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PEORIA'S DISTILLERIES NOW ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF FOODSTUFFS.

Executive Secretary of Peoria Association of Commerce Says the Thirteen Distilleries and Three Breweries are Employing More Men and More Money Involved Than When Making Liquor.

Peoria, Ill., was known as the whisky capital of the United States. Its distilleries in the old license days had a capacity of grinding approximately 42,000 bushels of grain a day. These immense distilleries have now been converted into plants for the manufacturing of food products of different kinds, and are employing more men than when they were grinding 42,000 bushels of grain a day for the manufacture of beverage alcohol.

The Bulletin issued by the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Episcopal Church publishes an interesting letter from Willis Evans, executive secretary of the Peoria Association of Commerce, addressed to Hon. Dan R. Sheen, former member of the Illinois Legislature, wherein is set forth some facts relative to the present activities of these big distilleries. By way of introduction the Bulletin says:

Peoria's immense whisky trade formerly gripped the imaginations of the surrounding territory. Many of the farmers believed that this market for their grain was absolutely required. The business men of Peoria were horrified at the mere suggestion that Prohibition might some day be the law of the land. They were unable to see how the city could survive such a shock to its principal industry. After Prohibition, however, the Chicago "Tribune" headed a story as to Prohibition in Peoria as follows: "Bacchus is dead! Long live Midas." As soon as Prohibition stopped the distilling of whisky, Peoria immediately stepped into a prosperity of which it had never before dreamed. We have the word of the Peoria clearing-house association that bank clearings for the year 1918 were 249,507,480.74dol.; for the year 1919, 260,439,834.78dol.; for the year 1920, 281,528,228.93dol.

CONVERTED DISTILLERIES AND BREWERIES.

The letter of the secretary of the Peoria Association of Commerce, Mr. Evans, reads in part as follows:

"The Peoria distilleries, 13 in number, located in Peoria and Pekin, are now used for other purposes than the grinding of corn for whisky and similar beverages. . . . One of the big Pekin distilleries is now the big Liberty Yeast Factory. The other distillery at Pekin is used for the manufacture of food products.

"In Peoria the distilleries were taken over by the United States Food Products Company, and they spent about five million dollars in rejuvenating the plants, and now produce all kinds of food for man and beast. This includes sugar and corn syrup and corn oils, preserves of all kinds, yeast, white vinegar, wheat, flour, etc. When the distilleries were taken over and these notable improvements made, it was announced they had thirty million dollars to spend and would continue until the plants were in the finest condition. Recently the United States Food Products Company has suffered a relapse, perhaps due to the general industrial condition, and they are now operating at the minimum.

"The breweries, three in number, are utilised for general manufacturing. For example, the Leisy Brewing Company is now a malt extract plant and an ice factory. The Gipps brewing plant makes syrups for soda fountains, yeast and other food products. The Union Brewing Company is occupied by the Automatic Carbonic Machine Company,

which manufactures ice plants for homes and hotels. Other buildings formerly occupied by the Union Brewing Company are used for similar purposes.

"It is also notable that Peoria has not suffered since this marvellous change in industry. The concerns occupying the old distilling and brewing plants employ more men and more money is involved than in the old days. Our bank clearings have increased at the rate of fifteen million dollars each year since that July 1 enactment. All of the saloon property in Peoria is used for drink parlors, residences, offices, etc.

"Oftimes we receive letters from those who think that Peoria received an awful jolt, and that our business is stagnant. The opposite is true. I don't think there is an empty building in Peoria, and we need five hundred to a thousands residences."

Peoria records the usual result upon crime statistics, according to information furnished the Bulletin by Chief of Police Rhodes. These statistics are as follows:

Total arrests for drunkenness, July 1, 1918, to July 1, 1919, 1780; total arrests for drunkenness, July 1, 1919, to July 1, 1920, 295; total arrests for all causes, July 1, 1918, to July 1, 1919, 5966; total arrests for all causes, July 1, 1919, to July 1, 1920, 2937.

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NATIONAL WOMAN'S C.T.U. CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Immense Gathering.

Great accounts have come to hand of the forty-eighth annual Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of America, held in Frisco at the end of August, and presided over by Miss Anna Adams Gordon, National President (and now also acting World's President), who had recently returned from a 20,000-mile trip to five of the South American republics, in the interests of the Prohibition movement there. As evidence of the interest aroused in the Californian city, it is reported that the daily attendance at the meetings was never less than 1500, while the evening assemblages were much larger, and the Convention was a front page story in all the big papers day after day.

It has been said that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of U.S.A. might put up the shutters, now that Prohibition has been written into the Federal Constitution, but the programme of work is still so important and inspiring that the Union is in the midst of a campaign to win a million members by 1924, and nearly four hundred women joined during the Convention week. The President's keynote was: "We cannot break ranks; we cannot lay down our arms; much territory remains to be possessed for our foundation principles of total abstinence and Prohibition." Children must be trained in those principles; men and women must be shown the advantages of living up to the law's ideals, and January 16 has been appointed as National Prohibition Day, when the purposeful women of the American continent will hold great meetings in commendation of Prohibition and its benefits, with special appeals for a whole-hearted observance of the law.

A VISION FULFILLED.

Of all the sane, sensible and worthy utterances during the convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union nothing truer was said than this little statement of its president, Miss Anna Adams Gordon:

"The San Francisco gathering has been an awakener, both to those within the ranks and to those who had no concrete idea what the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is."

We speak of those outside their ranks. There were many who have had the impression in the past that the W.C.T.U. was an organisation of narrow-minded people with a single string to their bow, imbued with a single fanatical purpose, with no vision, the worst type of bigoted Puritan.

These—the people outside the ranks—followed the activities of this convention and found the W.C.T.U. to be made up of a fine, high-minded, broad-minded, wide-visioned set of women worthy and capable of taking a vital and ennobling part in bringing America and Americans up to the highest ideals of modern democracy.

It was, indeed, a revelation.

The W.C.T.U., in much the same way as has been the case with other movements, is the "lengthened shadow of a personality."

That great personality—Frances Willard—was a woman who did not find her widest appreciation in the earlier days of her work, one might say her mission.

The attitude of the generality of Americans toward her was their attitude toward the movement she started.

That attitude has changed.

But, essentially, the movement and its purposes have remained the same.

The American public generally has only just begun to be appreciative.

It has but now begun to rise to the vision first vouchsafed a great leader and steadily carried on by zealous disciples.

The vision of Frances Willard has reached the higher slopes, at least, of the mount of victory.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 48th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NA- TIONAL WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEM- PERANCE UNION OF U.S.A.

PREAMBLE.

Assembled in the 48th annual meeting of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union in San Francisco, California, we again pledge our loyalty and service to the Divine Leader, Whose guidance we gratefully acknowledge.

We believe that the teaching of Jesus Christ must be worked out in the customs of society and the laws of the country.

With these ends in view, we ask the help of earnest, thoughtful Christian men and women in support of the platform expressed in these resolutions.

Total Abstinence.

1. It has been scientifically demonstrated that alcohol is a poison; we therefore em-

phasise anew the necessity of personal total abstinence.

Purity.

2. Purity of life is the foundation of the home, and necessary to the perpetuation and progress of the race, and we are glad to co-operate with all agencies that seek to promote pure living.

Disarmament.

3. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has always worked for measures that would promote peace and secure just international relations. We heartily support the movement for world disarmament and commend the President of the United States for calling a disarmament conference of nations for November 11, 1921.

Christian Citizenship.

4. To emphasise the use of the ballot as a sacred obligation, and to educate for its intelligent and conscientious exercise is one of the supreme tasks of the immediate future, in which we must bear a part.

Law Enforcement.

5. Respect for law and obedience to the same are necessary for the preservation of the highest ideals, and the promotion of universal good citizenship.

We pledge our renewed and vigorous efforts to secure the enforcement of the 18th Amendment.

We urge upon the citizens of this country the necessity of upholding the majesty of the law.

World Prohibition.

6. The World's W.C.T.U. Convention, held in London in 1920, and the recent survey by our National President of European and South American countries, has brought us in closer touch with the progress of Prohibition sentiment in many of the nations federated in our World's W.C.T.U. Eagerly they are noting the economic and moral benefits already secured through the enactment of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. We pledge them our continued sympathy and co-operation and press unceasingly forward to the goal of world Prohibition.

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FIELD DAY APPOINTMENTS.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11.

- 11 a.m., St. Augustine's, Stanmore.
7.15 p.m., All Souls, Leichhardt.
Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.
11 a.m., Oatley Anglican Church.
7.15 p.m., South Hurstville Anglican Church.
Mr. Francis Wilson.
11 a.m., Coogee Anglican Church.
Rev. J. T. Phair.
11 a.m., Punchbowl Anglican Church.
7.15 p.m., Bankstown Anglican Church.
Mr. W. D. B. Creagh.
11 a.m., Penshurst Presbyterian Church.
7.15 p.m., Hurstville Presbyterian Church.
Rev. H. A. Cubis, B.A.
7.15 p.m., Willoughby Congregational Church.
Mr. R. J. C. Butler.
7.15 p.m., Tempe Methodist Church.
Mr. E. Gilbert.
11 a.m., Mathoura Presbyterian Church.
7.30 p.m., Deniliquin Methodist Church.
8.45 p.m., United Church Rally.
Mr. W. H. Sherwood.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14.

- 3 p.m., W.C.T.U. Methodist Church, Arncliffe.
Miss Grant.

A FORWARD MOVE.

During the last few months preliminary meetings have been held with a view to the formation of a Young People's Prohibition Council and Band of Hope Union. The organisation of this part of the Temperance Campaign has now been effected in the definite adoption of a constitution of such a Council and Union. On November 29th a very representative gathering met in the Alliance Rooms. It consisted of duly appointed delegates from a large number of State-wide Young People's Organisations, and discussed in a very enthusiastic manner the proposed constitution, which was submitted by a specially appointed committee. As a result of the discussion the constitution was adopted and officers elected, so that now there is a Council in existence planning to co-ordinate and encourage all efforts for Temperance and Prohibition amongst young people.

The objects of this organisation are two-fold:

1. To unite in one body all organisations interested in the welfare of youth, in order to co-ordinate temperance work amongst such organisations to prevent overlapping and to provide for any gap in the scheme of temperance education.

2. To unite in one union all independent or unattached local societies which have at present no central affiliation. These would include the Band of Hope and Young Peoples' Temperance Societies which are in existence throughout the State.

The officers on the Council are as follows:

Patron: Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.
Chairman: Mr. W. H. Mitchell.
Vice-Chairmen: Miss H. A. Dumolo, Rev. H. Wheen.
Treasurer: Mr. Rushton.
Secretary and Superintendent: Mr. A. J. Fisher.

Executive Representatives: Miss George Mrs. Fraser, and Mr. J. K. Jackson, and three representatives from the N.S.W. Alliance.

OUR UNITED FORCES.

As indicating the widespread interest being shown in this movement it is valuable to remember that the following organisations have definitely appointed representatives, and that others are on the point of arranging representation: Congregational Young People's Department, Church of Christ Bible School Department, Baptist Sunday School Council, Methodist Y.P. Department, Society of Friends, Conference of Seventh Day Adventists, Presbyterian Welfare of Youth Department, Kindergarten Union, Sydney Rescue Society, W.C.T.U., Y.W.C.A., Y.M.C.A., Primary Workers' Association, C.E. Union, I.O.G.T., O.S.T., Boy Scouts' Association, and N.S.W. Alliance.

It is expected before long that many other kindred organisations will have appointed their delegates.

FOR OUR UNATTACHED SOCIETIES.

All societies which are at present linked on to separate organisations such as indicated above will have their representatives upon the Council through the abovementioned delegates. There are many Bands of Hope and Young People's Temperance Societies at present existing independent of any other central organisation, and provision has been made for them by the addition of a constitution providing for their affiliation into a Band of Hope Union. We should be pleased to hear of all such societies in order that they may be notified of the benefits now placed at their disposal. To all such societies at present known to us, we are shortly sending information concerning the benefits of affiliation with the Band of Hope Union and the conditions upon which affiliation may be made.

It is expected that before long there will be a strong and vigorous union existing between all these hitherto isolated and independent local societies. Full information concerning both the Council and the Band of Hope Union can be obtained from Mr. A. J. Fisher, 321 Pitt-street, Sydney.

REFERENDUM PLEDGE CAMPAIGN.

In looking back over the fine work which has already been done in connection with this campaign, it is difficult to remark on particular efforts without appearing to overlook others. Some, however, show fine initiative. Mr. Frank E. Pulsford, of Croydon, sent a special letter and a pledge card on the subject to each of his church members—at his own trouble and expense. The rumor has come South that Kempsey enthusiasts have a pledge-signing competition, with a prize for the winner, and our Presbyterian friends should note that Rev. J. Edwards, the Moderator, enthusiastically supports the pledge, and made special reference to it while recently taking services in the North. A fine old pioneer, Mrs. Caroline Wilkinson, who is 92 years of age, and is the oldest resident in the West, has signed the modern pledge, and she advises all young people to eschew the drink.

The pledge tables have furnished fine results. On going to press we hear that in one day Manly collected 210 signatures, Sydneyham 206, Dulwich Hill 205, St. Peters

262, Marrickville 209, and Darlinghurst 150. An extensive programme for other places, including many country centres, has been arranged, and good results are assured.

Mr. Sherwood is covering a lot of ground in South-eastern Riverina. He is now conducting Prohibition services in the churches between Deniliquin and Oaklands.

Mrs. Ross, who has been Goulburn district organiser for some months, is about to relinquish that position. She has done splendid work there, the local committee speaking very highly of it.

Miss McGregor, our valued representative in Kempsey, has recovered from an illness which brought her to a Sydney hospital.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Rev. Allen Job writes of an improved outlook in Tasmania. The work of re-organisation has been happily begun, and that the people are behind the movement was shown by the promises of financial support given at the first services he conducted. These amounted to £165.

Ex-Senator Watson was in Sydney for the last week-end. He and Mr. Francis Wilson spoke at a fine gathering in the Lyceum on Sunday afternoon.

Ald. W. J. Walker, who has again been returned to the City Council, and by an increased majority, is an honored worker in the Prohibition fight, and a vice-president of the N.S.W. Alliance. Our congratulations to Ald. Walker.

"GRIT" SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Received to 1/12/21, and where not mentioned the amount received is 10s.: A. Taylor, 8/11/22; Mrs. Dunn, 28/9/22; Miss Harbutt, 11s. 6d., 29/11/22; Mrs. Lambert-Martin, 10/12/21; Miss McIntosh (N.Z.), £1 1s., 15/12/21; G. F. Day (N.Z.), 11s. 6d., 20/12/22; J. L. Probyn, 30/12/22.

THE LEGAL SANCTION.

It is said that we cannot make men "good" by Act of Parliament. In speaking of Prohibition making good it all depends where you place the inverted commas, round one or both words.

The law does not, of course, give the power to subdue a craving for liquor. Yet men are the creatures of habit, which is all their morals amount to. Man is the most adaptable of organisms (hence his survival), so why not change his habits?

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Reap a (national) Habit.

Sow a (national) habit.

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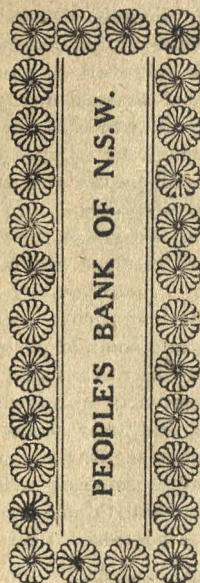
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In nearly every district in the State personal organising work has been carried out, and an army of volunteers has sprung into existence. The stream of signed cards is fast flowing back to this office, with a daily increasing volume. Ashfield workers obtained 520 signatures in one day, Hurstville enthusiasts in two days reaped a

harvest of 617, while in Parramatta 390 cards were signed in five hours, and these are representative results.

Our big initial effort terminates this Thursday, December 8th, and friends are asked to send in their big batches of signed cards, **but—the obtaining of signatures should be carried on till the next Parliamentary Election is in sight.** So shall we increase our fine total of signed pledges, and gather up a magnificent force which will ensure us our inalienable Right—a Referendum.

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At the invitation of the Executive of the Alliance representatives of various Temperance organisations and many friends met in the Congregational School Hall on Thursday last to welcome home Mr. I. Greenstreet, who has just returned from a tour of Europe and America. The Rev. R. B. S. Hammond presided and paid an eloquent tribute to the sterling qualities of Mr. Greenstreet. Dealing with the present Prohibition situation Mr. Hammond stated that the Government intended to amend the Liquor Act in a way not yet made public. "I say to the politician leave the Act alone and refer the whole question to the people to settle; that is the only right course to take, and I am prepared to accept the verdict of the people, whatever their verdict may be."

Speaking on behalf of the W.C.T.U. Mrs. Grant Forsyth said she was pleased to extend a welcome to our guest on behalf of the greatest organisation of women in the world to-day, and she hoped that he would be long spared to serve the great Prohibition movement.

Mr. Albert Bruntnell, M.L.A., speaking as an old friend of Mr. Greenstreet, and recalling

the early days of the movement, told how, when it was difficult work trying to wield the Temperance forces together, their guest could always be relied on to throw his weight on the side of co-ordination of effort and by wise counsel did much to lay the foundation of the great organisation which they knew to-day.

On rising to reply, Mr. Greenstreet was greeted with prolonged applause, and "For he's a jolly good fellow." In a quiet, conversational style, which was pleasing and effective, he told of his impressions of the trip. The outstanding feature was the vital and unmistakable difference between the general appearances of England and America. In England he saw the drink traffic deeply entrenched. No other than the Lord Chancellor, Lord Birkenhead, had stated while Mr. Greenstreet was in England that he (Lord Birkenhead) would be pleased to see the working man and his wife drinking together in the public house. Judging by appearances the chances of England going dry were very remote.

During a visit to France he saw sufficient of wine drinking to form the opinion that

any introduction of the continental methods into Australia would be most harmful and disastrous for this country.

On arrival in Canada he at once saw the evidence of the good results which follow the abolition of the traffic. Everywhere he found men and women endorsed Prohibition, and he found no evidence of any desire on the part of the people to revert to the old days of the open saloon. From a dry State he journeyed to Montreal, which is not yet dry, and from the moment he stepped outside of the railway station he saw the public signs of the free sale of alcohol. In the States he talked with all classes of the community, and everywhere received convincing proof of the benefits of Prohibition. "I only wish," said Mr. Greenstreet, "That I could send some of you men, and some of our politicians, to England and America, so that you might see for yourselves what an undoubted blessing Prohibition is, and after seeing the conditions, of the people in England with drink and seeing them in America without drink you would return with a greater enthusiasm than you ever possessed before."

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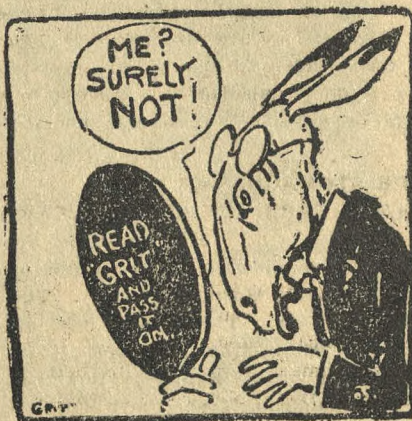
The result is that an Act, By-law, Proclamation or something is created, making it an offence for anybody to sell spirits of salts except a registered chemist, who is sometimes a very unscrupulous person indeed, and who always has a particularly keen nose for profits. Thus we find that the practical homicide or suicide can still obtain his spirits of salts with very little extra trouble, but at

a good deal of extra cost (our friend the chemist has attended to this latter with his usual thoroughness and attention to detail).



The above remarks apply to a thousand things in almost everyday use. Again take the recent Gun License Act. We arise in horror, because of a few fatalities per annum, and the same formula as relating to poisons is gone through again (with certain modifications to suit the palate of the Public Treasury).

Truly our regard for our brother is a wonderful thing. Our earnest desire that he shall not shoot himself to death, or that he shall not put spirits of salts or hydrocyanic acid where he puts the ham and eggs, is infinitely touching. And yet we freely allow him to burn his manhood with raw brandy, and ruin his God-given mechanism with overproof rum; to destroy himself and all his seed with alcohol. So long as the procession to the grave is unspectacular we allow it to go on.



It is time we looked in the mirror. Human life is sacred.

NEWS FROM TASMANIA.

The Licenses Reduction Bill was rejected on the voices in the Legislative Council on November 16, and brought a sense of relief to friends of Prohibition throughout the State. The bill had an easy passage through the Lower House, but in the Council it was almost without a friend. It aimed at the establishment of a Board for the reduction of the number of licensed houses on payment of liberal compensation. The Trade was behind it and no doubt hoped that it would be the means of strengthening their business which is so deeply entrenched on the island.

A few days earlier the Licensing Bench had decreed the closing of another undesirable house. This makes 33 that have been shut up during the past four years, and not a penny has been paid in the way of compensation. The Trade is apparently getting nervous, and is anxious to at least establish the principle of compensation against the day of greater judgment, which is surely now not far distant.

World's Temperance Sunday was celebrated by special reference in churches and Sunday schools throughout the State. In Hobart a United After Church Service was held in the Temperance Hall. The Hon. W. M. Williams, O.B.E., presided, and introduced Rev. H. Allen Job, who gave an address on "The Progress of Prohibition." As the speaker outlined the advance of the reform in various lands during the past few years the audience was enthused and applauded almost continuously.

A Temperance Convention extending over four days opens in the capital on November 22. It has been arranged by the Hobart Temperance Alliance, which has rendered most valuable service to the cause. Bishop Hay, the leading ministers of all Protestant churches, the Premier (Sir Walter Lee), and several members of Parliament are taking part in the programme.

The formation of a Prohibition League to conduct the forward movement has been decided on by the State Council of the Tasmanian Temperance Alliance. Invitations have been issued to the various churches, Temperance Societies, and other organisations to unite against their common enemy. The movement is full of promise and should secure the immediate establishment of an aggressive and efficient organisation. The Southern Council of Churches is strongly backing the movement, and the Congregational Union, at its Annual Assembly, commended the League to the loyal support of the churches.

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A Personal Chat with my readers

A BREWERY PROBLEM. Tooth's Brewery showed for the year ending September 30 a gross profit of £794,374 on a paid-up capital of £900,000. Since 1910 accumulated profits to the amount of £887,500 have been given to the shareholders in the form of shares for which they pay nothing and yet draw handsome dividends. To fight such a business is indeed a man-sized job, and there are 21 other breweries in this State.

Here is another interesting news item about a brewery:

"Toohey's Limited, had appealed against their income assessment, claiming that there were three items which should have been deducted as outgoings on expenditure. The first item was 'License reduction expenditure,' amounting to £186, which represented the cost of appearing before the License Reduction Board. The second item was 'Prohibition Inquiry Expenses, £545.' This expenditure was incurred in connection with the inquiry held by Judge Hamilton as to the estimated cost of Prohibition."

The Judge dismissed both claims.

A NATION OF PAUPERS. The Federal Auditor-General's report, recently issued, returns the population of the Commonwealth at the beginning of 1921 as 5,340,130. The same authority sets forth in statistical fashion that the Commonwealth paid £5,074,335 on account of invalid and old-age pensions, and £7,389,739 on account of war pensions, during 1920-21. There are other payments which it would be necessary to include in attempting anything approaching a comprehensive national pension list, but there are sufficient to indicate, at least, one of the big drains upon the national exchequer to which full importance is not always attached.

The expenditure is, of course, one at which no average citizen will cavil. The helplessness of old age is universal in its appeal, and nothing that we can fairly do is too much for the battered remnants of the splendid fellows that have drifted homewards, victims of the war. The citizen who has striven worthily for a generation, honestly contributing to the up-building of the nation, often falls upon evil days when the sands of life run low. He is just as worthy of generous assistance then as is an unfortunate victim of war.

War pensions will, of course, lessen rapidly as the years roll on, ultimately leaving only the usual proportion of aged and infirm; but, meantime, all are in existence now, and constitute a tax of considerable dimensions.

An examination of the figures shows that,

broadly, every man, woman, and child in the Commonwealth contributes £2/6/8 annually towards these two pension funds. The money distributed thus in each State varies to a considerable extent, however, when the individual State population is considered. Thus, in New South Wales, the pension distribution is only £2/1/7 per head of the population, whereas it is £2/15/3 per head in Victoria, and £2/19/6 in West Australia. The proportion of men who went to the war from each State would appear to provide the key-note in explanation to these amounts.

No mention is made of all the inmates in the State Benevolent Societies. In New South Wales we have Lidcombe, Parramatta, Liverpool, and Newington. In addition to these, the Salvation Army has a home for aged men. These places accommodate about 6000 at a cost of about £300,000 a year, which would mean nearly another million on the Commonwealth bill.

Surely it is time a real investigation was made as to why so young and so prosperous a country should be saddled with such a burden. Drink and gambling and general improvidence are largely responsible. Benevolent Governments are responsible for sapping the virile independence of our people and there is no promise of any attempt to face the facts revealed in these statements.

MORE STOMACH THAN HEART.

A friend writes to me thus:
"The Beechwood Horticultural Society held a flower show to aid the funds of the Port Macquarie Hospital recently. The net result was £38. The proprietress of the local hotel told me that they took £155 at the bar the same day. Evidently flower shows pay—the publican, if not the hospital."

Which reminds me that the splendid North Shore Hospital badly needs £22,000, which is less than the sum spent on drink in the afternoon of any week day in N.S.W.

THE OLD PARSON.

Most of us ministers come in for "more kicks than half-pence." It is so easy to criticise and so easy to forget. These lines by Alexander Louis Fraser touched me very deeply:

How many doors he opened, and with tread
Softened by gentleness he made his way
With heavy news or glad, or on the head
Of suffering his tender fingers lay.

How often, when shore lights were growing dim,
He helped souls o'er that river, bridgeless,
dark;

How often dear last words were said to him,
As to the sea he pushed some fragile bark.

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How oft baptismal dews upon the brows
Of youth he shed, who later found life's best;
How many hands he joined in sacred vows;
With long-locked secrets, carried in his breast.

Men knew not on what lure he turned his back—
Brave, humble figure in the faded black!

THE EDITOR.

A WEALTH OF FACTS.

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THE CEMETERY OF DRINK FAILURES

THE ECONOMY CAMPAIGN.

"SQUANDER AND TAX."

The Melbourne "Age" has a standing heading, "Squander and Tax." It is no doubt rendering public service by directing attention to the waste of money by Governments. But we cannot forget that when the question of arresting the squandering of money on drink, and the self-imposed taxation by the liquor traffic, was before the people for decision, the "Age" puts its powerful influence on the side of keeping up the squandering and taxation.

There is urgent need for economy. The probability is that as we proceed the need will become more urgent. There are some burdens which we cannot avoid. Interest on Commonwealth and State debts running into about £770,000,000. We have to face the growing costs of military and naval preparation. The war to end war threatens to prove to be the war to end peace. The real war to end war will not be between nations, but between systems. Because there are burdens which we cannot avoid is a good reason for throwing off any from which we can be freed.

At the commencement of the war Lloyd George declared that Britain could not afford a drink bill of £164,000,000. Britain now has a drink bill of £410,000,000, and Lloyd George has refused to lift a finger to arrest its growth.

During the first year of the war the Commonwealth drink bill rose to £21,000,000. That appeared to be a staggering amount for us. Early closing in four States has checked the growth of liquor consumption, but rising prices have sent the drink bill up to £27,139,117. From out of the mouths of the people comes the cry of "Economy!" Into their mouths and down their throats there goes a dead sea of intoxicating liquor costing over £27,000,000.

For every family the drink bill averages 10/- a week; £26 a year; in four years £104. Many families avoid this voluntary taxation; many pay only a limited share. That means that the regular drinkers must pay a great deal more. Perhaps the father does all the spending; the wife and children endure the privation.

It was at one time said of Victoria that gold had made the country. Up to the end of 1919 the value of the gold raised from the time of the first discovery was £299,901,566—say £300,000,000. During the same period the people of Victoria poured down their throats

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CAMOUFLAGED ANTI-PROHIBITIONISTS.

An Impudent Challenge.

Opening my paper the other day I saw that another child had been born to the liquor trade. That birth, "following on the deputation to the Government re the Liquor Act that is in course of construction," shows that something important is about to happen. The liquor deputation, when it interviewed the Minister for Justice, asked for the press to be excluded, and got their point. Personally, I believe that the birth of the new liquor baby followed that interview, and it foreshadows an early move in a certain direction—"to the polls."

By the way, what has become of their other little sons, "The Citizens' Rights" and "Liberty League"? The latter especially was a hefty kid; it could squeal and do other things like its parents, and I am surprised at the child being put on one side in preference to its younger brother, "United Freedom League."

The following is the first announcement of the birth of the new liquor baby:

"NEW LEAGUE FORMED.

"In order to combat the Prohibition campaign a new organisation, known as the 'United Freedom League,' has been inaugurated, and a meeting outlining the League's policy will shortly be held in the Town Hall.

"A manifesto issued by the League states: "The primary aim of this League is to protect Australia from the curse of Prohibition. The fetish of an intolerant coterie has been such a notorious failure in America that it is hardly conceivable than an effort should be made to inflict it upon this country.

"This League challenges the Prohibitionists to supply the names of the families whose happiness has been destroyed by drink, and also what assistance they have rendered to the barefoot family."

"The campaign will be carried on by means of meetings, deputations to the Government, and individual members of Parliament, advertising propaganda, and personal canvass.

"Mr. E. Thompson is campaign secretary, with headquarters in Crystal Palace Chambers, George-street."

In the same edition the following appeared:

"PRISONER'S FATAL FALL.

"WAGGA, Saturday.—A prisoner named Brennan (52), who was locked up on Thursday evening on a charge of drunkenness, died on Friday morning from the effects of a fall in the lock-up exercise yard. He apparently collapsed from weakness, and, falling backwards, his head struck the concrete paving heavily, causing hemorrhage. He was re-

moved to the Wagga Hospital, where he died shortly afterwards. A verdict of accidental death was returned."

This poor fellow's death shows a little of the freedom the Trade stands for. By the way, the Reduction Bench is sitting at Wagga, and in the local paper I read a good deal of the evidence, but no one claimed the death of the poor drunk in the lock-up. Their freedom stops a bit sudden.

MORE FREEDOM.

The "Evening News" gives the account of a child's death. A little boy, aged 6, was run down by a horse and cart. The driver, James Sydney Davidson, was proved by the police to have been drunk when the accident happened. Judge Scholes was in charge, and said:

"Your trouble was caused through driving a horse when drunk. You did not intend to injure the child in any way. I have given the matter very careful consideration, and I think I will be doing justice if I bind you over to come up for sentence at any time within 12 months if called upon."

Another case for the United Freedom League to investigate appeared in the "Sun":

"ASSAULTED A POLICEMAN.

"William Thomas Leonard, aged 29, who pleaded guilty to a charge of having assaulted Constable James Smith, was called up for sentence at Darlinghurst Sessions today.

"Leonard stated that he had been blown up by a shell in France, and had never been the same since.

"Acting-Judge Browning, who bound over the prisoner to come up for sentence if called upon, warned Leonard to keep away from drink, as it had previously led him into collisions with the police."

Re the Judge's remarks to the prisoners, I would suggest that in future he, Judge Browning, along with the other Judges, send them (the drunks) along to the office of the United Freedom League, giving them a life pass. I feel sure the League would welcome such stalwarts of the Trade.

The challenge of the new baby, for the Prohibs. to "supply the names of the families whose happiness has been destroyed by drink" shows me that the child is very ignorant; it evidently is not able to read yet. Anyway, it does not read the Government reports, for all Government departments have the evidence of drink's dealings with what they insultingly call "the barefoot family."

THE BAREFOOT FAMILY.

The following is taken from the State Children's Relief Department Report, 1919, page 28:

"One hundred and forty-three children, representing fifty (50) family, were before the Court as being neglected by their parents,

the cause being, generally, excessive drinking by one or both parents. Several cases among those enumerated were in respect of the children of soldiers fighting in France. In their cases the mothers had been drinking to excess and, consequently, neglected their children."

The above is part of my answer to the challenge of the new Liquor League, but, small as it is, it damns for all time the Trade. It (the liquor trade) robs the child. Every adult knows this. How long will the people stand the insults to their intelligence?

W. D. B. CREAGH.

The Economy Campaign—

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intoxicating liquor costing £327,676,989. In this estimate pre-war prices are taken for the early digging days. The actual prices were above these. Taking the estimate as it stands we have spent on drink nearly £28,000,000 more than we have won from the earth in gold. If gold built up the State, how much has drink done to keep the State down? The present gold yield is only about 8 per cent. of the drink waste.

Here are some comparisons with the Commonwealth drink bill compiled by the Editor for the Prohibition Year Book:

The total amount of Friendly Society contributions (representing thrift) is £1,458,787. The Drink Bill (representing waste) is more than 18½ times as much.

Invalid and old age pensions amount to £3,880,865. We spend on drink about seven times as much as this provision for the sick and aged.

The States of the Commonwealth spend on Education (all forms) and Science and Arts, £5,279,045. Drink takes more than five times as much. More for beer than brains.

All the various State charities take £2,438,095. The trade which helps to make them necessary takes this 11 times over, and more.

The value of gold raised in 1919 was £4,550,469. Drink takes the gold yield nearly six times over.

The income of all the various municipalities, excluding loans, totals £6,234,599. The income of the liquor trade is four times this with £2,200,731 to spare.

The gross revenue of the postal department is £6,106,158. The takings of the drink department are nearly four-and-a-half times this.

The gross revenue of all the railways in the Commonwealth is £25,040,717. The revenue of the trade which often interferes with locomotion, exceeds that by more than two millions.

It is surely reasonable to ask those who are in earnest about economy to do something to arrest the great drink waste.

The total convictions for drunkenness in Australia from 1901 to 1919 was 1,118,873—"The Rechabite."

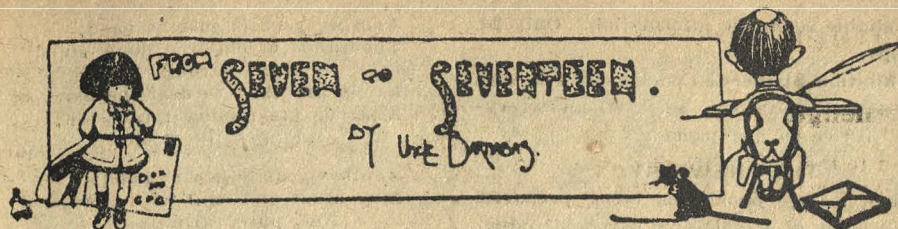
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THE NEW HOME.

Allen Arnett, "Fern Hill," Inverell, writes:

Dear Uncle B.,—Well, Uncle, you will see by the above address that we have moved to Inverell. We left our old home last Wednesday, travelling by train to West Maitland. We spent Thursday in Maitland, and came to Glen Innes the next night. It was a long journey, Uncle, but we enjoyed the trip. We like Inverell. It is a beautiful district. We will be dairying here. The public school and church are only half a mile away. Several of us went to church on Sunday. There is a hall not far away in which they hold Band of Hope meetings at night once a month. We were going to one last night if it had been fine. It has been raining steadily all day. The roads here are very muddy in wet weather. My brother Austin had his leg operated on again about a fortnight ago. My brother Athol met with an accident five weeks ago yesterday. He was taking milk to the factory when it happened; the roads were in a very bad state and the cart capsized and Athol was thrown out and broke his arm. It is getting on well, but he will not be able to do any heavy work with it for some time yet. Hoping you will forgive your scallywag. With love to "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Allen,—Always pleased to hear from you. I hope you will be happy in your new home. It is a beautiful district. I wish your brothers a speedy recovery.—Uncle T.)

TWO SISTER NI'S.

Lorna Price, "Golgongon," Cookamidgere, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I am writing this letter to know if you will accept me as one of your Ni's. I am eleven years of age. My birthday is on June 3. I have a twin sister called

Maude, who is also writing to you. We have both passed the Q.C., and are going for the intermediate next year. We have a gentleman friend staying with us now. He is very nice. He has a beautiful Ford car, and often takes us for long rides. I hope to see my letter in "Grit" soon, and that I will not be a scallywag. I must close now, with love to all.

(Dear Lorna and Maude,—It is a real pleasure to enlist two sisters who have won their Q.C. at so early an age. I feel sure that neither of you will find the Intermediate too hard for you. Write again.—Uncle T.)

A NEW NE.

James Naylor, South Bathurst, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I would very much like to become one of your Ne's. I am waiting for dad to take my photo and I will send you one as soon as convenient. I will be eight on January 14. We have a cat up here, and my cousin's dog came up here and chased him over the fence. The cat got up a tree and the dog could not get him. Uncle, we are having examination now. I am in 4th class at school, and I passed well. I got 39 marks. Last time I got 36. I am having a time with the toothache. We are having some rain. I think I must close now. With love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear James,—Now that you have joined our family, try and be a worker. Tell your mates about "Grit" and get them to join also.—Uncle T.)

A NEW NE.

Nellie McCarthy, Rozelle, writes:—

Dear Uncle,—I would very much like to be one of your Ne's. I will be 9 on the 17th next month. I am learning music, and my teacher's name is Miss Kerr. I go to Smith-street public school, and I am in third class in the big school. We are having our examination. We have only had our reading yet. I do hope I will be successful in passing it. I have two little sisters and one brother. He is seven months old to-day. One of my sisters is staying at Manly with my auntie and uncle. Well, Uncle, I will close now, with love to all, "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Nellie,—I am pleased to have you for a Ne. I, too, hope you will be successful in your exam., and also in all your good endeavors.—Uncle T.)

"PASSED."

Una Pickard, "Warwick," Bowral, writes:

Dear Uncle B.,—I suppose that I am on the scallywag list, so I am writing a letter. I have been very busy, and mother and family have been away. Will you forgive me, and scratch my name out. I went for some exams. at school, and passed in every one. We went to Manly for the holidays, and while we were away the rats eat all our din-

ner mats, a door mat, some dress buttons, a tablecloth, and other things. They are cutting up the Glebe Park, and making roads all through, and are going to sell the land. Good-bye, with love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Una,—As you have been studying and successfully passed, I must forgive you. I hope that you will make up in the future. Uncle T.)

A PRIZE WINNER.

Jean Adam, "Danehurst," Epping, writes:

Dear Uncle B.,—I haven't written for a long time. We had our public school exhibition on the 23rd and 24th of September. I got second prize in plain sewing for my class. I got one hundred marks in each quarterly memory test in our Sunday school this year, and hope to get as good a pass in the big Methodist Sunday school exam. which I sat for in August. We do not know the results yet. I hope I'm not a scallywag.

(Dear Jean,—I, too, hope you will be among the first in your Sunday school exam. Write and let me know. Pleased to hear of your success in the exhibition.—Uncle T.)

A NEW NI.

Hazel Nicholson, Sans Souci, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I would like to become one of your Ni's, and write to you. I am ten years old. My birthday is March 29. We have just had the Michaelmas holidays. We live near the sea, and it was warm enough to go into the water four days. One day mother invited twelve little friends to go with us, and we all had lunch on the beach, and then had a swim. At the Sunday school demonstration in the Sydney Town Hall twenty-six of our Sunday school scholars gave an item called "Poppies." The teacher was pleased with the way we did it, and gave us a picnic on Eight-Hour Day. We had a happy time. We had an examination in Bible study and I passed and got my certificate last Sunday. You would like to know about my pets. I have a hen, three canaries, a horse, and four guinea-pigs. One canary has two eggs in her nest. Mother has been taking "Grit" for a long time. I will look for my letter in it. I must say good-bye, with love.

(Dear Hazel,—You are welcome as you add another to my many prize-winning Ne's and Ni's. Keep up your interest in "Grit," there is much in it that will help you in life.—Uncle T.)

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to create greater interest in the magnificent
institution, and to bring in added financial
assistance. One of the chief impressions
made was that childhood is a great democ-
racy, a unifying force which recognises no
caste or social system, ignores all barriers
and rides smiling into the life of Australia—
full of wonderful possibilities.

As we witnessed the interesting displays,
marches, rhythmic actions, dramatic, sense
and nature games; as we saw the children
playing under the direction of their teachers
or expressing their own individuality under
the Montessori system, and revelling in the
miniature playground, we thought and
thought. And lo, before our mental vision a
transformation took place! It is true that
some of the children were white and others
were dark, some fair-haired young "Aus-
sies," others curly aborigines, some the pic-
ture of neatness, and others from the sad
slum areas, perhaps in shabby or even torn
dress, but all this difference was lost sight
of. Boys and girls, dark or fair, they all
belonged to the Republic of Childhood.

We value such children as the nation's
greatest asset. Why, then, do we permit the
black hand of liquor to reach after them?
The Booze Bosses can only continue their
profiteering robbery by degrading our child-
life. "Safety First" demands that we should
work among these children to instil in their
hearts the Personal Prohibition principles of
total abstinence, and that we must also work
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Its sorrows, sins, and many snares,
And pleasures too!

Another year is just at hand;
And all throughout our Austral land
A shout is heard!
The demon drink is doomed to die,
Good men have raised the battle cry,
And pledged their word.

Another year is just at hand;
Thousands of children nobly stand
In armor strong;
Ready are they to deal the blow,
And lay the reeling tyrant low,
And right the wrong!

Another year is just at hand;
May mind and soul with it expand,
And purer grow.
Let each one seek to do the right,
And work for God with all their might,
And sin o'erthrow.

A NEW RULE.

Every child should be taught the new "rule
of three": one pint of wine, two pints of
beer, three ounces of whisky contain the
same amount of alcohol. Three burglars.
The biggest burglar, whisky, carries the big-
gest gun, but the smaller burglars, beer and
wine, make up by more rapid fire. And the
big burglar, whisky, never gets into the hu-
man system till the smaller burglars, beer
and wine, break open the window. The in-
mates of the Christian Home for Intemper-
ate Men in New York City, 80 per cent. of
them, according to their testimony, began
on beer, 20 per cent. on wine, and none on
whisky. If you are after the ringleader, bar
out beer.—Wilbur F. Crafts.

The latest win for Prohibition comes from
New Brunswick (Canada), which has just
recorded a two-to-one majority for a "bone-
dry" law.

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Prohibitionists look behind for the fault
and then think ahead for the correction.

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A good many people who should know
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**TOO LATE.**

George Ade, seated among a group of admirers in the Chicago Athletic Club, put down a newspaper and said:

"It tells us here that, now that Harding's elected, the profiteers will get what's coming to them."

The humorist yawned behind his long, slim hand.

"They've already got what's coming to me," he said wearily.

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MIND READING STUFF.

Irene, belle of the village green, was in the drug store with her ardent swain absorbing an ice cream soda when her straw became bent.

"Hey," she called to the clerk, "my sucker's broke."

The swain colored. "Dingit!" he exclaimed pettishly. "How'd you know I was?"

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BUILT IN THE HUNGRY DAZE.

Co-ed: "What makes the tower of Pisa lean?"

Ed: "It was built during a famine."

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AND HOW IS THE CLIMATE THERE?

Having been astounded by seeing the announcement of his death in the paper, he rang up a friend and asked:

"Have you seen the notice of my death in the papers?"

"Yes," replied the friend, "where are you speaking from?"

NO SYMPTOMS.

Ruth (fiercely): "You don't love me!"

Bob (sincerely): "I do."

Ruth: "Then why doesn't your chest go up and down like the hero's in the movies?"

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HOW SHE KNEW.

"That was my baby we just passed!"

"How could you tell?"

"Oh, I recognised the nurse!"

DIFFERENT WAYS.

Georgette: How do you like mother?

George: Oh, she's all right in her way, but she's always in ours.

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THE REASON.

"Shay, offisher, wheresh th' corner?"

"You're standing on it."

"'S no wonder I couldn't find it."

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THE FILTER.

She: Isn't it rather difficult to eat soup with a moustache?

He: Well, it is quite a strain.

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CALL ME EARLY.

He: May I call you revenge?

She: Why?

He: Because "revenge is sweet."

She: Certainly—if you let me call you Vengeance.

He: And why should you call me vengeance?

She: Because "vengeance is mine."

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SO TEMPERAMENTAL.

"Was your leading lady injured when she bumped her head on the door?"

"No; but it threw her into a fit of jealousy."

"A fit of jealousy?"

"Yes, she saw so many other stars."

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THE OFFERED OFFICER.

Judge: Did the prisoner offer any resistance?

Copper: Only a dollar, yer honor, and I wouldn't take it.

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A TOSS-UP.

"My heart is with the ocean!" cried the poet rapturously.

"You've gone me one better," said his sea-sick friend, as he took a firmer grip on the rail.

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DAILY INSPIRATION

"Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."—Isa. 26, 4.

SUNDAY.

"Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all."—1 Tim., 4, 15.

IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED.

"The Psalmist says that God's law was his meditation all the day. I am not to understand by this that meditation can only be conducted in privacy, in the silence of the library, or in the quietness of the sick-room. When any difficulty arises, though in my daily work, I can ask, 'What does the law of the Lord say upon this matter? What would God have me do? Which is the path of light? Where is the standard of righteousness? Action may be meditation. True meditation always turns to action. The religion that is spent in simple introspection never comes out into conduct; never undertakes the battles, the conflicts, and the difficulties of life. Religion should first dwell in mind and rule the heart, making the inner temple of the soul beautiful with purity; then it should come out in thought and word, and represent itself in every deed, and show its nobility even in moments of sacrifice.'—Joseph Parker.

MONDAY.

"Be ye doers of the Word."—Jas., 1, 22.

DO.

Let me to-day do something that shall take
A little sadness from the world's vast store,
And may I be so favored as to make
Of joys too scanty sum a little more.
Let me not hurt by any selfish deed
Or thoughtless word the heart of foe or friend,

Nor would I pass, unseeing, worthy need,
Nor sin by silence where I should defend.

TUESDAY.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."—Zech., 4, 6.

A RIGHT SPIRIT.

The pressure of a hand, a kiss, the caress of a child, will do more to save, sometimes, than the wisest argument, even rightly understood. Love alone is wisdom, love alone is power, and where love seems to fail, it is where self has stepped between and dulled the potency of its rays.—George Macdonald.

"Every man is worth just as much as the things are worth about which he busies himself."

WEDNESDAY.

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee."—1 Tim., 4, 14.

If I have faltered more or less
In my great task of happiness;
If I have moved among my race
And shown no glorious morning face;
If beams from happy human eyes
Have moved me not; if morning skies,
Books, and my food, and summer rain
Knocked on my sullen heart in vain—
Lord, Thy most pointed pleasure take
And stab my spirit broad awake;
Or, Lord, if too obdurate I,
Choose Thou, before that spirit die,
A piercing pain, a killing sin,
And to my dead heart run them in.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

THURSDAY.

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you."—John, 14, 27.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS.

If Christian civilisation is to survive it must be reinforced in practice by the ac-

ceptance of Christian ethics as Christ taught them. There can be no real peace in the world so long as the passions and dispositions of men are such as to lead to war and violence. We have to ask ourselves whether we are prepared to substitute the idea of brotherhood for the sake of dominance, and the duty of charity to others in place of the assertion of our own rights. The whole future of humanity depends on the answer to this question.—Lord Parmoor.

FRIDAY.

"Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."—Eccl., 12, 14.

GEMS.

Haste not! Rest not! Calmly wait;
Meekly bear the storms of fate.
Duty be thy polar guide:
Do the right whate'er betide.

—Goethe.

Life is a leaf of paper white,
Whereon each one of us may write
His word or two, and then comes night.
—J. R. Lowell.

SATURDAY.

"Fools despise wisdom."—Prov., 1, 7.

WISDOM.

The truest optimists are not those who have had life easy, but those who have learned to discern hope amid discouragements and to find the path through difficulties. They are not those who hide their eyes from trouble, but those who face facts honestly and still are unafraid.

Every improvement, every reform comes from a good thought born within some heart and slowly worked outward. The world sneers at the dreamer, but the dreamer gradually changes the world and lifts it upward. The most practical thing in all the earth is goodness.

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BREWERS AND PROFITEERS.

ENORMOUS PROFITS MADE DURING THE WAR. CHARGED EXTORTIONATE PRICES FOR WATER.

Mr. A. G. Gardiner, writing in the "Daily News," brings out some startling facts and figures regarding the enormous profits of British brewers both during and since the war. These figures show that these manufacturers of booze have been among the greatest profiteers of the age. Their coffers are simply overflowing with their ill-gotten gains. Commenting on this, the "Vanguard" says:

"Mr. Gardiner takes the tell-tale figures for the year before the war, 1913, and compares them with the figures for 1917.

"Here is a table giving a comparison of the liquor consumed and the money paid in these two years. He says:

	Consumption in barrels.	Drink Bill. £
1913	92,000,000 ..	166,700,000
1917	37,000,000 ..	259,000,000

"That is to say, in 1917, for rather more than one-third of the commodity sold, the trade pocketed nearly £100,000,000 more than it received in 1913. Its trade was cut down by nearly two-thirds, and its receipts went up by more than a third. The explanation is simple enough. As it reduced the quality it put up the price. The consumer paid more and more the less he got and the worse it became.

"The result was what might be expected in such circumstances. The profits of the breweries went up by leaps and bounds. In the 'Economist' of March 1 there was a comparison of the profits of the leading firms in 1915-16, and the two following years. Here are a few typical cases:

	1915-16 £	1917-18 £
Arnold Perrett	14,427 ..	40,576
Bass	295,628 ..	437,120
Ind, Coope	2,484 ..	262,953
Allsopp's	36,311 ..	181,062
Threlfall's	80,885 ..	239,686
Watney, Combe ...	206,009 ..	472,974

"In the case of fifteen firms the profits in two years had risen, after the payment of debenture interest and all administrative expenses, from £2,591,060 to £4,164,048, an aggregate increase of over a million and a

half. Dividends bounded up joyfully. Perrett's, who had paid nothing in 1914, paid 33½ per cent. in 1917-18. Threlfall's went from 9 to 30, Whitbread's from 2 to 7, Ind and Coope from nil to 7½, and so on.

"But we must not look to dividends or even to the declared profits to see what was happening. The good fortune was too great to be revealed in its naked characters. For example, Ind, Coope, made £262,953, but the actual sum distributed was only £20,671. In some cases huge profits went to reserve; in others new shares were created out of reserve, and so the dividend was kept at a figure that would not shock the public.

"There is a little table of the price of shares which will throw a flood of light on the facts:

	1915	1917	1919
Allsopp's	2	25½	86
City of London ..	12½	91	185
Guinness	213½	307½	391½
Watney	10	85	169

"From these figures it will be seen that anyone who invested £2000 in, say, Allsopp's, even as late as 1915—long after the war had commenced—now holds shares to the value of £86,000, a net gain of £84,000. Even in this golden age of the profiteer this is a record that will not be easily surpassed."

The "Vanguard," commenting upon the above facts and figures, says:

"The trade has grown fabulously rich by selling water to the consumer.

"The following will give our readers further information concerning the profits of the brewers. The following sixteen brewery companies issued their annual reports for 1919: Barclay, Perkins, and Co.; Bass, Ratcliffe, and Gretton; Bent's; Boddington's; Bristol (Georges and Co.); Buckley's; Cannon; Chester's; A. Guinness, Son, and Co.; Wm. Hancock and Co.; Huggins and Co.; Mitchells and Butler's; Newcastle; Watney, Combe, Reid, and Co.; W. B. Reid and Co.; Whitbread and Co. The aggregate figures for these sixteen companies are as follows:

Years.	Net Profits.	To Reserve, etc.
1914	£3,031,442 (100)	£865,968 (100)
1917	4,540,769 (150)	946,124 (109)
1918	4,342,086 (143)	1,129,214 (130)
1919	6,333,545 (280)	1,890,747 (218)

ABSTINENCE VERSUS PROHIBITION.

The other day a man complained to me that the term "Prohibition" was not as attractive as the terms, "Total Abstinence" or "Temperance Movement."

I pointed out that they were different in spirit, too; that to abstain is to forego, and implies the existence of a choice.

At present the alternatives between which choice in drinking is exercised are:

- (1) Drinking foolishly.
- (2) Drinking wisely.
- (3) Not at all.

We wish to eliminate the first two, because we deny that there exists so much a free choice as a **standing snare**.

"DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED."

"No one is to blame in any shape or form

for the outbreak of plague in Queensland. It is due to unforeseen circumstances."

This comforting assurance was given by Mr. McGirr (Minister for Health), when opening the conference of Federal and State health officers, who met to consider the plague outbreak and the necessary measures.

But the liquor traffic, which kills five times as many people as the plague, is **not unforeseen**, yet no one calls a conference to take "the necessary measures."

WISH HE MEANT IT.

A placard catches my eye: "Mr. Balfour urges Prohibition."

But when I read the smaller heading, I see it refers to submarine, "K-boats," as they are called.

Why shouldn't they be equally keen to abolish stuff that torpedoes the individual?

LICENSING COURTS.

Several cases of interest have engaged our attention during the last month, and we have had a fairly busy time, although in some instances the decisions given have not been in our favor. We have had considerable difficulty in getting our witnesses to court, but I trust that our friends will readily realise that it is only with their valuable assistance that we can with any degree of certainty oppose these cases in court.

Cronulla friends had a day at the Water Police Court, where Ernest Edward Halcrow applied for the removal of his wine license from Caringbah to Cronulla. This case proved very interesting in many ways. The applicant had his application refused on an appeal made by us last March. He made another application on Tuesday, 25th, and had the application granted. We have again appealed against this decision, and hope to have better success in defeating this license. At present there are only two licenses at Cronulla, one, the Cronulla Hotels, Ltd., and the other a spirit merchant's license, at present held by Tasman Ward. This latter license was granted only a few weeks back.

A strong case is being worked up for the appeal, and every care is being taken that our case will be strengthened considerably when the case comes on for hearing.

Several other cases have been heard. William A. Hunt, of Glebe, Matteo Fiorelli, city, have both had their applications for removal granted. Thomas H. Jones, of Ourimbah, applied to the Gosford Licensing Bench to remove the license to Woy Woy, but apparently the Bench thought it best to keep the license from Woy Woy, so they accordingly refused the application.

The application of John Stace for a spirit merchant's license at Lane Cove has been adjourned for a week, also that of Guesuppe Schaivo, of Park-street. Several cases are in preparation, and we would earnestly ask all our friends to rally round us and give us all the help they can.

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Regulations for Sale of Church Wines Outlined.

Manufacturers of sacramental wines and representatives of various religious organisations had a hearing on July 18 before Prohibition Commissioner Haynes on the proposed regulations covering the manufacture and distribution of wine for religious purposes.

The church representatives had made formal protest against rules prohibiting the distribution by wholesale liquor dealers, contending that the churches were unable to get their standard wines from wholesale druggists. Tentative new regulations would permit bonded manufacturers of sacramental wine to distribute their own product but would not allow them to deal in the products of other manufacturers.

The interview given out by Police Commissioner Enright, of New York City, to the Atlantic City "Gazette Review," and published on May 15, was in part as follows: "The home brew, which we hear so much about right now, will soon be obsolete. Many who are brewing and distilling in their own homes are doing so because it is a fad, but they will soon stop it—when the realisation comes to them that the real test of patriotism is obedience to laws, whatever they may be. It will not be long until every law-abiding American will be as scrupulous in his observance of the Prohibition law as he is of other laws. He will no more think of making, buying, or selling liquor than he does of stealing his neighbor's money or murdering his wife out of a spirit of covetousness. Those who are trying to cajole Congress into liberalising the present Prohibition law, so as to permit the manufacture of beer and light wines are wasting their effort. It will never be done. Public sentiment will not stand for it. The vote of the women—yes, and the men, too—would completely overwhelm any effort toward legalising the manufacture or sale of alcoholic beverages."

Nothing but heart-failure can prevent the final victory of Prohibition.

In the alphabet of Prohibition you will notice, appropriately enough, that P comes after B—Prohibition after Booze.

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