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## BAD NEWS FOR BOOTLEGGERS.

One of the great questions that have arisen out of the nation's experience in Prohibition is at last answered by our highest authority—the Supreme Court of the United States. Without a dissenting opinion, this tribunal sustains the Louisiana Supreme Court by ruling that a violation of State and national Prohibition laws is a criminal offence against both the State and the Government, and that the violator may be prosecuted in State Courts as well as Federal Courts for the same offence. And this may be done, we are informed, without infringing the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution, which says: "... nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb."

This section, explains the Columbus "Dispatch," "was intended to protect innocent men against persecution under corrupt government not to shield lawbreakers, and we are getting away from the time when legal safeguards of the innocent can be perverted into defences of the guilty." No one, asserts the Chicago "Daily News," "can plead punishment by one authority as a bar against punishment by another authority for the identical offence." In the present case, explains the Springfield "Union":

"A Louisiana woman, under indictment in the Federal Court for a dry law offence, was arrested and charged with the same offence under the State dry concurrent Act. Her attorneys pleaded that the State Courts were without authority. The Louisiana Supreme Court ruled that the State could proceed against the accused as a violator of a State law by virtue of the same Act for which she was indicted under the Federal law."

"The United States Supreme Court upholds this decision on the ground that the Eighteenth Amendment makes violation of the Federal Enforcement Act a criminal offence against State laws which are concurrent."

In the Supreme Court opinion, written by Associate Justice Willis Van Devanter, and which is unanimous, we read:

"The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution contemplates that the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes be denounced as a criminal offence both by the Federal law and by the State laws; and that these laws may not only co-exist but be given full operation, each independent of the other."

"Where such manufacture is thus doubly denounced, one who engages therein commits two distinct offences, one against the United States and one against the State, and may

be subjected to prosecution and punishment in the Federal Courts for one and in the State Courts for the other without any infraction of the constitutional rule against double jeopardy, it being limited to repeated prosecution for the same offence."

"This is sound law," declares the Newark "News," which is convinced that "the nation now knows what concurrent legislation and concurrent jurisdiction mean." In this paper's opinion:

"Not only does it lay upon both the State and the Federal Government responsibility for enforcing Prohibition, but it also subjects those who violate State Prohibition laws to both State and Federal penalties."

"The decision is not new. It simply reinforces a decision rendered in 1922, which laid down the principle that punishment in a State Court for violating Prohibition laws does not prevent a Federal Court from enforcing penalties for the identical offence."

Theoretically, remarks the Winston-Salem "Journal," the effect of the Supreme Court's ruling on the Louisiana case "is equivalent to ringing the death-knell of the bootlegger in this country. Practically, the effect will be to define more clearly the sentiment of the various States in regard to Prohibition." "The effect may not be to strengthen Prohibition enforcement," remarks the Pittsburgh "Gazette Times," "but it will put an end to one line of attack which, if successful, could have been turned to the advantage of liquor-law violators." Certainly, observes the Indianapolis "News," "the unanimity of the Supreme Court opinion is rather strong proof of its correctness." — "Literary Digest," 20/11/26.

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## LABOR'S INCONSISTENCY.

A certain class of Trade Unionists are indulging in a lot of nonsensical talk about their personal liberty to drink. The absurdity of these claims is pointed out in an address by Mr. Charles Stelzle, for many years a Labor Union member. "When a man joins a Labor Union," says Mr. Stelzle, "he deliberately gives up his right to work for what, and for how long and under whatever conditions he pleases. He will tell you he gives up these rights for the benefit of the whole working class. I believe in his philosophy. That is exactly the principle that underlies the Prohibition law. Clarence Darrow says he has as much right to drink a glass of whisky as any other man has to drink a cup of tea. But did you ever hear of anyone killing another under the influence of tea? What a man can do in exercising personal liberty depends on how his acts affect other people."

"Organised Labor believes in better jobs for working men, greater efficiency, higher wages, and in keeping little children in school instead of sending them to the factories; in the dignity of woman and the preservation of the home," continues Mr. Stelzle. "Therefore Labor cannot logically take a stand in favor of the increased manufacture and consumption of that which lowers the standards for which Organised Labor is contending."

"Employers of labor who deliberately violate the law and disregard the Constitution of the United States for the gratification of their appetites may some day face a situation where working men hungry for bread will feel justified in breaking other but not less sacred laws and appropriate for themselves by force whatever will satisfy their hunger."

"A democratic form of government is the most complex form of government. The greater our civilisation the more restricted become our liberties and we may enjoy our civil liberty only as we sacrifice our personal liberty."

## SCANDALISED IN CHRIST.

A SERMON BY W. P. NICHOLSON.

"Blessed is he whosoever shall not be offended in me."—Matt., 11-6.

"These things have I spoken unto you that ye should not be offended in me."—John, 16, 1.

Isn't it strange that anyone who knows Christ and has been saved by Him should be offended in Him? In Him we have eternal life. In Him we have pardon. In Him we have salvation. In Him we have peace with God and the peace OF God. In Him we have joy unspeakable and full of glory. We sing with all our hearts at time, "O Christ in Thee my soul has found, and found in Thee alone, the peace nad joy I sought so long, the bliss till now unknown," and yet the Lord says that that man is blessed if he isn't offended or scandalised in Him.

I could understand being scandalised in the world or with the world. I could understand being scandalised with the devil, for the old hound of hell knows that we have broken friendship with him, and yet he presumes on past friendship and butts in right along, so that one could understand being scandalised in him. I could understand being scandalised with the church, for there may be many things there that annoy one. I could understand being scandalised with Christians, for there are many things in the best and worst of us that must offend others. I could understand being scandalised in ourselves, for the better we know ourselves the more we marvel and wonder that the Lord could ever have loved us. There is much in every one of us that offends us all the time. But to be offended in Christ or with Christ! This is what surprises us about these words of our Lord.

This word offends means to "scandalise," to "annoy," to "make angry." What is there in or about Christ that is apt to do this? There are many followers of the Lord, and they have been scandalised or annoyed or made angry by the Lord and still they follow Him, but they won't do it long, until they begin to follow Him afar off and then give it up altogether, unless the reason for the offence is removed or explained. We have examples of this in the Gospels. **Converts** were offended in Him. Matt., 13, 20, and 21. "When tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by He is offended." The **people** were offended in Him. Mark, 6, 1-6. Jesus came into His own town and began to preach and they were offended at Him, for they said, "Whence hath this man these things? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, etc., and they were offended at Him." The **Pharisees**, that is, the formalists, were offended in Him. Matt., 15, 7-12. He called them hypocrites and exposed their sham formality and hollow worship, so they were offended in Him. The **disciples** were offended in Him. John, 6, 57, 61, 66. Jesus told them that if He wasn't their very life they had no life in them, "for My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed." So they were offended until He turned to them and asked them would they go away also. The **inner circle** of His followers were offended in Him. Yet Peter said, "Although we should be offended because of Thee, yet will I never be offended." They all said the same too, but we read "all the disciples forsook Him and fled."

I want to try and help any who may be offended or made angry with Christ, and to inform those who are not offended how they may be made angry or annoyed with Christ, so that when the time comes they may be prepared and prevented from ceasing to follow Him. Oh it is so easy to be offended and lose the joy and freshness of our life

and love and follow Christ with a grudge or a root of bitterness in our hearts to Him. What are the causes of our being scandalised?

1st. Some are annoyed or made angry or scandalised with Christ because of the

### SEVERITY OF HIS DEMANDS.

So many come to Him so flippantly and with little or no idea of the seriousness of what they are doing and the step they are taking, so when the Lord makes His demands of them they are apt to be offended in Him or made angry. He makes demands greater and more severe than any slave master made of a slave. "Love so amazing, so divine, DEMANDS my life, my soul, my ALL." He will have nothing else or less. He must be Lord of all or not Lord at all. A man came to Him one day and said, "Good Master, I will follow Thee withersoever thou goest. BUT let me FIRST bury my dead." "No," said Jesus, "I must be first, even before burying the dead." Another said, "I will follow Thee, but let me first bid good-bye to those at home." "No," said Christ, "I must be first." Now this does not mean that Christ would have us have no thought about the decencies of life. Oh no, but it does mean that He demands to have first place in every detail of our lives. It is this that angers and annoys many and scandalises them in Christ. In Luke 14, 25-33, the Lord gives us in simple words the place He demands in every life if we would be His disciple. "If any man come to me and hate not his father and mother and wife and children and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." He demands the first place in our domestic life and affections. He will not share our love with others, however dear they may be to us. He must have the pre-eminent place. It is this that scandalises many and annoys and angers them. It is grand to know that when we give Him this place, He sanctifies all our other relationships. We love mother better because we love Him best. We love all others better and our love is more satisfying when we love Him best. Another severe demand is this: "And whosoever doth not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be my disciple." I believe this demand causes more annoyance than almost any other. There is a lot of nonsense talked about "bearing his cross." We talk about our difficulties and sickness and troubles as crosses, but that isn't what the Lord means here. It isn't our cross, but HIS cross that we are to bear. What does His cross mean? What is represented by it? It represented the malignant, hostile hatred of the world. It was the worst they could do to Him. Now says the Lord, if we are to be His disciples, then we must be willing to come right out from the world and share the shame and reproach with Him. The world may have changed in many ways, but it has never changed in its malicious and malignant hatred of Christ, and every man who will follow Him will share this with Him. It is so hard to be ostracised from friends and society. It is so hard to be looked upon as unfit for their company and shunned by them. Because of this, so many are offended in Christ and they cease from following Him or follow afar off.

### HE DEMANDS ALL.

The other demand He makes is this: "So likewise whosoever he be that forsaketh not all that he hath, cannot be My disciple." If only the Lord would be willing to take what we are willing to give Him it would not annoy and anger so many, but to demand ALL we have and are, it just scandalises us.

How many there are who are like Ananias and Sapphira: we keep back part of the price. We don't want to give up our way and our will. We want to have some say in these things, but the Lord demands ALL or nothing; there is no middle ground. So it offends many. It was this that offended the young Ruler. The Lord told him that he must sell ALL that he had and come and take up the cross and follow Him. He went away grieved, for he had great possessions. If only the Lord had let him even the say in the disposal of his own or even allowed him some of it for himself, he might have agreed to follow Christ, but when the Lord demanded ALL, then he was annoyed and scandalised. It is just the same with many to-day. To those who have complied with the terms as far and as fully as they know how, they know that His burden is light and His commandments are not grievous. Hallelujah! Dear friend, Don't let the severity of His demands scandalise you or anger or annoy you. There is no one loves you as He does. He is the "LOVER" of our souls. He is no tyrant or harsh taskmaster, but the most loving and gentle and kind of Masters. Yield to His demands, however severe they seem, and you will find out the meaning of the Blessedness He speaks about when He says "Blessed is he whosoever is not offended in Me."

### HE DOES NOT EXPLAIN.

Others are offended in Christ by the mystery of Christ's seeming contradictions. He seems to be so unsympathetic with our best desires. How many there are who would like to serve Him with all their time and strength, but the Lord keeps them tied to the sick bed of a loved one or the counter of a shop or the desk in the office or even the ordinary duties of the kitchen. Why doesn't He set you free from all this and let you get out in the wide harvest fields? Does He not need men and women at home and abroad? Then why does He not let you get out into the work? It does look like a contradiction. Maybe you are not very strong in body and you have been turned down by some missionary society. Yet your heart is in the work of foreign missions. The need is so great out there, too, and yet He prevents you in this way. If only you had a lot of money what a lot of good you could do for the Lord and His cause down here, but He keeps you poor and gives wealth to many who only prostitute it. Oh these seeming contradictions in our Lord are apt to make us angry and annoyed. We must remember we are His and the work is His. It is up to Him what we are to do and how we are to spend our lives. We made Him Lord of all, now we must be careful not to be rebellious at the way He deals with us. It is so easy saying this, but it is so different when His dealings with us seem so contradictory. He blesses us and bewilders us. He masters us by His love and mystifies us with His dealings. He persuades us by His wooing and then perplexes us in His dealings in our life. Let us not be offended in Him for as far high as the heavens are above the earth so high are His ways and thoughts above ours. One thing we may be sure of in the midst of these seeming contradictions and it is this: He never makes any mistakes, and He loves us better than we know how to love ourselves. Others are offended in Christ by the slowness of His methods. I don't know how you feel, Friend, but I have often felt if I were the Lord I would save and sanctify those who believed just at once. I would so make them that they would be saved to sin no more. But when you look into your own life and see the many things there, in spite of the many tears and the many prayers and the honest resolves and efforts to have done with them, we are apt to be offended. What a slow process our sanctification is! What a painful one too!

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## PROHIBITION WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

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### PROTECTING THE HOME CENTRES.

#### PEOPLE v. LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

That there is a fully-prepared move by the agents of the liquor traffic to invade every desirable residential suburb in the metropolitan area is being further disclosed every week. Petitions for new publicans' licenses are becoming a part of suburban life, for the liquor traders, emboldened by decisions of the Licensing Bench, are passing from one centre to another, as often as not succeeding where no licenses existed. Two important illustrations recently were Campsie and Lakemba.

On the Bankstown line it is being sought to extend the trail of the traffic. A petition for an hotel at Punchbowl is being taken around. Sufficient signatures for one at Chullora have been obtained. Application has been lodged in the Court for that desirable residential locality between Drummoyne and Five Dock. Petitions have been handed in for hotels at Allawah, Ramsgate and Kogarah. Signatures are being obtained to a petition for an hotel at Crow's Nest, and the finishing touch is being put to one for Willoughby, while another is in circulation at Lane Cove.

Then we have the statement that Belmore and Epping will be next attacked. From there to the area between Hornsby and Chatswood is only a short step. And there is only the legal interpretation of "the requirements of the neighborhood" between the present attractive situation in these suburbs and the conditions created by a liquor bar. Some past experiences have shown that this legal interpretation varies almost as often as the frequency of applications.

The application for an hotel at Long Bay was refused. Valuable evidence was given by the military and officials from the Coast Hospital. Congratulations are offered to the local committee upon their success.

An excellent concert programme, arranged by the Earlwood No-License Committee, was given in the local hall on Tuesday last. It was to mark their victory in the recent fight to keep the hotel bar out of their suburb, and to raise additional funds to meet the costs of their fight. The committee have shown energy and understanding in their campaign, and deserve well of their fellow-citizens.

It is intended in the New Year to give very serious consideration to the widespread attempt to obtain new licenses, with a view to action which should be more effective to protect the people who have made their homes in No-License suburbs.

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### EDITORIAL OMNISCIENCE.

It takes a block of wood two inches high, three inches wide, and four inches long to supply the pulp in a twenty-four page newspaper. An unkind correspondent says it usually takes a rather larger block of the same material to produce the leading article.

### CABLES OR FABLES.

#### THE NEWS BOOTLEGGER AT WORK.

When news is contaminated at its source it ceases to be news, and becomes propaganda. The sooner the daily press of Sydney wakes up to the fact that it is being made the catpaw for the liquor interests through its cable service the better it will be for its reputation. The process of manufacturing liquor publicity is perfectly well known to journalists. The American "news" served up in the form of cable service is collected, as a rule, from the office of the New York press, principally from the New York "Times" or the "World." This is quite a good arrangement where ordinary news is concerned; but with the immense interests behind the liquor propaganda of U.S.A. it is not safe to rely upon the New York or Chicago press for impartial information on Prohibition. It is not to be suggested that the leading New York papers are corrupt. The leanings, however, are necessarily on the wet side. New York is a wet city.

#### THE FOREIGN BOOZE GANG.

Manhattan has been described as a small island at the mouth of the Hudson, mostly inhabited by foreigners. These millions of foreigners, moreover, are generally from wine-drinking countries. Dominating the politics of the City and State of New York is Tammany Hall, whose foundation was laid on the old-time saloon. In addition to this the liquor forces are insidiously at work in the news department of the press, not only misrepresenting the facts concerning Prohibition for American consumption, but distorting the truth for consumption abroad. The interests behind this kind of wet propaganda are not mainly American. They are foreign. The cognac and whisky kings of France and Scotland, the beer barons of Germany and the Portuguese and Spanish wine lords are not going to stop at trifles to prevent what they regard as the epidemic of Prohibition from spreading from America throughout the rest of the world. They are, in fact, vendors of bootleg news as well as champions of bootleg liquor.

Our own press may have its unconscious leanings on the liquor question, but there is no suggestion, excepting for scare headlines, that it falls to publish the cable news as received. Ananias is behind the other end of the cable; he is not at this end. And the Australian press representative in New York simply opens his mouth and shuts his eyes, and quite innocently takes all the biased New York press likes to send him.

#### THE AMERICAN ELECTIONS.

Proof of all this is amply furnished by a comparison of the cable news on the American Congressional elections of November 22 and the actual results as now received from official sources. One newspaper came out with a scare headline, printed right across the page, "The United States Grows Wetter Every Day." Underneath it was asserted that California had voted "wet." It failed to publish the later news, which showed that California had voted "dry" by a 60,000 majority—double the majority recorded in 1925.

The so-called defeat of Prohibition recorded in the Australian cable news resolved itself into this—that, as Mr. Wayne Wheeler says, in the new Congress 71 per cent. of the Democratic members and 72 per cent. of the Republicans in the House of Representatives are "dry," and 70 per cent. of the

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### BLINDNESS OF HEALTH SUPERVISION.

Scene: A certain type of hotel, just before closing time. Customers two and three deep crowding the bar. Barmaids dashing up and down, reaching for bottles, pumping beer and serving drinks. A man with the signs of a hateful disease upon his features finishes his half-pint, puts the metal pot on the counter, and leaves.

A Young Man (pushing his way through the throng): Half-pint of beer, please.

A Barmaid: Half-pint? Right.

She picks up the pot left by the last unfortunate customer, empties its dregs into cold water, only half-dipping it, and fills it again. The young man takes it, and, knowing nothing of the pot's adventures, avidly drinks.

Three men enter and call for "three whiskies."

The barmaid grabs the glasses just used by three others, one of whom has an irritating cough, makes a pretence of dipping the glasses in cold water, and, without drying them, uses them for the new order.

"This is our health supervision!" exclaims an observer. He has watched these practices in the case of hundreds or thousands.

Outside the bar there are posters appealing for the Cancer Fund, giving warnings against venereal infection and soliciting subscriptions for hospitals.—M.B., in the "Daily Telegraph."

### MR. CHARLES TODD OF N.Z.

One of the best-known men in the sister Dominion is Mr. Charles Todd. He was known throughout the two islands as the representative of the Ford car, and also as a big wool and grain merchant. A prominent Roman Catholic layman, he is President of the New Zealand Prohibition Alliance.

During the year he has been travelling in America, England and the Continent, investigating for himself the Prohibition situation in U.S.A. and the liquor conditions in England.

Democrats and 76 per cent. of the Republicans in the Senate are equally "dry." What more do the "wets" ask for excepting annihilation?

Further, wet cable propaganda is shown in a "Sun" special, which quotes Rep. Gallivan as declaring that Prohibition enforcement has cost U.S.A. almost £200,000,000. The same cable quotes President Coolidge as asking for an appropriation of £5,400,000 for enforcement for the next fiscal year. As the enforcement cost last year was only £2,500,000, and as Prohibition has been operating for six years, the total expenditure obviously could not exceed £15,000,000. Rep. Gallivan is only £185,000,000 out in his calculations. The drink bill of U.S.A. on the 1919 basis was £400,000,000 annually. It will thus be seen that last year enforcement cost only ½ per cent on the 1919 cost, or, allowing for the increased population and the enormous increase in efficiency, the cost of enforcement is certainly far less than the Volstead figure—half of 1 per cent. Surely this is cheap insurance!

**PASS "GRIT" ON**

## NEW SOUTH WALES PROHIBITION ALLIANCE

Headquarters: 321 Pitt Street, Sydney.

Our Objective: The Abolition of the Liquor Traffic.

Our Weapons: Education and Legislative Action.

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### ALLIANCE DEPUTATION TO MR. BAVIN.

The Alliance deputation which waited upon Mr. Bavin, leader of the Nationalist Party, at Parliament House on the 10th inst. was well received. Dr. Arthur, in presenting the deputation, said that their object was not to press home the facts concerning Prohibition, but to request Mr. Bavin to fulfil the promise of the Nationalist Party as outlined in its platform. A Nationalist Conference had declared in favor of submitting to the electors the question of Prohibition and to give them the right of saying whether they favored compensation.

#### THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

The President of the Alliance (Rev. H. C. Foreman) presented convincingly the case for allowing a referendum, with two years' time notice in lieu of monetary compensation, to be taken in 1928. "We also ask," said Mr. Foreman, "that you will resist any further attempt to suspend the Local Option provisions of the Liquor Act, which automatically are restored to the people in 1928. Our further request is that you will approve of the substitution of a simple majority in place of the three-fifths majority at present required to carry No-License in Local Option polls."

"We take our stand upon the broad ground of democracy—on the right of the electors to full and unfettered self-determination on an issue which has been transferred from the Legislature to the people for decision. We believe you will agree with us that the party that asks the electors to trust them should in turn be prepared to trust the electors. We further believe you will concede the principle that the majority must rule."

"The attitude of parties or of politicians on the questions of Prohibition and monetary compensation, it appears to us, is not involved in our request. Members of Parliament are quite free to express their opinions regarding these matters on the platform and in the ballot-box. Their own personal views, however, should not lead them to deny to their fellow-electors the untrammelled right to express themselves on these issues in the ballot-box."

"There should, we admit, be good reason to believe that the form in which a question is submitted conforms to the wishes of a substantial section of the electors. I would point out, however, that 250,000 electors voted for No-License without compensation in 1913. We claim that 500,000 electors demand the right to vote on Prohibition without monetary compensation in 1928."

"The Alliance is prepared to act generously towards the liquor interests, and is prepared to substitute for the onerous monetary compensation provided under Prohibition an extension of license for two years. At the present rate of expenditure on liquor this extension will be worth £24,000,000 of uninterrupted trade to the liquor interests of New South Wales. It will be remembered that, owing mainly to the failure of the Storey Government to carry out the law and take the Prohibition poll in 1920—a procedure roundly condemned by Sir George Fuller at the time—the liquor interests have enjoyed eight years of uninterrupted traffic which, by 1928, will be equal to a total liquor trade of £93,000,000."

"We feel," said Mr. Foreman, in conclu-

### GOVERNMENT CALLS TENDERS FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

The "Local Option Advocate," the organ of the West Australian Alliance, records a remarkable departure from routine policy by the West Australian Licensing Court. Tenders have been called for by the Court for a general publican's license for the City of Perth for a site to be approved by the Licensing Court.

The explanation is that the Court, having decided that a new license was, in its opinion, required for Perth, refused the application of a Mrs. Thomas for a full license for her wine and beer shop, and decided to call for tenders "in the interests of the revenue." The Court declares that the scandal attached to the scramble for new licenses had reached such a stage that they have decided to take advantage of the new Act, which provides for the payment of a premium by the ingoing licensee to the Government for the special privilege conferred upon him. The highest bidder gets the license or certificate, irrespective of any other consideration. A case is quoted of a successful applicant for a Perth license who asked £30,000 from the Swan Brewery for his privilege, and who, upon being refused this sum, committed suicide.

The new West Australian policy is interesting, but it gives a claim to the ingoing licensee for compensation.

sion, "that the great Temperance Movement in this State has been treated with scant consideration by Parliament. In the interests of the great body of public opinion which we represent we are determined to bring this matter to an issue at the next elections. We mean to arouse the moral force of the Churches and kindred organisations, and to induce the electors to claim their rights. The conditions of the 1928 Prohibition poll, with their impracticable compensation conditions, are wholly unsatisfactory to us, and we believe they cannot commend themselves to you. The principle of compensating employees, for instance, for the supposed loss of employment presents a dangerous—indeed, an indefensible—precedent. Further, in no part of the Empire is compensation provided out of the public funds for the termination of annual liquor licenses."

#### ARCHDEACON BOYCE AND OTHERS.

The request was supported by Ven. Archdeacon Boyce, who urged that Sir Henry Parkes, Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Gladstone had opposed monetary compensation to liquor. The suspension of the Local Option clause had been a scandal.

Other speakers included Mrs. Jamieson Williams (W.C.T.U.), Rev. Wallace Deane, Mr. Albert Lane, M.L.A., Mr. Arkins, M.L.A., and Mr. Firth.

#### MR. BAVIN'S REPLY.

Mr. Bavin, in reply, said that he was impressed with the representative character of the deputation. He could not deliver his policy speech then or by piecemeal, but he would consult with others in framing his speech, and would give full consideration to all that had been said. If he could not give them all they asked he would resolutely stand by whatever promise he made.

### ORGANISE! ORGANISE!

It is on the knees of the gods whether there will be an election early in the New Year. The Lang Government depends for his existence upon the wavering votes of Messrs. Goodin, Gillies and others, and also upon securing a majority in the Legislative Council for the Budget. Doubtless Mr. Lang has counted noses, but the Upper House members can, if they desire, precipitate a crisis. It appears as though the Government, much battered and weather-beaten, will reach the haven of recess.

The Nationalist and Country Parties are, however, proceeding with their selections. This activity makes it imperative that the Alliance shall organise its forces without delay. Local committees are being formed in many centres, and we urge our supporters to communicate at once with this office, and offer their help in forming such committees.

Arrangements are in progress for holding conferences at Forbes, Parkes, Orange and Bathurst, with a view to forming an organisation similar to that which Mr. Stitt has so successfully launched at Wagga. Mr. Vaughan leaves for Albury, Wagga, Junee, Cootamundra and Goulburn in the third week in January. A further itinerary is being arranged for the Kempsey-Taree district.

We are expecting a large number of invitations from country and suburban centres. Mr. Vaughan is prepared to go to almost any part of the State to confer with local Prohibitionists, providing that due notice is given and proper arrangements made to carry out the purposes of the Alliance. "What am I doing to help in this direction?" is a question we would like Prohibitionists to put to themselves without delay.

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# VOTE PROHIBITION BEFORE PARTY

## AMERICAN ELECTIONS AND PROHIBITION.

### DR. ERNEST H. CHERRINGTON SUMS UP.

Westerville, November 5.—Contention of the wet forces that the anti-Prohibitionists made substantial gains or that the election resulted in so-called "sweeping victories for the wets is not supported by the facts in the case, according to Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, General Secretary of the World League Against Alcoholism.

"The result of the so-called referendum vote in New York, Illinois, Wisconsin and Nevada," said Dr. Cherrington, "gives no new light on the attitude of the public mind even in those wet States. It might easily have been forecast months ago. The referendums in those States are meaningless from a legal point of view and the so-called vote in those States indicates nothing more nor less than gymnastic exercises by the wets. The organised dries, for the most part, did not participate.

"The real purpose of these referendums, namely, diversion of the attention of the voters from wet candidates, was emphatically defeated. Dries in New York centred their efforts on the defeat of Senator Wadsworth, a recognised and dangerous wet leader in the United States Senate, an extremely ardent advocate of Volstead law modification. In Illinois they concentrated their fight on George Brennan, Democratic wet boss of Chicago, who had declared that his election must be interpreted as endorsement by the people of Illinois of the proposal to weaken the Volstead law.

"In Wisconsin the wets made no appreciable election gain in their representation in Congress and the State Legislature. There also the dries concentrated on wet candidates. In Nevada the wet candidate for Congress and wet candidate for United States Senator were defeated. So, in the four States where the referendum straw vote took place its purpose failed; the dries were not diverted from the main issue, and the candidates opposed by the dries lost at the polls.

"In four other States, Missouri, Colorado, Montana and California, referendum measures were submitted to repeal existing State Prohibition laws. The results, therefore, are legal and binding. California defeated the proposal to retire the Wright law by what now promises to be a majority of something like 75,000, a majority twice as large as that recorded for the measure four years ago. Missouri and Colorado defeated repeal of their State Prohibition codes by substantial majorities, while the result in Montana is in doubt, and may show that the State law there retained.

"Active and aggressive participation of the dries in referendums in California, Missouri, Colorado and Montana is ample proof that they understand what policy to pursue in all legal and constitutional referendums, while non-participation in the referendums in New York, Illinois and Wisconsin and Nevada demonstrated that they cannot be deceived by wet schemes to becloud real issues, whether those schemes be labelled 'referendums' or whether they be otherwise designated.

"Ohio's voting is, perhaps, one of the most conclusive evidences of the sentiment of the people regarding continuance of the Prohibition policy. Both candidates for Governor were dry. Senator Willis, bone-dry leader, was returned to United States Senate by approximately 90,000 majority over Pomeroni, who was 'the great wet hope.' On the State ticket James O. Mills, Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, who was opposed by the dries, was defeated by Earl D. Bloom, a dry Democrat.

"Wet efforts to interpret the results of the election as indicating any sort of a reaction against Prohibition constitute a splendid illustration of 'graveyard whistling.'"

### DRYS HOLD SAFE CONGRESS LEAD.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

Washington, November 4 (copyright, 1926, by "The Bulletin").—Although there was a much more intense fight than usual on the Prohibition issue in some States, the general statement may be made that the net change so far as the repeal of the eighteenth amendment or the Volstead Act as a result of the elections on Tuesday is about a stand-off between the wets and dries.

Latest figures indicate that the dries will have approximately 300 votes out of 435 in the House of Representatives and about 70 out of 96 in the Senate. This is in excess of the necessary two-thirds required to submit to the States an amendment to the eighteenth amendment, and, of course, is considerably more than the majority necessary to keep the Volstead Act unamended.

Some of the States presented paradoxical results. They voted wet on the referendum but elected dry members to the Senate and House.

In Illinois the referendum asked Congress to change the Volstead Act. The Anti-Saloon League asked its supporters to ignore the referendum and concentrate on the election of the dries. So Frank Smith, dry, was elected U.S. Senator, and two Congressmen, who are dry, were elected.

The important fact to be borne in mind is that no out-and-out dry State voted wet and no wet State turned about face and voted dry. The total vote in most States on the referendum did not come up to the vote on candidates, so that it will be difficult to contend that the referendum is any more of an expression of opinion on Prohibition than is the vote for candidates who are either wet or dry.

It is significant, however, that the wets were much better organised in this Congressional election than they have been, and that in some States, like Montana, they put into the field better organisation work than did the dries. All this indicates that while Prohibition is a live issue the wets are far away from any strength in the House or Senate which could take the first steps toward modification of the existing situation in respect to the manufacture or sale of intoxicants.—Wet 'Frisco "Bulletin."

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Westerville, November 12.—Newspapers of the United States have not slumped on the Prohibition question according to findings of J. H. Larimore, director of publicity for the World League against Alcoholism, who has just completed a nation-wide survey on the subject. His survey discloses, he says, there has been very little change in the attitude of newspapers generally, and such changes as have occurred have been made on the side of Prohibition. The testimony of dry workers whom I interrogated is to the effect that news agencies, almost without exception, are impartial and unbiased in handling news, and I was not able to find a single instance of any newspapers having been "bought up."

"In my own publicity experience I have found that news matter I send out gets the fairest sort of treatment. I presume it is safe to say that of the more than 2000 English language daily newspapers in the United States 75 per cent. are dry. Of the remaining 25 per cent. all but half a dozen newspapers, although wet, are nevertheless courteous and sufficiently ethical to print the news whether wet or dry."

## **BHOPAL "DRY."**

Since the passage of a Prohibition law in Bhopal, India, various practices there before drinking of liquor was forbidden have been stopped, it is declared by the Begum, woman ruler of this native State, in an interview with Miss Agnes E. Slack, Honorary Secretary of the World's W.C.T.U.

According to a report of the interview issued from world headquarters at Evanston, a suburb of Chicago, the Begum said: "Prohibition has made homes happier. We have no bootlegging; the law is enforced and people are obedient. The women, particularly, are glad to have Prohibition."

## **MEXICO HELPS W.C.T.U.**

President Calles, of Mexico, has announced his intention of using Government funds to pay the expenses of a delegate to the Convention of the American W.C.T.U. in Los Angeles in September, according to the announcement of Miss Anna Adams, President of World's W.C.T.U. Further, Senora Calles, wife of the President, has shown her interest in the Anti-Alcohol Movement by becoming a member of the W.C.T.U.

## **CEYLON MAKES PROGRESS.**

Ceylon is nearing total Prohibition, according to Dr. C. N. Paramanathan, who is Secretary of the Social Service League. Dr. Paramanathan says that during 1925 a number of liquor places were closed. He regards the influence of dry America as helpful to Ceylon.

## **HOLLAND IS MOVING.**

Dr. Slotemaker de Bruine, the new Minister of the Dutch Department of Labor, has introduced in Parliament a bill for local option.

## **A ROMAN CATHOLIC TESTIFIES.**

Rev. J. E. Cassidy, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Fall River, Massachusetts, and vicar-general of Fall River, says: "For every one of them (common people) that Prohibition has made a flask-carrier, it has weaned scores from pail-carrying, and that's what I call success." Church, Fall River, Massachusetts, and vicar-general of Fall River says: "For every one of them (common people) that Prohibition has made a flask-carrier, it has weaned scores from pail-carrying, and that's what I call success."

## **ESTONIA SHAMES US.**

Mme. Aino Kallas, wife of the Estonian Minister in London, in a speech at Town Hall, under the auspices of the League of Political Education, said that Estonia now is one of the leading Prohibition countries in Europe, according to the "Christian Science Monitor." At the end of June, this year, the city of Tartu, in this little new republic, will be the scene of a gathering of about 1000 dry leaders, who will convene at the conference of the International Congress against Alcoholism. "There is a network of schools of every kind all over the country, with compulsory elementary education, and practically no illiterates," Mme. Kallas said.

## **JAPAN UNANIMOUS.**

Japan is to have a law which prohibits the sale of "sake" to persons under 21 years of age. The temperance forces of Japan are desirous of raising the age limit to 25 years. The bill for this revision was passed by the Lower House of the Diet on the closing day of session. Representative Yamaguchi spoke in explanation of the bill, and it was

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passed by an almost unanimous standing vote, it being one of the few bills passed without reference to a committee.

## **CUBA AND W.C.T.U.**

The W.C.T.U. of Cuba celebrated its fourth birthday anniversary on May 15. Remarkable progress is reported by Mrs. May M. Jones, the President. During the first year there was one local society with 31 paying members. There are now more than 100 societies officially connected with the Union, and twice that many more co-operating to a greater or less degree in 150 towns of the island.

# A Personal Chat with my readers

## A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

There is an old saying, "If wishes were fishes we could have some fried." The fact is "wishing," mere wishing, gets us nowhere. It is "wilfulness" that we need.

In 1927 we will reap what we sowed in 1926, and it will be a pretty mixed crop.

I am suggesting that we "exercise our will" more regularly in the New Year.

Our inclinations are treacherous and are sure to fail us; let us practise the will to do.

Our prayer time will slump into wishful dreaming unless we put our will behind our prayers.

Our Sundays will soon be pagan unless we are wilful to honor God's day. We will grow shamefully selfish and even dishonest with our money unless we have the will to honor God with the fruit of our toil.

So many people have a strong-won't but a weak will; of such Hell is full. So many of us are undecided about so many things that we become the creatures of circumstances and find ourselves in the evening of our life polishing a bench with a hard luck story.

If 1927 is to be our best year, our happiest year, let us decide the major items of the programme, let us determine what it is we want, where it is we are going, and then put our will behind it.

We may be held up and blown out of our course, but the wilful, like the good ship, will correct their course and get back again to the programme and find happiness both in the struggle and the achievement.

"Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Gal., vi., 9.

"Keep on keeping on"

Till your work be done.

Though success should not come nigh thee,  
Though she rather seem to fly thee,  
E'en though Hope should not stand by thee,  
Keep on keeping on.

"Keep on keeping on"

E'en when sinks the sun,

And the road grows rough and weary,  
While the heart is faint and weary,  
With no friend to help or cheer thee,  
Keep on keeping on.

"Keep on keeping on,"

Faint heart helpeth none.

Patient toil has aye outlasted  
All the fruits of pleasure tasted,  
Never such has yet been wasted,  
Keep on keeping on.

"Keep on keeping on"

Till heaven's crown be won.

For the man who onward pressing,  
Fights against all ills oppressing,  
Shall be crowned with God's own blessing,  
And His words "Well done."

## DON'T WORRY.

I find it irritating to be told not to worry. I feel like snapping out, "I would worry a good deal less if some folk only worried a little more."

There is, of course, a futile unchristian type of worry, but there is also a reasonable concern that begets anxious intentness. This is only to be found in the serious-minded who know that God can only bless "our best"; anything less is hypocrisy; and these "worried" ones are merely determined to leave no stone unturned to make the best and the most of things as they are.

G. W. Stephens has wisely written:

Don't worry just because you're poor;

If you were rich you'd worry more—  
That's certain.

You get three square meals a day.

You couldn't eat more anyway,

'Thout hurtin'.

Don't think that fates have been unkind,  
There's many millionaires you'll find  
Complainin'.

There's lots of men with so-called means,  
Who'd like to wear your old blue jeans,  
Start strainin'.

You fellows in your working clothes  
Can shake 'em when the whistle blows  
'Thout frettin'.

The boss, with dollars to your dime,  
You bet he's working overtime  
And sweatin'.

There's them that'd give up every sou  
If they could stand up strong like you  
And healthy.

You've got your children and your wife,  
Your love and happiness and life.  
You're wealthy.

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## THE ANTI- PROHIBITIONIST.

Many times folk say to me, "A friend of mine, who is really good and nice, is very hopeless about Prohibition. What can I say to him?"

The need of such folk is not a single fact but a patient education. Keep eternally at it; education takes years; that is why "Grit" comes out every week. Some folk, of course, are neither good nor nice; they are like the editor who had already that afternoon rejected the manuscripts brought by six poets, and consequently was not in a pleasant mood when the seventh of the breed of bards entered his office. "Here," said the versifier, handing a bulky manuscript to the editor, "is a poem that you cannot afford to ignore." The editor looked the verse over hurriedly. "Can't use it," he said abruptly. "Why not?" demanded the poet. "It's too long," the edi-

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tor replied. "And besides, it's too wide and too thick."

Prohibition gets no more consideration than that poem received. The thoughtless who will not concern themselves to know are the curse of our age.

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## A NOTE OF THANKS.

Never have I received so many nice and generous letters as came to me this year. Again and again I have longed to just send a wire, "Thanks for your beautiful and deeply appreciated encouragement." Please accept this expression of my gratitude and with me start the New Year with a note of praise.

M. MacCracken puts it splendidly:

For wonder of the world that Thou hast made,

Its light and colors, sunshine and its shade;  
For all the lovely forms that charm my eye—  
The rose's cup, the windy arch of sky,  
The fronds of fern like children's fingers curled—

I thank Thee, Lord, for beauty of the world.

The shadow of the wind across the wheat,  
Rhythm of day and night, of seasons fleet—  
Winter's white dream, and spring's thin veil of rain,

Glory of June, and autumn's royal stain,  
Purple and gold and scarlet; all the ways  
Of loveliness are music in Thy praise.

For children's voices and their hope divine,  
Labor, and sleep, and laughter, and the wine  
Of Love, Thy greatest gift; yea, even for pain,

The root of joy, that makes it live again;  
I thank Thee, Lord, for gifts that each day brings

The hidden meaning of all common things.

The Editor

## WHAT BECOMES OF THE BREWERY?

### FACTS, NOT IMAGININGS.

By JOE LONGTON, Special Representative in America for the Sydney "Sportsman," for "Grit."

During the Eucharistic Congress held in Chicago in 1925 two "gowned bachelors" (priests) ran foul of a "wop" bootlegger from their own country, the land of macaroni, onions, garlic and Dago red, who slipped them a quart of "post-war wild cat" for pre-war whisky.

The following morning, on hearing that his sacred customers were practising the loop the loop and about to cash in from convulsions, the bootlegger rang their doorbell to inquire of their health. Fear or conscience struck him.

"Me hear dat da tuh preests from Roma be ver' seek mens dis mornin', Senorita. My name be Fuzio de Muzio, do wop what sella da bootleg. Me maka da mistake and giva one botta da hootch. Me thinka eet gude stuff. Me ver' sorry. Ees they ver' seek, Senorita?"

"Begorrah! So you're the dirthy spalpeen that sold their rivrances that bottle of bug-juice, are ye?" inquired the Senorita.

Slamming the door in his face she then went to an open window and yelled to the disconsolate bootlegger walking down the steps, "If it's how-are-they-ye wants to know, I'll tell you. Father Cascara's false teeth have turned into chewing gum, and every time Father Sagrada blows his nose it burns little wee holes in his handkerchief."

Of course, Australia becomes flooded as usual with "wet" propaganda emanating from the November, 1926, elections held in America, during which the elected "dry" Senators and Congressmen outnumbered the "wet" by about eight and ten to one. From that my readers will understand how much chance the "wets" have of altering the sacred Constitution. The "drys" have the "wets" in such a position that they look like something the cat dragged in. The "wet" results where liquor was not an issue was "wet" ballyhoo. In California it was a State issue, as ex-Judge Matt Sullivan and his tribe found means to make the repeal of a State law an item of importance. The Anti-Saloon League fought it, and killed the repeal by many thousand more votes than the number that made the Wright Act a law four years ago. The Catholics and the San Francisco underworld attribute their defeat to the Los Angeles "dry" vote, while the truth is that the whole of the grape belt vote in the North favored the Prohibition law, every grape-growing county voting "dry." San Joaquin county, the home of the Tokay grape, gave over 11,000 "dry" votes this election to seven the "drys" polled four years ago. (That should interest Australian grape growers.) Sullivan slipped, fell, and then rolled about as far as the proverbial collar-stud. In sympathy the "drys" weep over his shoulder and wink at somebody else. It must be remembered that one rum-hound can do more baying than ninety-nine human beings, and that there is nothing as noisy as a big drum and nothing so empty.

There are many happy days ahead of the Sullivan ilk if they steer clear of the "dry cleaners" (the Prohibitionists). I talked with Sullivan after the election, who, in describing the "wet" defeat, said: "I was riding a motor-cycle. I saw the lights of two motor-cycles ahead. I could not pass them to either the right or left, so I went in between them and they turned out to be a truck loaded with rock!"

Whisky and beer signs are as scarce as hen's teeth in America. The 177,000 bar-rooms are houses of business. In Redding, California, where I write this, five old bar-rooms are employment agencies; and as the pictures and history of the breweries and

distilleries I send along will be more interesting I will in future refrain from mentioning the usages bar-rooms are put to, as they are too difficult to locate, so thoroughly have every trace of them been smothered by other more legitimate business enterprises. And as every trace of brewery and distillery is fast diminishing, it will be a difficult task for me to obtain the one thousand pictures of them that I have promised "Grit." The younger generation is ignorant of them already. In another ten years Booze will be forgotten entirely by those in America outside the pale of dereliction and degeneracy. As murder penalties, arson penalties, and other felony penalties do not prohibit murder, arson and felony, neither will the Prohibition laws prohibit bootlegging and drunkenness. The yell about Prohibition not prohibiting is a "wet" groan that advocates of murder, arson and other felony might adopt were murder, arson and other felony laws as new and as unpopular with those specialists specialising in murder, arson and felony, as is Prohibition, the Prohibition laws and the violators interested in the obstruction of the world's greatest economic reform—Prohibition.

In Lodi, the heart of the Tokay belt, two banks, two new hotels and a department store are on old rat holes. In Sacramento an oculist named Jennings, with the slogan, "See Jennings and you see better," is in O'Hagan's bar. The "bull pen" got "kayoeed" by the Sacramento Athletic Club; clean boxing and other athletics prevail where 360 prostitutes lived an infamous life in "wet" days. The J. H. Tay wholesale and retail plumbing store and warehouse occupies half of the two blocks upon which the California Winery stood. The adjoining two blocks were occupied by the Buffalo Brewery and the Sisters' Hospital, an R.C. institution that also went out of business when Prohibition greased the winery and brewery skids. (I took a picture of the brewery from the ruins of the Sisters' Hospital.) The Southern Pacific is putting sixteen spur railroad tracks into the hospital site, and is going to convert the brewery into a railroad warehouse. Other Sacramento breweries converted are the Sacramento Brewery at 28th and M streets, which is the beautiful hotel, The Old Tavern; its bar-room is the Higgs and Corliss Pharmacy; the alcohol house is Duensing's decorative furnishing studio; the bottling department of Ruhstaller's Brewery is Hanley and Peyton's blacksmith's shop; the malt house is the Goodyear tyre shop; the barrel house is the Federal Truck Agency; the hop house is Henry Spring's White Truck Service and Packard Motor Agency. In Woodland the Yolo Winery is the fruit producers' warehouse (D. J. Barner and his gang posed outside for a picture). The Yolo Brewery is the Yolo County feed and barley mill. (I took a picture of it from the grounds of the Holy Rosary Academy next door).

In Marysville Reissinger's California Brewery is the Star Ice Cream, Creamery and Butter Co. The "bull pen" is the Washington rooming house and tourists camp; the huts in which 250 licensed prostitutes lived have been disinfected since Prohibition and are now clean sleeping quarters. In Yuba City a very fine residence and the Sutter "Independent," Sutter County's newspaper, is in Klempf's Brewery. The Sandy Gulch beer bottling works is an almond stoning plant and a honey and fruit warehouse. In Chico the Chico Brewery is W. A. Staples auto paint shop; the alcohol and malt house is a workingmen's rooming house. In Stock-

ton Martin Bros' house painting and sign shop is in Regan's bar; their slogan is, "We made signs before we could talk." P. H. Stitt's real estate and insurance and the College of Commerce are in another brace of rat holes.

The many Australians that have a system of loafing while their booze and smoking tobacco lasts will always have meat on their tables when Australia cleans out its bars and the vultures that roost in them. It only takes a few minutes to read this article, but it will sink into many heads, even if it takes years.

In New Orleans, Louisiana, the old absinthe house has been padlocked by "dry" laws. In Vina and Redding, California, the Vina Winery and the Redding Brewery have been burned down—sold out to the insurance companies.

Out of 1300 breweries in America, 926 have been converted into industrial plants of every description that employ hundreds of thousands of honest, sober toilers. The other 374 make non-alcoholic beverages that use up the hop, grape and other fruit juice products. Last year the "dry" breweries produced £11,162,000 worth of hop brew, and as a new sideline since Prohibition they also turned out fruit juice beverages to the value of £1,221,000.

In the length and breadth of America it is impossible to see in any newspaper, telephone book, or on any building a sign for whisky and beer. There are instances like that of the Crescent Chemical Compound Company's, where their sign faded over the top of "Butcher" McKernan's saloon, and where a whole meat market on Filmore-street, San Francisco, must be wrecked before the Anheuser Busch sign can be obliterated. All beer and whisky signs are tabooed in America.

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FROM "PUNCH."

It is reported from a Scottish golf club that a seagull settled on a ball and tried to hatch it. Golfers all over the world are trying to think of a better one before America reminds us that George Washington settled on a cherry-tree and did hatchet.

**PASS "GRIT" ON**

## Scandalised in Christ—

(Continued from page 3.)

If only take Lord would deliver us from all our sins and enemies in one moment and then keep us so that we would not be bothered with them again. You would think that it would be to His glory and our good. How our failings and sins bring an evil report about him to the world and grieve His loving heart! Yet here we are with fightings within and fears and failings after many years. How many feel with the writer of the following lines:

I asked the Lord that I might grow in faith and love and every grace;  
Might more of His salvation know, and seek more earnestly His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, and He, I trust, has answered prayer;  
But it has been in such a way as almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour, at once He'd answer my request;  
And by His love's constraining power subdue my sins and give me rest.

Instead of this He made me feel the hidden evils of my heart;  
And let the angry powers of hell assault my soul in every part.

Yea, more with His own hand He seemed intent to aggravate my woe;  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, blasted my gourds and laid me low.

"Lord, why is this?" I trembling cried,  
"Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death?"  
"Tis in this way," the Lord replied, "I answer prayer for grace and faith."

"These inward trials in employ, from self and pride to set thee free;  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy, that thou might find thy all in Me."

### AS IF HE DID NOT CARE.

Then how seemingly slow the Lord is in His work. We work and work and toil, and so very little to show for it all. How hardly souls are won! I have sometimes felt as if the Lord was the most uninterested One in His work one was trying to do. The devil seemed interested enough. The Christians were praying and sitting up nights in prayers and tears, but it just looked as if the Lord didn't care. How long you have taught in the Sunday school and not one has come out for the Lord. How many sermons you have preached and never a one to say they had come to the Lord. Oh, it is so easy to lose heart and feel annoyed with the Lord. I think if I were Him and had all power in heaven and earth I could make things move more rapidly and more come out for Him. I know it is all wrong to feel like this or even talk like this, but I am sure many have felt just like this in His work. But the work is the Lord's, and He knows best how it should be done, and He has never turned out a shoddy job or made a mistake, so that His work will be done in His time and way. "Jesus SHALL reign where ever the sun does his successive journeys run." Hallelujah! Others are apt to be offended by the unreasonableness of Christ's silence. One is many a time brought to a place where it is easier to believe that prayer is failure than to believe that the Lord does answer prayer. How many of us have prayed for years for the salvation of loved ones, and they seem no nearer their salvation now than when we began. It is surely for His glory that they should be saved. Hasn't He promised to save our loved ones? Yet He keeps us praying year in and year out and never answered us. I would not treat my child like this. If they ask for anything I would either tell them they cannot get it or give it to them, but to keep them asking and asking and never

answering seems so unnatural and unreasonable. You remember the story of Mary and Martha and their sick brother Lazarus? He was sick unto death and Jesus was only a few miles away. The sisters thought, "We will tell Him and He will surely come and comfort us or maybe heal our brother." They just felt it was best to tell Him that he was sick and not say what He was to do about it, so they sent the message, "He whom Thou lovest is sick." That was all. How dear Lazarus must have been to Jesus! If you received word in this meeting that he whom thou lovest is sick or she whom thou lovest is sick, you would not need to be told who it was. Yet the Lord never sent them any word to say He wasn't coming just then or what He would do. They waited for days and watched the life of their dear brother ebb away. Not a word from Jesus to explain his silence. How offended they must have felt! How annoyed and angered! Their friends even helped them to feel this way towards Him, for they said, "Why couldn't He raise him up from his sick bed? Was He not a friend of Lazarus?" I think I can understand how they felt at the unreasonable silence of Jesus. Surely He might have sent them word that He was coming or that He wouldn't be able to get there for the funeral, and He wasn't that far away from them that it would have been impossible. Not a word for days. Then it was told the mourning girls that He was in the city. Martha went out to Him and said, "If Thou had'st been here my brother had not died." As much as to say, "You could have been here, but you didn't come or even send us word." Mary said the same words when she met Him.

### YOU WONDER WHY.

Tell me, dear friends, who amongst us hasn't been through the same experience and wondered, wondered why? John the Baptist had been put in prison for the sake of Christ and was soon to be beheaded for His sake, and yet Jesus never sent him a message or went and visited him. Poor John in his cell must have wondered at the unreasonable silence of Jesus. At last he could stand it no longer, so he sent his disciples to Jesus to ask Him, "Art Thou He that should come or do we look for another?" All the message he got from the Lord was, "Blessed is he whosever shall not be offended in Me." It is His message to us in this our day when our prayers seem unheard and unanswered.

"Unanswered yet, the prayer your lips have pleaded

In agony of heart these many years.  
Does faith begin to fail, is hope departing?  
And think you all in vain those falling tears?  
Say not that Jesus hath not heard your prayer.

You shall have your prayers, sometime, somewhere.

"Unanswered yet yea do not say ungranted,  
Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done.  
The work began when first your prayer was uttered,

And God will finish what He has begun.  
If you will keep the incense burning there,  
His glory you shall see sometime, somewhere.

"Unanswered yet, Faith cannot be unanswered.

Her feet are firmly planted on the rock.  
Amidst the loudest storms faith stands undaunted,  
Nor quails beneath the loudest thunder shock.

She KNOWS Omnipotence has heard her prayer,  
And cries, It shall be done, sometime, somewhere."

These are some of the things that are apt to annoy us or anger us in Christ. The Lord tells us several things that we might not be offended in Christ.

### THREE GREAT FACTS.

First: The certainty of His love. John, 13, 1: "Having loved His own which were in the world He loved them unto the end." No matter what experience we may have to pass through, there is one thing we are sure of, and that is that He loves us with an everlasting love, an unchangeable love. However severe His demands, however slow His methods, however unreasonable His silences, He loves us. Let us sing it to our hearts, "Jesus loves me this I KNOW."

"And so, beside the silent sea, I wait the muffled oar,

No harm from Him can come to me on ocean or on shore.

"I know not where His islands lift their fronded palms in air.

I only know I cannot drift beyond His love and care."

Let us hug this to our hearts more and more as we move through the maze of interrogation marks in our lives and the perplexing paths of life. It will make us ashamed of even feeling offended in Him.

Second: The sureness of the way. John, 14, 6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life." Although the way may be strange and mysterious to us, it is well known to Him. There isn't a foot of the way He hasn't been over and is familiar with. There can spring no surprises on Him. There is no luck or chance or accident in our lives when we are in the centre of the circle of the will of God. We cannot always say we "understand" or "see" or "feel," but we KNOW God is working together ALL THINGS for our good. Let this grip our souls and we won't be offended in Christ. One day we will bless the hand that guided and bless the heart that planned when throned where glory dwelleth in Emanuel's land.

Third: The closeness of our Union with Him. John 15, 4, 5: "I am the vine, ye are the branches." What use would the vine be without the branch? No vine ever gave grapes without branches. What use would the branch be without the vine? A branch cannot yield grapes unless it abides in the vine. How close is this union between me and my Lord! I need the Lord to represent me before a Holy God, so the Lord needs us to represent and present Him before an unholy world. Amazing condescension. I cannot do without Him and He cannot do without me. He won't even be in heaven and leave me behind. These things have I spoken unto you that ye might not be offended in me. May the Lord enable us to walk through life, because we know these things and believe them, unoffended and unoffending, and at last hear Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." One thing, dear friend, we may be sure of, and that is, that when we see Him face to face we will wonder and be ashamed we ever were offended or annoyed or made angry with anything He ever did to us.

"Then trust in God through all thy days;  
fear not, for He doth hold thy hand.

Though dark thy way, still sing and praise.  
Sometime, sometime, we'll understand.

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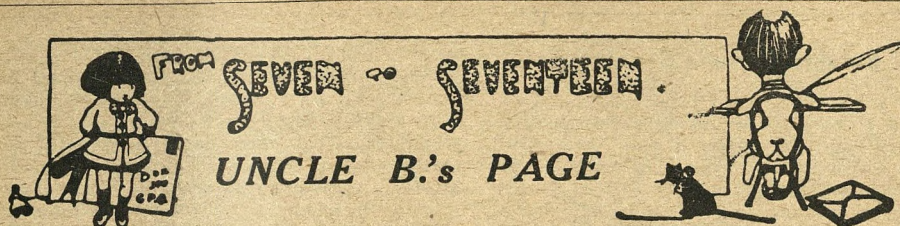
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### THE NEW YEAR.

It is a good thing to aim at what you wish to hit. You know there are many people who never hit anything because they never aim at anything.

It is also true that some people aim at the pigeon and hit the crow, but even so they are better off than those who never hit anything.

A very wise man once said: "Not failure, but low aim is vile."

So let us fix our target for 1927, take a very steady aim, and if we miss sometimes, let it only make us more careful.

Here are ten targets:

1. Don't boast.
2. Don't quit.
3. Don't make excuses when you fail.
4. Be a cheerful loser.
5. Be a quiet winner.
6. Play fair.
7. Give your opponent the benefit of the doubt.

That you may do all these things well:

8. Say your prayers in the morning.
9. Read your Bible daily.
10. Don't be ashamed to be the follower of the Wisest Man the world has ever known, the Bravest Man of all the brave men, the most beautiful character in all history, for He once died to be your Saviour and now lives to be your friend.

UNCLE B.

### A LITTLE WALK AROUND YOURSELF.

When you're criticising others  
And are finding, here and there,  
A fault or two to speak of,  
Or a weakness you can tear;  
When you're blaming someone's weakness;  
Or accusing some of pelf—  
It's time, that you went out  
To take a walk around yourself.

There are lots of human failures  
In the average of us all;  
And lots of grave shortcomings  
In the short ones and in the tall;  
But when we think of evils  
Men should lay upon the shelves—  
It's time we all went out  
To take a walk around ourselves.

We need so often in this life  
This balancing of scales;  
This seeing how much in us wins  
And how much in us fails;  
But before you judge another  
Just to lay him on the shelf—  
It would be a splendid plan  
To take a walk around yourself.

### A BLACKBOARD EXERCISE.

(Let the children fill in the missing letters.)

The more people . . . ink,  
The less they will . . . ink;  
And the more they . . . ink  
The less can they . . . ink.

If they want to rise instead of . . . ink

They won't . . . ink

From giving up . . . ink,

But will sign the pledge as quick as a . . . ink.

—Emily Moffatt Clow.

### WHY I BELONG TO THE BAND OF HOPE.

By OLIVE HUMPHREYS.

I have many reasons for belonging to the Band of Hope. We all know what a curse strong drink is, and to fight against this great evil we must have strength. Unity is strength, and unity amongst the workers is the first step to success; but we must have workers, and every person that joins is a great help. Many people say, "We need not go to the Band of Hope to do this; we can do that at home." But you find they get tempted. You need a higher power to help you abstain from drink, and that is God, and by belonging to the Band of Hope you come in contact with the higher power, and when you are trying to fight with others it is easier and you are not so likely to give up as you are alone. Men and women say that they are weak and need a stimulant; it strengthens them and does them good. But this is not so; they only imagine it does. They put their faith in it and they fancy it makes them better and helps to keep them warm. A patient was arguing with the doctor on the necessity of his taking a stimulant. He said he was weak and needed it. "And, doctor," he said, "I am cold and it keeps me warm." "Precisely," came the doctor's crusty answer. "See here! This stick is cold" (taking up a stick of wood and tossing it in the fire). "Now it is warm; but is the stick benefited?"

The sick man watched the wood first send out little puffs of smoke and then burst into flames, and replied:

"Of course not. It is burning itself."

"And so when you warm yourself with alcohol you are literally burning up the delicate tissues of your stomach and brain."

God loves the Temperance workers and blesses them.

### OUR LETTER BAG.

#### WELCOME.

Lew O'Connor, Marrangaroo, writes: This is the first time I have written to you, and I hope you will be glad to hear from me. I have two brothers and two sisters. My eldest brother has a bike, and he lets me ride

it sometimes. I read "Grit." Mr. Hughes gives them to me. I am in fifth class at school. My school teacher is Mr. Scott; he is a very nice teacher. We will soon be breaking up for our Christmas holiday. Another week to go! I will be glad to join your happy family.

(Dear Lew,—I am very pleased to have you join my family. You are very fortunate in having such a happy, loving, devoted clergyman as Mr. Hughes. Hope you will find time to write to me about your Christmas holidays.—Uncle B.)

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### A NEW NI.

Ruby Connor, Richmond Main, via Pelaw Main, writes: Dear Uncle B.—I am writing to you to see if I can join your big family. I am fifteen years old. I have three brothers and one sister. My sister and I are twins. Our birthday is on the third of April. We live on the coal field of John Brown—on one of his farms. It is dreadfully hot up here, and also dry. We do not take "Grit," but my Auntie is going to send it to me. We have one of John Brown's coal mines near us. Last night we had a bush fire nearby. It had been over to the school and did a fair amount of damage. It then made our way. My sister is sick and likely to go to the hospital any day. Well, Uncle B., I hope I will keep off your scallywag list. I have started stamp collecting, and if you have any spare stamps would you mind sending me some.

(Dear Ruby,—I have to-day sent you some stamps. I hope they will be new to you. Please let me know how many different kinds you have.—Uncle B.)

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### OUR CARPENTER NE.

Dave Williams, Bark Hill, Bairnsdale, writes: Will you cross my name off the scallywag list, please? I have left the State school at Forge Creek and I am going to the School of Mines in Bairnsdale. I have taken up carpentry there, and I like it. We have a few beans in, and they are ready to pick. We had a crop of peas this year, and we got 250 bags off them. We have had very rough weather down here lately, and it is very dry. I ride into school every morning on a bike, and it is twelve miles.

(Dear Dave,—I wish you were living near me to-day. I would most certainly give you a job that only a carpenter can do. That bike ride will keep you in good trim, though I expect you don't care for it when there is a head wind or when it is 110 in the shade.—Uncle B.)

### \* \* \* PHOTO PLEASE.

Mary Crowfoot, Gloucester, writes: Christmas holidays are nearly here again, and the school children are all busy practising for the concert to be held on breaking-up day. Last Michaelmas I went to Port Macquarie for the holidays. There were a party of us, and we stopped at the boarding house beside where the old convict prison was built. Only the foundation of the prison is left, but that is sufficient to enable you to see the small cells that the convicts were put in. The old

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### Seven to Seventeen—

Church of England Church that was built by the convicts is beautiful. I climbed to the top of the tower, and the view looking over the sea is beautiful, but the worst part of it was coming down the stairs. They are very steep, and I was frightened of falling. I took about twenty snaps of the town and historical places around, and had my own photo taken on the top of Nobbies, beside the memorial. The memorial was built in memory of the bravery of a school teacher who tried to rescue his mate in the cave underneath Nobbies. One day my cousin and I followed the Hastings River for about three miles in search of wild flowers, but when we reached this far we were told it was the wrong way, and there were no flowers there at all. The next day we went out in the opposite direction looking for them and walked about fifteen miles before dinner time. But this time we were rewarded by finding plenty of them. It was a little cold for surfing, but I went in three or four times. Well, as it is time I was getting ready for school I will close, wishing you and all "Grit" cousins a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

(Dear Mary,—Both my big hands are reaching out for one of those snaps with you in it. That is part of the cost of being a member of my family—that I am to have a photo whenever it is available.—Uncle B.).

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### TOP.

Horace Durrant, 53 Arcadia-street, Penhurst writes: I hope you are well. I came top in our exam at school. Our teacher said she would give a prize for the one who came first, second or third. We are having a party on the breaking-up day. We are breaking up on the seventeenth of December.

(Well done, Horace. We all clap our hands at your success. Thank you for the very nice card.—Uncle B.)



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### What Becomes of the Brewery?—

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The 1928 election in America promises to be of an exciting nature if the "wets" and Roman Catholics live up to their bluff. All the Protestant churches have rallied to the Prohibition banner, and never before in the history of America has there been such an amalgamation. Prohibition has strengthened Protestantism and weakened Roman Catholicism. Sides have been formed, and the November elections of 1928 will see Prohibition Protestantism and "wet" Catholicism in a struggle for supremacy in America. I welcome it, as it will bring the issue to a "show down" wherein the "wets" will get such a walloping that they'll never survive. It will eliminate the "wop" Pope from American politics and give the Protestants the balance of power that the civilised world demands in the interests of civilisation. These barbarous, savage, uncivilised hordes from the Mediterranean are a long way away from the 20th century culture yet, and until their old habits are bred out of them they cannot be given the steering wheel in the great Protestant machine, which is not only elevating Protestantism, but stooping to elevate Roman Catholicism also. While I make such mention I wish to say that the Protestants of America call Roman Catholicism's bluff, and if Rome figures on killing Prohibition, it must kill it over Protestantism's body.

The vengeance of Rome, like the "open

letter" bunk that snide news rags employ, is considered in America by modern-day man to be an act of charitable publicity. Well do I remember the rusty age in Australia when an open letter in "Truth" was more fearful than any Catholic pennance. Shrewd Americans worked the "mug" newspapers that had an open letter column to a frazzle. They ain't what they used to be. They won't spill the vitriolic ink any more in this neck of the woods. "Jimmy" Johnstone, manager of "Johnny Dundee" (the Scotch wop), spoiled it. Several Yank newspapers were roasting him under the name of "Johnson," and "Jim" wrote in to say that "If they didn't spell his name right he'd get angry."

There is a very great possibility that—had I been encouraged along literary lines at the time of my life when along the banks of the Sofala I was determining whether I would become a bullock driver or nothing—I might have, under the circumstances, sent my countrymen something more humorous and interesting. Unfortunately for me it was the fellow across the way that had the carriage, not I. I did my early peregrination and perambulation in a soap-box on four wheels cut from an ironbark down near the paling yards. There were no silver spoons in our home. Our family was one that used only the ordinary type of cast-iron cutlery.

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Maid (at door): Madam forgot to leave the money for your bill.

Creditor: How do you know she forgot?

Maid: She told me so when she went out.

#### DANGLING DIDOES.

"Ultimately," says a critic, discussing Londoners' preference for riding instead of walking, "legs will merely be ornaments." But only some.

#### THE VANISHING GAMP.

A scientist has invented a process for restoring old mackintoshes. We wish someone would devise a means of restoring new umbrellas.

#### SURE SIGNS.

A certain subject was suspected of being half-witted and the M.D. was putting him through a mental test.

"Now," said the doctor, "if you were passing a house where the curtains were lowered, and you saw a man whom you knew to be a doctor go in hurriedly, and a little while later a preacher entered, and a few minutes afterwards an undertaker drove up to the door, what would you surmise had happened in that house?"

The boy grinned sheepishly, scraped his left foot against his shin, and replied: "Well, sir, I'd think they had a still in there."

"The boy is perfectly sane!" snapped the doctor.

#### UNFAMILIAR GAETIES.

"Do you like codfish balls, Mr. Whimp?"

"I dunno; I never attended any."

#### DOPING OUT THE UNIVERSE.

A group of workmen at lunch hour were discussing evolution and the origin of man. One of the party remained silent, when a companion turned on him and demanded his opinion. "I ain't goin' to say," he replied doggedly. "I remember as how Henry Green and me thrashed that all out once before an' it's settled, s'far's I'm concerned."

"But what conclusion did you arrive at?"

"Well, we didn't arrive at the same conclusion. Henry, he arrived at the hospital an' I at the police station."

#### WHERE SHE STOOD.

Attorney W. B. Ward tells of the utterance of a client he once had in Kansas City that he regarded as a classic in finality. The client was of ebon hue and was asking to be divorced from what she termed the "most nocountest, triflingest man that breathed."

Judge Birney figured such excoriation indicated another suitor somewhere in the background. By clever questioning he attempted to wring from the irate witness that there was another man in the case, but she stoutly denied such inference and continued with the denunciation of the hapless spouse. After an hour the court decided the plaintiff had earned her decree and so indicated, but in passing judgment he observed verbally that the plaintiff would in all probability be married again within a month. Disregarding formality and even with contempt the woman took her stand in front of the bench and fixing Judge Birney with her eye she exclaimed:

"Judge, the man I'd marry again ain't been born yet and furthermore his mother's daid."

Mistress —  
Mary, your kitchen  
is a picture!  
However do you  
get everything so  
spotlessly clean  
& bright?



Yes, ma'am, it do  
look nice but it's  
very little trouble  
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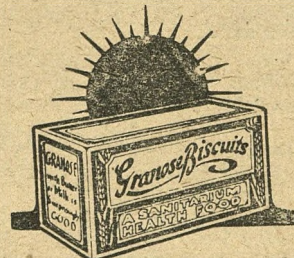
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## DAILY INSPIRATION.

By FAIRELIE THORNTON.

### SUNDAY.

"Behold I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."—Luke, 2, 10.

The universal joy of Christmas is certainly wonderful. We ring the bells when princes are born, or toll a mournful dirge when great men pass away. Nations have their red letter days, their carnivals and festivals, but once in the year, and only once, the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. Only Jesus of Nazareth claims this world-wide undying remembrance. You cannot cut Christmas out of the calendar, nor out of the heart of the world.—Anon.

### MONDAY.

"On earth peace, goodwill toward men."—Luke, 2, 14.

If we were to fancy a wholly Christianised world it would be inspired by the spirit of Christmas—a bright, friendly, beneficent, generous, sympathetic, mutually helpful world. A man who is habitually mean, selfish, narrow, is a man without Christmas in his soul. Let us cling to Christmas all the more as a day of the spirit which in every age some souls have believed to be the possible spirit of society. The earnest faith and untiring endeavor which see in Christians a forecast are more truly Christian, surely, than the pleasant cynicism of Atheists, which smiles upon it as the festival of a futile hope.—George Wm. Curtis.

### TUESDAY.

"The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him."—Ps., 25, 14.

Just to recollect His love always true;  
Always shining from above, always new.  
Just to recognise its light all-enfolding,  
Just to claim its present might all-upholding.

Just to know it as thine own, that no power  
can take away,  
Is not this enough alone for the gladness  
of the day?

Just to trust and yet to ask guidance still,  
Just to take the training or the task as He  
will,

Just to take the loss or gain as He sends it,  
Just to take the joy or pain as He lends it,  
He who formed thee for His praise will not  
miss the gracious aim,

So to-day and all thy days shall be moulded  
for the same.

Just to leave in His dear hand little things,  
All we cannot understand, all that stings.  
Just to let Him take the care sorely pressing,  
Finding all we let Him bear changed to  
blessing.

This is all and yet the way marked by Him  
who loves thee best—

Secret of a happy day, secret of His  
promised rest. —F. R. Havergal.

### WEDNESDAY.

"We spend our years as a tale that is told."—Ps., 90, 9.

The tale of the year has been told. We look forward to the year that is beginning and what do we behold there? A dark unknown presents itself; we are entering on an untried, undiscovered country, where, as each succeeding month comes forward, new scenes may open. Perhaps we may have little more to do with this world, or with any of its connections. We may be standing on the verge of time and life, and on the point of passing into a new region of existence. In fact, the prospect before us is full of awful uncertainty: life and death, prosperity and adversity, health and sickness, joy and trouble, lie in one indistinguishable mass, where our eye can discover nothing through the obscurity that props them up. Our times are in the hand of God as a supreme disposer of events; they are in the hand of God as a Guardian and Father.—Dr. Blair.

### THURSDAY.

"Certainly I will be with thee."—Ex., 3, 12.  
"Certainly I will be with thee! Starry promise in the night!"

All uncertainties like shadows flee before its glorious light.

"Certainly I will be with thee!" He hath spoken, we have heard;

True of old, and true this moment—we will trust Jehovah's word.

—F. R. Havergal.

### FRIDAY.

#### "REMEMBER."

Feasts of remembrance were enjoined upon the children of Israel. They were never to forget their deliverance from Egypt. They were to tell their children and their children's children. God would have His people call to remembrance His mercies of old. It serves two purposes. It calls forth gratitude to the deliverer and confidence for the future. Praise and trust—these two go hand in hand all through the Psalms of David. In remembering, too, past failures and transgressions, it helps to keep one humble and leads to more watchfulness for the future. We are too apt to forget mercies when past benefits received, prayers answered. It is well to take stock occasionally, to look back and see what progress we have made heavenwards. In the rush after worldly gain, and the pursuit of pleasure, man is apt to forget the Creator in the days of his youth. Remembrance does not come unbeckoned. It must be invited and encouraged. "Forget not" we need to continually enjoin upon ourselves. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." How many are in danger of forgetting that—one of God's most beneficent and binding commands. "Remember

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now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."  
"Remember the Lord thy God giveth thee power to get wealth." "Forget not to do good."

### SATURDAY.

"Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord Thy God led thee."—Deut., 8, 2.

Look back and read thy life's short passing story!

Has God e'er failed thee yet?  
Did not His presence ever go before thee?  
His love canst thou forget?

Look back and see the fears which He hath banished,

The sickness He hath healed;  
The foes which when you met them quickly vanished.

When you for help appealed.  
Look back and see how He hath ever led thee

Through many bygone years.  
How He hath tended, cared for thee and fed thee,

In spite of all thy fears.

There hath not failed one word of all He told thee

Up to the present day.  
His everlasting arms of love e'en now enfold thee,

His word is still thy stay.

Forget not all the tender loving kindness  
Which He to thee hath showed,

Though thou hast murmured in thy wicked blindness

When darker grew the road.

Remember all the past and trust Him only  
For future days to be.

If He is thine thou canst no more be lonely,  
He will be ALL to thee.

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(Continued from last issue).

**MONEY IN BEER.****CARLTON NETS £416,289.**

Melbourne, Friday.—Net profits of Carlton and United Breweries Ltd. for the 12 months to June 30 last show the large increase of £121,414. The total for the year is £416,289, against £294,875 for 1924-25, and £274,115 for 1923-24. In 1924-25 shareholders received £198,750. The distribution for the past year on capital, which was increased to £1,950,000 in the course of the year, is £316,875, of which £284,375 went to ordinary shareholders. The balance of profit, £96,914, is transferred to the reserve fund, which amounted on June 30 to £973,232. The company's total capital and funds now stand at £3,097,357.

**SLY GROG AND SLY PUNCHES. SERGEANT DOWN.**

Sergeant O'Brien, who spends most of his time suppressing the sly grog traffic in the Darlinghurst police district, had a lively experience last week.

A constable had bought beer in a house in Crown-street, and just before 9 p.m. the sergeant, with Constables Buckler, Richards, and Grigor, raided the place from the back lane.

As they entered they saw the occupier hand four bottles of beer to a woman, but when taxed with this he denied it, and the woman supported him.

Even as she spoke, however, she raised a bottle which was concealed under her coat, and to stop a possible blow O'Brien grasped her arm.

Immediately the sergeant was knocked down by two heavy blows, one in the ribs and one in the neck; and the householder, leaping over him, raced down the steps of the terraced yard and disappeared in the darkness.

A woman who was in the house was arrested and charged with sly grog selling. She is said to have assisted in the sale of beer to the constable.

**HOW WHARFIES GOT THEIR POT OF BEER.****"LADDER GETAWAY."**

The beer-drinking capacity of the customers of the Hotel Bathurst, Bathurst-street, Sydney, were alleged to have been considerably overrated at the time that the license and goodwill of the house were sold by Henry James Baxter to Joseph James Kerr. In consequence, the latter brought an action against Baxter, alleging fraudulent misrepresentation, and claiming £2500 compensation.

The action was heard in No. 3 Jury Court,

before Mr. Justice James and a jury of four. Defendant entered a general plea of not guilty.

Mr. Windeyer, in opening the case, said that plaintiff Kerr had been a publican in a country district of Victoria. Desiring to purchase a hotel in Sydney, he inspected the books of the Hotel Bathurst, which is at the foot of Bathurst-street, near Darling Harbor. Defendant assured him, and the books supported his statement, that the house was doing a legitimate business averaging £140 a week. Plaintiff stipulated, said counsel, that there should be no after-hours or Sunday trading, and defendant assured him that there was none. Upon those conditions plaintiff agreed to purchase the hotel for £5267.

**"AFTER HOURS TRADE."**

"Subsequently," said counsel, "the plaintiff found that instead of takings being the result of legitimate trading, there was a systematic amount of after-hours Sunday trading, which largely accounted for the total takings of the house.

"There was a ladder providing a get-away over the back wall, and various other devices whereby the wharf laborers and others could get their pot of beer whenever they wanted it."

Counsel added that the legitimate takings of the hotel were not anything like £140 a week, and the hotel was not worth the purchase money paid for it.

"We say," concluded Mr. Windeyer, "that the whole thing was a deliberate take-down of this young man from Victoria."

The case is part-heard.

**BEER STOREHOUSE.**

In Pearl-street, Surry Hills, police from Regent-street Station, including Sergeant Harding and Constables Connors, Lane and McCrohon, searched a house which, it was afterwards learned, was rented solely as a storing place for beer. Five dozen bottles were found there. In the street two men were arrested and charged with sly grog selling.

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**THE DOCTOR SAYS.**

Dr. J. R. M. Thomson, of Geelong, Victoria, in a speech recently delivered in Geelong, said:

"Why was an attempt being made in most civilised countries to prevent the use of alcohol or intoxicating drink? The answer was, because it had been found out. A prominent physician in Melbourne, a nerve specialist, had declared, as a result of his experience, that alcohol was no good as a beverage, and very little good, or even no good, in medicine. Doctors had come to believe that they could not rely on alcohol to do good in sickness, and it might do much harm. If we went through the large hospitals nowadays we would find that very little alcohol was prescribed. The pathologists, the medical scientists, who study the causes of disease, tell us that the first part of the body to be affected by alcohol is the nervous system—the brain and the nerve—and that it first attacks the most delicate nervous functions. Professor Kraepelin, of Vienna, had found that very small quantities of alcohol even in a strong man slowed down perception and co-ordination, so that a person did not readily pick up signals and perform actions at word of command. Shakespeare said that it put a man on and took him off—that is, it incited a man to do something, and made him fail in the performance. It attacked the higher faculties of the brain; thus a drunken father would treat his children badly and cruelly through selfishness and want of judgment. For all these reasons and the damage that alcohol is found to do to the human race, there was an increasing feeling in all countries of the world that the use of alcohol must be done away with. This feeling in all countries of the world that the time had come to strengthen this sentiment, and it was strengthening everywhere. In the United States a whole nation had altered the Constitution in order to abolish the use of strong drink. The doctor himself had seen during his life experience how rapidly the customs of the people with regard to the use of strong drink were being changed. Our latest philosopher, Henry Ford, had said that it was old-fashioned to drink alcohol, that up-to-date people did not do so, that in these days of mechanical invention and the universal use of machinery it was dangerous to do so."

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of the Prohibition forces of California staggers the imagination. What the inundation of our State with an unchecked flood of poison bootleg would mean to our young people is a thing to give pause even to the most ardent advocate of 'personal liberty.'

"The plan to repeal the Wright Act has the active support of every bootlegger, rum-runner, dope-peddler, crooked lawyer, and other crime exploiter in the State. That it likewise enjoys the support of a few good, but misinformed and misguided citizens in no wise palliates its peril."

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