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**ROGER W. BABSON, BUSINESS
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ON "BREEDING PROSPERITY."

Roger W. Babson, business expert and statistician of national renown, in an article in *Forbes* of July 9, under the caption "Breeding Prosperity—Artificial Means Will Not Solve Our Economic Problems," gives a comprehensive view of the economic situation in America to-day. He reaches the conclusion:

Fundamentally the country is in good condition as evidenced by the following ten reasons; and yet we are in a state of unemployment while wholesale prices have been tumbling with a rapidity never before equalled in history. It is evident therefore that the real trouble with our country to-day is spiritual and psychological rather than fundamental. Let me give these ten reasons why fundamentally conditions are all right to-day.

Second in his list of ten reasons why the country is fundamentally in good condition, is the following:

Prohibition is a great factor for prosperity, the importance of which is not fully realised. Previous to July, 1919, about three billion dollars a year was being spent by people of this country for drink. About 20 per cent. of this money has gone into the savings banks; but the balance has gone into building homes, buying merchandise—raising the standard of living. Whether 100 per cent. Prohibition has come to stay indefinitely I do not know, but it surely must be as much a factor for good business during the next few years as it has been during the past two years.

Evidence abounds in practically every community in the United States where saloons thrived under the old license system, in support of Mr. Babson's contention. Facts are facts, and the protestations of the ex-brewers, ex-distillers and ex-saloon-keepers that closing saloons kills a town, can not overcome these facts. The increased savings accounts in the banks and the increased number of these accounts, the prosperous shops dealing in legitimate merchandise in storerooms where booze was formerly dispensed, the better fed and better clothed children in homes where the wage-earner

used to squander much of his earnings on intoxicants—these are the signs of increased prosperity easily read by anyone who keeps his eyes open in these formerly wet communities.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE ON PROHIBITION VERSUS LORD LEVERHULME

who was specially appointed by the British Government to investigate, spent three months in the United States, and on returning told the "Daily News" that "the great change I noticed in America is that it has gone dry, and there is no doubt that the enormous majority of people are in favor of it. It is quite an exception to find anyone to protest." He was of opinion that the possibility of a reversal of the dry policy is very remote.

LORD ASTOR

says: "The English newspaper reader is constantly being told that Prohibition has broken down, has little public support, has converted America into a nation of dope fiends and criminals, and has increased drunkenness enormously." He says: "I was recently in America, and I found that I had been absolutely misled by the majority of English newspapers on the effects of Prohibition." He further says: "England will be forced to adopt the dry policy, for economic reasons."

DR. SALEEBY,

noted English scientist, on returning from America, said: "Prohibition is making America safe for motherhood and childhood."

DR. T. W. LEYS,

of Auckland, on his return from the United States of America, said: "The Prohibitory law there was no more broken than any other law." In speaking to people indiscriminately he had found a preponderating opinion in favor of maintaining the law, which both supporters and opponents agreed was unlikely to be repealed within any measurable period.

ADMIRAL SIMS

says: "It is working all right. Our great claim as Prohibitionists is that it has shut up the schools of future drunkards, the sal-

oons and the clubs. We have saved the rising generation from the drink."

T. M. Wilford, Esq., M.P. for Hutt, on his return from U.S.A., said: (1) Real effects of Prohibition would not be seen until all the private stores of liquor were used up; (2) saloons and spirits gone for all time; (3) light wines and light beer would be eventually permitted.

Lord Northcliffe, of the liquor-advocating press, has demonstrated his bias and his affinity for the worst elements of society by his inability to see the side of the question so apparent to fair-minded people, and he failed to tell us that New Jersey, which declined to ratify with the other 45 States, had Prohibition forced upon it, and after 12 months' experience the Legislature adopted Prohibition by a vote of 51 to 4. A most significant fact.—Auckland "Star," 23/9/21.

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Present Members:

Mr. R. D. WEAVER (Nat.): Favors Referendum.
Mr. G. H. MURPHY (Lab.): Favors Referendum, but abides by Party policy.
Dr. R. ARTHUR (Nat.): Favors Referendum.
Mr. A. A. COCKS (Nat.): Favors Referendum.
Mr. A. A. E. E. REID (Nat.): Not replied.

Mr. O'Donoghue, the highest unsuccessful candidate, obtained only 64 less votes than the lowest successful candidate.

RYDE ELECTORATE.

Present Members:

Mr. B. M. ANDERSON (Nat.): Favors Referendum.
Mr. T. R. BAVIN (Pro.): Ill.
Mr. R. GREIG (Lab.): Not replied.
Sir T. HENLEY (Nat.): Favors Referendum
Mr. E. J. LOXTON (Ind. Nat.): Favors Referendum.

Mr. Hutchinson, highest unsuccessful candidate, gained only 817 final votes less than Mr. Greig.

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**TOWN HALL
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BOTANY ELECTORATE.

Present Members:

Mr. T. D. MUTCH (Lab.): Not replied.
Mr. F. M. BURKE (Lab.): Not replied.
Mr. W. J. McKELL (Lab.): Not replied.
Mr. J. R. LEE (Nat.): Favors Referendum.
Mr. S. HICKEY (Lab.): Favors Referendum, but abides by Party policy.

The highest unsuccessful candidate, Mr. Connell, gained only 704 less votes than the lowest successful candidate.

EASTERN SUBURBS.

Present Members:

Mr. C. W. OAKES (Nat.): Favors Referendum.
Mr. H. V. JACQUES (Nat.): Favors Referendum.
Mr. J. FINGLETON (Lab.): Has not replied
Mr. R. E. O'HALLORAN (Lab.): Has not replied.
Col. J. M. ONSLOW (Nat.): Favors Referendum.

Mr. J. S. Campbell, highest unsuccessful candidate, obtained only 40 less votes than lowest successful candidate.

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FIELD DAY APPOINTMENTS.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21.

Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m., Campsie Station.
Mr. A. Lane and others.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23.

Protest Meeting, Campsie Picture Palace,
3 p.m.

W. G. Bagnall, M.L.A.
F. C. Middleton and others.

PROHIBITION AND CREAM.

A WONDERFUL DISTRICT.

Yes, a wonderful country is this North Coast. There is a beauty that charms, a prosperity that impresses, and a sentiment that is as healthy as the air that blows across the green-clad hills.

Readers may have heard of "Queen Cow." Whether the cow is queen or not, there can be no doubt concerning the part she has played, and continues to play, in this district. When the late Sir George Reid—he was then plain Mr. Reid—replying to an indignant protest from aggrieved cane growers who feared the effect of freetrade, told them to "keep cows," he was unconsciously playing the part of the seer. They started to keep cows, and now the cows keep them, and give a little over.

There is great prosperity now. But it did not all come at once. And it came only after the pioneers had travelled a long and weary road. It is told of one man who, with his wife, 200 odd years ago tramped the 15 miles from Lismore to his selection in the Big Scrub. There they labored and lived—on pumpkins and paddymelons, it is said, for many months. One day the wife gave the first six shillings made to the husband and asked him to go into Lismore and buy her some "real groceries." He went. When he got to Lismore he met a friend, and they stopped at the saleyards, where some horses were being sold. He took a fancy to one of the animals, and declared he would buy it if it went no higher than 6/-! The price was run up to 7/6. His friend had 1/6, which he borrowed, and bought the horse. The two returned, and nearing the house he sent his friend on to let the wife know he had bought the horse instead of "real groceries"! Since then he has made a good deal of money. To-day he is an honored resident in a prosperous district, with a heart that did not grow small as prosperity

came to him. His companion of that day bears a name also honored there and in other parts of the State.

Those who went into the "Big Scrub" were men and women of vision and courage. Whatever they have got for their labor they have deserved. To-day they and their children are the backbone of communities that are noted for public spirit, high social morality, and strong religious life.

WITH THE FIELD TEAM.

Amongst such people Prohibition would, of course, be popular. Nowhere in the State is the sentiment stronger than in Lismore and its surrounding communities of Dunoon, Nimbin, Alstonville, Clunes, Rous, Bangalow, Rosebank, and across to Murwillumbah on the Tweed. The Alliance Field Team, led by Mr. Hammond, were given a hearty welcome. On their arrival they had the appearance of men who had travelled a weary way. Messrs. Hammond, Cubis and Creagh had come through from Sydney, via Tenterfield, in about 24 hours. Mr. Watson joined

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the party at Newcastle. They picked up Mr. Francis Wilson at Tenterfield, where he had gone a day in advance. Mr. Macourt, travelling via Glen Innes and Grafton—where meetings had to be arranged—was first in the North Coast capital.

The week-end was a busy one. Messrs. Wilson and Watson had a fine crowd in the open air on the Saturday night. On Sunday about 20 addresses were given—in the city churches, in meeting places away up on the hills and down the valleys—some of them 50 miles away—and in halls. There was cordiality in the people's reception, a kindness in their hospitality, and a willingness to back Prohibition that helped the speakers to forget the strain of their journeyings.

During the week the same intensive propaganda was continued, and will go on for another 10 days. Altogether, about 80 meetings will be addressed.

ON THE TWEED.

Murwillumbah, with its 6000 people, is one of those towns that impresses its life upon one right away. There are the banks of the Tweed it thrives and grows, typical of the prosperity of the district of which it is the business centre. Here, too, Prohibition sen-

timent is growing stronger. Mr. Proudfoot is one of the many men of business who recognise Prohibition as the finest business investment for any country, and is prepared to declare his opinion. He is president of the local Prohibition Committee, which has as its secretary Rev. J. H. Baker—practical, enthusiastic and wise.

A band of workers met Messrs. Hammond, Macourt and Pond (of Lismore), and a useful conference resulted. It was resolved to form a Tweed District Prohibition Council to carry on the campaign. Endorsement also was given to the "Modern Pledge," which they are taking up in all the centres.

At a luncheon the Mayor (Ald. Connor) extended a welcome on behalf of the citizens, about 50 of whom were seated at the tables. Mr. Hammond's statement of Prohibition as a business proposition made a marked impression.

At night the local School of Arts, a fine, roomy building, was filled. The story of what Prohibition has done for America was listened to with rapt attention and splendidly received.

It is safe to say that Prohibition is more popular there to-day than ever it was.

The party returned to a conference at Lismore.

CUMULATIVE SUCCESS—THE PLEDGE CAMPAIGN.

Justified! There were delegates at the annual conference of the Alliance who had their doubts about the wisdom of launching the Referendum Pledge Campaign. They foresaw many difficulties, and those difficulties have presented themselves, but they

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On the stroke of the hour appointed for the interview Dr. Sydney Strong entered the Y.M.C.A., and by quick mental calculation I tried to sum up the man from his outward appearance. A quiet-spoken, cultured gentleman is what the casual acquaintance would see, but half an hour's chat reveals the man of iron beneath the frail exterior. The strength of a certain Frenchman was summed up in the words, "There go the people; I must follow them; I am their leader." Dr. Strong is the living example of the opposite type. For 35 years he has stood in the limelight of publicity; sometimes he has stood with the majority, and he has known the loneliness of standing alone for a principle. Dr. Strong is a good American. He loves his great country, and has rendered her yeoman service. His wanderings have covered many lands—Africa, England, Scotland, and in other places—and in all the countries he has visited he has studied the problem of alcohol.

"What happened in your own town when Prohibition came?" I asked.

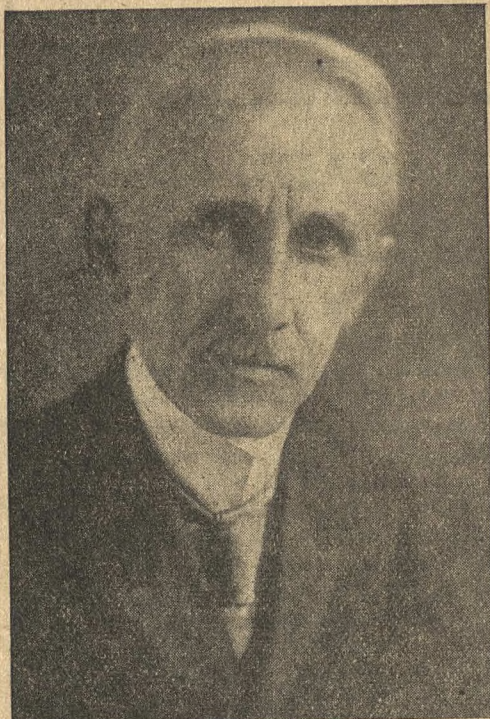
"I was in Seattle before it went dry, and I was there when the saloons were closed. When the last day came many of the saloons were already closed. They had sold out, and their premises had been converted into other business centres. The saloonkeepers were under no delusion about Prohibition; they knew it was coming to stay, and they made their plans accordingly. The workers did the same, and the result was that the coming of Prohibition did not result in the chaos we were told to expect."

"I am interested in the converts Prohibition makes, hence this question: Has Prohibition caused any influential people in Seattle to change their views?"

"Yes," Dr. Strong said. "I could give the names of many. Here is one: Mr. C. B. Blethen, member of the firm of Blethen Bros., the owners of the paper which is, perhaps, the most influential in the town. During the fight against the saloons the 'Seattle Times,' Blethen's paper, fought for the saloon with all the power of up-to-date journalism. The fight was such a fight as only the liquor interests are capable of making. But, in spite of the 'Seattle Times,' we carried Prohibition, and after a trial of the altered conditions, Mr. C. B. Blethen, who is, above all else, a good business man, came

out on the side of Prohibition. This man was convinced that Prohibition was good simply because Prohibition brought benefits to the town of Seattle, and so eager was this newspaper owner to convert others that he journeyed to other places and arranged to address influential people on the benefits of Prohibition."

I asked Dr. Strong if the man in question was a member of a church. The doctor smiled, and, as they say in the courts, "said



DR. SYDNEY STRONG.

something," and I formed the opinion that Mr. C. B. Blethen was about as much like a wowser as, say, Sir Joynton Smith, of "Smith's Weekly."

LABOR AND PROHIBITION.

I questioned Dr. Strong on the attitude of organised Labor towards the abolition of the saloon, and his reply revealed a side of his life which I was surprised to discover. The doctor is in a position to speak with authority on the question of Labor and Prohibition. Trade Unionism has benefited by dry conditions; the Union officials who viewed with alarm the coming of a saloonless day are now converted to the side of Prohibition. A sober, wage-earning rank and file has made the burdens of leadership in the world of

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Labor press more lightly than in the days when Union fees were spent in the saloon and the Union meeting was only attended by the faithful few. Dr. Strong has a great faith in the workers of America, and after

many years spent in studying labor problems, he is convinced that Prohibition will be of great service to the workers, and will be a factor working in their favor when from time to time they, as a class, are forced to engage in an industrial struggle.

WILL PROHIBITION LAST?

"Do you think Prohibition has come to stay in America?" I inquired, and when I saw the doctor's smile I felt like the visitor feels when we ask him if in his opinion our harbor is the best in the world.

"To repeal the Eighteenth Amendment it is necessary to get two-thirds of the States in favor of the repeal, and the States must first of all get two-thirds of the members of their local Parliament before they can claim to be in favor of the change. In view of those facts it is somewhat foolish for the liquor advocates in Australia to talk glibly about America going wet again; but there, I am not surprised at the stories circulated in this country by the wets. When we were in the midst of the fight the same stories were circulated in wet States as are now being used in Australia. But the average American could not be bluffed by the tactics of the wets, and I am sure that the average Australian is not going to be bluffed either."

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Liberty of Speech—Bottles for Lecturer.

(By W.D.B.C.)

Interfering with public meetings forms one of the favorite diversions of men and women under the influence of liquor. Again and again meetings are upset and public men's lives have been endangered because of trouble started by drunks. No meeting in a public place is exempt from them, and the reason that some go off without a hitch is generally because they are lucky to have no drunks present—a very rare thing.

The Rev. Father W. J. Lockington, S.J., has just had another experience. The "Sun" of 30/9/21 publishes the following account of it:

"BOTTLES FOR LECTURER.

"BROKEN HILL, Friday.

"While Father Lockington, who is a strong temperance advocate, was lecturing in the Town Hall last night a man, under the influence of liquor, threw two bottles into the hall through the windows. The man was arrested and convicted of riotous behavior."

One good thing may come out of this incident. Father Lockington may see how a great cause is being hampered by the victims, and he may come right out for Prohibition.

A GREAT WRITER.

Father Lockington has written two books on the alcoholic curse: "Drink and Democracy" and "The Drink Evil in Australia." Both can be had at any Roman Catholic book depot, 2d. each. The statements they contain show the curse in its true light.

This statement from "Drink and Democracy," page 12:

WIFE, MOTHER, DRINK.

"The family is a divine institution, and on its stability the future of the nation rests, for character building is begun in the mother's arms. Home should be a little

corner of heaven on earth, where woman reigns as king, the children loving subjects, and Christ the Overlord. It should be a haven of joyousness and contentment, with all hearts bound together in love. But too often it is changed from heaven to hell by the entry of the drink devil. Who can number the homes where the joyousness of life is darkened by the leprous breath of the drunkard, where the light-hearted loving girl changes to the sad-eyed woman, whose only consolation is the communion rail, and whose only hope is death? And all because of a cowardly, selfish sensualist, who sacrifices home and happiness on the altar of the devil of drink."

The above are great words, my masters, but one complaint can be made: the onus is put on the drunkard. This is wrong; it should rest, and does rest, with the sober, especially the Christian, person.

"DRINK CAUSES DEEP DEGRADATION."

Under the above heading, in his other book, "The Drink Evil in Australia," page 20, Father Lockington makes this statement:

"Here in Australia we are trying to build up a nation, and yet we spend each month of every year more than £1,000,000. (Father Lockington can now say more than £2,000,000, for in 1920 the drink bill of Australia has grown to over £27,000,000.) "Place in one scale the effects of this ever-present evil: The wrecked homes, the broken hearts, the ruined souls, and the degradation of many who otherwise would be good citizens, and weigh against it the other evils that from time to time afflict us. Mark well how the deadly weight of the drink evil makes all else seem light. The wail of the widowed and orphaned pierces the heavens, and moves the heart of God. Can we remain

deaf to such a heart-rending cry from our neighbors, when, by an act of self-denial, so slight that it is almost trivial, we can silence that cry and dry the tears of the mourners?"

The following is also from the same book:

STEP INTO THE RANKS.

"Do you, reader, wish to help? Step, then, into the ranks. Caught in the deadly flood of drink that surges across the land are tens of thousands of our neighbors, and daily they sink in hundreds beneath the foul flood that dishonors and degrades all whom it engulfs. We can save multitudes of them, and also guard others from ignorantly falling into the black maelstrom. Are we going to sit quietly on the bank, heedless?"

INTERESTING FOR POLITICIANS.

Also the following (page 5):

"Intoxicating drink is a deadly enemy to those interests, an enemy that ruins souls. Voices are raised in warning everywhere, and voices that must be believed by us here in Australia and New Zealand. Our leaders in material things are confronted with problems of labor, housing, poverty, and crime, and health; the question of drink is interwoven with them all."

"FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN CHILDREN."

Page 31: "Each year our Catholic schools send into the world children who are our boast and our pride; yet, alas, too often they are enslaved by the drink demon that lies everywhere in wait for them, and many fail to realise the bright hopes of the Church, their teachers, and their parents."

All over the world the Roman Catholics are surely waking up to this great peril.

In the same issue of the paper telling of the bottle throwing incident was another case calling for notice. Father Lockington lost some time through the drunk, but a drunk, evidently one of the Roman Catholic flock, was lost to the Church and also the State.

The following shows the horrible finish to another drink victim:

"WHERE'S MY LEGS?"

"MAN TERRIBLY MANGLED.

"PERTH, Tuesday.

"William McCarthy, a young man, was found dreadfully mangled at the Queen's Park railway station. He was sitting alongside the line when the stationmaster, James Douglas, found him.

"McCarthy asked: 'Where's my legs, Jim?' "Douglas replied: 'They've gone!' McCarthy's feet were cut off, his legs were crushed below the knee, his left hand was mangled, and he died on the way to the hospital. Apparently he had been drinking, and had taken his boots off before the train struck him."

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The Passing of a World's Leader.

THE COUNTESS OF CARLISLE CALLED HOME.

(By EVELYN C. STRANG.)

News has come to hand of the promotion of the world's President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Rosalind, Countess of Carlisle, at the age of 76, after an eventful and strenuous life of great usefulness. Her words spoken at the World's Convention in London last year come back to memory with touching interest. In reluctantly accepting a further term of office as World's President, at the urgent request of the Convention, she said: "I cannot expect to be with you much longer, but whether my years be few or many, I hope to spend them in the service of my country and of my Master, Jesus Christ." She and her distinguished husband, the late Earl of Carlisle, were entirely in sympathy in their determined opposition to the social drinking customs which were the almost universal fashion when they succeeded to the title and the estates, and one of their first acts on taking possession of Castle Howard was to open the historic cellars and destroy the wines which had been stored there for years, an act which aroused a storm of criticism, but made the position of the Earl and Countess abundantly clear to all guests at the Castle. As advanced Prohibitionists at a time when Prohibition was scarcely mentioned in England, they ordered the closing of all public houses and retail liquor stores on the great family estates. During the war the Countess housed and employed a hundred Belgian refugees on her estate in Yorkshire, giving them also, as she said, "an evidently unwelcome lesson in the value of total abstinence," which seemed to be an entirely new experience to each one of the number.

FIFTEEN YEARS WORLD'S PRESIDENT.

The Countess was elected to the World's Presidency of the Woman's C.T.U., in 1906,

at the World's Convention, held in Boston, Mass., and she ably carried on her work in that position, as well as in the capacity of national president of the British Women's Temperance Association until the time of her death. Her wide vision of the world's need, her knowledge of the conditions of life in many lands, her deep sympathy with men and women of all classes, and her keen spiritual and intellectual discernment fitted her in a very special way for the duties of her position, and we may truly say that a great leader has been called to rest.

Her interest in Australia was made personal by the marriage of one of her daughters to an Australian, Professor Gilbert Murray, of Oxford University, the well-known writer, speaker, and dramatist, who has used both pen and voice in support of the Prohibition movement. Other daughters are the Lady Aurea Howard, her mother's right-hand in their lovely "country home in the heart of London," as one Australian described the Countess's house in Kensington Palace Gardens; the Lady Cecilia Roberts, vice-president of the B.W.T.A., whose husband was for many years an advocate in the House of Commons for liquor reform; and the Lady Dorothy Henley. "We are a strongly individual family," said Lady Cecilia to me in London last year, "all going our own way and with very different views and opinions on many subjects, but all bound together by one aim; we are all ardent believers in prohibition of the alcohol traffic." Three of the Countess's sons gave their lives in defence of the Empire, and one is still living. The present holder of the title is her grandson. Let us hope that many descendants will uphold the noble family traditions believed in and acted upon by Rosalind, the ninth Countess of Carlisle.

about obtaining the quotas for the southern electorates.

NORTHERN LIGHTS.

"Almost eighty workers attended our rally at Newcastle," reports Miss Gow. "All are enthusiastic in the cause, and are ready for service." Just as the working of loaning "With One Voice" has been efficiently and effectively carried out in Newcastle, so will the pledge campaign be successfully piloted.

PLEDGE SIGNING AT SHOWS.

Miss Grant, from out West, reports that Bathurst enthusiasts are going to have pledge-signing tables at the Bathurst spring show! That's a good idea for other committees to adopt. Don't let any sports meeting, show, or function pass without having an

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announcement made of the campaign and giving opportunities for pledge signing. Mr. G. Williams, our late Secretary at Bathurst, has removed to Newcastle, and Mr. Snowling will now act as Secretary and Treasurer in his place.

SYDNEY SIGNS THE PLEDGE.

Without exception, the churches in Hornsby last Sunday week had a pledge-signing table installed at the end of the services, and a fine harvest of referendum pledges resulted. Well done, Hornsby!

Marrickville's "worker" meeting was strong for the work, and a local demonstration, with perhaps Rev. R. B. S. Hammond as speaker, is being arranged.

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New South Wales Alliance—

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have been surmounted. Justified? Yes, the Conference was justified, for to-day we can say that there is now no branch of the Alliance objecting to the pledge. The stronger and keener for work, the more critical of the scheme have branches been, but explanation has met every case, and now Armidale Committee, one of our strongest and best, has assured Mr. Patton that it will "do more than its share" in the work, and a fine column report of the Committee meeting was given in the local paper. Tamworth, centre of the big New State movement, has been aroused by Mr. Patton's visit, and is "out for its quota" of pledges. The "Northern Daily Leader," also, in a column article, showed that unity for the work reigns amongst local associations and churches.

SOUTHWARD HO!

The fine idea of having in the porch of each church a pledge-signing table, and for the minister to ask members of the congregation to sign after the service, has been well taken up on the South Coast. Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Church of England at Corrimal are having tables, and a commencement has been made in Wollongong with tables at the Methodist and Congregational Churches. Special services are being held in many places along the coast, and Phil Mascord, our energetic Secretary at Corrimal, reports general enthusiasm for the work.

DOWN SOUTH.

There's a man on the track "down South"—Mr. Sherwood—who's arousing enthusiasm over the big area which he is covering. Holbrook, Corowa, Albury, and Junee are demanding pledges, and there's little doubt

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A Personal Chat with my readers

OUR FAMILY. We hear a great deal about immigration just now and the imperative need for population. According to the figures compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician, the average size of a N.S.W. family is less than two. Many thousands of people are childless. In four Federal electorates in N.S.W. there are 29,379 families without any children and 11,922 families with only one child. In the four electorates—North Sydney, Cook, Macquarie, and Riverina—there are 64,290 householders, and they have between them only 83,466 children. This, of course, points to race suicide and no immigration effort can possibly save us. If this refusal to take the responsibility of children continues then we are doomed to extinction as surely as was Rome, Greece, and other one-time great Powers. No legislation, no material prosperity, will alter this. A revival of religion that exalts God, the dignity and blessedness of parenthood, is needed, and there are no signs of such a revival. The figures of other States in the Commonwealth are practically the same. We have become a degenerate people; we do not exercise more restraint, we only secure sensual pleasure without the natural responsibility attaching to it. For these things we will pay as the human race has ever paid. "The mills of God grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small."

VALUELESS MILLIONS. "You may have all the money in the world, yet be a lonely, sorrowing man."

Thus Sir Ernest Cassell—the great banker and philanthropist who died last month—shortly after the death of his beloved daughter some years ago, according to his published personal recollection.

"The light has gone out of my life. I live in this beautiful house, which is furnished with all the luxury and wonders that art could find, but I no longer value my millions or the pictures in my home. I have sat here for hours every night grieving for my daughter."

Sir Ernest Cassell said there was nothing even the greatest financial successes, in life to equal the love of a devoted wife, or the delight of a family of happy children. The things that were best and worth having money could not buy.

A childless old age brings a sorrow and loneliness which is a terrible price to pay for the selfishness of other days. If we adopted children instead of sending them to an institution we would lay up for ourselves not only treasure in Heaven but sunshine on earth.

A NOBLE INSCRIPTION.

"Ah, it is women who have given the costliest hostages to fortune. Out into the battle of life they have sent their best beloved, with fearful odds against them. Oh, by the dangers they have dared; by the hours of patient waiting over beds where helpless children lay; by the incense of ten thousand prayers wafted from their gentle lips to heaven, I charge you to give them power to protect along life's treacherous highway those whom they have so loved."

Thus she used to urge that women should have the right to protect their loved ones from the drink evil. Now they have this right some 40 per cent. won't go to the ballot box, and of the 60 per cent. who do go not half of them are found to favor "protective legislation" such as Prohibition is.

SUNSTROKE. Now that summer has arrived, we do well to note what the famous Dr. W. A. Evans says in the Chicago "Daily Tribune" in a special article under date of August 29 last:

"In the vicinity where this is written we have passed through a very hot sunstroke season without having the expected amount of sunstroke. The season is about over and the number of deaths from sunstroke in Chicago is about twenty-three. The number of cases of sunstroke treated in Cook county hospital was ten. In 1916 the weather was very hot and the number of deaths from sunstroke was 535. The number of cases treated in Cook country hospital was 253, according to Dr. Meyer, medical superintendent and assistant warden, who, as the result of his experience in that year, wrote a valuable paper on sunstroke. In July, 1916, the number of deaths was 241. In July, 1921, it was nineteen. The weather bureau informs me that June, 1921, had an average temperature of 7½ degrees above the normal. That of July was 8.8 degrees above normal, and that of July was the warmest on record. It broke all records. Up to the time the information was finished August was running a fraction of a degree below the mean.

"The July ranking next in heat to that of 1921 was that of 1916. Why the drop from 535 deaths in 1916 to about 23 in 1921? A part of it, and a big part, is due to the relatively small amount of beer and whisky consumed in the summer of 1921. In the old days the workingman drank beer from time to time to satisfy his thirst. In 1916 I dubbed sunstroke 'beerstroke', and I was

Frances E. Willard has the following noble sentiment inscribed on a monument to her memory:

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right. Not that all sunstroke is due to beer, however."

WHAT DO PROHIBITIONISTS DRINK?

I have often been asked: "If you take our beer, what are we to drink?" I always say that depends on what you are. If you are an athlete, ask our "Snowy" Baker—he never tasted alcohol in his life—or ask any other champion athlete. If you are a politician, ask Sir Joseph Cook or "Billy" Hughes, or you might have asked the late John Storey. If you are a doctor, you can ask Dr. Arthur or any other of the numerous abstaining doctors. There is no walk in life in which you do not find successful men who never tasted alcohol. U.S.A., in its internal revenue report after one year of Prohibition, shows: Returns from cereal beverages jump from 1,057,912 dollars to 16,037,475 dollars. Unfermented grape-juice (manufacturers) from 1,620,311 to 14,616,974 dollars. Natural mineral waters from 41,603 to 319,500, and soft drinks (consumers or dealers) from 975,378 to 26,487,005 dollars. Here is an unanswerable reply to the liquor charge that millions of home breweries and distilleries have absorbed the grape crops. The fact is, as indicated above, the people in U.S.A. are drinking healthier drinks, and all authorities agree that home distilling is a habit that very soon peters out.

Longer life, and a happier life, is the gift of Prohibition.

THE EDITOR.

A Nerve Specialist on Alcohol.

DR. J. F. MACKEDDIE TALKS ABOUT THE GREAT DESTROYING AGENT.

SPECIAL FOR "GRIT" BY W.A.S.

THE ONE ESSENTIAL.

Ten years ago the Great Western Railway Coy. in England had to change its gauge over a distance of 200 miles in two days. The manager recognised it was a question of urgency and of nerve strain. He said "Give me 5000 men, and I will do it in 48 hours, but they must be teetotallers." He got the men, and the job was done in 31 hours.—Dr. Mackeddied, Melbourne, Oct. 4, 1921.

"Alcohol in medicine is the last resort; so much so that in nerve cases—whether the part affected is the great central citadel in the brain, or the farthest outpost in the finger tips—we never use it, never!"

So said Dr. J. F. Mackeddied, Victoria's leading nerve specialist, in the second lecture, and what the Anti-Liquor League holds to be the greatest syllabus of lectures ever arranged in the Southern Hemisphere on this subject.

The Assembly Hall was well filled with an audience, two-thirds of which were men.

Dr. Mackeddied began by repeating the quip of the famous teetotal surgeon, Gould, who apologised when lecturing on the evils of alcohol, first for going back on an old pal, who had brought him so many cases, and second for insulting the intelligence of his audience by stressing an obvious truth. "If that is true of a surgeon," said Dr. Mackeddied, "how much more is it true in the case of one who treats nervous troubles?"

He then prepared the ground by a little physiological preface, explaining that the terms "nerve" and "brain" were interchangeable; that the brain represented the great nervous centre, the spinal cord was an extension of the brain, and that the nerves running away to the fingers and toes were filaments of brain—outposts through which communication was kept up with the main citadel. He described briefly and in lay terms the direct control and the subsidiary or sympathetic control, the principles of the circulation, and of the digestion, and then roughly splitting his address into three sections, he spoke (1) on the effects of alcohol upon the central nervous system; (2) the use of alcohol in disease; (3) alcohol in daily life; and (4) alcohol in the supreme moments of life.

A PERSONAL TOUR.

"Let me take you," said Dr. Mackeddied, "on a personally conducted tour through the wards, so that we can see the effects of alcohol on disease:

"Here is a woman, who has been carried in because she cannot walk. Her nights are hideous with pain, yet when I touch her legs she feels nothing. Is she a drunkard? She would tell you no. And she isn't. But drink would tell you so. But she isn't. But drink has done it—not excessive drinking, merely insistent tinkering with alcohol. The brain filaments have been paralysed; she has peripheral neuritis. She is told what is the matter, and while the trouble is only peripheral there is hope. And she is sorry. She goes forth by and bye with joy, declaring that never again will we see her. But we do.

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Why? Because it is not only the nerves of her skin that were affected by the alcohol. Alcohol goes for bigger things than the mere bits of brain about our bodies; it tackles the mind, and the will, and that woman's will is no longer to be absolutely relied upon.

SPECIFIC CASES.

"Here is another case—a man this time, coming down the ward, flanked on either side by a nurse, because he cannot walk. The spinal cord won't fulfil its functions. Why? Alcohol—not directly, but the agent that sent him off after a harmless convivial evening with some friends to a place where he picked up the disease that robbed him of the power to walk alone. You talk of chasing the Red Plague out of the country—it will never be done so long as alcohol is here to feed it. We see another case—pneumonia this time—not at the bedside, but in the office, where the clerk is entering up its history. At the end of it he writes C2 H6O, which are the symbols that signify alcohol. The man has alcoholic pneumonia, and the writer knows that those magic symbols stand not only for alcohol, but in all likelihood for death. The thing that beats us in pneumonia is the nervous system, and if I told you that no sufferer from alcoholic pneumonia recovers, I would not be very far wrong.

ALCOHOL AND SURGERY.

"Step down into the surgical ward. A man has been carried in with a broken leg. Well,

that's nothing. His leg is set; he is made comfortable; the night nurse comes on, lights go down, and we go to bed, feeling he is safe and everything is alright. But it isn't. Suddenly he springs out of bed in delirium tremens, throws off the clothes, tears off the splints if he can, injures himself again. Yet for twelve months he has been a teetotaller; for a year he has been striving to make up for the past, and with success. But in his nervous system are the scars of past indulgence. Nerve control is shattered by the physical shock of the fracture, and the damage is done.

"Don't interpret me as saying that there is no recovery for a man. Nature has wonderful powers of repairing that intricate and it is damaged, but the machine can never be perfect again."

GREASING THE SKIDS.

delicate mechanism we call the body when

The tour led from the surgeon's ward across to the acute mental hospital, thence to the Asylum. "I won't harrow you with the horrible effects of alcohol here. But let me just say this in passing: Drink seems to grease the skids on every track that leads to perdition. It accelerates, for example, tuberculosis. A man whose lung has been healed up takes to alcohol, and soon comes back with the disease ten times more firmly established; alcohol increases it, and presently sends it surging upwards into the brain."

EPILEPTICS.

The juvenile section was merely glanced into, but a sentence summed up the result: "Ten per cent of the epileptics here are entirely and absolutely traceable to alcohol. As to those indirectly due, I cannot deal in percentages, but take this from me: Wipe out drink and syphilis, and you can shut up every asylum, every mental hospital, every nerve hospital in Christendom."

Touching briefly, but pointedly, upon the higher part of our system than the physical and the mental, Dr. Mackeddied used Christina Rossetti's lines as text:

"And is it uphill all the way?

... Yes, to the very end!"

His sermon was short, but he made it strong, and arraigned alcohol as the greatest factor in the crime record of the world.

ALCOHOL IN MEDICINE.

Passing to the second section—the use of alcohol in medicine—Dr. Mackeddied said:

"I do not agree absolutely with the late
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Ye Towne Philosopher.

By MARK R. SHAW.

IT WAS several months ago.
WHEN I was a little fellow of four.
AND I can't remember.
VERY MANY of the circumstances.
BUT THERE were a lot of people.
IN THE village church.
AND IT was some special occasion.
AND I spoke a piece.
I'VE FORGOTTEN most of it now.
BUT I remember it began.
"I'M A cold water boy."

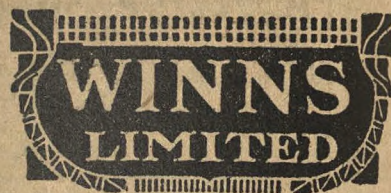
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AND THEN several years later.
THERE WAS an election.
IN MY home city of Grand Rapids.
AND BESIDES the regular election.
THERE WAS a "local option" vote.
IN KENT county.
AND I was working for the drys.
AND IT was my first vote.
AND I was eager to cast it.
AGAINST THE demoralising saloon.

* * *
BUT THERE were too many people.
WHO HAD never spoken pieces.
LIKE, "I'M a cold water boy."
AND THEY were afraid.
IT WOULD kill the town.
AND PUT thousands out of work.
AND IT would increase the taxes.
AND IT couldn't be enforced.
AND IT was taking away.
PERSONAL LIBERTY.
AND ALL the joy out of life.
AND YOU can't make.
PEOPLE MORAL by law.
AND WHAT would men do.
FOR A place to go.
AND ALL three leading newspapers.
WERE WORKING against it.
AND THE city went wet.
AND CARRIED the county wet.

* * *
BUT SOME other counties went dry.
AND THEN six years later.
THERE WAS a State-wide vote.
AND THE State went dry.
AND EVEN Kent county.
HAVING SEEN the results.
OF THE law.
IN THE nearby counties.
WENT DRY by six thousand votes.

AND THE other day on the train.
I WAS reading the "Survey Magazine."
AND THE entire issue was devoted.
TO A study.
OF THE results of Prohibition.
IN MY home city of Grand Rapids.
AND THE city had grown.
THIRTY PER cent.
AND MORE men were employed.
AND IT was pretty well enforced.
AND MOST people.
DIDN'T WANT liquor.
AND CRIME had been cut in two.
AND THE jails were nearly empty.
AND TAXES were reduced.
AND PEOPLE were.
SO MUCH happier.
AND FATHERS were taking their families
to picnics.
AND THEY were spending more evenings at
home with their children.
AND THEY were cashing their pay checks.
AT THE savings bank or grocery.
INSTEAD OF the corner saloon.
AND EVERYBODY was for it.
AND ALL three newspapers.
WHICH WERE wet before.
TELL HOW much good it has done.
AND ARE strong for it.
AND TRY to let on now.
THAT THEY ALWAYS FAVORED IT.

* * *
AND IT all goes to prove.
THAT TEMPERANCE education.
IS BOTH cause and effect.
OF PROHIBITION legislation.
FOR WHEN a majority.
OF THE people.
HAVE BEEN educated.
ON THE subject.
AND HAVE passed a law.
FOR A higher standard of ethics.
THE RESULTS of the law.
BECOME A tremendous factor.
IN EDUCATING the others.
WHO HAVE to see to be convinced.
BECAUSE THEY.
NEVER SPOKE pieces.
LIKE, "I'm a cold water boy."
WHEN THEY were little.
I THANK YOU.



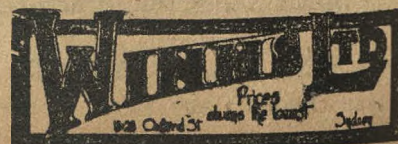
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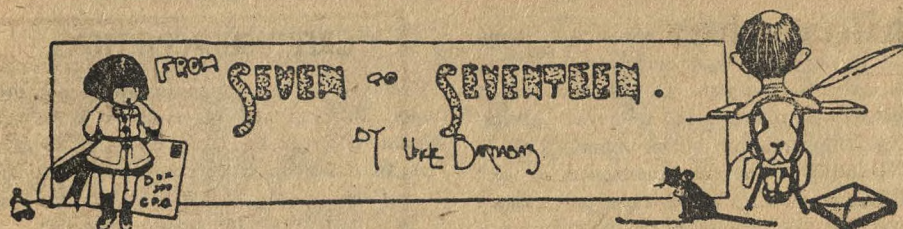
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THE LITTLE BOY'S TREASURE.

The other day I read a beautiful little story about a shepherd boy. He was keeping the sheep in a flowery meadow, and, because his heart was happy, he sang so loudly that the surrounding hills echoed his song. One morning the king, who was on a hunting trip, spoke to him, and said: "Why are you so happy, my boy?"

"Why should I not be happy?" answered the boy. "Our king is not richer than I."

"Indeed," said the king. "Pray tell me of your great possessions."

The shepherd boy answered: "The sun in the bright blue sky shines as brightly upon me as upon the king. The flowers upon the mountain and the grass in the valley grow and bloom to gladden my sight as well as his. I would not take a hundred thousand dollars for my hands; my eyes are of more value than all the precious stones in the world. I have food and clothing, too. Am I not, therefore, as rich as the king?"

"You are right," said the king with a smile, "but your greatest treasure is your contented heart. Keep it so, and you will always be happy."—"Jewels."

GETTING ON.

Lennie Leslie, "The Willows," Queanbeyan, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I told you I had a No. 1 Meccano outfit, but now it is made into a No. 3. My father made it into a No. 2, and a friend of ours made it into a No. 3. I have made some interesting models with it, too. I have joined the Scouts, and go to club as often as possible. I had a nasty cold just lately, but I am getting better now. We went out gathering fivecorners this afternoon, and got half a handbag full. I am getting on alright with my music, and I can play some nice little pieces. Last of all, but not least, I saw my letter in "Grit" and was very pleased with it. Hoping you and all "Grit" cousins are well.

P.S.—Thank you for birthday greeting.

(Dear Lennie,—Very pleased to hear of your progress. Keep on and you will have success in life.—Uncle T.)

GOOD TRIERS.

Jack Robinson, Chatswood, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I saw my last letter published in "Grit," so I thought I had better write again. I was elected secretary at the Independent Order of Rechabites, and I am trying to get as many new members as I can. I am top of the class at the superior public school at Chatswood now, and I have been for last quarter. My mate and I are trying to keep equal in class so that we can go to the High School together. I am sorry there is not much news, so I will close now, with love to you and all "Grit" cousins.

(Dear Jack,—I am very pleased to note that you are "on top." That is the usual position of the "Grit" Ne's and Ni's. Never let go, and you may be able to pull your pal along with you.—Uncle T.)

A NEW NI.

Gertrude Schmidt, "Allandale," Bogan Gate, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—For a long time I have been trying to pluck up courage to write to you, but at last I have succeeded. I hope you will enrol me as one of your Ni's. I was 14 on the 27th of May, and I got my Q.C. last year. I learn music from Mrs. Lewis, and she is very nice. Bogan Gate show was on the 10th of August, and was very successful. It was the first one for seven years. We have one little pet lamb; dad gave it to my sister to-day. My little sister and my two brothers go to the Union Sunday School (Methodist and Presbyterian combined). We live four miles from Bogan Gate. We had 150 points of rain last week, and now the grass is lovely and green. How is it, Uncle, that we write to Uncle B. and Uncle T. answers? I have noticed that in every letter I have read. I like reading pages 11 and 12 in "Grit." Well, I will close now, with love to all my "Grit" cousins.

(Dear Gertrude,—You are a welcome addition to our family. In answer to your question—well, Uncle B. is the personality and Uncle T. is the pen. Now you understand. Don't worry over trifles.—Uncle T.)

A NEW NE.

Jean Anderson, Botany, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—In this week's issue of "Grit" I noticed a paragraph about the meeting of scallywags at the Botany Town Hall. Mr. Shonk and Mr. Butler were splendid. Mr. Shonk's address was for the grown-ups, but I'm sure all the scallywags could understand him, too. Mr. Shonk spoke about "Grit," and he said that there was a page for the scallywags to write to you, so I thought I would like to write. I am eleven; my birthday is on the 2nd of October. I'll send my photo as soon as possible. I know Dorothy Smee, who used to live at Helensburgh. She lives at Botany now, and is in

my class at school. My father is secretary of the Prohibition League out here. I have two sisters and one brother; their names are Mena, Beryl and Mex. I am studying for the qualifying certificate this year, and hope to pass. I think this letter is long enough, so I will close, with love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself, hoping you will receive me as one of your many Ni's.

(Dear Jean,—I am pleased to enrol you among my Ne's and Ni's. I know you will never become a scallywag. "Fight the good fight."—Uncle T.)

WATTLE.

Norma Clarke, "Dalmar," Croydon, writes:

Dear Uncle B.,—I was glad to see my letter in "Grit." It was such a long time before I got your message in answer to my letter, and I was afraid you would not have me for a Ni. Thank you for allowing me to be one of your large family. Do you know how many Ne's and Ni's you have, Uncle? We are having a social at our church on Tuesday, and I hope to go. I went up to my grandma's place at Fairfield on Friday and came home on Saturday. I gathered a very big bunch of wattle to take to school for Wattle Day on the Monday. I will write a longer letter next time. With best wishes from your loving Ni.

(Dear Norma,—Thank you for the wattle. I quite forgot to mention it last time. There are over 1000 Ne's and Ni's, and some of them are awful scallywags. Don't you be one.—Uncle T.)

A NEW NE.

Gilbert Whigham, "Lisdillon," Bankstown, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—Will you please accept me as one of your Ne's? I am ten years old. I was born in the year 1911. I have two pets—a little black cat, whose name is Algernon, and I have a dog, and his name is Nip. He is a splendid little watch dog. The wattle is very beautiful here. My brother went to pick some wattle for a friend who is very fond of flowers. I attend the Presbyterian Church. My sister is a teacher there. Last year I won two prizes—one for attendance, the other for catechism. There are six in our family, but they are all grown up. I am the youngest, and I have one sister. I love reading "Grit" pages 11 and 12, and the jokes. Wishing "Grit" every success, not forgetting you and "Grit" cousins.

(Dear Gilbert,—You certainly can be one of our family. Keep up your love for "Grit," and write again soon, sending the date of your birthday.—Uncle T.)

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New South Wales Alliance—

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Hurlstone Park, Five Dock, Leichhardt, and Balmain are also moving quickly, and good meetings, resulting in the planning of work, have been held.

In the midst of their other special duties, valuable assistance has been rendered by Mrs. Wells, Mr. Gilbert, and Mr. Scott, and Misses Decent and Lance, having set the ball rolling on the North Shore and Strathfield-Hornsby lines, are now looking after Manly, Mosman, and the Parramatta-Strathfield districts.

Mr. A. C. Hammond has been very busy obtaining pledges at various city functions. A Protestant Federation gathering at South Kensington resulted in a goodly number of signatures, and a stand was also made at the meeting of the C.E.M.S. at St. James's Hall.

Our big advertisements in the "Herald" and "Telegraph" on Saturday created much discussion in tram and train, and the pars in the "News" and "Sun" were very effective.

The campaign is on its feet; it is making headway; it will reach the goal.

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And don't forget: Unusual demonstration, Town Hall, Sydney. Monday's the day—November 21.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

DO NOT FORGET!

The essay contest is promising to be a big success. We have received quite a number of applications for the text book, both from metropolitan and country districts, and from as far away as Tasmania. Workers are urged to encourage children to enter for this contest. Some schools are arranging special preparation classes, which is a splendid plan, and will be quite in accord with conditions of competition, the only important conditions to be noted being that when the essay is written the essay itself must be the unaided work of the child.

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ing the week beginning November 13. Some schools, through previous arrangements, find it necessary to postpone the observance of the special programme, and many are giving it on the first Sunday of December. This is quite in order if the circumstances do not permit November 13 being observed. Send in promptly for your supplies. The programme is so simple that there is still ample time to prepare for an effective celebration on November 13. A set of supplies is available at the small cost of 3/6.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ACTIVITY.

The C.E. enthusiasts are putting a great amount of time into temperance and Prohibition work. Carlton district is holding a big rally on Saturday afternoon and evening, Oct. 22, in the Carlton Baptist Church.

Most important of all is the C.E. Convention, Nov. 5 to 12. On Nov. 9, in the City Temple, Campbell-street, the Convention will give prominence to Prohibition at its afternoon Conference, and for the evening rally a big practical Prohibition programme has been prepared.

AMONG OUR SOCIETIES.

During the past few days workers from the Alliance have visited quite a number of Societies, including Belmore, Erskinvile, St. Peters, Enmore, and Cleveland-street. A meeting was also held in the Rydalmere Town Hall, and one of our workers addressed the Chatswood J.C.E. Anniversary. At these meetings great enthusiasm was shown and the lantern slides or Prohibition films have been greatly appreciated. Merewether Band of Hope reports a splendid demonstration in aid of the local hospitals and benevolent funds, which was held on Sept. 26.

PROHIBITION LIMERICKS.

Some time ago we gave some recitations in the form of limericks. Here are a few more. We should be glad to receive others from our friends. Cut these out and keep them for use in your Society:

OF COURSE!

There was a man in Kent,
Who couldn't pay his rent,
Because on beer,
One half the year,
He all his earnings spent!

There was a man in Goole,
Brought up in Folly's school,
A fortune fine
He spent in wine,
And now he's dubbed a fool!

There was a man in Lee,
Who thought a gent. he'd be.
He smoked and drank
Till down he sank,
To wretched poverty.

There was a man I knew
Who dally richer grew.
From wine and beer
He kept quite clear—
And that's what you should do.

There are some people wise,
Who Prohibition prize,
Because they know
When Booze does go
That crime and sorrow flies.

"GRIT" SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Received to 14/10/21, and where not mentioned the amount received is 10/-: Mrs. Bergin, 30/8/22; Rev. B. Frederick, 30/12/21; Mrs. Blair Mason, N.Z., 11s. 6d., 30/6/22; Miss Greenfield, 5s. 9d., 13/4/22; F. W. Maddocks, 3s. 6d., 30/12/21; B. Moore, N.Z., 11s. 6d., 30/12/21; Mrs. Franklin, 5s., 13/4/22; J. Housden, 30/12/21.

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PHILOLOGICAL.

A colored woman one day visited the court house in a Tennessee town and said to the judge:—

"Is you-all the reperbate judge?"

"I am the judge of probate, mammy."

"I'se come to you-all 'cause I'se in trub-ble. Mah man—he's done died detested, and I'se got t'ree little infidels, so I'se cum to be appointed der execootioneer."

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UNCONSCIOUS HUMORISTS.

The schoolboy is a remarkable, although generally an unconscious, humorist, and he generally comes out strong when set to write an "essay."

This is how he talks about "Hens."

"Hens is curious animals; they don't have no nose, nor no teeth, nor no ears. They swallows their wittles whole, and chew it up with their crops in their chests. The outside of hens is generally put into pillows and made into feather dusters."

Another boy had to write on "The Human Body," and he delivered himself as follows:

"The human body is divided into three parts—the head, the chest, and tummock. The head contains the eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and brains, if any. The chest contains the heart, lungs, and part of the liver. The tummock is entirely devoted to the vowels, of which there are five."

Here follows an essay on the pig:—

"Pigs are very dirty, and will eat coke—in fact, anything but rhubarb. The pig loves its sty, and has very little ambition for itself. Nobody should eat like a pig; it isn't proper. Pigs put their feet in the trough to make the tide rise, so they can get more. They make much noise while eating. If we care to wander in the wild parts of Ireland, we find pigs treated as members of the family."

One would think that a boy would revel in writing an essay on "Ships." This is how he revels:—

"Ships are useful for going to foreign countries to teach savages how to dress. If there were no ships, people would not go to the mewseum to see models. Sailors are very busy men, and are always chewing tobacco to prevent sea-sickness. Poets get a living with writing about ships."

CERTAINTY.

Employer: "You put that note where it will be sure to attract Mr. Smith's attention, didn't you?"

Office Boy: "Yes, sir; I stuck a pin through it and put it on his chair."

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HER ONE OPPORTUNITY.

Mrs. Myles: "Ever catch your husband flirting?"

Mrs. Styles: "Yes; once."

Mrs. Myles: "What did you do to him?"

Mrs. Styles: "Married him."

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FORCE OF EXAMPLE.

"Do the boys in Crimson Gulch shoot on sight the way they used to?"

"No," replied Cactus Joe. "Us desperadoes are all tamed down. We're afraid to get out in the street and act reckless for fear we'll be mistook for movie actors."

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POOR ECONOMY.

The stingiest man was scoring a hired man for his extravagance in wanting to carry a lantern when going to call on his best girl.

"The idea!" he scoffed. "When I was courtin' I never carried no lantern; I went in the dark."

The hired man proceeded to fill the lantern. "Yes," he said sadly, "and look what you got."

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A preacher, travelling in the backwoods, came to the cabin of an ignorant old woman. He asked her many questions, but couldn't get an intelligent answer. Finally he asked her if she knew there was a judgment day coming.

"No," she answered. "Will there be only one day?"

"Only one day," was the reply.

"Then I reckon I can't go," she replied. "We've only got one mule, and John goes every place first."



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"Repent ye: for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."—Matt. 3, 2.

SUNDAY.

"Happy is the man who findeth wisdom."
—Prov. 3, 13.

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GEMS.

"Seek to cultivate a buoyant and joyous sense of the crowded kindnesses of God in your daily life."—A. Maclaren.

"He whose ideals are clean, sincere, kindly, and earnest will become what he seeks."

"Happiness, the choice of all, can be directly gained by none. It is the gift of God to him, who, in the spirit of Christ, wills for the good of others."—Racine.

MONDAY.

"Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."—
Matt. 14, 27.

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"IT IS THE LORD."

When in the lagging hours of night,
Darkly the shadows fall,
Then to my weak'ning heart there comes
Sweetly a loving call:

"Lift up thine eyes; look unto Me,
Lift up thine eyes to-night,
And thou shalt see above it all
I am thy Lord of Light."

Cruel unkindness pierces deep
And my heart feels the pain.
Pierces and presses; hark! I hear
Singing, a soft, sweet strain:
"Lift up thine eyes; look unto Me,
Thou shalt have full release.
Turn from thy hurt; look unto Me,
I am thy Prince of Peace."

Darker the sorrows round me fold;
Stronger the storm does beat,
Till, broken-hearted, without strength,
I lay me at His feet.

Tenderly comes that voice again,
Comforting, from above,
Gathers me to His heart, and says,
"I am thy Lord of Love."

L.S.P.

TUESDAY.

"Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be
required of thee."—Luke 12, 20.

PRESUMPTION.

"Let no man say, because I have calculated on the danger, because I feel that I have resolution to bear the temptation, I will venture; at least I will venture a little way. What is this but going to the edge of a precipice, when the safe path lies away from it? What is this but parleying with temptation? And is not that presumption?"

WEDNESDAY.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."—Matt. 19, 19.

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MY NEIGHBOR.

Who is my neighbor?
Everyone on earth who comes within the
radius of a smile,
A word, a touch, a helping hand of mine, or
any little kindly deed the while
We pass along the road.
There is no little and there is no much,
We weigh and measure and define in vain.
A look, a word, a light responsive touch
Can be the ministers of joy or pain.

—Anon.

THURSDAY.

"The wise are in the hand of God."—Eccl.
9, 1.

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The wisest person in the world would seem to be the one who knows his own weaknesses.

Did you ever notice that men who say ugly things about other men are very often condemning, in the men they accuse, their own idiosyncrasies? They do it unconsciously, of course, but they do it, and in doing it they hand you a photograph of themselves—a flashlight of their inner selves.—Fletcher.

FRIDAY.

"Behold, now is the accepted time."—2
Cor., 6, 2.

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NOW!

Wait not till the leaves are scattered
Ere you seek the woodland's gloom;
Wait not till the rose is shattered,
Ere you gather its perfume;

Wait not till the house is emptied,
Ere you call and knock for peace;
Wait not till the heart's exempted
From its cares and welcomes cease.
Speak your word of loving kindness
Ere the ears are shut and barred;
Look with love before death's blindness
Hath that glance of duty marred;
Do all deeds humane and tender
Now some darkened life to cheer;
Flowers but mock the tardy sender,
When, too late, laid on the bier.

—Anon.

SATURDAY.

"Even to them that believe on His Name."
—John 1, 12.

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BELIEVE.

"They that believe in Christ have a full discharge from the debt in which sin has involved them. Faith is the medium through which salvation comes—the channel in which it flows—the hand that receives the pardon offered through the blood of the Cross. Without faith we continue debtors—we perish. With faith we have the full remission of every sin, and we have eternal life. By faith, he who was the condemned is justified; the poor are made rich; those that were sold to sin and Satan enjoy the privilege of being sons and daughters of God."

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A Nerve Specialist on Alcohol—

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Sir Victor Horsley, and those of his school, who say that alcohol has no value whatever. I respect their views, and would infinitely rather side with them and abolish it than join with those others who use it indiscriminately. But in my own field of work I stand every day, and all the time, with Sir Victor Horsley. To the central nervous system every drop of alcohol is poison. To that subsidiary, that sympathetic nerve control system, which works so mysteriously and marvellously, every drop of alcohol is poison.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

The lecturer swiftly outlined some typical cases of people who came under his daily purview—men and women who, under stress of business worries, home cares, physical and mental overstrain, were suffering from nervous disarrangement. "And to those," he said, "alcohol is a snare, a trap, a delusion, a poison." He used several simple but striking illustrations. One must suffice: "The man who discovers that a drop of brandy will steady his nerves, and will enable him to transact a bit of business that his shaken nerves prevented his doing, has made a dreadful discovery. The stimulus is false, the reaction great. What happens physiologically is that the combustion which takes place in the process of digesting food, instead of being natural and quiet, is in the case of alcohol a vivid flare up. . . and after the flare up comes the flare down! Alcohol is a great fuel to burn, but it energises momentarily. And the residue is harmful, whilst the delicate furnace is damaged.

"Fortifying the nerve system with alcohol is exactly like taking your money from the Savings Bank to the Yarra Bank, and there tossing it in, coin by coin, till it is all done. . . The difference is that a stroke of good fortune may redeem your finances, and give you back as much gold as you threw away. But there is no redemption for the lost energies dissipated by drink.

"What a thorough-paced destroyer of all

that is best in us is alcohol! No wonder that in medicine it is the last resort, and in the case of the nerve treatment the resort that is never used—never; whether it be for the captain on the bridge up here, the chief mate down here in charge of the wheel, or the ordinary vigilant hands about the deck, and up on the look-out stations."

DRINK AND DAILY LIFE.

The section drink and daily life had to be compressed into a few pungent sentences, but the lecturer referred his hearers to the records of the now famous scientific tests made by Professor Kraepelin of the effect of alcohol upon skilled workers, laying emphasis upon this point: that whilst invariably it was found that under the stimulus of alcohol men accomplished less work than those who were "unstimulated," yet those who were given the drink always imagined that they were working better and getting higher results. Such an absolute deceiver, as well as destroyer, is alcohol! "And the value of this evidence," added the lecturer, "is immensely increased by the fact that Professor Kraepelin himself is not a teetotaler, and has been forced by science, by the absolute love of truth, into the position of a Prohibitionist. Like Professors Berry and Osborne, who are going to lecture here, he is the best type of Prohibitionist.

ALCOHOL AND ATHLETICS.

"Under the last head—the use of alcohol in supreme effort—came the question of athleticism. Here we might expect some ground for the use of alcohol. Surely to the perfectly-trained physique alcohol in moderation would be at least harmless, and surely when the completely-trained athlete stands ready for the final effort the time has come when alcohol may supply the great burst of energy necessary! But no! Alcohol is banned by the athlete. I do not think that a little alcohol would do any harm to those well-developed muscles, those strong sinews, those healthy bodies; but training is not muscle-building alone or chiefly; training means getting into tone; and alcohol would not produce tone; it would destroy it. Again, in the race, the fight, the regatta, it is not speed

alone, but stamina that is needed, and alcohol would but produce a spurious outburst of energy that would kill all chance of continued effort and ultimate victory.

"Again, in supreme literary effort all the best evidence shows that alcohol produces not inspiration, but barrenness. Wine, as Dr. Johnson said truly, gives words, not talk. The supremely great men of the ages, with few exceptions, have been supremely temperate men.

"Now we have reached a period where alcohol—this enemy of man, this destroyer of all that is best in us—is going to be put outside the gates. (Applause.) It is not going to be an easy task. There are forces and influences to fight and overcome—Lord Northcliffe and Prohibition.

"Lord Northcliffe has been telling us something about how Prohibition operates in America. He did not say anything against Prohibition as a matter of fact. He simply complained that he could not find it! Now I had a patient recently who had just come from New York. He said to me: 'Don't talk to me about Prohibition. I have been there, and I tell you it has done a power of good. I drink myself, yes, and in New York I can get whisky at any time—at the cost of £5 per bottle. Now how many men, do you think, are going to fuzzle their brains at £5 a shot?'

"Lord Northcliffe complains that the workers are penalised while the wealthy classes get what they want. Well, let the gilded youths have their privilege if they want it. But let us at any rate protect the workers who are the backbone of England and of the English-speaking race. The yeoman and the worker have from the time of the middle

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ages been the hope and glory of England, and if Lord Northcliffe is anxious about the welfare of England, and of the working classes, he should be willing to protect them.

"I think he did say something about Prohibition itself—he said it was un-British. Now I believe that Lord Northcliffe had a great hand in winning the war. That man—far-seeing, eagle-eyed, enterprising—realised that a crisis had been reached when it was necessary to be up and doing, and the old British methods—those 'muddle-through' methods of which we were so proud—were of no use to him. He became eminently un-British, and thank God for it! (Applause.) And surely in this matter of Prohibition, where the welfare of the worker and the prosperity of the community are at stake, we can afford to be un-British."

At the close of the address a number of questions were handed up, and the replies in the main elaborated what had been said. Dr. Mackeddle added that in everything he had said he had purposely adopted a moderate tone, and had advanced nothing that any reputable medical man would not support and substantiate.

A vote of thanks was accorded on the motion of the Hon. W. F. Finlayson, M.L.C., seconded by Professor Adam.

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PRISON POPULATION IN 16 STATES ON DECREASE.

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Chicago, Ill., March 21.—Decrease in the total population of State prisons in the middle and south-western States is attributed in part to Prohibition by a number of State prison authorities. Other reasons noted included high wages and shortage of labor, the indeterminate sentence and the merit system. The falling off for sixteen States, as voted in reports collected here by the Associated Press, amounted on December 1, 1920, to nearly an eighth of the total on December 1, 1914.

In commenting on the decrease in States where it occurred more prison officials named Prohibition than any other single reason. Several citing industrial conditions gave this cause greater weight than Prohibition.

The decrease in prisoners was not uniform, but took place in nine States where the total decrease wiped out an increase in six States and showed a net decrease for the entire sixteen, one remaining stationary.

Prohibition was said by Downer Mullen, Secretary of the Minnesota State Board of Control, to be one of the principal reasons for the decrease in number of inmates in the Minnesota State prison at Stillwater. John T. Burkett, Secretary of the Arkansas Penitentiary Commission, gave the passage and enforcement of Prohibition laws credit for the decrease there in the number of State convicts.

Officials of the Kentucky prisons, where the greatest drop in the sixteen States was noted, said that the decline there was due in large part to the unprecedented period of employment and high wages.—'Buffalo Express,' March 22, 1921.

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