"I ain't gonna turn Prohibitionist or nothin'," says the Old Soak, "but I'll say this: These days I don't relish my liquor none. I dunno w'ether I'm too old or the hooch is too young. I always did like my liquor to meet me half way, but these days you ain't more'n made a home fer a drink before it begins to henpeck you. It moves in an' starts to yank the furniture around like a red-

headed widow that's aimin' to show her third husband who's boss five minutes after the weddin's cerements has been uttered. I like to get acquainted with my drinks more gradual. But nowadays one minute you're so sober you hate yourself, an' the next minute you're so drunk you hate the world. One of the greatest pleasures I useter have was hangin' onto a bar and wonderin' if I was drunk yet. But these times ther' ain't no opportunity to speculate; you don't wonder if you're drunk, you wonder if you're gonna live. Booze useter be a king, but now he's turned into one of these here radical anarchists. I ain't gonna quit, nor nothin', but I'd like once more to ride on top of a souse instead of bein' drug for miles under the wheels. I don't know what kind o' grief berries they make it out of these days, but I know I can't find but two kinds of liquor—one kind ain't right an' the other kind ain't liquor."

## A PREMIER'S TESTIMONY.

When a campaign was in progress a few years ago on behalf of advanced temperance legislation, the "Pioneer" collected and published a volume of testimony from men in high places, and from men of all ranks that gave the liquor business a blow that sent it staggering. It was altogether the most effective campaign material that was produced in those critical days.

It was not difficult to get the material then; it would be still easier to do so now. For instance, it is only a short time ago that Mr. Stewart, until recently premier of Alberta, said:

"Prohibition has been of universal benefit. It is the finest thing that ever happened in this province."

There was a day when public men were afraid to speak out on this question. They do not hesitate so much in these days. And, by the way, the "Pioneer" might hint, in view of the election immediately ahead, that the candidate who openly avows his convictions will stand a better chance of success than he who keeps his light under a bushel.

## ONE LONE DRUG ADDICT.

Officials of the State Reformatory for Women in Bedford reported that no drug addicts were committed to the institution during the last month, and that there is only one drug user left there, says a Bedford, N.Y., despatch in the New York "Evening Journal" of September 7. The quarters for receiving and treating drug addicts have been temporarily closed as a result.

## NO OTHER TRADE IS SO DAMNED.

During the hearing of the Gunzburg versus Blanchard case in the Supreme Court, Perth, Mr. R. T. Robinson, K.C., was arguing that certain loathsome diseases sometimes followed in the wake of indulgence of alcoholic liquor, when his Honor (Judge Burnside) remarked:

"I will agree with you that alcoholic liquor is conducive to a lot of things—robbery, murder, and insanity. Every kind of insanity this world suffers from can be traced to alcohol. If we get rid of alcohol we will have very little crime in the world. Indeed, we will have very little use for lawyers."

Later, when Dr. Atkinson, Commissioner of Public Health, was called by Mr. Robinson to support the contention put up by the defence, his Honor said:

"I don't need Dr. Atkinson to convince me of the evils of indulgence in alcohol. Heavens above! I have seen enough of them already. The abuse of alcohol leads to—oh, anything you like, human infirmities, human miseries of all kinds."

## A GREAT JEWISH LEADER.

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, the great American Jewish leader, has made the following pronouncement upon Prohibition:

"Don't be disturbed about all this outcry about the difficulty in enforcing Prohibition. Remember, first, that this is a period of transition. After those people who all their lives have been used to liquor manage to get themselves accommodated to the new order of living, things will run smoothly again. And let us not be disturbed by this exaggeration of reports to the effect that it is impossible now to bring about the enforcement of Prohibition. There may be some

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## GOOD COUGH MIXTURE RECIPE.

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## A THOUSAND BUSINESS AND SCIENTIFIC MEN OF AMERICA DEFEND PROHIBITION.

EDITOR OF "MANUFACTURERS' RECORD" DEFENDS JOURNALISTIC POLICY AND PRINCIPLE; OPPOSES CASHIER-CONTROL OF EDITORIAL SPACE; "RECORD" IN DEFENDING DRYNESS IN GOOD COMPANY.

(Editorial in the "Manufacturers' Record," July 21, 1921.)

A leading manufacturing concern of Milwaukee, writing to the business office of the "Manufacturers' Record," says:

"We have your letter of June 24 and can only repeat that when we start advertising the 'Manufacturers Record' will be one of the first magazines to receive our copy, notwithstanding the fact that the writer is entirely out of sympathy with your editorial policy. It strikes me as being decidedly inconsistent. You make a great to-do about individual liberty and, on the other hand, you follow the rankest of reactionary policies in your rabid defence of the indefensible Prohibition movement. This, however, has nothing to do with our judgment. We consider the 'Manufacturers' Record' an immensely valuable advertising medium, and will use it."

We have not the slightest objection to what our good friends call our rank defence of Prohibition. We can not expect everybody to agree with the "Manufacturers' Record." It would be a very weak namby-pamby paper that expressed no convictions sufficiently strong not to stir the opposition of some.

The editor of one of the foremost daily papers of America once said to the writer that he made a rule never to attack anybody or anything. "I simply pursue," said he, "the even tenor of my way and publish such editorials as will not hurt anybody, and the result is I make more money than other papers which are constantly fighting for some particular reform in which they are interested." In the view of that editor, his position was the one to be followed.

With that view we are in direct living antagonism. The writer has no desire for a contest or fight. He would infinitely prefer quiet and peace and praise for everybody and everything if that were feasible, but he holds that when he has convictions as to right and wrong in matters that affect the welfare of this country it is his bounden duty to express them regardless of subscribers or ad-

vertisers, or how they feel about the position taken. A newspaper that is simply namby-pamby without convictions, or a newspaper that panders to the clamor of the mob mind whatever it may at the moment demand will never help anybody except perhaps its owners; certainly it will never be a builder of character for the nation's good.

The concern whose letter we have quoted is evidently bitterly opposed to the Prohibition views of the "Manufacturers' Record." But, on the other hand, it is broad enough to recognise that the value of a newspaper as an advertising medium is not measured by whether its editorial policy suits or does not suit the advertiser. There are a good many men who are so narrow-minded as to refuse to advertise in a paper which favors Prohibition if they are opposed to it. But this is not the case with the concern from whose letter we have quoted.

Our subscriber suggests that the "Manufacturers' Record" makes a "rabid defence of an indefensible Prohibition movement."

Is Prohibition indefensible? Let us answer this simply by quoting the statements in a petition signed by Thomas A. Edison; Judge E. H. Gary, of the Steel Corporation; F. A. Vanderlip, then President of the City National Bank of New York; John Burroughs, naturalist and author; D. P. Kingsley, President of the New York Life Insurance Co.; Warren S. Stone, grand chief of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; Dr. W. J. Mayo, Dr. Howard A. Kelly, Dr. John M. T. Finney; James G. White, President, J. G. White and Co.; John Wannamaker; James Bowron, President, Gulf States Steel Co.; and about a thousand others of equal standing in the business and scientific world. Prior to the adoption of the Prohibition amendment they sent to Congress the following memorial:

"In view of the scientifically proved unfavorable effects of the use of alcoholic

beverages, even in small quantities—

"And in view, therefore, of the colossal physical, mental, moral, economic, social and racial evils which the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquor entail—

"And in view of the inadequateness of all methods hitherto employed to check or regulate these evils—

"And in view of the great and rapid growth of public knowledge and sentiment on this subject as shown by anti-alcohol agitation and legislation through most of our national area—

"The undersigned believe the time has come for the Federal Government to take steps looking to the prohibition in the United States of the manufacture, import, export, and transport of alcoholic liquors, with the understood exception for medical, sacramental, and industrial purposes."

Can our friends take the ground that a thousand men of the standing of those that we have mentioned are defending an indefensible movement? Are the views of such men to be cast aside as utterly unworthy of consideration by other men? The thousand men whose names were signed to that petition to Congress are among the foremost business men, the foremost scientists, the foremost physicians, and the foremost financiers of America. This petition was not prepared by the Anti-Saloon element, it was not a movement of churches, but it was planned and carried out by business men themselves. Probably no petition ever sent to Congress ever carried the names of a thousand men of such outstanding ability as those who signed this memorial against the manufacture, the sale, the importation, and the consumption of alcoholic drinks.

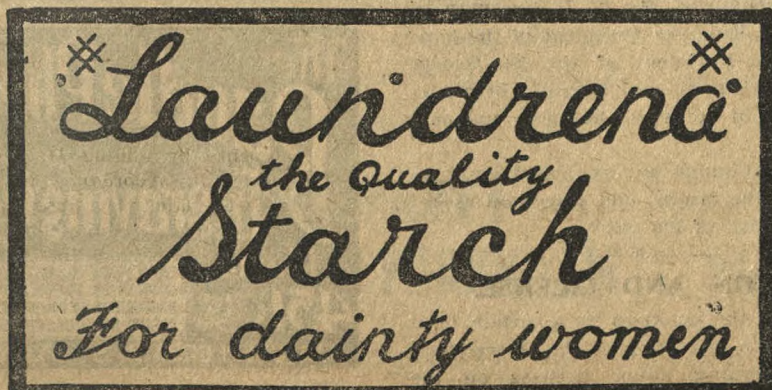
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## FIELD DAY APPOINTMENTS.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13:

- 11 a.m., Coolamon District.  
3 p.m., Coolamon District.  
7.30 p.m., Coolamon.  
Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.  
11 a.m., Albury Presbyterian Church.  
7.30 p.m., Albury Methodist Church.  
Mr. Francis Wilson.  
11 a.m., Auburn Anglican Church.  
Rev. J. T. Phair.  
11 a.m., Culcairn Methodist Church.  
3 p.m., Walla Subdivision Pres. Church.  
7.30 p.m., Culcairn Presbyterian Church.  
Mr. W. D. B. Creagh.  
11 a.m., Lidcombe Congregational Church.  
3.30 p.m., Rally at Hurlstone Park.  
7.15 p.m., Longueville Congregational Church.  
Rev. H. A. Cubis, B.A.  
11 a.m., Auburn Presbyterian Church.  
3.30 p.m., Rally at Hurlstone Park.  
7 p.m., Mascot Presbyterian Church.  
Mr. C. Atkinson.  
3 p.m., West Kingston Sunday School.  
7 p.m., Auburn Church of Christ.  
Mr. R. J. C. Butler.  
7 p.m., Auburn Baptist Church.  
Mr. Thos. E. Shonk.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14:

- 8 p.m., Federal Hall, Hay.  
Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.  
8 p.m., Mechanics' Institute, Albury.  
Mr. Francis Wilson.  
8 p.m., Presbyterian Church, Culcairn.  
Mr. W. D. B. Creagh.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15:

- 8 p.m., School of Arts, Leeton.  
Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.  
3 p.m., Methodist Church, North Sydney.  
8 p.m., City Mission, Paddington.  
Rev. J. T. Phair.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16:

- 8 p.m., Public Hall, Narandera.  
Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.  
8 p.m., Parish Hall, Mortdale.  
Rev. J. T. Phair.  
Open air meetings at Albury, Culcairn, Campsie, etc.

## THE STATE COUNCIL.

A very successful State Council meeting was held on Monday. The reports presented by departmental officers were illuminating accounts of the work done during the quarter, and were received by the meeting as entirely satisfactory.

Mr. Butler, after a reference to the difficulties of the political situation, related some of the work of the industrial section. Addresses had been given in factories and league meetings, where the reception had been particularly sympathetic. There was a marked change in the attitude of the workers in many places. Friendliness was gradually displacing suspicion, and inquiry for information was frequently made.

Mr. Shonk reported concerning the Pledge Campaign. Forty-four members of Parliament had expressed themselves as favoring a referendum. The aim was 60 members.

About 125,000 pledges had been distributed. The signed pledges were beginning to come back. During the past week the number returned had been greater than the number received for the whole of the earlier weeks of the campaign.

Mr. Fisher was enthusiastic in the presentation of the work of the Young People's Department. There had been encouraging results in the formation of new societies and the requests for information and help from others. The Young People's Prohibition Council was an accomplished fact, and big things were expected from it.

Mr. Macourt set out the extent of the activities in the field. During the quarter 399 addresses had been given, the audiences totalling 27,000, who filled in 2300 promise cards. Speakers had travelled over widely-extended areas—north to Tenterfield and Tweed Heads, west to Nyngan and Wyalong, and south to Gundagai and Wagga. The speakers had been encouraged by a marked improved sentiment, and by a sympathetic attitude on the part of ministers and other public men. There had been an average of 31 addresses per week given by the staff.

Mr. Gilbert's work in the licensing courts was represented by 22 applications. Of these 11 were refused, 5 granted, and 4 withdrawn, and 2 adjourned.

## WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.

Ministers and teachers are preparing special references to the world temperance movement, which is to be more definitely mentioned on Sunday next. Each year finds a more inspiring message. This year there will be the big field of American National Prohibition to draw upon for facts and illustrations. The results, if not complete, are ample testimony to the worth of the reform worked for so daringly and so zealously for many years in U.S.A. and Canada. In many Sunday schools the day will have its special lessons, mainly because of the activities of our Y.P. Department.

## LATE MR. W. J. BERRYMAN.

One of the most valued workers in the fight for Prohibition, Mr. W. J. Berryman, of Carlton, has died. As President of the local Branch, Vice-President of the St. George Prohibition Council, and a ready helper in all spheres of activity, he gave splendid service.

The State Council has expressed its sympathy with the family, and placed on record its appreciation of his work.

## LEETON AND LICENSE.

In view of the agitation by a certain local section for an alteration of the Government policy concerning liquor licenses on the

Yanco irrigation area, the following extract from an article by the special representative of the "Sydney Morning Herald" is particularly interesting:

"Settlers, who have made a success of their holdings, are strongly, and almost unanimously, opposed to having drinking saloons on the area. They say that much of the success already achieved is due to the policy of the Irrigation Commissioners in deliberately discouraging drinking on the area. It is contended that if there were drinking centres in, say, Griffith and Leeton the men, instead of looking after their fruit trees, crops, or cattle, would be continually finding excuses to go into the towns for the sociability generally associated with the beer shop and the gaming saloon. Should the commissioners comply with the request of the A.L.P. and establish drinking centres on the area, they will cause much resentment amongst the steady settlers who are making a success of their holdings and creating a commanding position for the Murrumbidgee products on the markets of the world."

## SPECIAL NOTICE TO MY FRIENDS—READERS OF GRIT.

Dear Fellow Workers,—

For special tactical reasons, the Referendum Pledge Campaign Committee have decided not to go forward with the proposed Town Hall Demonstration. This does not mean that there should be any slackening of effort for the 100,000 pledges. It is purely a tactical move, and we must now concentrate more heavily on local organisation and actual pledge-signing. We have won initial successes, and relying upon your enthusiastic help during this short, sharp, campaign we shall gain a magnificent victory over the forces of reaction.

R. B. S. HAMMOND.

## LICENSING COURT.

Last week four applications for licenses were opposed by the Alliance. Guiseppe Lo Schaivo, of Park-st., applied to have his license removed to Oxford-st. The application was refused by the Bench. The cases of Alex. Hussey, of Randwick, and Samuel Woolfe, of North Bondi, both for spirit merchants licenses, were postponed for one week. John Stace, of Lane Cove, applied for a spirit merchant's license, but withdrew his application at the eleventh hour.

Mr. W. C. Clegg appeared for the objectors.  
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**45 MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT FAVOR A REFERENDUM**

And if you do YOUR part effectively the number will soon be sixty.

And because both the political parties are so evenly balanced in power in Parliament, because at the next election a few thousand votes will mean victory or defeat for a party, the leaders are perturbed at the strength of our campaign, and

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## AMERICAN TRADE UNION REPLIES TO QUESTIONS.

### COMPLETE ANSWER TO ANTI-PROPAGANDA.

A few months ago the Labor and Industrial Department of the Alliance despatched letters to the biggest and most influential Trade Unions of U.S.A. and Canada and requested that the secretaries of the Unions would frankly answer certain questions relating to the subject of Prohibition from the point of view of the Trade Unionist. From time to time we shall publish the replies received, and thus pass on to the Trade Unionists of Australia first-hand information from their comrades across the Pacific. The first reply is from an organisation which has justly won the respect of all Trade Unionists who take an intelligent world view of the activities of wage-earners everywhere.

The replies we are about to publish are more valuable because they have come in answer to questions sent by two accredited members of the Australian Labor Party. This fact gained for the questions the serious consideration of those to whom they were addressed.

The Secretary of the Central Trades, Labor and Farmers' Council of Bend, Oregon, was asked the following questions:—

1. Has Prohibition been a contributing factor in—
  - (a) Causing unemployment;
  - (b) Reducing wages;
  - (c) Weakening the power of Trade Unions?

To each of these questions the Secretary, Mr. G. H. Baker, answers emphatically, "NO."

2. Has Prohibition proved of any economic advantage to the workers?

Mr. Baker's answer is, "YES."

3. In your opinion would Trade Unionists, by a majority, favor a return to the open saloon?

Mr. Baker's answer is, "NO."

Mr. Baker attached the answers to the following letter:—

Bend, Oregon,  
October 4th, 1921.

Dear Sirs and Brothers,—Will say that my answers to your questions, as you will find them on the sheet furnished to you, is the opinion of the Allied Trades Union Movement of the North West, comprising the States of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Nevada. All these States have had Prohibition for a number of years, and longer than any other part of U.S., that is, in so large a territory.

Hoping this will be of some aid to you, and wishing you every success.—I am, yours fraternally,

(Signed) G. H. BAKER, Secretary.

## New South Wales Alliance—

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### YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES.

The quarterly report of the department states that for the three months 89 meetings with a total attendance 7427 were held. Included in these are visits to 15 State schools, during which our field workers gave temperance lectures in harmony with the syllabus instructions issued to the schools.

We now have 41 Bands of Hope registered, and we are in direct touch with the workers of about 60 additional Young People's Temperance Societies. Recent additions we have been notified of are Tempe Park, Auburn, and Hurstville.

It was our privilege recently to give a lecture to the headquarters' officials and scout masters of the Boy Scouts' Association at Naval House, Sydney. The lecture was based upon the relationship of the Scout movement to the temperance campaign, as indicated by the words of Baden Powell. "It would be simply impossible for the man who drinks to be a Scout. Keep off drink from the very first and make up your mind to have nothing to do with it." The slides for this were specially prepared, and the Commissioner spoke very highly of the Lantern Lecture which will subsequently go to the individual Scout district meetings.

We believe the essay contest will be a great success, and we anticipate a large number of answers. Morpeth has written in for 18 entry forms, Hurstville for 20, and individual requests are coming from many suburbs and country districts. Do not forget the entries must be in our office by December 1.

On Wednesday, November 23, in the Sydney Town Hall, the Kindergarten Union is holding a demonstration. This promises to be a most interesting event, and friends of Young People are urged to attend. Full information will be given in the daily papers. A display of Sand Tray temperance lessons for the kindergarten workers will be exhibited on that occasion.

### VOLUNTARY SPEAKERS.

We have received promise of assistance from several volunteer speakers, who are willing to address Sunday schools, clubs, C.E., and other societies. If you wish a visit, write in to us. All the speakers are most reliable, and you will enjoy a visit. Write to: The Y.P. Dept., N.S.W. Alliance, 321 Pitt-st., Sydney.

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## WOMEN IN CONFERENCE.

### No Alcoholised Man Wanted.

#### IS THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC WORTH REFORMING?

Two interesting afternoon meetings, at which the subject of Prohibition was made specially prominent, have been held in the city lately. An all-day congress of women was held in the King's Hall, Hunter-street, under Mrs. W. Grant Forsyth's presidency, at the request of many representatives of women's organisations in order to give an opportunity for further discussion of some of the resolutions passed at the recent Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention. The alcohol question was the principal topic for the afternoon session, when Dr. Grace Boelke spoke on the reform aspect, and Mrs. John and Mrs. Strang on Prohibition. Mrs. John urged that all women should insist on a high standard of private life among candidates for Parliamentary honors, and was applauded when she asserted that no alcoholised man is fit to represent any constituency in a Christian community. She spoke of the depressing atmosphere emanating from every inebriate, and predicted that in years to come an enlightened people would no more tolerate such offensive individuals than we would allow a leper to go in and out of our streets. The central fact about Prohibition, she maintained, is that it works for righteousness, to give humanity a lift on to levels of happiness, enlightenment and progress, which are at present attained only by a comparative few.

Dr. Grace Boelke spoke of the improved social conditions of our time as compared with the early years of last century, and said that a great uplift began with the accession of Queen Victoria, whose social ideals were far ahead of the life of her time. Dr. Boelke said she is not in favor of revolutionary methods of reform, but she admitted that Prohibition may come eventually, and in the meantime much good may be done by lessening the strength of alcoholic liquors, by reducing the number of hours for its sale, by insisting on the complete observance of the six o'clock closing

law, by enacting drastic penalties against law-breakers, by reorganising our hotels so that the bars shall all be open, with a better system of inspection for cleanliness, ventilation, etc., and by opening coffee stalls and recreation halls to take the place of drinking bars. The doctor spoke feelingly of the drink-sodden men and women who are among the outdoor patients in public hospitals, and who constitute "the most disgusting cases the doctors have to deal with."

Mrs. Strang emphasised many points of agreement between the advocates for partial reform and those who are working for Prohibition. In many instances the aims are identical, and a working basis of union could surely be arrived at. Mrs. Strang also produced evidence of the value of Prohibition from those who had lived under it and seen it in operation. An animated discussion followed, and among those taking part were Mrs. Jamieson Williams, Miss Ruby Board, Mrs. James, Miss Bowes, and visitors from other States.

Other subjects discussed were Hygiene and Heredity, Arbitration and the League of Nations.

#### THE CHURCHWOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

The churchwomen who planned the conference which took place while Synod was sitting in Sydney are to be congratulated on placing the subject of Prohibition prominently on their programme and giving it an hour and a half on their first afternoon, Monday, October 10. Lady David was the principal speaker, and among other things she urged her hearers to make up their minds to study the question for themselves earnestly, accurately and prayerfully, stating that before she herself became a convinced Prohibitionist she gave up two years to the consideration and study of the subject, and at the end of that time she could come to no other conclusion than one in favor of Prohibition as the most effective remedy applicable at the present time for the evils associated with the licensed liquor traffic.

She asked all hostesses to refrain from offering wine or other alcoholic refreshment to their guests, and all society women to warn their sons and daughters against the danger of the cocktail habit. Lady David said that among all who were present probably Mrs. Courtenay Smith was the only one who had ever been in one of the so-called "ladies' parlors" in our city, but hour by hour and day by day those hateful places are doing their deadly, unmentionable work in degrading the women who frequent them. The speaker reminded her audience that Prohibition is no new and untried palliative, as 70 years have passed since the first Prohibition Act became law in the State of Maine.

The chair was taken by Mrs. Radford, wife of the Bishop of Goulburn, who stated in her introductory remarks that she had become a Prohibitionist through meeting the American and Canadian bishops in London at the time of the Lambeth Conference last year, for they were unanimously in favor of the great reform, after seeing it in operation in their own countries.

Other speakers were three White Ribboners, Mrs. Courtenay Smith, Mrs. Garbett, from Newcastle, and Mrs. Strang. A vigorous discussion followed, proving that the attention of the large audience had been deeply stirred, and the many questions asked were evidence of a keen interest aroused in the minds of those present.

### The Verdict of Experts—

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men who somehow are going to get liquor. Of course, the eighteenth amendment cannot be enforced to this extent that there won't be any liquor in the country."

### NEW YORK DEATH RATE.

#### LOWEST SINCE RECORDS WERE KEPT.

The New York "Times" of September 22 began an article based on the health statistics for the preceding week as follows:

"The death rate was lower in New York City during the week ended September 17 than for any week since mortality statistics have been kept, according to Dr. Royal S. Copeland, Commissioner of Health. There were 967 deaths recorded, a rate of 8.88 a thousand of the population. The lowest death rate in 1920 was 9 a thousand; in 1919, the lowest was 9.04; in 1918, it was 10.05; and in 1917, 10.95."

Other items of interest in the figures given out by the Health Department, and as commented upon by the "Times," are as follows:

"In spite of the increased danger of epidemic diseases due to overcrowding, the city has been usually healthy all through the year as shown by the figures of the Health Department. For the first 38 weeks of 1921, the death rate was 11.47 a thousand a year as against 13.8 during the corresponding period of 1920.

"Children under one year have died at the rate of 75 a thousand a year during 1921 as against 91 in 1920."

## LADY FRIENDS

### YOUR HELP NEEDED!

Already we have a little band of volunteers taking charge of pledge-signing tables at various points in the city. We need more!

Will you volunteer to help us with this work?

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# A Personal Chat with my readers

The demand of the hour is **ECONOMY**, for economy. It is demanded of many who have no intention of practising it themselves and not much idea of how to impose it on the other fellow. Why insure or save, there is an old age pension waiting you? Why join a benefit society, the Government will provide a doctor? Why work? Broken Hill echoes why? The Government will keep you. We seem to be losing the priceless characteristic of independence. We do not live by thrift nowadays but by chance—and are most surely hitting the trail that so many nations like Rome and Greece hit in past days. We have neither greater brains nor courage than found among the old nations, and, in spite of our professions, we have no better morals. We are an old young people, and it is only a fool who refuses to face the facts that point to our national decay. A dead bough does not necessarily mean a dying tree, nor do green leaves necessarily mean a live tree, nor does an ordinary tree die in a day; but a tree, however big, will die if cut off from water, and a people, however fine, will die if they cut themselves off from God. It will not be by law, but by self-respect born of a sense of responsibility to God that we will place restraint on our extravagances and commence a period of economy and thrift. When I read of some Federal or State schemes for economy it makes me think of the occasion when a young husband inquired: "What's this?" referring to the memorandum his wife had given him. "One dozen eggs, a pound of raisins, a bottle of lemon extract, a tin of ground cinnamon, and half a pound of sugar. What do you want with all these things, Marabelle?"

"I've got a stale loaf," replied the young wife, "that I'm going to save by working it up into a bread pudding. I never let anything go to waste, Harry."

Why are we in a muddle? Why **WHY?** is everything out of joint? The following story does not seem to me to need any explanation:

When the late John Bigelow, once Minister to France, was calling at a friend's house he was entertained while waiting for the homecoming of the older people by the small daughter.

At last Mr. Bigelow said: "I don't think I will wait any longer; as you see, it is getting dark."

"Mr. Bigelow, what makes it get dark?" she inquired.

"Ah," he answered, "I don't think I can explain it so that a little girl could understand it."

"But I know why it is."

"You do? Then you explain it to me."

The blond head nodded. "God shuts his eyes," she replied.

God has ceased to smile at us through eyes of love, we have turned our back on Him, and the shadows are lengthening and deepening.

There is a huge effort **NOT WANTED.** on in Parkes—the Hospital Thousand Fund—from which the hospital expects to net about £1800. There have been devious devices for money-raising, and it was proposed that at the big final sports gathering there be a publican's booth, as is usual at a big sports meeting. At the Committee meeting this was proposed, but another motion, moved by Mr. Whitmill (President of the Shire) and seconded by Mrs. Millthorpe (a "Grit" reader), "That no publican's booth be allowed on the ground," was carried by 15 to 3. That occurred three weeks ago. The sports are to be held on October 31. On the 27th instant a meeting was called, notices were issued about noon, when there was an Anglican flower show on, a big opera rehearsal, and a special picture, and on the business paper was a notice of motion by Mr. A. Nicholls, "That the motion passed, that no publican's booth be allowed, be rescinded." Our friends immediately got busy, rang Mrs. Millthorpe, who lives some six or seven miles out, who knew nothing of the matter. Others were also informed. The mover was not present, so another gentleman stepped in and moved the motion. After about nine speeches on the matter, the motion was defeated by 9 to 4. The Shire President, in opposing the motion, referred to the time when there could not be a civic reception or a mayoral election or anything of that kind without whisky. A non-drinking mayor was elected, and from that day there had not been any drinking at the civic receptions, and many of the big public gatherings have no booze thereat. One man's influence has told greatly.

We commend the following statement from **PROHIBITION IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION.** an editorial in the Los Angeles "Herald" to the calamity howlers who see in Prohibition the death of the vineyard: "Every cloud has a silver lining," we were told in childhood. Sometimes the truth of the adage has been doubted.

"For instance, before the Prohibition amendment and the Volstead Act made the United States legally 'dry,' the growers of wine grapes in California saw nothing but

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disaster staring them in the face, with the razing of their vineyards as the inevitable result.

"Yet, since Prohibition became a certainty, prices of wine grapes have soared to greater heights than ever known when they were used only for beverages.

"And here are some of the reasons, as discovered by the Federal Department of Agriculture: The stems are producing a good grade of cream of tartar; from the pomace, after the seeds are separated, jelly is produced; after the jelly is extracted the dry residue constitutes a good stock feed; the seeds yield oil, which when processed, is a palatable condiment; from the hulls tannin is extracted; and now it is stated that the waste can be utilised in making grape juice.

"Verily this cloud has a silver lining."  
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## NEWS FROM THE BATTLE FRONT

Do you consider that you are a Prohibitionist? Do you sometimes claim that you are helping to put N.S.W. dry? Have you the reputation in your home, your office, your church of being a helper in the cause?

Then face the fact squarely: Are you doing your bit in the Referendum Pledge Campaign?

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Grip the big fact! The Alliance is centring on pledge obtaining. The Alliance is centring with its force of organisers, is centring with posters, big newspaper advertisements, stickers, hand-bills, open-air meetings, Parliamentary lobbying, centring with all its force and ideas on the work.

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**No! Wherever there's a Catholic Referendum Member there's also a Protestant Referendum Member—in same party and same electorate.**

Will the Pledge perhaps prevent me from voting?

**No! The Pledge Campaign will ensure Referendum Candidates galore.**

Will it make me vote against my party?

**No! Each party wants your vote. Your Pledge will make them provide "Referendum" candidates.**

Pledge and a leaflet, and say you'll call back for the signed card.

### Arrange house to house canvass.

We're getting to the point. We want a Parliament Pledged to a Referendum.

### 45 Members of Parliament are already pledged!

Understand! There are 89 members in the House to-day. We want 60 Referendum members to make sure of our ground. Your Pledge, your help, your enthusiasm will make it possible.

In to-day's mail a letter says:

**Mr. Kilpatrick (Prog.), Murray electorate, favors Referendum!**

Are you a powerful speaker? Arrange for open-air demonstrations in your suburb or town.

**Our city open-air meetings in Martin Place have commenced successfully.**

Why not have special local indoor demonstrations?

**At Epping's Sunday afternoon demonstration everyone signed—a big number!**

Don't be afraid of welcoming our organisers.

Are they coming to your district? Here's the itineraries:

MISS GRANT.

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MR. PATTON.

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MRS. BRUNTON SMITH.

Cumberland district: 10th to 20th.

MR. F. WILSON.

Albury, Marrar, Junee: 7th to 21st.

REV. R. B. S. HAMMOND.

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MR. JACK CREAGH.

Culcairn and district: 11th to 18th.

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Signature .....

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## SEND FOR MORE!

its really fine effort, if you're not making this month a pledge-obtaining month.

### Campaign Ends November 30—Send Signed Pledges Each Week.

This is vitally important! Industrial districts have also taken up the pledge.

### Broken Hill sends for 2000!

The Pledge is an effort to restore Democracy in Government.

### Maitland Coalfields send for 2000 Pledges!

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### Goulburn itself has 350 signed already.

The miners have a keen sense of justice. The refusal to hold a Referendum was unjust.

### South Coast Miners have accepted the Pledge!

And, say! Understand that Prohibitionists are united in this Pledge Campaign.

### Not one committee has turned it down!

Listen! Every church should have a Pledge-signing table in porch after each service during next three weeks.

All Granville churches are adopting this plan!

Ask for it in your church.

### A Pledge-signing table in each church.

Every town and suburb should have a Pledge-signing table at busy street centre, every day and on shopping night.

### Pledge-signing table in street.

Every house, shop, hall or shed possible should have a Referendum poster displayed.

### Send for some Referendum Posters!

Every house possible should be canvassed for Pledges. Don't waste time—leave a

SIGN AND SEND!

SEND FOR MORE!



## WHAT ARE HEADLINES MADE OF ?

"Dry Law Reduces Alcoholic Insane," truly says "Evening Mail; "Dry Law Results Still Negligible," says "Evening Telegram" headlining same facts.

We have had much to say of newspaper propaganda against Prohibition. Here is another instance of crooked distortion of facts by the headline writer of the New York "Evening Telegram" of September 21.

The Associated Press sent out from Trenton, N.J., to the evening newspapers of that date this statement:

"Trenton, N.J. (To-day).—A generation will pass before the effects of Prohibition in the direction of reducing the number of delinquents and defectives admitted to State institutions will be apparent, so Dr. Davis Weeks, superintendent of the State Village for Epileptics at Skillman, and Dr. Henry A. Cotton, medical director of the New Jersey State Hospital for the Insane here, are agreed.

"Dr. Cotton, in his report, says that while admission of alcoholic cases to his institution has decreased from 21 to 2 per cent., admissions for other types of mental diseases have increased tremendously during the last few years. If Prohibition had not decreased the admissions of alcoholic cases, he said, the total would have been much higher."

We wish first to call attention to the way in which the immediate and actual results of Prohibition testified to were put at the bottom of this article by the Associated Press correspondent who sent it out, and the discussion of the effects of Prohibition upon progeny, which can of necessity be shown only a generation from now, was placed first.

But the important thing for newspaper readers is the evidence of how the facts themselves, even when they are in a newspaper article, are belied and distorted by headlines.

The New York "Evening Mail," which paper makes it its business to give the people the facts respecting Prohibition which come in the news, made its headlines above the despatch we have just quoted truthfully read as follows:

"Dry Law Reduces Alcoholic Insane—So Reports Medical Director of Jersey State Hospital."

While the New York "Evening Telegram," unsympathetic to Prohibition, and guilty of continuous misrepresentation in that respect, put above the same despatch these utterly false heads:

"Dry Law Results Still Negligible—An Asylum Head Says Generation Will Pass Before Effects are Noted."

Both of these telegram heads are completely refuted by the statements below them, but they were meant to catch the public's eye and get over an impression, because many read headlines only and never get the facts below them.

The world has a new conception of the diabolical nature of attempts to poison people's minds with false propaganda. Of what value is it to feel an intense hatred for the kind of false propaganda supported by the German nation before and during the late war and not feel an intensity of loathing and hatred for the kind of false propaganda continuously perpetrated by wet newspapers and beautifully exemplified by the above headline quotations from the New York "Evening Telegram"?

easy it is to mistranslate an overheard remark:

Said Mrs. A., one of the overhearers: "They must have been to the zoo, because I heard her mention 'a trained deer.'"

Said Mrs. B.: "No, no. They were talking about going away and she said to him, 'Find out about the train, dear.'"

Said Mrs. C.: "I think you are both wrong. It seemed to me they were discussing music, for she said, 'A trained ear' very distinctly."

A few minutes later the lady herself appeared, and they told her of their disagreement.

"Well," she laughed, "That's certainly funny. You are poor guessers, all of you. The fact is, I'd been out to the country overnight, and I was asking my husband if it rained here last evening."

THE EDITOR.

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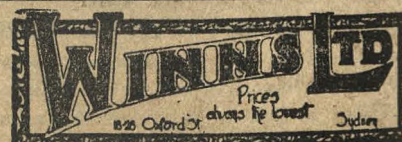
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## A Personal Chat—

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**SOME SPARKS.** Many a sentence in the American papers has "hooks on it," it sticks. For instance, "a soft drink turneth away thirst"; it is notorious that a "hard drink" creates thirst. Here is another: "The one nation that can lick all nations is stagnation." The following statement is not without its local appropriateness: "It takes a lot of horse sense to maintain a stable government." The Min-

neapolis "Journal" says: "Hudson Maxim, inventor of smokeless powder, fears that U.S.A. is going to decay and ruin as the result of Prohibition. It is. In a number of places the workhouse has had to close."

The American Consul, **NO HEARSAY.** speaking last week at a lunch meeting, said: "The first step towards national Prohibition in U.S.A. was to go after the facts."

Please "go after the facts."

Here is a singular incident showing how

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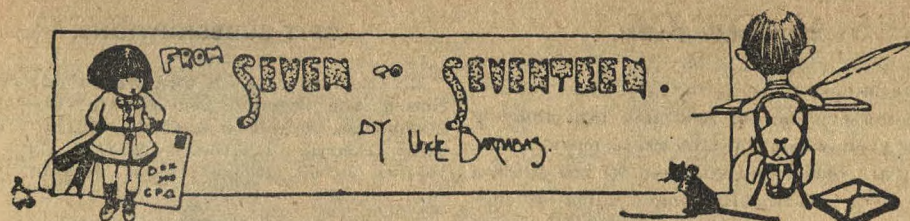
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## A CORRESPONDENT.

Winnie Morgan, "The Glen," Penshurst, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I saw in "Grit" a letter from a girl named Elsie M. Raymond, and she said she would like some of the girls or boys that write to you to write to her. I would like to. Will you please give me her address? We are getting some loquats from our fruit trees now. We have a telephone, and I can ring up now. Do you like fruit blossoms? Our trees are all out in blossom now, and look lovely. Our cat always takes her kittens away, and we don't know where she puts them. It was raining here yesterday, and it is cloudy to-day.

(Dear Winnie,—Elsie Raymond did not give her address; but if she sees this letter I am hoping she will write to you. It will be nice for both of you.—Uncle T.)

## GOOD RESULTS—SURE.

Thelma Dunlop, Croydon Park, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I suppose it is about time I wrote again, as my letter appeared some weeks ago. The results of our Sunday school examination have not come out yet, but as soon as they do I will tell you how I got on. We are practising hymns for our anniversary and also to sing in the Sydney Town

Hall soon. It is dad who is teaching us. We are having our new church built, and we will have our anniversary in it this year. Margrate has been ill with pneumonia and has still got a bad cold. I suppose Zillah has already told you that Margrate has said "Grit" a couple of times. Well, I can't think of anything else to tell you, so I will close with love to yourself and all "Grit" family.

(Dear Theima,—It is always time to write. I will be glad to hear the exam. results; but I am confident that you will succeed.—Uncle T.)

## FAIRY TALES.

Frank Duncan, "Clyth-ham," Byron Bay, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I was pleased to see my letter in "Grit." We have five little chickens. We have given Caesar away, but we have Rough. I am home from school with a cold this week. I have been reading "Alice in Wonderland," but I like the Brer Rabbit stories best of all. Which of the Brer Rabbit stories do you like best? I like the one where Brer Rabbit comes a thud and where Mr. Buzzard shakes him nearly off his back into the river, and walked, weak in the knees, for a long time afterwards.

(Dear Frank,—It is such a long time since I read those stories that I forget which I liked best; but I think you have about hit a right one.—Uncle T.)

## THE GOOD WORK.

Matt. Chaseling, Lower Hawkesbury, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I hope I am not enrolled on that scallywag list. I noticed in "Grit" that Leslie Baxter wrote to you. I used to go to school with him a few years ago. We have got a sulky and two saddle and sulky horses, besides two for the farm, and a rowing boat, so we do not lack for want of conveyance. Father is driving mother in the sulky to preach at St. Albans and Webb's Creek to-day. Father takes the services, too, but when mother is planned father has to drive her. My three sisters are going to be put on the plan next quarter to preach. It is very dull this morning. Now and then there is a light shower. I am just getting over a boil on my arm. It burst yesterday, and I was very pleased to see it do so.

Dear Matt,—No, you are not on the scallywag list. I hope you are also looking forward to the day when you will "sow the seed."—Uncle T.)

## "WHISKERS."

Maurice Lloyd, "Rauhte," Killara, writes:

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I like my work as an electrical apprentice very much, although I have to get up very early in the morning, and I get home rather late at nights. I go to technical classes twice a week, where I learn the theoretical part of my training. My sister has just got a little Australian terrier from a friend. We call him "Whiskers," and we hope his name will not become "Whisky." He is very frisky and playful, and he has rather an intelligent look in his face. Our cat and the little dog are rather antagonistic to each other, but we hope that they will soon become friends. I think this is all the news I have to tell you. With all good wishes to "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Maurice,—I am pleased to hear of your progress. Always remember "it is the early bird that catches the worm," and success comes to those who are "up and doing."—Uncle T.)

#### A NEW NI.

Elaine Tamblyn, Marrickville, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—Will you accept me as one of your Nis? I am 11 years of age, and my birthday is on January 13. I am in fifth class at school, and go to the Church of England Sunday school. We have all been sick with the influenza and mother is taking us to Katoomba for a holiday. I have a cat, and she is jet black. Her name is Blossom, and I am very fond of her. My grandma takes "Grit" every week, and I always enjoy reading pages 11 and 12. My mother and father both believe in Prohibition. Well, I must close now. With love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Elaine,—I welcome you to our family circle, and I hope the good principles which father and mother believe in will grow up in you also.—Uncle T.)

#### BETTER IN FUTURE.

Roland Butt, Macksville, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I hope you have not the influenza. I have not written for a long time, so I expect that my name is on the scallywag list. Will you cross my name off it, please, Uncle B., because I intend to write regularly? The train has been running to Macksville for a good while now. It comes in about ten o'clock in the morning, and goes out in the evening at six. At Macksville school we play football. I am learning to play Rugby. I learnt to play Soccer up at Taylor's Arm. Mother is making up another parcel for the poor people. This is all for this time, so good-bye, with love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Roland,—As you have promised to write more regularly in future, I will keep you off the scallywag list. Be a trier.—Uncle T.)

#### THE NEW FARM.

Philip Gray, "Clifton Dale," Bonalbo, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—It is a long time since I wrote to you last. I hope that you will forgive me, and cross my name off the scallywag list. We have a new farm of one thousand three hundred acres. We are grazing cattle, rearing pigs, and growing crops. It is a change to milking, like we were at Booyong. We three children sell vegetables round the town. One evening my father, brother, and sister were driving home from school when my sister ran the sulky up on to the bank and capsized it. They managed to jump out of the road of it before it turned right over. They escaped without a scratch. The horse stood quietly, but the sulky shaft was broken, and the seat knocked off. Last month we had a very big flood. It was over the banks of the creek. Some of the people had their fences washed out. A few of our pumpkins were washed away and some of the people in Bonalbo got the benefit of them. It is raining here at present. I hope we do not get another flood. During the midwinter holidays I rode out to Wallanganee school, fifteen miles away, where our "Grit" cousin, Lawrence Towner, lives. I stayed a few days, and Lawrence came back with me for two days. We enjoyed our ride and had some good games together—football, cricket, etc. I will close now, with love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Philip,—They say "a change is as good as a rest," so you ought to benefit every way by the life on your new farm. I have made a note of the change of address. Write again soon.—Uncle T.)

#### SICKNESS AND STUDY.

Zillah Dunlop, Croydon Park, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I saw my last letter in "Grit." I would have had a letter written long ago only I misplaced it and had to write another one; so I hope I have not become a scallywag. If I have, will you please forgive me? Margaret has been very sick, but Thelma has taught her to say "Grit." We are getting a new church in Croydon Park, and it will soon be finished, because it has the roof on now. We are going to have our anniversary in it in October. My letter is not a very long one, as I have no more news, so I must close now, with love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Zillah,—Of course I will forgive you, especially as you have taught baby to say "Grit." Now, you must take care that baby learns to read "Grit"—some day.—Uncle T.)

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Discussing Prohibition in America, Mr. T. M. Wilford, M.P., Leader of the Liberal Party, a vigorous opponent of Prohibition, who has just returned from a visit to the United States, said it was too early to say what was the effect of Prohibition. He had come to three conclusions:—(1) That the real effect of Prohibition would not be seen until the private stores of liquor were used up; (2) that saloons and spirits were gone for all time; and (3) that light wines and light beer would be eventually permitted.—New Zealand "Herald," 17/8/21.

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"Not on three dollars a week," said the boy.

**TAKING NO CHANCES.**

The street-faker expressed disgust with the crowd of pikers standing around him. "Why," he exclaimed witheringly, "I'll bet you fellows aren't sports enough to offer me 50 cents for this bright, new dollar bill."

"I will," piped up a ragged urchin.

"All right," said the faker. "Hand over the 50 cents."

"Take it out of the buck an' hand me the change," said the urchin, who wasn't taking any chances.

**THE IMITATOR.**

The Boss: "What do you mean by such language? Are you the manager here or am I?"

Jones: "I know I'm not the manager."

The Boss: "Very well, then, if you're not the manager, why do you talk like a blamed idiot?"

**TIED UP.**

Brown and Jones, at the Club, were lamenting the absence of their mutual friend Robinson, who had got married.

"We don't see much of Robinson now," said Brown. "I fancy his movements are not so free as they used to be."

"That's true," replied Jones, dryly. "Since he tied the knot he's not had so much rope."

**THE SUBSTITUTE.**

"Your Honor," said the prosecuting attorney, "your bull pup has went and chewed up the Court Bible."

"Well," grumbled the Court, "make the witness kiss the pup; we can't adjourn Court to get a new Bible."

**FASHION FOUND WANTING.**

Policeman: "Lest yer mammy, 'ave yer? Why didn't yer keep hold of her skirt?"

Little Alfred: "I cou-cou-couldn't reach it."

**A TIME TO PAUSE.**

When a girl begins calling you by your first name, watch out, boy! She likes your last one.

**SURE SIGN.**

A man went to the undertaker to order a coffin for his brother.

"Why," said the undertaker, "is your brother dead?"

"No, he's not dead yet," was the answer; "but he'll die to-night, for the doctor says he can't live till morning, and he knows what he gave him."

**ELIJAH UP TO DATE.**

Little Eddie was absorbed in a picture of Elijah going to heaven in a chariot of fire. Pointing to the halo about the prophet's head, Eddie finally exclaimed:

"See, father, he's carrying an extra tyre!"

**UNRULY, AS USUAL.**

A young clergyman who was temporarily filling a city pulpit made the following request in his prayer:

"May the brother who ministers to this flock be filled full of fresh veal and new zigor."

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**"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."—  
Gal. 6, 2.**

## SUNDAY.

"Peter, therefore, was kept in prison; but . . ."—Acts, 12, 5.

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"God keeps His best things for the few  
Who dare to stand the test."

The universe holds more than prisons. Beyond human sight stands the eternal throne, and He Who sits upon it is the Lord God Almighty, Governor of Nations, and friend of all that cry upon Him. Here upon earth there are those who have access to God. They have His ear. Their cry reaches His heart, for it would be passing strange if God were the only Father unable or unwilling to hear and help His children. On the one hand are walls and gates and locks and bars and military guards and chains; on the other a company of praying people, an angel—and God. Herod puts Peter in prison, but cannot chain his soul, cannot even keep his body in prison if God wills otherwise. The shortest road to all our dear ones in any kind of trouble is round by God's throne. By that route we can reach them and help them. Prayer cuts off all chains, unlocks all doors, masters all enemies.—"Messenger."

## MONDAY.

"But the greatest of these is love."—1 Cor., 13, 13.

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## LOVE.

Love that asketh love again  
Finds the barter naught but pain;  
Love that giveth in full store  
Aye receives as much and more.

Love exacting nothing back  
Never knoweth any lack;  
Love, compelling love to pay,  
Sees him bankrupt every day.

## TUESDAY.

"Because I live, ye shall live also."—John, 14, 19.

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## THE SIMPLE LIFE.

Christianity is not an ascetic creed, if by asceticism we mean morose self-mortification. But it is all in favor of the simple life.

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In the first place, it bids us to regard ourselves as soldiers on a campaign, or athletes training for a race: "Thou, therefore, take thy share of hardship, as a good soldier of Christ," is the advice of the New Testament. I am convinced that everyone ought to take his share of hardship, both by living plainly and going without luxuries, and, where possible, by occasionally doing a little hard work with his hands.—Dean Inge, D.D.

## WEDNESDAY.

"Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."—Matt., 6, 34.

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## DAY BY DAY.

When our back is nigh to breakin',  
An' our strength is nearly gone,  
An' along there comes the laying  
Of another burden on —

If we'll only jest remember,  
No matter what's to pay,  
That 'tisn't yet December,  
An' we're livin' by the day.

So if we'll jest remember,  
Half the woe from life we'll rob  
If we'll only take it "by the day,"  
An' not live it "by the job."

## THURSDAY.

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."—Mark, 16, 15.

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## TO EVANGELISE THE WORLD.

There is food for earnest thought in the challenge of a Labor leader to a prominent minister in Scotland. "Why," said the Labor leader, "don't you set the heather on fire? If we had buildings in every town, village, and hamlet throughout Scotland, and had one day each week set apart for the purpose of propaganda, we would set the heather on fire." Do we realise what an equipment we possess in the organised Church, which a modern writer speaks of as one of the finest organisations in the world? But organisation alone is not sufficient. To evangelise the world there is no substitute for a spirit-filled church.

## FRIDAY.

"They crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put Him to an open shame."—Heb., 6, 6.

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**EACH NEW WEEK IS PASSION WEEK.**  
Two thousand years ago they bound  
The Son of Man upon a tree,  
And we, when Passion Week comes round,  
Commemorate His agony.

Two thousand years ago it was—  
So long ago, so far away—  
That Jesus prayed the cup might pass  
From Him. Yet has it passed to-day?

Brothers, what ruin have we made  
Of all His blessed earth so fair?  
Look round! Look round! Behold the shade  
Of Calvary is everywhere!

Still to His Cross He goes. While dim  
Memories of His old pain speak  
Unto our broken world, for Him  
Each new week still is Passion Week.  
—Gilbert Thomas, in "The Observer."

## SATURDAY.

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."—2 Cor., 9, 15.

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## GOD'S GIFTS.

Let us give thanks for the sea. Let us remember Him that gave it such vast dominion and made it to be not only the dwelling-place of His awful presence, but the beautiful garment of His love and the mighty instrument of His goodness. Let it speak to us of His unfathomable fulness.—Rev. Leonard Swain, D.D.

O God, O good beyond compare,  
If thus Thy meaner works are fair,  
If thus Thy bounties gild the span  
Of ruined earth and sinful man,  
How glorious must the mansion be  
Where Thy redeemed shall dwell with Thee.  
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## SYDNEY'S UNDERWORLD.

### GIRL'S EXPERIENCE IN WINE SHOP.

#### SYDNEY'S CRIMINAL ELEMENT.—WOMAN KICKED AND INJURED.

The doings in Sydney's underworld during the past few days have been more exciting than usual. A startling story has been told by a girl at Waverley that she was induced by a woman to go to a wine shop at Woollahra, where she was doped. It has yet to be made known whether she was assaulted.

Another case of the doings of the criminal element of the city has been made known. The facts in this case are that a woman who was robbed at Bondi gave two men in charge for the offence, and a woman, a friend of theirs, met the victim of the theft in Darlinghurst, and, knocking her down, kicked and severely injured her, because she informed the police of the robbery.

The story of the girl who left home is one which goes to show very clearly that there are women of mature age who are continuously patrolling the streets on the look-out for girls, to lead them astray.

It has been pointed out that there are well-dressed women in Sydney who fascinate many impressionable "flappers." Some of these women have been judged by the police to be "white slave" agents, operating here for agents in the East and Honolulu.

The latest case which has come under the notice of the police indicates that not only are there agents who traffic in girls overseas, but there is the suburban den, which has its representative looking for girls.

#### LEFT HOME ON SUNDAY.

The girl who is the subject of current police inquiry lives at Waverley. She left home on Sunday afternoon for the purpose of going to a meeting of the Salvation Army in the city. She told her mother she would meet her in front of a building in Elizabeth-street.

The mother was there at the time and place appointed, but the girl failed to appear. After an hour's waiting the mother went home, expecting to find her daughter, but she was disappointed.

Inquiries were made from neighbors, but no one had seen the girl. All night the anxious parent kept awake, hoping that her

daughter would come home, but there was no appearance of her.

Yesterday the mother communicated with the police. Persons who knew where the girl was evidently became afraid of the trend of affairs, and the girl reached home last night.

#### TWO MYSTERIOUS WOMEN.

It was about 8 p.m. yesterday that the mother received a surprise. She had been about the city all day, on the look-out for her daughter, and had returned home disappointed at failing to find her. A knock at the door attracted her attention, and she went outside and met two women.

"Are you Mrs. —?" asked one of the women.

"Yes," was the reply.

"Well, your daughter is outside. She does not like to come in," remarked the second woman.

"Tell her to come in at once. Everything is all right. She is welcome," was the mother's reply.

The strange women retired, and in a few words told the young woman to go inside. The mother had run to receive her, and at the gate she noticed her stagger.

#### HAD SHE BEEN DOPED?

The girl was strange in her manner. Her face looked bloated and she seemed dazed. She was helped inside, and given refresh-

ment, and after a rest revived somewhat and commenced to tell her mother her story.

She stated that after she left home she was met by a woman, who induced her to go to a wineshop in Oxford-street, Woollahra. She was given something to drink, and from then on she was never herself. She had many glasses of wine, and she has a recollection that she expressed a keen desire to go home, but she was induced to stay at the place. She was plied with more wine, and at last she was taken to a room and put to bed. She awoke yesterday morning feeling very ill, and stayed in the house all day.

The police are giving keen attention to the case, and a report regarding the conduct of the wineshop will be prepared for Superintendent Nolan.

#### WOMAN'S REVENGE.

##### FIGHT AT DARLINGHURST.

Another evil happening is in regard to a robbery at Bondi several days ago. A woman's flat was entered by two men who stole a large quantity of jewellery and clothing. The woman, who is of the street-walking class, had her suspicions as to the persons who robbed her, and she went to the police and gave the information.

Sydney's underworld works in mysterious ways. It was not long before the thieves heard of the report in connection with the robbery. The news came to the city. Incensed at the action of the woman at Bondi, another woman friend of the thieves decided on revenge, and a watch was kept on the movements of the Bondi resident. She was located at Darlinghurst during the weekend, and while she was near Flinders-street, not far from the Darlinghurst Police Station, she was attacked and roughly handled. Her assailant has an unlovely black eye as a result of a street fight between Sydney and Melbourne women about a fortnight ago. Having done the worst she could with her hands and feet in a short time, the attacker jumped on a car and got away.—"Sun," October 26.

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The writer asked the judge: "What effect has Prohibition had on these people?" He replied, "Prohibition has had a salutary effect on the morals of the people in this district."

Just then a case was called in which a negro threw a lamp at his wife. The judge asked him "why he did it." He said, "I was drunk, judge, on moonshine, and did not know what I was doing." He gasped when the judge sentenced him to pay a fine of 100 dollars, but looked relieved when the judge said he would suspend the fine during his good behaviour. A laugh flashed over this mass of the submerged tenth when the judge for punishment ordered him to go to church every Sunday for six months, put a quarter on the collection plate every Sunday, and bring a written statement from the preacher each month proving that he had been to church.

Saloons are fading away at a rapid rate in Chicago, and with them are going the slums. If we can give to children in the so-called slums of American cities an unpoisoned parenthood, a safeguarded childhood, it means much for the future of the race.—George McGinnis.

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