

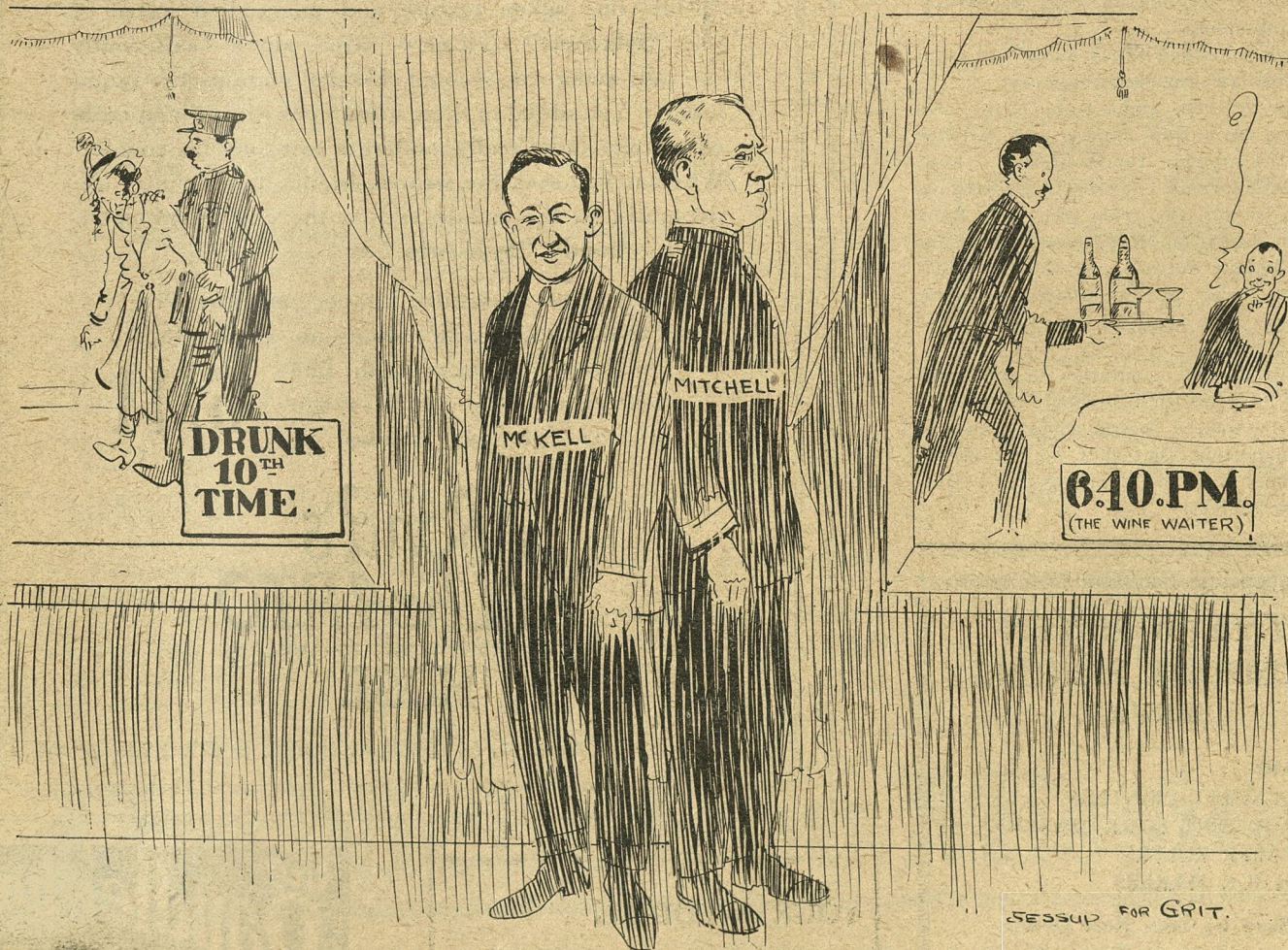
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Reflecting Wet Sentiment.

The wets in the lower house of Congress, they who have shone so brilliantly throughout this session, reflecting the preponderant wet sentiment of the country, undertook one afternoon to recommit the Deficiency Appropriation Bill to Committee with instructions to strike out the supplemental appropriation of 2,686,760 dollars for the Prohibition Unit. They did not expect to be able to make a lot of noise resembling the rumbling of a ground swell of public sentiment against the appropriation of extra sums of money for Prohibition enforcement. It was to be the final demonstration of the session of the formidable proportions of the wet strength. It was.

Unfortunately for the showing which the wets expected to make, the thing went to a record vote. It all happened so suddenly. The sensation must have been, to the wets, similar to that which follows sliding on a banana peel or stepping in front of a swift-moving automobile.

The wets mustered thirty-three votes out of more than two hundred votes cast.

Thirteen of these came from New York. Four came from New Jersey, and included that of the woman representative. Four came from Maryland, one from Pennsylvania, two from Illinois, two from Ohio, four from Wisconsin, two from Massachusetts, and one from Michigan. Not one vote could be mustered from west of the Mississippi River, and not one from south of the Potomac and the Ohio.

After all of the ostentation of reflection that they have made throughout the session, it would be unkind to tell those men—and that woman—now that they do not reflect the sentiment of the country.—“The Outlook,” July 21, 1926.

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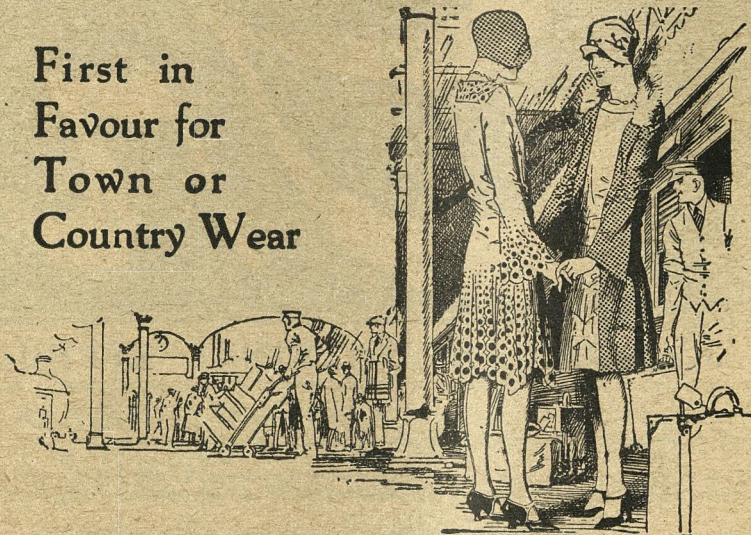
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BUT

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It did not close to them the door of Heaven.
They were patient, heroic and often even happy.
Their friends were proud of them, loved them, and cherish a blessed memory of them.

"During the same seventeen years nearly one million people were convicted of drunkenness in the Courts of Australia."—Statement from Government Year Book.

In the last three years 93,083 were convicted for drunkenness in New South Wales. All of these suffered physically, mentally and morally. Many thousands of these:

1. LOST THEIR JOBS and plunged their homes into sore economic straits.
2. MET WITH FATAL ACCIDENTS, or disabling accidents or fatal sickness, from which but for their lowered vitality through drink they would have recovered.
3. WERE GUILTY OF CRIMES impossible to them in their sober senses.
4. WERE GUILTY OF UNSPEAKABLE CRUELTY towards their women and children.
5. THEY SUFFERED—physically, mentally and morally; some committing suicide, some becoming insane.
6. NO ONE WAS PROUD OF THEM; no one cherished their memory. They were a nightmare to be forgotten if possible.
7. MORE THAN DOUBLE this number—that means another 2,000,000—were sober enough to dodge the policeman, but drank enough to make their home a little hell on earth.
8. THE MOST LOATHSOME DISEASE claimed many thousands of them, and brought a virulent poison into their homes.
9. TOOK YEARS OFF THE LIFE of all of them, on the undisputed authority of the Insurance Societies.
10. BROUGHT CHILDREN INTO THE WORLD handicapped with poor constitutions, poor provision and poor opportunities.
11. ALL FACED A HOPELESS FUTURE, for "no drunkard shall enter the Kingdom of God."
12. THEY STRUGGLED AND FAILED; they fell and dragged others with them. These victims came from every class, in spite of social advantages, intellectual gifts and moral training. They were responsible for a deep and bitter stream of unstoppable tears.

Truly, cancer is a dread and growing scourge! The doctors have not exaggerated it. The University appeal is truly warranted; the public response is justified.

BUT

The drink evil is more than ten times as great and one hundred times more distressing.

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Our Objective: The Abolition of the Liquor Traffic.

Our Weapons: Education and Legislative Action.

This Page is devoted to the activities of the Prohibition Alliance—Edited by Henry Macourt, Publicity Officer.

LAW BREAKING IN HIGH PLACES.

THE WENTWORTH CASE.

The story of the prosecution of the Wentworth Hotel is the story of the Government's failure to administer the law it is sworn to safeguard. It goes back to the Tattersall's case. Liquor was being served to "casuals" with meals after six o'clock at most of the leading hotels in Sydney in violation of the provisions of the Six O'clock Closing Law.

The authorities whose duty it is to carry out all law impartially failed to take any action to test the right of the publicans to serve liquor with meals to "casuals" after the legal trading hours. To do the publicans justice they claimed that they were acting strictly within their rights. Once more the Alliance was compelled, through the negligence of the Crown authorities, to test this claim. Hence the Tattersall's case.

The Magistrate whose impartiality is not questioned, gave a decision against what was the evident intention of Parliament.

FULL COURT DECIDES FOR THE ALLIANCE.

The Government, however, made no appeal against this judgment. Again the Alliance had to step in and, at their own cost, take the case to appeal.

The Full Court reversed the Magistrate's decision.

The hotelkeeper thereupon appealed to the High Court, and again the decision was against him.

The position then was that the highest courts in the land had decided against the claim of the publicans to serve liquor with meals to other than bona fide inmates.

The months slipped by, but at many of the leading hotels little notice was taken of the Court's judgment.

A LADY TAKES ACTION.

A well-known lady member of the Alliance Executive was offered wine after six o'clock at a popular city hotel, where she happened to be dining with a friend. She reported this to the Commissioner of Police, but the Commissioner informed her that he could not take his men off their ordinary duties to watch residential hotels.

Several Alliance supporters, including Hon. Crawford Vaughan and Mr. H. C. Stitt, decided to investigate the position for themselves. They went to the Australia with no intention of prosecuting, but merely to obtain first-hand information as to how far the judgment of the Full Court was being abrogated.

They were offered and purchased liquor without any questions being asked as to whether they were lodgers or inmates.

SWORN AFFIDAVITS.

On the following day they decided that it was their duty, as citizens, to make sworn affidavits and to present the result of their observations to the Commissioner of Police in the hope that the authorities would do their obvious duty. The Commissioner of Police told them exactly what he had told the lady member of the Executive, that he could not take his men off their beat to investigate this alleged law-breaking. He thanked them, however, and said that the evidence submitted was just what he

SENATOR BORAH ON LAW ENFORCEMENT.

In a powerful and eloquent denunciation of the wets, Senator Borah (of U.S.A.) made this crushing reply to their plea to ignore the Eighteenth Amendment and to their contention that nullification of the law is not revolution.

"No it is true," he said, "nullification is not revolution. It has none of the sturdy attributes and finer virtues of revolution. It involves none of the courage and sacrifice and willingness to die, and is inspired by none of the visions of revolution. Nullification is none of these. Nullification is the slinking, silent, cowardly sapping of the very foundations of all order, all dignity, all government. It is the furtive, evasive betrayal of the nation. It poisons the very foundation source of natural power, to wit, respect for law and obedience to the expressed will of the majority. It is the spirit and motive of anarchy without either its courage or its faith."

Nothing could more fittingly describe the situation now being attacked by the Alliance in its campaign for law enforcement.

wanted, and he approved of their action in voluntarily going to the hotel as they had done. He then said that he would refer the matter to the Attorney-General.

Hon. Crawford Vaughan and Mr. Stitt felt convinced that the Attorney-General would not take action on the information submitted. Their surmises in this connection proved to be correct, although subsequent to the Wentworth Hotel being fined the police themselves obtained liquor after hours at the "Hotel Australia," which was fined £20 on 13/9/26, that being its second conviction.

THE WENTWORTH VISITED.

Hon. Crawford Vaughan and Mr. Stitt were determined not to be put aside by any inaction on the part of the Administration. They, therefore, decided to go to the Wentworth after 6 p.m., and, if offered liquor, to obtain the necessary evidence for a conviction. As Mr. Stitt said under oath they decided to resort to no subterfuge or deception of any kind.

The Magistrate stated in Court that "these gentlemen had resorted to no subterfuge to secure a conviction." The conviction of the licensee of the Wentworth Hotel followed.

The action of Hon. Crawford Vaughan and Mr. H. C. Stitt has already put the law in motion. Nothing but a prosecution could have checked the law-breaking that was rampant in hotels. Every law-abiding citizen, every lover of law and order, will commend the Alliance for taking the only available means of upholding the judgments of the highest courts in the land.

One further comment is necessary. The Alliance is determined to secure law-enforcement before Prohibition is introduced.

LIQUOR TRADER RETALIATES.

Messrs. Stitt and Vaughan, on the information of the Secretary of the Wentworth Hotel, were prosecuted for being on licensed premises after hours. The magistrate dismissed the information with costs against the complainant.

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

Last week-end was a busy period with the Prohibition Alliance speakers. Rev. H. C. Foreman was at Hurstville, Mr. Stitt at Petersham and Oatley, Rev. H. Putland at Dundas, Castle Hill and Parramatta North, Mr. Stitt in Adelong District, Mr. Richards in the Wyong District, and Mr. Macourt at Mortdale and Marrickville. In all 15 addresses were given in churches.

The greatest event of the day was, however, the wonderful service at the Lyceum, where Rev. R. B. S. Hammond was the preacher. Rev. H. C. Foreman conducted the service, hence there were associated the President of the Australian Prohibition Council and the President of the N.S.W. Prohibition Alliance—a very effective combination indeed.

Mr. A. G. Saunders, formerly organising secretary of the Church Army in London, has joined the staff of the Prohibition Alliance for Field Service. He has had a wide experience in religious and social work, which should make him a valuable agent for Prohibition here, more especially as he has an intimate knowledge of conditions associated with the liquor traffic in the Old Country, particularly London. He is commended to the fellowship and helping spirit of our friends in those parts of the State where his work may take him.

During the balance of this month Rev. H. Putland and Mr. Saunders will be touring the Riverina, visiting Cootamundra, Hay, Deniliquin, Finley, Berrigan, Jerilderie, Leeton, Yanco, Narrandera, Coolamon and other centres. Their trip should mean much valuable Prohibition propaganda.

The application for the transfer of a publican's license to the Broadway at Enfield was refused by a majority of the Licensing Bench. Rev. Lepastier and other friends are congratulated upon the splendid fight they put up against the proposal. It is another illustration of the effectiveness of a combined local effort.

An appeal has been lodged against the decision of the Licensing Bench approving the transfer of a wine license to New Canterbury Road, Petersham. The appeal in the Collaroy hotel case was adjourned.

There are also on hand applications in respect of The Entrance (Tuggerah), Palm Beach (2), Five Dock (2), Willoughby, Lakemba, Punchbowl, Kogarah, Ramsgate, Allawah, Cronulla and City (2). The liquor traffic does not let up on its effort to push itself in wherever there is a possible opening. Public interest is not in their calculations.

Hon. J. W. Chéek, M.L.C., of Tasmania, was a caller at the office during the week. He is a life-long fighter against the drink traffic, and still active in the campaign in his State.

Other visitors were Mr. Hancock from Broken Hill and Ald. Macaulay from Port Macquarie. Both had been attending the Rechabite Conference. They are valuable representatives of our cause in their districts.

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THE SUNSHINE FAIR.

ARRANGEMENTS DEVELOPING SATISFACTORILY.

The Sunshine Fair Committee have every reason to feel gratified with the progress of events in connection with that function. One of the features is the complete unity of the affiliated parts of the Prohibition Alliance. Each one is bearing its share in the arrangements. This can only mean success—big success.

Lady de Chair has graciously given her patronage, again showing the interest she has in the work of temperance education in the community. Other ladies prominent in the religious and social life of the city are associating themselves in the preparation plans. Offers of assistance are coming so freely, the committee will have difficulty in planning their stalls arrangements. All this is most encouraging.

Friends would like to know concerning the stalls, and who is who among the workers. We give a few particulars here:

General stall: Anglican Church, Mrs. F. B. Boyce and Mrs. Segetin in charge.

General Stall: Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Mackay in charge.

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General Stall: Representative Women's Prohibition League, Mrs. Vickery in charge.

General Stall: Salvation Army.

Refreshment Stall: Churches of Christ, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Steer in charge.

Handkerchiefs and D'Oyleys: Business Women's Prohibition League.

Cake Stall: Presbyterian Church.

Cake Stall: Congregational Church.

Cake Stall: Methodist Church.

Flower Stall: Methodist Young People.

Sweets Stall: Miss Dinning, South Ashfield.

Sweets Stall: Baptist Young People.

Jams and Provisions: N.S.W. Prohibition Alliance staff.

Doll Stall and Competition: Methodist Church.

Ice Cream and Soft Drinks: I.O.G.T.

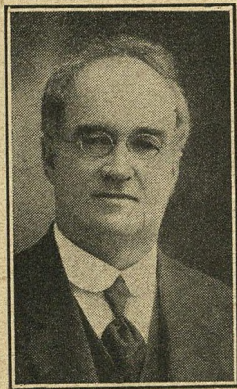
Beauty Parlor: Miss Henderson.

This is a fine response, for which everyone is grateful, and everyone is encouraged. Friends everywhere in the State are linking up with their Church effort. Others may want to do so. Would they get into touch with their church stall convenors or with the Prohibition Alliance. All gifts sent to Macdonell House, 321 Pitt-street, and marked for a particular stall will be acknowledged and forwarded to those intended to receive it.

The special campaign of the Prohibition Alliance needs all the support financially that can be given to it.

FAREWELL MESSAGE.

(By H. C. STITT.)



H. C. STITT

For over two years it has been my pleasure to have been associated with the Alliance as State Superintendent. The period has had its difficulties because the political highways were blocked and dominated by the liquor influences. Nevertheless the devotion to duty of the committees and the loyalty of the staff were a real inspiration. I am happy to be able to testify that the unity and purpose of all concerned has so worked that complete harmony and good fellowship has unanimously prevailed. I am indebted to our friends for much invaluable assistance, suggestion, and expressions of encouragement, received both verbally and written. It would be ungracious on my part not to mention the extreme consideration extended to me when visiting the country. Without the cordial hospitality received it would be impossible to carry on. The Christian atmosphere of entertaining homes will never be forgotten. To those carrying out an itinerary it makes all the difference.

Prohibition is a big ideal. It is a great work with which to be associated. A crafty and strong enemy has to be contended with. To get into grips and holts with the liquor traffic is a fighter's job. The continuous high tension requires one always to be on guard and geared up to war pitch. Impassioned and thrilled with the knowledge of wrongs to be righted, one gets to love the work.

It has not been a spectacular period. Still here and there have been some worthwhile victories. To keep a progressive education campaign going required much planning and anxiety. The confidence of the public, as well as the affiliated bodies, must be maintained. The work at all times must be aggressive, and necessitates constant consolidation in order to achieve the best results. I believe that the Alliance is held in such regard, and occupies such a position to-day, that our most severely critical friends would do nothing to injure it. It is the leader of the temperance forces, the recognised teacher in the Prohibition Movement, and the defender and champion of liquor law observance and enforcement.

The resistance by the Alliance during the past two years to the attempts of the liquor traffic to destroy the benefits of six o'clock closing is unique in Australia, and perhaps in the world. All interpretations of the Act given by magistrates were favorable to the liquor seller. Such was the broad ruling given by one magistrate who stated from the bench "that the one to decide who was an inmate (who could procure liquor) was the publican." The Alliance position resolved itself into this, that NOTHING ELSE MATTERED BUT THE ENFORCEMENT OF SIX O'CLOCK CLOSING. The mistake made in U.S.A. was in securing Prohibition first and enforcing the law afterwards. The liquor traffic in its defiance of the law is breeding disrespect for all law. First things must come first. Enforce the existing laws, hold what you have, and then when Prohibition arrives it will be effective morally and economically.

Can one possibly imagine a greater condemnation of the governing powers than that the Alliance at its own cost and by its own office staff was compelled to challenge the liquor traffic and fight it at the law courts on the enforcement issue. Is any further proof necessary that the liquor traffic will not obey law than that there was continued flouting of the unanimous verdict of the Full Court, and that the Alliance had the second time to come forward and initiate a prosecution in defence of the law? Could there have been a more scathing rebuke uttered to any one with a conscience, and as showing the open way by which the law was broken, than when the Magistrate, referring to the Alliance office staff, said, "That these gentlemen had not obtained the liquor by a subterfuge."

The campaign launched by the Alliance in favor of LAW AND ORDER is only commencing, as any one will find out who dares to challenge the liquor traffic on its determination to defy law. This battle now begun so successfully MUST BE WAGED RIGHT INTO THE POLITICAL ARENA. Prohibition must be our politics. Principle should be placed before party. We should vote as we pray. Then the traffic would soon receive its death sentence. The Alliance has now put its hands to the plough; there can be no looking back. The tide has turned in our favor.

MY FAREWELL MESSAGE IS: "THE FUTURE POLICY IS PLAIN—EDUCATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND A DRY PARLIAMENT."

ANTHONY HORDERN'S.

The appeal against the liquor license granted to Anthony Horden's was dismissed on the 13th inst., but the Judge forbade them to sell by the glass. See our back page.

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WHO IS JOE LONGTON?

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Many of the readers of "Grit" have been asking who is Joe Longton? It will add to the interest and worth of the articles he is yet to write for us if, in answering this question, we set out some of the land marks in his varied and adventurous life.

He is an Australian,
Born September 13, 1880,
at
Hill End, N.S.W.

His father was a mine manager at Sunny Corner and Lucknow.

His mother was the first woman to die in Sunny Corner, and was laid to rest at Meadow Lea.

His grandfather (Tom Longton of Bootle) was one of England's great temperance lecturers and a ganger on the London and Liverpool railroad. He was an undefeated bare-knuckle fighter in his day. He went to America to assist in building America's first railroad, and was murdered by Indians in Delaware, his body being found beside a spring.

His grandmother was a Kirkby, of Kirkby Hall.

STARTING BEHIND SCRATCH.

Joe Longton says: "I am proud that I learned to write my A.B.C. on a rock at the back of Broken Ridge with a hunk of charcoal from which I graduated to the type-writer that has reached the eyes of the world."

What a life of adventure, what a varied and wonderful experience has the boy known who was kicked and cuffed around the slums of Sydney, who often in those days knew what it was to tighten his belt from the outside. He was not "brought up"—he was just "kicked around." Joe has shipped before the mast, and has worked in the mines. He saw service both in the British Army and the U.S.A. Navy during the war, and was wounded in France.

As if that was not varied enough he was a jockey, and has ridden for Sam Cook, Megaphone Brown, Jim Haskett and Lance Smith.

He has raced horses in England, and imported into South Africa from Buenos Ayres the celebrated horses Lynch Law, Vespertira, and Florence Darling.

There are few great jockeys or fighters that have not been proud to give their friendship to Joe Longton. Here is a man who has squandered a couple of healthy fortunes, and burned the candle at both ends and the middle.

This adventurous man has been all over the world and round it several times.

He has been wayback in the early days a "gutter snipe," "a booze hoister," "a rum hound."

He has been a member of the gambling clubs of Ostende, Deauville and Monte Carlo.

When he packed his bag in the dim dis-

tant past he had 58 things to stow away, things without which he never travelled:

- 1st—Respect for women.
- 2nd—Love of little children.
- 3rd—Love of fair play.
- 4th—Willingness to help the underdog.
- 5th—A degree of honor.
- 6th—A celluloid collar.
- 7th—The other 52 were contained in a pack of cards.



JOE LONGTON
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HOPPING IN WHERE OTHERS HESITATED.

Joe was the youngest boy to enter Hannans, now Kalgoorlie. He drove the whip horse on the Ivanhoe Mine, and it was on his shift that the first rawhide bucket of mullock came up out of the main shaft from which so much gold followed. Before this amazing youth was 18 years of age he had a contract with 50 men in his employ at Captain's Flat.

Far cows looked fat to this adventurous youth, and he was soon in South America; made a quarter of a million dollars in Chilean mines, and spent it as rapidly as he made it.

While in Monte Video, South America, he purchased 500 head of mules, horses and donkeys for the African market. A revolution broke out over night, his stock was commandeered, and he was shot into jail. As a British subject he was fortunate to be able to let it be known, and a gunboat told Monte Video to turn him loose, restore his stock, or be blown to the winds. Within a week Joe and his stock were all aboard for South Africa.

TEN YEARS AGO.

Ten years ago Joe took a tumble. He discovered several very important things, among them that—

1. Booze was made for mugs.
2. The outside of a bar was the best side.
3. The best thing to keep in a bottle is the cork.
4. That it is a man's sized job just to be a clean man.
5. That he was now qualified to take his degree in the school of experience, and to pass out of the mug's class.
6. Tobacco went with the booze; he felt the hoof should go with the hide.

What is there of life for this man to learn who has shared his last crumb with the hobo and dined with royalty?

WHAT DOES JOE DO?

He has travelled America as much if not more, than any living man in the last 20 years, and knows America as a hobo knows his vest pocket.

To-day Joe Longton is one of America's most prominent sporting writers.

He was president last year of the Chamber of Commerce in Los Angeles.

He and his talented and equally remarkable wife, who is one of America's famous gown and millinery designers, founded the Millinery and Gown Saloon of "Joseph" in Hollywood. They have designed costumes for most of the prominent stars in Movieland. From the mine and underground at Tambaroora to millinery and gowns in Hollywood is some jump. Of most interest to Australians is the fact that Joe Longton is at present the correspondent and special representative in America of the Sydney "Sportsman." His 50,000 mile trip through U.S.A., a map of which will appear in our next issue, has given priceless facts about Prohibition to Australia. In the mind of Joe Longton, Prohibition and Prosperity are the Siamese twins, and he is giving himself in his characteristically whole-hearted way to bring "these twins" to his beloved Australia. Much of Joe's life has been devoted to creating a better understanding between English speaking people.

He believes that wars are born of misunderstanding, and misunderstandings are born of our inability to speak the same language. His ambition is to be the father of an ordinance making the broadcasting over radio in any other language but English a felony—where the English language is spoken. Joe says, "I want to hear the world speaking English. Then it will be that we will have a better understanding and peace. Foreign nations that want the English speaking nation's trade and gold should have the manners to ask for it in English."

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PROHIBITION WINNING IN THE COLLEGES.

EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE, "COLLEGE-STUDENT DRINKING SINCE PROHIBITION," IN "THE LITERARY DIGEST."

The most comprehensive survey on the status of Prohibition in the universities and colleges of the United States, to be successfully undertaken since the passage of the National Prohibition law, has been completed by the "Literary Digest," and appears in the July 10 issue of that journal. In a year notable for the appearance of an unusual amount of documentary evidence favorable to Prohibition, this testimony from the heads of universities and colleges throughout the nation stands out as remarkable proof that Prohibition has reacted for good upon the young people of the nation. "Prohibition is winning in the colleges, according to the almost unanimous testimony of more than 200 college and university heads who have replied to a questionnaire sent by the 'Literary Digest' to approximately all the colleges and universities in the United States," asserts that publication. "The repeated charges that college students and the youth of the land at large have been debauched by Prohibition are refuted by this great array of witnesses.

STUDENTS INCREASE; DRINKING DECREASES.

"In estimating the decline of student drinking, consideration must be taken of the fact that the number of students in the colleges increased from 254,113 in 1918, to 726,124 in 1924, the last year for which statistics from the United States Bureau of Education are available. At that rate of increase it is estimated that there are more than 850,000 students in college to-day. Any accurate comparison of the drinking among students prior to Prohibition and now, therefore, it is pointed out by one observer, must take into account this tripling in attendance. In other words, three students must be drinking now where one student was drinking in 1918, if the percentage is as high now as it was then. As a matter of fact, however, if we rely on the testimony given in these answers—there are actually fewer drinkers in the colleges now than in the days when there were only one-third the present number of students.

"Such drinking as does appear among students is largely in imitation of their elders, especially of returning graduates who seek to restore their youth and pristine enthusiasms by recourse to high balls and beer kegs, and is also largely due to the spirit of dare-deviltry. But the novelty of this illicit adventure appears to be wearing off; hip flasks, if ever they were as numerous on the campus as they are said to have been, are taboo in most institutions.

"Judging by the replies to the questionnaire, most of the student drinking occurs in the East, admittedly the chief salient of the wets. In large areas of the Middle West, the Pacific Coast and the South, on the other hand, drinking among students is practically unknown, according to the evidence now put down in these columns.

NEW ENGLAND STATES.

"Although Professor Irving Fisher testified before the Senate Sub-Committee on Prohibition that the prevailing sentiment in the Yale student body is wet, Frederick S. Jones, outgoing Dean of Yale College, reports that there is decidedly less drinking than before Prohibition, and Professor Charles C. Clarke, of the Sheffield Scientific School, reports that the change for the better has been 'simply revolutionary.'

"From Massachusetts, Wellesley and Mount Holyoke Colleges reports that drinking is no problem with them."

Trinity College and Wesleyan University,

in Connecticut; Bowdoin and Bates, in Maine; Boston University and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Massachusetts; the University of New Hampshire; Brown University and Rhode Island State College, in Rhode Island; Middlebury College, Vermont; and nine universities and colleges in New York—Union College, Syracuse University, Cornell University, Wells College, Keuka College, Clarkson College of Technology, Hunter College, Marymount College (for women) and St. Stephens—all replied, the great majority endorsing Prohibition for its beneficial effect on the student. The outstanding exceptions are Marymount College, New York, a Roman Catholic institution, and St. Stephens College, an Episcopal school.

"A dozen replies from the State of Pennsylvania are unanimously of the opinion that drinking among college students is decreasing.

Student Moral Standard Higher than in Days of Booze and Beer.

"We asked the college heads to give their views as to the effect of Prohibition on the student bodies under their charge and on the body of youth in general. The questionnaire put the inquiry: 'Has drinking increased or decreased since Prohibition, as you have observed it?' There are 213 replies, representing forty-four States, or nearly a third of the total number of the higher colleges and universities in the country, a record-breaking percentage. They include higher institutions of learning of all sizes of population, from the University of Chicago, with 14,000 students, for instance, to the smaller colleges which enroll only a few hundred. The replies are well-nigh unanimous in reporting that drinking by the younger generation as a whole has decreased under Prohibition, that the tipsy student is as unwelcome as he is becoming unfamiliar, and many of them agree that the student body of to-day is of a much higher moral and intellectual standard than any generation in the days of booze and beer."—*"Literary Digest."*

MIDDLE WESTERN STATES.

"In the belt line of the country, the Middle West, sentiment in favor of Prohibition seems to be well-nigh universal among the colleges, according to the 'Literary Digest' poll. By far the largest body of strongly to the benefits of Prohibition. opinion agrees that the college youth of to-day is greatly superior to the college youth of a generation ago, and that Prohibition has been an aid in this reformation. Some of the college presidents make the direct charge, as other college Presidents do in other sections covered by our poll, that the great hue and cry raised about increased drinking among college students is a false alarm to disconcert the dries and force the conclusion that the Eighteenth Amendment has defeated the purpose for which it was framed."

One of the strongest statements in favor of the law comes from the President of Gooding College, Idaho, ranked in the survey among the Middle Western States. The heads of Northwestern University, Lincoln College Northwestern College, University of

Chicago, Illinois Wesleyan University, Wheaton College and Carthage College speak in no uncertain terms of the good results of Prohibition upon Illinois college students. The Presidents of six of Indiana's colleges—Butler, Indiana Central, Earlham, Evansville, Taylor, Depauw—in various language express the same opinion as to the reduction of the drink problem by the Prohibition law.

Iowa falls in line, nine campuses reporting themselves as strongholds of Prohibition. The sentiment of the three Kansas colleges reporting is summed up in the statement of President Kurtz, of McPherson College: "We believe in the law against liquor just as much as we believe in the law against murder and theft."

Michigan's colleges and universities to the number of six through their replies lined up on the issue; four in Nebraska responded, all favorably, as did an equal number in Minnesota.

Eight college observers in Ohio affirmed their belief in Prohibition, and that a reduction in drinking had followed in its train. President Albert Edwin Smith, of Ohio Northern University, writes that "in a great body of eleven or twelve hundred, four-fifths of them men, from all over the world, not more than a half-dozen cases in the year came before the Committee on Discipline because of drinking."

Oklahoma registers decreased drinking, according to two reports, as does West Virginia. Wisconsin, through reports from four colleges, brings interesting testimony and a tribute to the student body of to-day.

FAR WESTERN STATES.

"In the group of Far Western States, we find that student sentiment is strongly for law observance in regard to Prohibition," says the survey. In this group are mentioned the University of Arizona; one university and four colleges in California; three in Colorado; three in Montana; six in the Dakotas; four in Oregon; three in Washington and one in Utah.

SOUTHERN STATES.

"Way down in Dixie Prohibition appears to have taken deep root," comments the "Literary Digest." This opinion is confirmed by the replies from five colleges and one university in Alabama; four Arkansas colleges; two Louisiana colleges; six higher institutions of learning in Mississippi; five in Missouri; nine in North Carolina; one in Florida; three in South Carolina; four in Tennessee; eight in Texas; five in Virginia and two in the District of Columbia. "Georgia College heads are unanimous in replying that student drinking is on the decline; and in Kentucky, once as famous for its distilleries as for its blue grass and horses, we find the same general opinion, judging from the replies." Maryland, ranked as a wet State, presents the "only significant difference of opinion in the long roll of the South." The President of Hood College for women in that State, however, testified strongly to the benefits of Prohibition.

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A Personal Chat with my readers

THE ENDS OF THE EARTH COME TO SYDNEY.

There are many pressing agencies to fasten on them our vices, but very few efforts to persuade them to accept the Christian faith.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, 242 Pitt-street, has an unpretentious shop; where to the casual passer-by they just sell Bibles—the old book so many own but never read, of which we all know something and practice much less of it than we know.

The place is fragrant with romance; it is haunted by the spirit of adventure; its shelves contain the records of genius, heroism and great sacrifice.

There are portions of the Scriptures in this little shop in 120 different languages. This year they have already sold this book with a life-giving message in over 80 different tongues. Men moved by the spirit of adventure have left their homeland and come to our shores. These lonely, unwelcomed, uncared for foreigners have unobtrusively walked in and obtained the Divine message in their own language. What dangers, what hardships, what temptations, what strange thoughts must these visitors have.

There is no other spot in Sydney where all these folk from the ends of the earth gravitate.

It will repay you to cultivate a foreigner; he will appreciate and respond in a shy way to your overtures.

What a wonderful thing to win such a one to trust the Lord Jesus and return to his home the messenger of a new found faith.

Read Grayson's new book, "Adventure in Understanding," and then start out and have some delightful adventures of your own.

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If we have no gift of language, we can, for a few pence, obtain the language.

"We have not wings, we cannot soar,

But we have feet to scale and climb,
By slow degrees, by more and more,

The cloudy summits of our time."

At the moment the British and Foreign Bible Society prints the Scriptures in 579 languages. Seven new ones were added last year, four of them being African dialects. Other languages are constantly being added as the demand arises, several others being already in contemplation.

The cost of translating, casting special

In my work at the Police Court I frequently meet with men who speak very little English.

founts of type, distributing in out-of-the-way spots, etc., is enormous, the Society's expenditure being well over £400,000 annually.

UP AGAINST IT.

Not a day goes by but I hear some one say, "I am beat, I am right up against a dead end." I frequently say it myself. Then I remember the devil may hem me in, but he can't roof me in.

You can't see an inch ahead, you can't go back an inch, but the uplook is still fine—it is always great.

Annie Johnston Flint, to whom Haggai, chapter two, verse nine, was a word spoken of God to her, wrote thus:

Have you come to the Red Sea place in your life,

Where in spite of all you can do
There's no way out, there's no way back,
There's no other way than through?

Then wait on the Lord with a trust serene
Till the night of your fear is gone;
He will send the wind, He will heap the flood,
And will say to your soul, "Go on!"

In the morning watch, 'neath the lifted cloud,
You will see but the Lord alone,
When He leads you on from the place by the sea

To another you have not known.

And your fears will pass as your foes have passed;

No more afraid nor scared,
You will sing His praise in a larger place—
A place His hand has prepared.

BEHIND THE FROWNING WALLS.

There are always about 1100 people in our jails. Being out of sight, they are naturally out of mind. Serve them right.

you say. Suppose you had their upbringing, and stood in their shoes, where would you be?

I have lately been impressed by some lines by Walt Mason:

"The prisoners are doing time and think their fate is harsh and raw; and each one thought, when trying crime, that he could beat or dodge the law. Oh, countless hosts of sad-eyed men are finding life disgusting, stale, in hoosegow, calaboose and pen, in tol-booth, quod and county jail. Deprived of freedom's precious boom, they drag on, weary and forlorn; the morning's worse than afternoon, the afternoon is worse than morn. It is a living death to dwell behind a prison's frowning door and gaze out from a dreary cell and think of happy days of yore. Once all the prisoners were free and had no fear of laws or courts; they romped and gambled on the lea, as innocent as other sports. Then came the forking of the road—one branch led on to wealth and peace; the other to that stern abode whose tenders are the grim police. One road suggested honest toil and fortune gained by slow degrees; the

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other hinted midnight spoil and dungeons dark and gallows trees. And not a prisoner can say there were no warning signs in sight to keep him from the downward way that led him to his present plight. For both these roads are posted well, the signs in every zephyr shake, and at the crossing sages tell which road to shun and which to take. But there were buoyant souls who laughed at all the prophets and their rede, 'Your honesty's too slow a graft, and to the left we will proceed. We're too adroit for courts and laws, too smooth for sleuths who work by stealth; we take the downward path because it is the quickest way to wealth.' And now they look out from their cells and see the free men, rank on rank, the honest workers wearing bells and packing bundles to the bank."

Read the twenty-fifth chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew, and then make room for the prisoner in your prayers and plans.

The Editor

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CHRIST'S "GOLDEN RULE" IN BUSINESS.

A Thrilling and Inspiring Story of Christianity in its Application to Every-day Life.

By AN UNKNOWN CHRISTIAN, in the "Life of Faith."

It has been my great privilege to get into touch with Mr. Nash; and he has kindly given me permission to reprint these articles, with any additions I care to make.

May we first of all lay very great stress upon one delightful and reassuring factor in this magnificent venture of Mr. Nash? A far-seeing critic hinted to me that possibly the broadcasting of the information of his experiment was just a novel way of advertising his firm and a very paying proposition. Such a suggestion was unthinkable to me. It seems that some people have been saying the same thing in America. They have darkly hinted that for Arthur Nash "The Golden Rule" was the "Rule of Gold!"

It is such a pleasure to me to be able to refute this wicked accusation. The more one reads about this wonderful man, the more one thanks God for raising him up to give this practical witness that God is faithful and His word reliable.

And all who read this article carefully will surely agree with me.

Who is Arthur Nash, who has demonstrated to the industrial world of the U.S.A. that the Golden Rule given by Jesus Christ is not only workable but remarkably profitable in every way? Surely he is a man of great force of character and remarkable business acumen?

Strange to say, such was not the case. He is quite an ordinary man. The success of this venture was not due to Arthur Nash's genius or business ability.

All his life, until 1917, he had been more or less a commercial failure. Twenty-five years ago, he was a hod-carrier; and then he worked in a bridge-gang, but he was not a success. So he tramped the country from town to town. He forsook the early teaching he had had in the Christian faith. But he found his way back to God.

HOW THE WORK BEGAN.

After making a precarious living by market-gardening, selling his produce from house to house, he decided to purchase a small ready-made clothing factory in Cincinnati from an Austrian who was returning to his homeland after the war.

But Arthur Nash knew practically nothing about manufacturing clothing, nor had he any superior business sagacity. When he took over that shop he little knew what he was buying!

There were twenty-nine workers there, and apparently they were of a very low class. The highest wage paid was less than £3 15/- a week! One says: "In fact, the business he had bought was a sweat-shop, nothing more, and perhaps something less. . . . His employees were the poorest paid workers in the clothing industry."

One old woman worker was living as best she could on £1 a week! Not only were the wages disgraceful but the shop was insanitary and the workers were half-starved in body and soul.

Arthur Nash took the pay-roll home with him to look it through.

TESTING CHRIST'S RULE.

His whole soul recoiled from allowing such a state of affairs to continue. He had been trying to practise our Lord's Golden Rule in his own life. Dare he adopt it as a working scheme in his business? He thought of

those twenty-nine miserable workers—people of various nationalities and creeds, with bitterness in their eyes and despair in their souls. Could that rule of our Saviour possibly work in such a factory? His wife said, "Yes; try it." Others said it was stark madness to think of such a thing, and absolutely suicidal to put it into practice.

Conditions were all wrong; times were out of joint; the workers of too inferior a type. But Arthur Nash felt that he could "not accept that pay-roll without selling his soul."

And although it seemed like courting failure and industrial disaster, he said, "I determined to start trying to live actually as I thought the Man of Galilee would live—do literally by every man and woman in our factory just as I would want them to do with me if our positions were reversed, and actually deal with every customer on our books as I would want to be dealt with if I were a customer."

The very next morning—the day after he took over that little tailoring establishment—he called his workers together. "Friends," said he, "you have heard that I have bought this shop. Now I want you to know that brotherhood is a reality with me. You are all my brothers and my sisters, children of the same Great Father that I am a child of and entitled to all the justice and fair treatment that I want for myself. And so long as we run this shop, God being my helper, I am going to treat you as my brothers and sisters, and the Golden Rule of Jesus Christ is going to be our only governing law: 'All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them' (St. Matt. vii. 12).

"This means that whatever I would, like to have you do to me, were I in your place, I am going to do to you. Now, not knowing any of you personally, I would like you to raise your hands when I call out your names."

A REVOLUTION IN WAGES.

The old, old woman receiving £1 a week in wages was first on the list. Her job was to sew on buttons. Mr. Nash says that as he looked at her he thought of his old mother. Would he like her to work for such a pitiful sum?

"I don't know what it's worth to sew on buttons" he said, "but your wages to begin with will be £3 a week."

A little hunch-back girl was given a similar rise.

"Tony," an Italian cutter, was receiving only £3/10/- a week. It was henceforth to be £5/10/-. So he went through his pay-bill trying, as he said, "to look at it with the eyes of Christ." Humanly speaking he was facing financial ruin. But does not Christ know what is right? And is not right always best?

Arthur Nash then walked out of the shop. It was weeks afterwards that he found out what happened.

The forewoman told him with a little hesitation. "After you left the shop that day we all stood around for a few minutes looking rather helplessly at each other. Presently Tony, the Italian cutter, blurted out: 'I never heard a boss talk like that; but there, I believe he means it. Now let's get busy.'"

And they did get busy. They turned out three times as many garments a day as they did before. Those twenty-nine brow-beaten, weary, half-starved workers nobly and generously responded to the Christian action of their "boss." Immediately they seemed to catch the idea, and live up to it.

NOT FAILURE BUT SUCCESS.

Instead of failure, there was astounding success. At first Mr. Nash himself was astonished at it.

He calls it an "industrial miracle"—and a miracle it certainly is. For 1919—the first year of the experiment—was a panic year in the clothing industry. Great firms were closing down; strikes and disorders and labor troubles were rife. Yet the A. Nash Co. increased its income fourfold over that of 1918.

In 1923 the business done was 45 times as much as in 1918! In five and a half years those twenty-nine workers grew into nearly four thousand employees; and the business done increased from £26,450 to £1,400,000 a year. And the earnings during the entire period of this Christian crusade have been 50 per cent. on the capital stock! Arthur Nash and his workers invest most of their savings in the stock of the company.

In an address given at the annual meeting in 1924, Mr. Nash said: "As each new ideal came to me, I tried to live it. My heart sings with joy to-day because I can stand before thousands of my fellow-workers and say I have honestly tried to live the Golden Rule with you and not simply preach it at you. But, thank God, there is something which gives me even more joy, and that is that I can just as honestly say, you—all of you—have tried to live it toward me and toward each other, and together we have tried to live it toward the public."

"Then he added: 'It was while considering this problem (of enormous profits), and trying to find a Golden Rule basis for its solution, that the next great revelation came to me. . . . It was like a voice speaking to me and saying, 'If you were in the workers' place you would not be primarily interested in your weekly pay-envelope; what you would be interested in would be an opportunity in life. You would want to have something to say about the stability of your job. You would want to have some control of and ownership in the tools with which you work.' My heart went out in thanksgiving that I had not closed the doors to further light when I had my first conception of what the Golden Rule meant."

REMOVING THE "DOOM" OF RICHES.

It is perfectly true—and perfectly obvious—that Mr. Nash has reaped a great financial harvest from the success which followed his obedience to our Lord's command; for remember it is a command as well as a rule of life.

As early as the close of 1919 Arthur Nash saw that he must inevitably become a rich man. "I was doomed to become a rich man," said he. "Please let that word 'doomed' register in your minds, for that was the horrible picture before me. What, at the time, my friends regarded as a questionable experiment, is going to be one of the most successful—yes, I may say spectacularly successful—industrial ventures that the world has ever seen. . . . I see no way to go on with this experiment and avoid becoming a millionaire, and I do not want to be a millionaire. I have seen too many crimes committed under the protection of a millionaire's cloak."

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PASS "GRIT" ON.

N.S.W. Prohibition Alliance

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AT LYCEUM HALL.

REMARKABLE SERVICE ADDRESSED
BY REV. R. B. S. HAMMOND.

A crowded audience attended the evening service at the Lyceum on Sunday, September 12. It was an expectant congregation, judging by the atmosphere of the great auditorium.

Rev. H. C. Foreman, M.A., who is also President of the N.S.W. Prohibition Alliance, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. Rev. R. H. Raward. A fine musical programme was an attractive part of the service.

Rev. R. B. S. Hammond, Rector of St. Barnabas', and President of the Australian Prohibition Council, gave the sermon. It was a powerful address upon "Our Most Cruel Enemy." Mr. Hammond's long experience among the victims of the drink traffic enabled him to use many effective illustrations, and to point to inevitable results of the continuance of liquor in the country. The attention was intense, and that the presentation and appeal by the preacher had been effective was proved by the remarkable response to his request for contributions to the funds of the Prohibition Alliance.

Over 500 envelopes were used by sympathisers in the audience, either for the purpose of making a promise of subscription or for a cash donation. The total amount was approximately £325. It was a response worthy of the great audience and of the church represented.

It was a splendid service—in its message and result—rendered by Mr. Hammond to the cause of Prohibition.

FIELD APPOINTMENTS.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 25.

8 p.m.: Open air, Narrandera.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26.

11 a.m.: Narrandera Presbyterian Church.

3 p.m.: Country service.

7.30 p.m.: Narrandera Methodist Church.
Rev. H. Putland.

11 a.m.: Country service.

3 p.m.: Country service.

7.30 p.m.: Narrandera Presbyterian Church.

Mr. A. G. Saunders.

11 a.m.: Enfield Anglican Church.

3 p.m.: Enfield Sunday School.

7.15 p.m.: Enfield Anglican Church.

Mr. C. E. Still.

11 a.m.: Hornsby Methodist Church.

3 p.m.: Old Hornsby Methodist Church.

Mr. H. Macourt.

7 p.m.: Waitara Methodist Church.

Mr. Evan Richards.

MONDAY, SEPT. 27.

Lantern Lecture, Narrandera.

Mr. A. G. SAUNDERS.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 30.

8 p.m.: Methodist Hall, Austenham Road, Leichhardt, Lantern Lecture.

Mr. A. G. Saunders.

Famous Football Coach Gives Opinion.

"I have been a total abstainer all my life. During the past thirty years I have been connected, as player and coach, with college athletics, I know the evil effects of alcohol on the moral and physical life of anyone who uses it. I have never observed any good from the use of it. I would not waste time trying to train or develop one who uses alcohol. A boy or young man who drinks does not give himself a fair chance."—Fielding "Hurry-Up" Yost, football coach.

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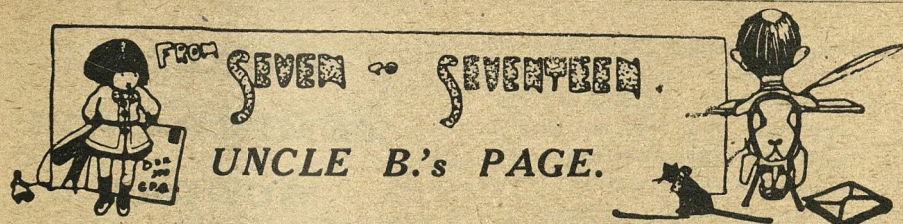


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"Life Now Tolerable to Many Who Found it Hopeless."

"If certain of the people find the Prohibition law 'exasperating,'" writes one in the Chicago "Daily News," a "Mother of Six," "they are not half as exasperated as the worn-out wives and mothers whose men before Prohibition came home Saturday nights beastly drunk from the saloons where they had cashed their cheques, with the money that was to have paid their grocery bills, gone. Prohibition may not have added to the gaiety of life for the well-to-do, but it has made life tolerable to many who had found it hopeless."

"We have had the greatest strike known in 21 years in the coal mines of Pennsylvania. We have had two or three before the coming of Prohibition. In each case there were outrages, people injured and property destroyed and a great deal of disturbances. In the recent strike, which lasted six months, we did not have one outrage reported to the police. It is the only time such a condition has prevailed."—Bishop James Henry Darlington, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



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CAN YOU HEAR?

None so deaf as those who don't want to hear.

If your little dog is apparently asleep and you say "Chocolates" he takes no notice whatever, but if you say "Cats" he will cock his ear at once. Now if you are half asleep and someone says "Cats" you don't even try and open one sleepy eye, but if someone says "Chocolates" both eyes spring open.

It seems as though we don't hear with our ears but with our mind. When someone speaks to you and you don't hear him, you explain it was because you were thinking of something else.

If you listen to a clock ticking some quiet evening and then begin to write a letter you will cease to hear the clock, not because it has ceased to tick, or your ears have ceased to work, but because you only hear through your ears and really hear with your mind.

Think more and you will hear better.

Amongst the lower creatures there appears to be great variety in the position of the organ of hearing. The ear of the mussel is in the fleshy "foot," that of the snail in the nerve-collar that surrounds the gullet, that of the lobster in the hinder feelers, that of the fly in the balancers behind the wings, that of the bee in its antenna, that of the grasshopper in the front leg, that of the locust in the first joint of the abdomen, and that of the shrimp-like mysis in the tail. A wise man's ears are in his head, although with some we might imagine they were in the stomach and with others in the pocket.

UNCLE B.

OUR LETTER BAG.

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Elsie Arnett, "Ferndale," Thora, Bellinger River, writes: I have been going to write to you for months now, but I have never succeeded; but I will try my luck once more. It is a little over 12 months since I wrote to you last, but, of course, that does not matter now, as I am an honorary ni; but still I like to write sometimes. Well, Uncle, I wonder how big your family is now. I do not have time to read "Grit" or any other paper much, so I don't have any idea as to how many ni's and ne's you have. But I hope that they are still increasing. What do you think, Uncle, I am going to school again; night school, I mean, you know? We have a night

school going, and it is just O.K. We go two nights a week; seventeen attend it. We also have debating, and it is such fun. These are some of the subjects we have debated on. Bobbed hair or long. Bobbed hair won, too. The next one was on dancing, for and against. The non-dancers won. Our next one was flower garden versus vegetable. The flowers won. Our next debate is on city life v. country. We all like night school. I think that every country place should have a night school, don't you? One can never learn too much, can they? The night school people are to debate against the day school children after a while, and we are also to have a spelling bee. What sort of weather are you getting down there, Uncle? It is very funny weather here. One day it is hot, and the next is just as cold. We are having cold westerly winds at present. Just fancy, Uncle, Christmas is nearly here. How the time slips by when one is busy. We have not had much winter yet, and it seems as though we are not going to get much either. We could do with some rain again, as the gardens are getting very dry. Well, Uncle, I must close now, and not be filling up "Grit" with all my gas. So good-bye, with love to all "Grit" cousins and scallywags, and yourself.

(Dear Elsie,—I am so glad you have at last written. Please don't think it does not matter whether you write. My hon. nes and nis are a great joy to me, and to meet them and hear from them is one of the things that makes me glad I ever started page double one.—Uncle B.)

THE BIGGEST NUGGET.

Florrie Risby, Iron Dale Piper's Flat, writes: I am just writing to you because I would like to join your happy family. Mr. Hughes is our Scripture teacher. I have come to Irondale to stop for a while. I stop with my aunty. I am 13 years of age. I came from Hill End. Hill End was once a big gold-mining town, but now it is dying out. The biggest nugget of gold in Australia was found at Hill End. The nugget was worth twelve to thirteen thousand pounds. At Hill End we now have only three fruit and confectionery shops, three grocery shops, and drapery shops, one baker, one butcher, two hotels, and one hall. We have a minister at Hill End, whose name is Mr. Cordell. Have you ever been to Hill End? It is also one of the best climates about. I like Irondale, and I would like to live here. We have a good school teacher, whose name is Mr. Spargo, and a good minister. I like "Grit" very much. This is also a good place for another reason; there are no hotels where they can get whisky or any alcohol. Well, Uncle B., I hope you will allow me to be one of your ni's. I must close now.

(Dear Florrie,—I am glad to have you join my big family. I wonder if you could find out and tell us some more about the big nuggets found in Australia? This would interest all of us. Do you know if they are as big as those found in America?—Uncle B.)

A SERMON FOR CHILDREN.

Eric Prisk, 36 Mortlake-street, Concord East, writes: Since I last wrote to you the result of the Scripture examination has been given. It was on the life of Moses, and I passed. I hope I haven't kept you waiting too long for the letter. At the church I attend there's a sermon given for the children every Sunday morning, and they are very instructive. Mr. Hughes is coming down on Tuesday to hear Gipsy Smith.

(Dear Eric,—Next time you have a sermon for children please tell me what it was about. I am very interested in such sermons, and in fact it will please us all to hear about it.—Uncle B.)

ALL BROODY.

Horace —, 53 Arcadia-street, Penshurst, writes: I hope you are well. We went for a walk last Sunday and I saw a Lizzie motor car which would not go. One of the ducks has gone broody, and the bantam has gone broody too. I went for a month's holiday to North Sydney. Dad wants to know if you have read "The Harp of God," by J. F. Rutherford.

(Dear Horace,—It seems to me the duck, the bantam and the motor Lizzie all went broody about the same time. No, I have not read that book; I must see if it is in the library.—Uncle B.)

A COUNTRY TOWN.

Daisy Penny, Public School, Tarcutta, writes: Last time I wrote I said we had just got a move from Pleasant Hills to Tarcutta. Well, we are now quite settled. We are situated on a small rise (but very steep) overlooking the town, as they call it. The town consists of a very fine Commercial Bank, which has only lately been built, a very small butcher's and baker's shop, a fruit shop, lollie shop, soft drink shop, and blacksmith's, also two large stores, one only a temporary store while a new one is being built. It is to be opened very shortly. We have a daily mail service, getting the mail at 2 o'clock every day. There is to be a fine memorial hall built. They have a fair sum in hand now, and I think they intend starting it as soon as possible. At present they have a temporary hall. There is a small hotel, which looks as if it had been up for years. Our house is facing the south. On our right there is a very fine creek, which during the floods we have had lately has washed up large banks of sand. These will be nice to play on in summer. The willows are very picturesque just now with their young leaves. I wish, Uncle, you could see the beautiful rich flats each side of the creek; they are so rich. We have had such a lot of rain since we came here, but the last three days have been perfect. We

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Seven to Seventeen—

are having a great time at school playing rounders. The children here don't seem to care how often they fall over in the mud. We have a hen setting, and the chickens, if any, ought to be out at the end of this month. I am afraid we will have a job watching them, as the crows are here in hundreds. Almost every Sunday we have a Church of England service, which is very nice. Well, Uncle, I must close, with love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Daisy,—A small country town is not a very exciting place, but it has many compensations. We must not forget the world's great men have so often come from the country. Quiet, leisure, health and nature are all more available than in our sad cities.—Uncle B.)

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I FORGOT.

Unsigned, 26 Alfred-street, Mascot, writes: Will you please cross my name off the awful black list as I have forgotten to write to you. My father shifted my auntie and uncle to Campsie from Moss Vale. Our eldest twins were 10 years old last Wednesday, August 18. I have joined the M.G.C. now. I have been going for three months. The Consul for the United States and the Red Indians and the Rev. Hugh Smith spoke to the people and gave a lantern lecture on their own State. The young people had a night at the George Beckett Mission. I went that week to hear him speak.

(Dear Ne,—You write me this interesting letter and you forgot to sign it. Now, the forgetting habit is a very bad one. I wonder do you know what the Bible says about those who forget God?—Uncle B.)

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A STAMP COLLECTOR.

Hervan Barrett, Wallerawang, writes: I suppose I am on that much loved scallywag list. If I am, please cross me off. We have moved from Portland-road and are two miles away from where we used to live. I now have nine miles to ride to school. I go

to Portland District School. We always look forward to Mr. Hughes' visits; he is always welcome, and he brings us a copy of "Grit." I read "Grit" right from the first page to the end, and I find it very interesting. One of my hobbies is collecting stamps. I have about thirty different kinds, because it isn't very long since I started. Reading "Grit" a few days ago I saw where you have about three thousand different kinds. I suppose, Uncle, there isn't one kind of stamp you have not got. My sister will write to keep off the scallywag list. This is all this time, Uncle. Wishing "Grit" and all "Grit" cousins every success.

(Dear Hervan,—Just to help things along I am sending you some stamps. I hope you will not have any of them. Oh, yes, there are many thousands of stamps I have not got. Still, I keep pegging away.—Uncle B.)

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THAT PICTURE.

Gwenda Reader, West Bay, writes: The spring is coming and the bulbs are coming in flower. I have some nice sweet peas out now. Have you heard about the motion picture that is in Tasmania? It is called "The Transformed Isle." It is showing the life among the head hunters of the Solomon Islands. It is to be shown in Beaconsfield (a township near here) and I hope I will be able to see it. I hope they will have Prohibition in Canberra. There are a few lambs about now. I must say good-bye now, with love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Gwen,—I have not heard of that picture. I love the spring; the flowers appeal to me; I just love them. I wonder what you think is the nicest thing about West Bay?—Uncle B.)

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THE NEXT WORST THING.

She (during quarrel): If it wasn't for one thing I'd leave you and go home to mother.

He: And what is that, pray?

She: Mother's coming here. She's leaving father.

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"No, indeed. I'm going to start right in at the bottom as one of the vice-presidents."

THE QUARRY.

I gaze across the street so wide,
I start, I dart, I squirm, I glide,
I take my chances, oh, so slim—
I trust to eye and nerve and limb;
I scoot to right, I gallop through,
I'm here and there, I'm lost to view.
My life, I know, hangs in the toss—
Another plunge—I am across!
Oh, give me pity, if you can
I'm just

a poor
pe-des-tri-an.

EXCOMMUNICATION.

It was a wordy fight, and the little man with what looked like two pounds of sausages under his arm gave his parting shot.

"The sooner," he said, emphatically, "that I never see your face again the better it will be for both of us when we meet."

CONSOLATION.

"Mr. Chairman," complained the speaker, stopping in his address, "I have been on my feet nearly ten minutes, but there is so much ribaldry and interruption, I can hardly hear myself speak."

"Cheer up, guv-nor," came a voice from the rear, "you ain't missin' much."

HIS OWN FAULT.

"Sir, your daughter has promised to become my wife."

"Well, don't come near me for sympathy. I knew something like that would happen to you hanging around the house five nights a week."

CAUSE ENOUGH.

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"What is all the row about, Willie?"

"Oh, mamma put her cushion on daddy's chair and he sat down on it," replied the small lad.

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"Sure it is! It was mamma's pin cushion."

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AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION.

The Constitution gives us the right to bear arms, but I can't see where the flappers get the idea they have the right to bare knees.

WELL MATCHED.

"They are a well-matched pair."

"Indeed!"

"Yes; he snores and she's deaf."

THAT AWFUL WORD.

"Maud says she has an awful lot of friends."

"Oh, some of them are not so bad."

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SUNDAY.

"Our Saviour Jesus Christ who hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel."—1 Tim., 1. 10.

"When days had many of them passed away, Mr. Despondency was sent for; for a post was come, and brought this message to him, 'Trembling man, these are to summon thee to be ready with the King by next Lord's Day to shout for joy for thy deliverance from all thy doubtings.' And, said the messenger, my message is true, take this for proof: so he gave him a grasshopper to be a burden to him."

Many a man has that grasshopper sent him to warn him that his end is near, and it is continually tormenting him, but it is sent by an angel from heaven to prepare him for the triumph to come.

"Now, Mr. Despondency's daughter, whose name was Much Afraid, said, when she heard what was done, that she would go with her father. Then Mr. Despondency said to his friends, 'Myself and my daughter, you know what we have been, and how troublesomely we have behaved ourselves in every company. My will and my daughter's is, that our desponds and slavish fears be by no man ever after received, from the day of our departure for ever; for I know that after my death they will offer themselves to others. For to be plain with you, they are ghosts which we entertained when we first began to be pilgrims, and could never shake them off after; and they will walk about, and seek entertainment of the pilgrims, but for our sakes shut the door on them.'"

Alas! how many have entertained these ghosts since Bunyan's day, and are entertaining them every day instead of following his advice, and shutting the doors on them. Although Christ has brought life and immortality to life through the Gospel, they are still all their life subject to bondage through fear of death. Yet what is there to fear if a believer in Jesus? "When the time came for them to depart," continues Bunyan, "they went up to the brink of the river. The last words of Mr. Despondency were, 'Farewell, night! welcome day!' His daughter went through the river singing, 'So too may it be with you, Miss Much Afraid and Mr. Despondency.'"

MONDAY.

"When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee."—Isa., 42. 3.

All do not die alike—to one 'tis given To pass in rapture o'er death's chilly wave, Another soul, storm-tossed and tempest driven,

Seems but to cry in vain for one to save. One soul in triumph enters port at last— Another enters—but with broken sail and mast.

I knew a trembling soul whose lamp had been Well nigh extinguished by fierce doubts and fears.

Few stars of Hope in her black sky were seen,

But weeping clouds which made a vale of tears.

She did not know each cloud doth veil a star behind,

She did not look on earth heaven's flowers to find.

No power for prayer and scarcely power for thought,

She struggled with the waves, which o'er her head

Now almost swept—into deep places brought, For some time now she thought all hope

had fled,

"I sink! I sink! she cried in sore dismay!"

When One strong arm outstretched, and she was safe for aye.

TUESDAY.

"Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."—Jno., 20. 29.

I've just been listening to Mr. Hammond on the wireless. Now I have never seen Mr. Hammond, but I have not a doubt of his existence. In fact I know Mr. Hammond perhaps better than some I have seen. I have read about him, I have read what he has written, and now I have heard his voice. So I have never seen the Saviour, but I have read about Him, I have read what He has written, and I have heard His voice many times within my heart, as clearly as we can now hear the human voice on the air. Therefore I have not a doubt of His existence. You say how can I believe in another life? No one has ever come back to tell us there is such a life. No, "Neither would some be persuaded though one rose from the dead." Does not our own consciousness tell us there is another life. This incomplete existence cannot be the end, this short passing period in one's history cannot be all. All things point to a resurrection, to a fuller life beyond. Were we only to believe what we can see with our physical eyesight, we should believe very little, and scarcely move a step forward. There are many things we cannot prove with mathematical precision, which nevertheless we accept as facts. We know Jesus lived. It is an historical fact. And we know He died and rose again. "And because He lives we shall live also." Belief is very much a matter of the will. People often do not believe what they do not want to, or say they do not. The fact is there are fewer unbelievers than might be supposed. Underneath, in their sub-consciousness, men do believe in a hereafter, even when they profess to disbelieve. Many of the most noted atheists when they came to die found all their scepticism taking flight and deserting them. Tom Paine, when dying, was heard to exclaim, "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me!" and to wish he had never written "The Age of Reason." While the infidel Voltaire is said to have had "the most terrible death that is ever recorded to have stricken an impious man. At intervals he would cry out, 'O Christ, O Jesus Christ,' and then complain that he was abandoned by God. Men have tried unbelief and found it fail them. "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed." God, give us the simple faith of a little child, without which none can enter the kingdom.

WEDNESDAY.

What if you had been with Jesus when He dwelt on earth, Heard His words of love so precious, seen His matchless worth?

Could you then have disbelieved Him, turned in doubt away?

Would you gladly have received Him, or have said Him nay?

Yet you too have been with Jesus though He treads not earth,

You have heard His words so precious, known His matchless worth.

You have often stood beside Him, though not by the lake,

Yet how oft you have denied Him, made His dear heart ache.

So, if you had been with Jesus when He dwelt below,

You would not have felt Him precious, if you do not now.

If you do not now receive Him, you had doubted then,

Blessed they who yet believe Him, but who have not seen.

—From "The Other Side."

THURSDAY.

"O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"—Matt., 14. 31.

There is a Hindu fable that a mouse got into such a fright that she imagined everything she saw was a cat, when a wizard, noting her fear, turned her into a cat. No sooner was the transformation made than she began worrying herself that a dog was waiting to spring upon her at every corner. If she heard the bark of a dog she would begin trembling. So the wizard turned her into a dog. No sooner was she a dog than she began to fear some tiger might spring upon her. Into a tiger, then, next she was turned. Yet still her fears had not vanished. She now began to be in continual dread of the huntsman. The wizard, seeing she still had the heart of a mouse, turned her into a mouse once more.

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"True happiness is to no place confined, But still is found in a contented mind."

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FRIDAY.

"Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be strong; fear not... your God will come and save you."—Isa., 35, 4.

Dread not the future, Christian!

If Jesus leads the way,
And thou but trust His guidance
Thy feet shall never stray.

E'en though the way be thorny,
E'en though the path be rough,
His presence will be with thee,
And that will be enough.

Then take this message, Christian,
From One who loves thee best,
The Friend whose love is changeless,
And in His friendship rest.
And though thine heart be heavy,
And though thine eyes be dim,
With trustfulness and gladness
Arise and follow Him.

—From "The Other Side."

SATURDAY.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven—a time to be born, and a time to die."—Eccles., 1, 12.

The day will dawn like any other day
On which God calls me from this earth away.
The sun will rise, the birds awake and sing
To greet the day which doth death's summons bring.

The busy world will go its round, and none
Will pause to think another's work is done.
The day will pass like any other day
Which bears me from this busy world away.
O wondrous day of days when I shall break
My prison bars!—the wings of morning take—

Let loose from earth's worn bonds and fly
Up to my native element on high!

Awhile my friends may miss me and may say
Some kindly things when I have passed away,

But like the footprints on the sands, the trace

The waves of Time will very soon erase.
Yet I shall live, and all shall still survive
Which had the breath of life which God did give.

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The Children's Bureau in the Department of Labor at Washington announces that juvenile crimes and delinquencies are not increasing but that they are decreasing. The Bureau's investigation covers the period from 1913 to 1925, and the records of fourteen cities of the country. Most of the cities show lower rates at the close of the period than at the beginning. In spite of these official figures wet newspapers and wet orators insist that Prohibition has increased juvenile crimes.

No huge combine of forces can efface
A fertile, virile, proud and martial race;
Coercion and exactions but evolve
War upon war until all claims dissolve.
No tyrant effort foils the will of fate,
Let reason guide the councils of the state;
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