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## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### A CHANCE FOR THE POLICE.

Every day in every part of the daily papers are evidences of the lawlessness of liquor sellers and the apathy in connection with their demoralisation of the community.

#### SLY GROG. WATERLOO ALLEGATIONS. "DEGRADING." POLICE ATTACKED.

That certain hotels in Waterloo sold liquor after hours and on Sundays was the contention of Alderman Lynch at a recent meeting of the Waterloo Council.

A letter was received, stating that a petition from residents and ratepayers would be presented to the council shortly, protesting against the proposed erection of another hotel in the municipality, on the grounds that it was unnecessary and absolutely undesirable, as it would lower the moral tone of the neighborhood and would bring to the district many undesirable characters.

Alderman Lynch: We don't want another hotel in Waterloo. Some of those at present here are degrading and a disgrace to the district. It would be all right if they were conducted in a proper manner, but they're not. Sly grog is served openly. One night I saw a publican sell drink to a woman who was stupid with intoxication. It is disgraceful, and it is up to this council to see that the publicans are under proper restraint.

Alderman Harris: The sly grog sold in this municipality is scandalous. The police are not doing their duty. I saw the Commissioner of Police, and when he denied that beer was being sold after hours I offered to give £100 to the South Sydney Hospital if I could not show a plainclothes policeman that it was being sold at a large number of hotels in Waterloo.

#### CITY HOTELS, TOO?

Alderman Warner: The liquor trade after hours is a disgrace to the district. I, myself, saw a publican sell liquor to a woman who was so drunk that she could not walk straight. She was staggering all over the place, and was half nude.

Alderman Connolly: I object to another hotel being erected, but, as to selling liquor after hours, you can see girls drinking cocktails in many of the big city hotels at night time.

Council decided to object to the erection of the hotel.

#### A CHANCE FOR THE POLICE. CLAIM FOR WAGES.

Goulburn, October 4.—In the Goulburn Industrial Magistrate's Court to-day H. J. Threthaway sued Ralph E. Collison, for £42/8/9, alleged to be due for wages, during his term of employment as night porter of

Tattersall's Hotel, from March 19 to Aug. 5. Plaintiff said he was employed to meet trains and watch the police while his employer (Collison) traded after hours. Mr. E. F. Thomas, who appeared for the defendant, asked that the case be dismissed, stating that plaintiff, on his own evidence, was watching for the police from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. every night, which was illegal, and could not be taken into consideration. The magistrate (Mr. G. R. Williams) awarded plaintiff a portion of the wages claimed by him.

Threthaway would make a good witness for the police. Will they use him?

#### 13-YEAR-OLD DRUNKARD.

Broken Hill.—In a local public school a 13-year-old boy was found badly under the influence of liquor. He explained that he drank a pannikin full of beer, which he obtained from a house nearby.

#### SOME "DRY" FACTS. PROHIBITION IN U.S.A. ITS BENEFITS.

Washington, October 3.—The Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals declares that a modification of the Prohibition law would destroy 92 per cent. of the country's prosperity.

The board, in a published list of the benefits of Prohibition, claims that the death-rate has declined from 18 1-10 per 1000 in 1918 to 11 8-10, the alcoholism death-rate from 6 8-10 per 10,000 to less than 2 6-10, and intoxication arrests from 193 per 10,000 in 1914 to 147.

It is stated that Prohibition is not responsible for crime, but has aided good government. The prison population has dropped from 121 2-10 per 100,000 to 99 7-10, more men and women are going to colleges, juvenile delinquency and pauperism are decreasing, savings deposits increased from 4,933,885,000 dollars in 1914 to 8,439,855,000 dollars in 1924, and building loan assets increased from 1,357,708,000 dollars in 1914 to 3,942,940,000 dollars in 1924.—"Daily Telegraph."

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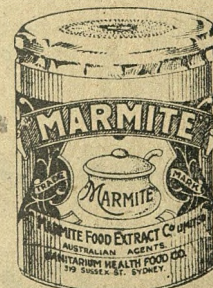
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With all the comforts of life, the helpful associates, the means of grace, and most to be prized privacy, we do not always make a very good showing. In the absence of all these things how do you think you would fare?

I have received a letter from the jail that makes a strong appeal to me, and I print it in the hope that it will make for the writer a place in your prayers. That you will look more kindly on those who are unfortunate; that you will be more truly thankful for your own many advantages.

#### A VOICE FROM THE JAIL.

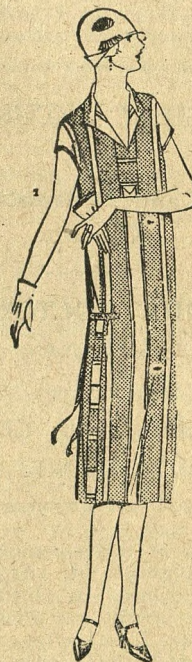
"You will be surprised to hear from me in this place. At the time of last writing to you I was in a serious state of mind, being conscience-stricken, as I had been thieving from my employer a few articles and pawning them, intending to replace them, which I did many times, only to take out again, till I could see it was hopeless, and I determined to stop whatever the cost. I believe I would never have been found out had I kept silent, but owing to my conversion to the religious faith in Christ, which I explained in my letter, I determined to have a clean up and not allow any chance of suspicion being cast on others. I thought I could manage to put the goods back, but it was beyond my power. I therefore could not attend your meetings with such a load on my mind. I could not work any longer under the conditions, so I walked into the Redfern Police Station and gave myself in charge, and I am remanded till next Friday. I do not know whether I will be let off under the First Offender's Act or be sentenced. I do not worry about the result. I have done

wrong and will accept whatever punishment is due to me and start the new life, which I have been struggling to do the last few months. This is the first experience I have had with the police, and it will be the last. When I started work in George-street West I was in bad health, nerves broken, no money, and very down in clothes. The boss would not pay a wage but put me on piece-work, making ice chests, all sizes, at eight shillings per chest, a price that no healthy cabinetmaker could make decent wages at, and I have not been able to ever get more than £1 or 25/- per week, and not being able to buy tools out of that I have had to work mostly at night time very late and very early in the morning and Saturdays and Sundays. He gave me a key of the shop so that I could work any time when the shop tools were not in use. On top of this I had to sign the wages book for £5/5/- per week every Friday, whether I received any money or not, more often not, as often I would have nothing finished, and I would have to live over the week-end without money, and that is how I first came to steal. I have decided to leave Sydney if I can possibly manage it, as I do not like the class of man I have to associate with in my present position of down and out. My clothes and boots are absolutely done, so I am wondering if anyone in your congregation would help me to get a rig-out of any decent sort, or perhaps you could use your influence with one of the charitable institutions, as I wish to walk out into the country, get the first job I can on a farm, and recover my health and nerves. If you will grant my request I will promise to do my best to convert others, and abstain absolutely from strong drink, which has certainly contributed to my downfall. I will keep in touch with you, and repay the amount out of my first wages. If I can only get to the country I am sure I will be able to do my bit in helping you to uplift fallen mankind. If I stay in the city I am afraid my nerves will go altogether. I have suffered from nervous breakdowns for eight years."

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The 1926 Sunshine Fair will be notable for the splendid co-operation of the various bodies affiliated with the Prohibition Alliance. This is the first attempt to link Churches and Temperance bodies in a combined effort for the Prohibition Campaign. The confidence in them, which at the initial stage was responsible for the suggestion, has been amply justified. Those providing stalls are representatives of:

Church of England.  
Methodist Church.  
Presbyterian Church.  
Congregational Church.  
Baptist Church.  
Churches of Christ.  
Salvation Army.  
Independent Order of Good Templars.  
Representative Women's Prohibition League.  
Business Women's Prohibition League.  
N.S.W. Prohibition Alliance.

### SUNSHINE EXCURSION

Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers to  
Cabarita

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23.  
2.15 p.m.

Tickets: Adults, 1/6; Children, 1/-.  
Professional and Business Men's Auxiliary.

As a result of this splendid combination of effort, 19 stalls, of varying character, have been promised. In addition, there will be a Beauty Parlor, a Foot Surgery, a Poster Display, Lecturettes, Musical Programmes, and amusements of different kinds.

Lady de Chair has given her patronage to the Fair. Mrs. J. C. Wright is patron of the Church of England stall, Mrs. F. W. Hynes (wife of the President of the Methodist Conference) is president of the Methodist stall, Mrs. Hall (wife of President of Churches of Christ) is co-convenor with Mrs. Steer of their committee, Mrs. Dunkley (Rev. F. J. Dunkley was President of the Baptist Union when she became associated with the effort) is one of the conveners of the Baptist Committee, Mrs. Touchell (Rev. W. Touchell is chairman-elect of the Congregational Union) is a convener of that denomination's stall; and there are many other ladies prominent in their respective churches working whole-heartedly for success.

Madame Wolfarius, of the Representative Women's Prohibition League, is President of the Fair Committee. At the last meeting of this there was a most representative attendance, and the reports were particularly encouraging.

### THEN ABOUT THE EXCURSION.

This promises to be one of the happiest gatherings of the kind held.

The steamer Kurrule will leave Fort Macquarie at 2.15 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, for a trip among the delightful scenery of the Lane Cove and Parramatta Rivers, landing at Cabarita, where a meeting will be held, with addresses by prominent Prohibitionists.

Tickets are only 1/6 for adults and 1/- for children. Afternoon tea and ice cream will be provided on board at a small charge. Hot water will be available free to picnic parties at the park.

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### SEND-OFF TO MR. STITT.

Members of the Executive and of the staff of the N.S.W. Prohibition Alliance met at the office to say good-bye to Mr. H. C. Stitt, the State Superintendent.

Rev. H. C. Foreman, the president, spoke words of warm appreciation of Mr. Stitt's work. Similar sentiments were voiced by Messrs. Tebbutt, Lane, M.L.A., Dr. Arthur, M.L.A., Rev. H. Putland (by letter), Mrs. Masterman and Miss Southwell.

The President then presented Mr. Stitt with a gold watch and chain from the Executive, and a Schofield Bible from the staff, as mementoes of his association with them and the work.

Mr. Stitt, in replying, spoke of a very happy experience in the work during the two and a-half years with the Alliance. He believed he had a call to the work he was entering upon, but would always be a worker in the campaign for Prohibition.

Mr. Stitt has now taken up his new work at Wagga.

### PROHIBITION WORTH WORK- ING FOR MANY ARE DOING IT.

The Sunshine Fair is not merely a sale of goods. It is the practical recognition of the work of the Prohibition Alliance.

What is that work? Quite a number of people ask the question.

Just to mention a few things. During the past month representatives of the Alliance gave 78 addresses to audiences totalling 6896. The meetings and services were in the metropolitan area, and in the Southern Riverina, even as far afield as Hay and Deniliquin. One country newspaper gave the speaker's address over a column and a-half space in the following issue. Some of the meetings were in factories, others in the open air, and addresses were given also in schools.

Thousands of educational leaflets were distributed from house to house, through the co-operation of friends in many centres of the State. There was generous publicity in denominational and Temperance newspapers, with some useful notices in the metropolitan press.

The hands of the police and the Justice Department were forced in the matter of selling liquor with meals after hours. The action in connection with the Wentworth Hotel has become historical. In addition, there are at the present time 23 efforts for liquor licenses being opposed.

Special work is being done in presenting the business and industrial side of Prohibition, with encouraging reception. Big plans are being made to change the political situation, so as to obtain for the people the right to a fair vote upon this question.

All these efforts are proving costly—too costly for the ordinary revenue of the Alliance. Hence the Fair. It will supplement the gifts so generously made by thousands of friends throughout the State. The various organisations have recognised the needs of the campaign; hence the wholehearted nature of their co-operation.

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Our Weapons: Education and Legislative Action.

## THE STATE PROHIBITION CONFERENCE.

October 21st and 22nd.

The N.S.W. Prohibition Alliance Conference of 1926 promises to be a landmark in the history of the Prohibition Movement. As Mr. T. S. Kerr said in the Queensland Parliament last week, "the liquor question has been made the football of party politics for years." Another Queensland M.L.A., Mr. Hartley, said he hoped the new Liquor Bill "would awaken Prohibitionists and the people to the fact that the Government was dealing with a combine powerful with money, influence and votes and to the need for all men who believed honestly and sincerely in safeguarding the young and present generation combining."

The Temperance issue has been the football of political parties for years. It has also often been the footstool for political opportunists. We have been tricked by our foes, and betrayed by our "friends." Some real friends in Parliament remain, amongst the faithless, faithful only they.

### WHAT THE CONFERENCE WILL DO.

The object of the Conference is to put an end to this game of political football, during which Prohibitionists are kicked from one end of the field to the other. It is proposed to follow the lead of the Alliance of New Zealand where, without neglecting the necessary educational work, they are ensuring that such work is not brought to a nullity by political trickery or treachery. The strength of the Prohibition forces in N.S.W. was measured in polls of 1907, 1910, and 1913, when in three-cornered contests No-license polled 36 per cent. of the total vote, Continuance scoring only 6 per cent., more than the simple majority. These figures are not only most encouraging to us; they are the writing on the wall for liquorism. A total of 245,215 votes recorded for No-license in 1913, before America went "dry," is a solid foundation upon which to build. A fourth of that voting strength, properly organised, can dominate the political situation in 1928. If one really means to take up the Cross of this New Crusade, one must be prepared to cast the old wooden images of Party worship into the fire, and stand steadfast for the greatest measure of practical Christianity of our time.

### WHO WILL COMPRISE THE CONFERENCE.

The Conference will be comprised of (1) representatives of affiliated Churches and Organisations. These include the Church of England and Nonconformist Churches of the State and the Salvation Army; (2) W.C.T.U., Y.M.C.A., N.S.W., Christian Endeavor Union, Rechabites, I.O.G.T., Australian Band of Hope Union, Professional and Business Men's Auxiliary, Business Women's Prohibition League, Representative Women's Prohibition League. In addition there will be representatives of Prohibition Committees in country centres and Prohibition workers of the metropolitan area.

### THE PURPOSE OF THE CONFERENCE.

The purpose of the Conference is—  
To consider and approve of plan of campaign for consolidating our forces with a view to—

- (1) Securing at the next State elections the return of members pledged to grant to the electors the right to vote for Prohibition without Compensation at the next Prohibition Poll.
- (2) Demanding of the Government the impartial enforcement of the Liquor Laws.
- (3) Extending our educational work on the moral and economic value of Prohibition.
- (4) Obtaining the restoration of the Local Option Provisions, which are at present suspended.

### THE PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

Four reports will be submitted to the Conference by the Campaign Committee of the Alliance:

1. Report of General Principles of Campaign.
2. Report on Organisation of Campaign.
3. Report on Publicity.
4. Report on Finance.

These reports will be open to full discussion and amendment, and will be forwarded as approved by the Conference to the State Council of the Alliance for final determination.

"Mobilise your forces for good." Dr. John R. Mott's advice sums up our plan of campaign. It is proposed that for the purposes of the elections the New Zealand plan of campaign should, as far as possible, be adopted. N.Z. is divided into 10 or more districts. These group together a number of the single member electorates. Within each electorate the affiliated churches and organisations and individual members form a committee, and each committee is represented on the District Committee. Finance is controlled in N.Z. by the Central Executive, through a finance committee.

The immediate step to be taken in the group electorates will be to influence the selection of candidates who will be prepared to give to the electors the democratic right to vote on Prohibition without Compensation. Candidates who refuse to concede this right to the electors should receive a clear intimation from our committees that the organised Prohibition vote will be cast against them.

The work of the Local Committees should be to canvass thoroughly the electorate, allotting streets in the towns and areas in the country, the electors to be asked to cast their vote only for those candidates who are prepared to trust the electors with an untrammelled vote on the Liquor Issue, and who pledge themselves to support immediate legislation in the new Parliament to restore local option.

### EDUCATION AND OTHER WORK.

Political action is, however, only the culminating expression of the intellectual and spiritual awakening of the people. The groundwork of education on the moral and material need of Prohibition must be carried on ceaselessly and with greater zest than before. The press is often condemned for its partiality to its liquor advertisers,

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but the press has never closed its columns to well-expressed opinions in favor of Prohibition. Great papers like the "Sydney Morning Herald" and the "Daily Telegraph" still maintain the best traditions of journalism, and although "published by arrangement" liquor advertising is countenanced in most of the country newspapers, they do, as a rule, give our speakers fair reports. Full use might be made by our country supporters to publish the truth concerning Prohibition in local organs, and to counteract the effect of "published by arrangement" liquor propaganda.

### FINANCE.

We need big finance to carry on, but our campaign work depends mostly on volunteers, who bring to their allotted task an enthusiasm and zeal that carries conviction to the doubting, and that no money can buy. Labor won its early sweeping victories at the polls without money, and by the self-sacrificing efforts of unremunerated enthusiasts. How then can we, who are inspired by far higher principles than animated Labor, fail to achieve our beneficent purposes? Generous financial support for Prohibition has never failed the Alliance when the occasion demanded it, and the better the work we do for the Movement the greater will be the response from our generous-hearted sympathisers.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions will be submitted as follows.

1. "That there is overwhelming evidence of widespread lawlessness in the Liquor Traffic in respect to—

- (1) The Six O'clock Closing of Liquor Bars.
- (2) Sunday Trading.
- (3) Serving intoxicated persons.
- (4) The immoral conditions obtaining in certain wine bars.
- (5) Abuse of the bona fide lodger and bona fide traveller provisions.

and that the failure of the authorities to enforce the Liquor Laws constitutes a grave breach of public trust, and is fraught with perilous consequences to the observance of all law, and to the preservation of public order."

2. "Referendum and Compensation.—That this Conference regards the Compensation Clauses of the Prohibition legislation of N.S.W. as without precedent in the annals of British legislation, and as an unwarranted concession to the Liquor Interests, and affirms our determination to demand from candidates at the next State elections the right of the people to vote on Prohibition without Compensation at the 1928 poll."

### FINAL.

Our President (Rev. H. C. Foreman, M.A.) will open the Conference and guide its deliberations, and inspiring addresses will be given by leaders of the Movement from country and city alike. But the main feature of the gathering will be to lay the foundations for the mighty structure of National Prohibition.

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### THE BOOTLEGGERS' UNHAPPY TIME.

By JOE LONGTON, for "Grit."

TAKE A PIG! Bathe, powder and perfume him; then tie him up in pale blue silk ribbon. The first muck-wallow he comes to, he's into it.

Take a "lush" of the gutter and "rising of the court" variety. Bathe him, feed him, clothe him, sober him up. The first time the "thirsty heebie jeebies" tackle him his address is the merry mucilage parlor next to the bread and cheese where he's parked with his foot on the third rail, piloting schooners across the bar.

The solution is: Remove the muck-wallow and the bar. You can then have a couple of respectable looking pigs, and at the same time get rid of a couple of bacteria-breeding nuisances.

"Prohibition," the nemesis of humanity's deadly foe "alcohol," the full brother to opium and morphine has, since the 69th Congress adjourned, "Wet" Senator Jim Reed (John Barleycorn's emissary) up a blind alley, wishing that, instead of raising the damp howl he emitted at the memorable session, he'd raised a pig.

With Cardinal O'Connell's and the "wop" Pope's tribe of Bedouins that have "wild-catted" the Prohibition desert in search of an oasis, and the usual quota that emerge from the Roman Catholic Church, and disappear into the night with sunshine in their souls and moonshine whisky in their thoughts, behind them, they crawled into a hole, and pulled the hole in after them, remarking that "The dries should be kicked to death by jackasses, and they'd like to be the ones to do it."

"Jim" Reed avers that "he can see as everybody else in the world sees. But everybody else can't see the way he sees. Exit the survivors of the "Battalion of Death," composed of left-over publicans, bartenders and manufacturers of the brew that cheered the night before the victim woke up with a mouth on him resembling the bottom of a parrot-cage as he waited for the swinging doors to swing, so's he could get some hair off the same dog that bit him before he'd accumulated the "hangover."

It will be several moons before the Presidential nominations, when "Wet" Al Smith promises to be the Moses in the bullrushes for the Democratic Party, which is as extinct as the Dodo. While Roman Catholicism and the "wet" underworld threaten to "slip" Al Smith, Protestantism and Prosperity hopes that the wet Catholics do not change their mind before "Prohibition given by God to make way for Liberty" changes it for them.

The walling of the wets has died down to a whisper, and much gesticulating of the hands, arms and elbows. They're like the two Frenchmen that couldn't swim, and fell off the Manly boat. They reached the Man-o'-war Steps by talking to each other.

While 50 per cent. of Australian newspapers are used up in advertising "booze," and 100 per cent. of America's advertising columns are confined to the boasting of American-made merchandise, the "Virginia Pilot" says:

"Whether the country be wet or dry, the booze-bund is determined to make it so by suggestion. It seems to be an attempt to wet down the spirits of the masses. It is going on the theory that a moist mind makes damp matter.

"The boozers first tried to make all the soldiers returned from France wet. It was a sinister attempt to have the doughboys feel that advantage had been taken of them in their absence. However, the American Legion flung off the aspersion.

"Then an effort was made to convince the college and the world as well that the students were all flask-toters. These little containers were mentally slipped into every boy's pocket. However, presidents and professors conducted examinations not demanded by the curriculum and the seats of learning were found dryer than ever.

"Next an enthusiastic endeavor was made to sweep the country into the ranks of the wets by cleverly conducted newspaper referendums. But the dries were shrewd enough to let them alone. They held the strongholds, so why should they vote on continuance in power.

"The country, as well as the President, is weary of the yowls and screeches of the bootleggers. There is quite a general demand for them to dry up.

"Their words are as empty as the beer barrels. Bootleg words are no more acceptable than the other stuff of their vintage. They were kicked out because the country does not want them in any longer.

"Their constant snorts and whoops but make Uncle Sam take up his big belt a notch tighter at times. It were well for their cause to quiet down and cease calling attention to their lawlessness.

"If the wets would dry up, the dries might go to sleep!"

Then the "Los Angeles Times" says:

#### "GETTING THE GATE.

"To stop smuggling by air the United States and Canada have decided to establish air gates between the two countries. Can this be said to be giving the bootlegger the gate?

"He used cellars with success for a long time and transported his goods by the underground route. However, in time that was found to be untenable on account of the numerous Government agents parked around the openings.

"Then the successful bootlegger took to the water. Not a mighty enthusiast for water as a beverage, yet he made use of water for anchoring off the great centres. In a way he cast his substance upon the water.

"However, it fell into the habit of returning after many days accompanied by an officer. So he went into bankruptcy and took to the air.

"But now the Government has established certain lanes with their gates in the sky where these sweet angels may fly and ply back and forth under strict supervision.

"However, angels prefer to come unawares—especially these angels of darkness. The bottle is having a hard time palming itself off as an angel, even though it uses scriptural passages as wings.

"Being driven from pillar to post, from the three-mile limit to the limit in every way, and now driven from cloud to cloud, the query naturally arises, what will the vendor of hooch do next to carry on?

"He has tried the earth, the air, the water. What element may he yet aspire to, unless it be fire?

"And how will they be able to furnish the propaganda that the country is wetter than ever? With a bounty upon every bootlegger's head and the whole business up in the air, how will they be able to bring the price down within the reach of ordinary drunks?

"An occasional still may dribble out its daily ooze from its worm; and even though this worm turn into a butterfly, how can it increase the output. The bootlegger seems to be 'getting the gate!'"

And the South Los Angeles "Press-Bulletin" rises to remark:

#### "THE FOURTH OF JULY AND SOBRIETY.

"In times only a few years in the past it was not considered particularly bad form for the more exuberantly patriotic among the citizenry to get a nice happy jag-on on July 4 to demonstrate one's love of country. In other words, if one became overly patriotic on such a day the fact was slightly excused among the more rabid dries. On Monday, July 5, an observing citizen travelled over a fair portion of the Los Angeles territory. In the course of the day he saw thousands and thousands of people. Of these thousands, two were noticeably under the influence of liquor.

"One other was wandering about in a highway in an absent-minded manner, which might have been the result of drink or unusual absorption in thought. Call it three drunks if you will. Before the days of the bootlegger, of which we hear so much, is it not true that to have seen many thousands of people on a holiday and to have noticed only three drunks, that it would noticed only three drunks, would have been considered worthy of honorable mention?

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## AN OPEN LETTER. TO THE "MINISTRY FOR BUNG."

(By CAPRICORNIA).

Gentlemen,—

Many years ago Mr. H. E. Boote, the able editor of the Sydney "Worker," courageously addressed one of the most scathing pamphlets ever published to the Member for Bung. The member was the celebrated Mr. Joe. Lesina, one of your own Party. Mr. Boote might well write another pamphlet addressed to your Administration as "The Ministry for Bung."

The then Editor of the Queensland "Worker" said: "Mr. Bung, your trade is detrimental to the public interest. . . . As democrats we realise that only through a sober Democracy can we reach the goal of our aspirations. . . . Drink is a curse which Labor has to fight."

Yet, strangely enough, the Liquor Traffic has found good champions in successive Queensland Labor Administrations whose belief in "the socialisation of the means of production, distribution, and exchange" stops short of the worst of all monopolies. Long after most of the Australian States had put the beer bars and ordinary business on the same early closing level, and while Ramsay MacDonald, Arthur Henderson, Philip Snowden and other British Labor leaders were championing the cause of Prohibition, your predecessors in office were tempering the wind to the unshorn wolf, by leaving the liquor folds open till 11 p.m.

A few years ago, however, on the eve of a Prohibition poll, a sop was flung to Cerebus in the shape of an 8 o'clock closing law. Discussions in the press and Parliament have shown that you promptly put this law into cold storage. Like every other liquor law, which imposes a financial obligation on "the trade," it was denounced by John Barleycorn as "unreasonable and unenforceable." "When is a law not a law?" is a question now asked, we believe in the Queensland schools. And the small Queenslander promptly answers: "When it's a liquor law."

### LONGER HOURS FOR BUNG.

In the new Liquor Act, designed ostensibly to be "fair" to the liquor traffic, you reversed your whole industrial policy. The working hours in shops and factories were reduced to 44 per week but the legal working hours of the liquor traffic you have actually extended. You have not, it is true, opened Bung's front door beyond 84 hours per week, but you have opened the side door, and the back door to his "guests." As anyone under the new Act can get liquor after 8 p.m. in Queensland by the simple process of becoming the "guest" of a "bona fide lodger," and as there is apparently nothing to prevent "bona fide lodgers" being regularly engaged for this class of business, q.e.d., anyone can get liquor at any time in Queensland. There may in time develop a bona fide lodger union with hours of labor and rates of pay fixed by the Arbitration Court. As to what constitutes a meal within the meaning of the Act, evidently a synthetic sandwich or the cheese out of a mouse-trap would cover that.

### LONGER LIQUOR HOURS THAN SCOTLAND.

In "wet" Scotland liquor bars are legally open for 5½ hours only, excepting in degenerate Edinburgh (6½ hours). In beer-ridden England Mr. Bung, as a rule, can do daily business for 9½ hours. In democratic Queensland, however, the front doors to the saloon are, thanks to you, kept wide open for 14 hours daily, while the back doors stand ajar to "guests" as the song says, "all

through the night." But that isn't all. Gentlemen who shout for government by the people at election time, and many of whom apparently shout for their constituents much more frequently than that, have, under your leadership, without the shadow of a mandate, robbed the electors of their right to vote at local option polls every three years. These electors are still entitled to return Bung supporters, like yourselves, to place and pay every three years in gerrymandered constituencies, but after 1928 only once in every seven years may these latter-day Jacobs emerge from their penance in the wilderness to exercise their rights of citizenship in respect to Mr. Bung's annual license. Apparently, it is nothing to you, gentlemen, that this traffic that you have taken under your protecting wing extracts £3,720,000 a year mainly out of the Queensland workers. It does not count with you that it takes the labor of 54,000 miners to pay Australia's Annual Drink Bill, and then our total mineral production falls £2,000,000 short of the mark. Why this tender solicitude by a Labor Administration for the Beer Barons, the Wine and Whisky Kings, and the lawless dispensers of the cup that inebriates but does not cheer? As questions may be asked of Governments in and out of Parliament, why these concessions, we ask, for the Public House at the cost of the Public Interest? What has Bung done for your Party that your Party should do so much for Bung? We do not, we cannot, believe that the rank and file of Labor stand for this violation of every Labor principle.

### CINDERELLA OR SARAH GAMP?

The story of the successive Queensland Government's surrender to Bung is, you must admit, gentlemen, the story of a Great Betrayal, not of the workers' interests only, but of the national interests. Despite its magnificent natural resources, its wealth of volcanic soils of inexhaustible fertility, its bountiful rainfall, its vast coal desposits your State is still known as the Cinderella of the Commonwealth. Of factories she can boast less than little South Australia, which has to drag every ton of coal 1200 miles by sea, and under the regime of "wets" like yourselves Queensland's Cinderella is fast degenerating into a Sarah Gamp, whose philosophy of life was, "Put the bottle on the mantelpiece, and let me put my lips to it when I feel so 'disposed.'" Your new Act for Bung puts the bottle on the mantelpiece for Queensland Sarah all right.

### THE GOLDEN RULE OR THE GOLDEN CASKET?

Meanwhile, you are compelled, like another Dickens celebrity, to pay off one deficit with the next, thanking God that that debt's paid for. The Golden Casket is the last resort of your otherwise bankrupt Hospitals, which Bung victims help so largely to fill. The Golden Casket form of finance reduces a great State to the level of a down-at-heels Monte Carlo, with the Head of the State as Chief Croupier. The whole spirit of democracy becomes submerged by this de-

moralising national gamble, and the drain upon the community for hospitals is greatly increased by this wasteful marble spinning system of taxation. Queenslanders may well ask themselves which is to their future guide in life—the Golden Casket or the Golden Rule?

### LABOR ON THE SCRAP HEAP.

While Bung flourishes, thanks to your kindly intervention, how fares it with Labor? Read what Mr. Boote says. Read also the Official Commonwealth Year Book of 1925, which shows that after 14 years of industrial effort in Australia the net increase in the effective wage of the average male amounts to the magnificent sum of 2/6 per week (allowing for unemployment). The wage rates have certainly advanced by over 40/- a week in that time, but all excepting 6d. per day has been swallowed up in the increased cost of living. In America, thanks to the increased industrial efficiency under Prohibition, wages have increased 46½ per cent. in the six years ending 1925, while the cost of living fell 28½ per cent., a net increase of 75 per cent. in the effective wage. In Australia, on the other hand, labor has lost £14,000,000 in wages through strikes in 14 years for a net effective gain of 2/6 per week per male worker. You, gentlemen, are promising Labor further increases, but all these increases are Dead Sea Apples, "rotten to the core," for, as the Year Book shows, under present conditions every rise in wages involves a corresponding increase in the cost of living, and handicaps Queensland industry in its competition with overseas and Interstate rivals. And all the time Liquor keeps your workers poor because it impairs their industrial efficiency, and depresses the purchasing value of their wages.

### WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

Gentlemen, your Ministry for Bung may fool some of the workers some of the time, but it can't fool all of the workers all of the time. Queensland workers are wanting to know how it is that the American workers under Prohibition enjoy higher wages, less unemployment, fewer strikes, a decreased death rate, their own string of Labor Banks, bigger savings, shares in great industries, their own motor cars, their own homes, better furniture, electric washing machines, a new outlook on life, and an unquenchable hope in the future. If that's the kind of failure that Prohibition is in U.S.A., let us have some of that brand of failure here. Gentlemen, the first of all truths is, as Carlyle said: "That a lie cannot endure forever." Your Ministry for Bung is doomed. Labor is too intelligent not to ask pertinent questions. They are wanting to overhaul the Party's political balance-sheets. They want no campaign support with a string to it. The Party with great principles, like the Labor Party had of old, could afford to be poor. Its poverty was its finest credential. And no party can afford to sell its birthright for a mess of pottage, and become, instead of a People's Party, a Pot House Party.

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# A Personal Chat with my readers

## THE PRICE OF PROGRESS.

In every State the sinister influence of liquor sellers has made itself felt. Afraid of the people they work underground and ignore the public welfare and defy public opinion. The latest outrage comes from Queensland, where the Government has become the tool of the Liquor Pirates, and regardless of the rights of Democracy legislation is now to be imposed upon the people at the bidding of those who want further opportunity to fatten on the weaknesses of their fellow men.

The position is, of course, not hopeless, but only the more difficult. There is nothing new in the situation; the lawlessness of liquor sellers is recognised all over the world as unchangeable as the leopard's spots.

We will therefore not waste time trying to change the unchangeable, but bend our energies to exterminate the evil; that this is not impossible many parts of the world demonstrate.

The rugged way of life is stained  
With many a track of human blood

Where martyrs trod;  
It is the price that must be paid  
By those who lead our wayward feet  
Along the trail toward God.

War-scarred, begrimed, fear-tried are they,  
Who lead the vanguard of our race

To hills of light;  
They know the perils faced,  
The battles fought, the victories won,  
In quest of light.

The Lamb of God, sublimely fair,  
Hath trod with pain the stony path,  
To lead us on;

Thorn-crowned, despised, heart-pierced was He,  
Who paid the woeful price,  
To point us to the dawn.

We, too, would climb the upward trail,  
Where heroes blazed a lonely path,  
Truth to attain;  
Then to our task! Our cross we'll bear;  
Nor ease, nor worldly pleasure seek.  
We'll follow in their train!

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## IN SPITE OF OUR PAST.

We had the position well in hand when pledged members broke their pledges, but unfortunately we failed to take advantage of our opportunity.

We will suffer for many years for our unpardonable bungle, and the liquor-protecting politicians have a respite they neither expected nor deserved. Thank God opportunity will come again. Walter Malone in the "Master Mind" says what it will do us all good to meditate on:

They do me wrong who say I come no more  
When once I knock and fail to find you in;  
For every day I stand outside your door,  
And bid you wake and rise to fight and win.

Wail not for precious chances passed away,  
Weep not for golden ages on the wane!  
Each night I burn the records of the day—  
At sunrise every soul is born again.

Laugh like a boy at splendors that have sped,  
To vanished joys be blind and deaf and dumb;

My judgments seal the dead past with its dead,

But never bind a moment yet to come.  
Art thou a mourner? Rouse thee from thy spell;

Art thou a sinner? Sins may be forgiven!  
Each morning gives thee wings to flee from hell,

Each night a star to guide thy feet to heaven.

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## THE FOREIGN MENACE.

New York is America's largest, wealthiest, busiest and most foreign city, and its greatest

Foreign Mission field. The average population is 17,841 a square mile; that of London is 10,789 a square mile. Out of a total population of 5,500,000 in Greater New York, nearly 2,000,000 are foreign born, 2,250,000 have one or both parents foreign born, only 1,000,000 are of native-born parents. In other words, about 76.4 per cent. of the population is foreign or of foreign-born parentage. There are 136,000 English in the city; 584,000 Germans—more than the population of Dresden; more Austrians than in any city of Austria, save Vienna; more Hungarians than in any Hungarian city except Budapest; more Norwegians than in Stavanger, the fourth largest city of Norway; and more Swedes than in Norrköping, the fourth largest city of Sweden; 56,000 Roumanians; 23,000 Greeks; more Italians than in any city of Italy, including Rome; 14,000 Spanish; 48,000 French; 200 unclassified nationalities—Danes, Hollanders, Belgians and others. It has twice as many Irish as in Dublin; 250,000 more Russians than in Leningrad, and there are more Jews than there were in Palestine in the reign of King Solomon.

The foreign element creates many, many problems and aggravates every ordinary one. When our cheerful papers delight to exaggerate the "wetness" of U.S.A., and assume that the city of New York is the U.S.A., we do well to remember the facts I have just stated.

Writing in the "Outlook" for May, Imogene B. Oakley says that 65 to 75 per cent. of the bootleggers brought to trial in the United States are aliens, and in Connecticut and New Jersey the percentage is around 80 per cent. Mrs. Oakley declares that the Eighteenth Amendment is "the answer to which race and which racial condition shall control America. Shall the respect for law and order, which is our best inheritance from

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our colonial ancestors, be maintained," the article reads, "or shall it give way to the desires and customs of the forty-two nationalities, which speak forty-two languages in the United States and vote according to forty-two racial prejudices in national elections?"

"The last census showed that practically 47 per cent. of our population are foreign born or children of foreign-born parents. They come from countries where wine and beer are as common as water, and it is safe to say that are wet by inheritance and habit. I took note as I went about the country (in pre-Prohibition days) of the names over saloon doors and found them almost invariably foreign—German, Italian, Polish."

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## WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.

Have you asked your minister to join the great company of thoughtful teachers and preachers who all over Australia on November 7 next will draw attention to the growing menace of liquor and the only possible remedy?

I hope you will obtain for him some of the information we so gladly make available and encourage him to range himself against this our most cruel enemy.

We have been three months in this State collecting £60,000 to fight cancer, and during that period we have spent over £3,000,000 on drink.

On October 2 we made a great effort to raise money for the 70 charities other than hospitals, and the great army of splendid helpers gathered in a little over £10,000, but we spent a little over £40,000 on drink that day.

Surely we need one day in the year in which to expose this evil and enlist the help of our people to fight it.

*The Editor*



## FELLOWSHIP IN THE GOSPEL.

### A HOLIDAY BECOMES A HOLY DAY.

(By ROBERT B. S. HAMMOND.)

October 4, 1926, will be a memorable day with many in Sydney. It was Labor Day. The weather was perfect; all business ceased; everyone seemed to have the means with which to gratify their whims.

The races, the beaches, the pictures, and every kind of excursion called loud and long for patronage. Surely it was a daring thing to open a big city church and enter into open competition with nature and sinful nature.

There were two men—two nobodies, who, however, enjoy their religion—who, having sampled every possible worldly thing and found them unsatisfying, decided that there must be many others of like experience.

The psalmist says, "My heart sheweth me their wickedness." And he might also have said, "As a bee knows and gravitates to honey, so the true Christian knows and gravitates to spiritual things."

These two men were abundantly justified. They both knew the frailty of men and also their spiritual hunger.

So with the insignificance of a voice in the wilderness they announced an all-day convention for the deepening of the spiritual life, to be held in St. Barnabas' Church, George-street West.

#### THE MORNING SESSION.

At 11 o'clock the great church contained some 700 people. Every one seemed both surprised and pleased.

The Rev. S. Varcoe Cocks gave the first address, speaking on the subject of "Every Christian a Soul Winner." It was an inspiring talk, closing with a most telling illustration of a life-saving incident which had made a deep impression on the speaker. The skilful swimmer rushed to the help of the drowning person, but neither his skill nor heroism was sufficient—they were both greatly dependent on the strong, sturdy, steady team who held the rope, neither niggardly in paying it out, nor slack in drawing it in.

The lifeless body was brought to the shore and worked over until it was won back to life, and all rejoiced in one saved from a watery grave.

With tender concern for those whom the minister seeks to save, he pleaded that the church officers, teachers and congregation should play their part in the great enterprise of soul-saving.

The Rev. W. P. Nicholson then took charge and in a masterful and convincing way led the meeting to face the necessity of a definite service for God. It was a stirring thing to see a large number of those under thirty years of age stand as a token of their willingness to go to the ends of the earth if the Lord opened the way. Then a hundred or more parents stood and pledged their children to God's service.

The emphasis on our obligation to make

a tenth of your income the minimum gift to God was very searching, and surely must bear fruit.

#### THE PICNIC PART.

Very many brought hampers, and from one till three a very genuine picnic lunch, with the church supplying the tea, was enjoyed.

Again from five till seven. This time of fellowship was thoroughly appreciated. No picnic could have been more joyous. The ripple of laughter, the pleasant smile, the cheerful triumph over irritating delays or omissions was a convincing testimony that if your religion does not make you happy the reason must be that you do not give it a fair chance to do so. Believing people through all the ages have found religion a refreshing thing, a buoyant thing, a joyous thing, and, as the chairman said, "No Christian can long remain depressed or discouraged."

The difference between a non-Christian and a Christian is that when adverse circumstances bounce the non-Christian he falls with a squashy thud. When the Christian is bounced he responds like a rubber ball which bounces according to the violence with which it is thrown down.

#### THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mr. W. H. Dibley, a well-known business man, gave a thoughtful and instructive address on the Word of God, as illuminated by the same spirit that caused it to be written, "Meditate day and night." That is think, muse, contemplate. It is like the liniment the doctor gives you; it is not the mere application, but the gentle and persistent rubbing it in that gets results.

Mr. Nicholson followed with a definite, convincing, old-fashioned appeal to trust the Word of God. He quoted with illuminating emphasis the words found in John, chapter sixteen: "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth." Surely He never spake anything but the truth! Yet He prefaces His statement with an assurance of its truth, as though He suspected it would some day be doubted.

"It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away the Comforter will not come to you; but if I depart I will send Him unto you." "It is better," said Christ, "that I go and you have the Comforter, than that I stay and you have not the Comforter."

At this session seats had to be placed in the aisles, and 1000 people were present.

#### THE EVENING SESSION.

The Rev. John Bissett, of New Zealand, gave a very searching and stirring address from II. Kings, chapter two. Elijah seems to have tested Elisha. They went to Gilgal, from thence to Bethel, on to Jericho, and finally to Jordan.

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God's all, then came victory by faith, and then the death of self. Jordan typified the experience spoken of in Galatians, chapter two, verse twenty.

Very happily all day there had been a harmony of thought, a consistent dovetailing of these addresses.

Mr. Nicholson brought the great day to a close. Every seat in the church was occupied as his message rang out:

"If any man thirst,

"Let him come unto Me.

"He that believeth on Me,

"Out of him shall flow rivers of living water."

"This He spake of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified."

The emphasis, the reiteration, the frequent illustration all created a longing and constituted a challenge.

Something like a hundred people left their seats and came forward as a token of their determination to obtain the endowment from on high.

#### HOW FAR HAVE YOU GONE?

Ezekiel, chapter forty-seven.

1. Ankle deep.

2. Knee deep.

3. Loins deep.

4. Waters to swim in.

Go a little further, reach a little higher, endure a little longer.

There is no way by which we can go back, but there is no limit to our going further forward.

This day demonstrates the delight the real Christian finds in the things of God and the fellowship of other Christians.

Formal services, moral essays are utterly without attraction, but such meetings as these sparkle, lift, delight and satisfy.

We all rejoice that such other days are being planned for next Easter time should the Lord tarry.



## THE WINE BOUNTY.

### GREEDY MANUFACTURERS STARVE SOLDIER GROWERS.

Commonwealth of Australia.  
Department of Trade and Customs,  
31 Spring-street, Melbourne,  
August 14, 1926.

Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 6, 1926, regarding conditions under which wine bounty is payable, and in reply to attach for your information copy of the Wine Bounty Act, 1924, and regulations issued thereunder.

2. With regard to your request for information regarding price paid by wine-makers for grapes, I would mention that this Department has information only in regard to Doradillo grapes.

3. It might be stated that the Wine Bounty Act was framed mainly to assist the growers of Doradillo grapes, and that the Minister, under Section 10 of the Act, is given power to withhold the whole or any part of the bounty if he finds that a price, which in his opinion was less than a reasonable price, was paid for any Doradillo grapes used in the production of the fortifying spirit contained in the wine in respect of which the bounty is claimed.

4. Prior to May 28, 1925, the Minister considered that many Doradillo grape growers were not receiving a reasonable price for their grapes, the prices for 1924-25 ranging

from 30/- up to £5 per ton, and it was decided that a price of less than £5 per ton for Doradillo grapes would not be considered reasonable; the Minister therefore drew up further conditions which were to be complied with before bounty was payable. Copy of these conditions is enclosed for your information.—Yours faithfully,

R. McK. OAKLEY,  
Comptroller-General.

Mr. J. D. Merson, Hurstbridge.

#### WINE EXPORT BOUNTY ACT, 1924. PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS.

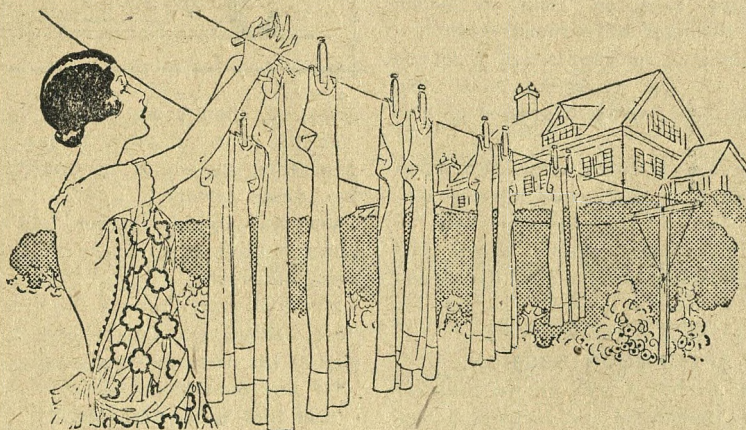
1. Exported sweet wines and sherry fortified so as to contain not less than 34 per cent. of proof spirit—whether the spirit be Doradillo or non-Doradillo spirit—are eligible for bounty provided that—

- (a) the exporter shall have paid or undertaken to pay not less than £5 per ton for all Doradillo grapes of the 1925 and subsequent vintages purchased by him;
- (b) the exporter shall have paid not less than 5/- per proof gallon at the distillery door or usual sending station for Doradillo fortifying spirit purchased after May 25, 1925;
- (c) as from May 25, 1925, the exporter shall have brought his fortifying spirit—whether Doradillo or non-Doradillo fortifying spirit—only from such distilleries as shall have paid, or shall have given to the Comptroller-General an undertaking that they will pay Doradillo growers not less than £5 per ton for all Doradillo grapes purchased by them during the 1925 and subsequent vintages.

2. Bounty is not payable on any dry wines, except sherry.

3. The list of approved distillers and wine-makers who have complied with conditions (a), (b) and (c) above (list has been already circulated to Collectors of Customs) will be amended from time to time as circumstances require.

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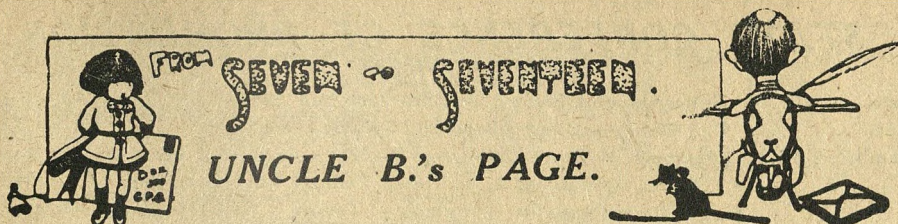
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Now, the question is, What is your Bible worth?

If you will hearken to its teachings it will save you from many troubles and much shame. It will make you wise, so that you will not become the victim of bad habits.

If you want to know all this Book with its wonderful message, will do, then you had better read the one hundredth and nineteenth Psalm, for it tells you exactly what to expect.

Some people treat their Bible as misers treat their money—possess it, but never use it. The miser starves and the one with the unused Bible is lost.

UNCLE B.

#### OUR LETTER BAG.

##### I AM GOOD ENOUGH.

Jean Faylor, Bathurst-street, Wallerawang, writes: I would like very much to join your family. I am nine years old; my birthday is on the 8th of August. I belong to the Church of England, and attend the Sunday School. Our minister, Mr. Hughes, tells me I am good enough to join the "Grit" group. I love reading "Grit." I think it is the best paper in the world. Fancy me nine years old and did not know "Grit" until Mr. Hughes came here! I have a brother; his name is George. He broke his leg by playing football. He is now in Lithgow Hospital. I hope he will not play any more. He is getting on well. I hope then, Uncle, you will accept me for a NI.

(Dear Jean,—I am always glad to have in my family anyone Mr. Hughes recommends. If he says, "You are good enough," then that is fine, and I say if you remain in my family you will certainly become even better than good enough. I must warn you to write again, as my list of scallywags is quite full up.—Uncle B.)

##### A 'WANGITE.

Doris Jemmett, Mudgee-street, Wallerawang, writes: May I be allowed to join your family? I am only eight years old; my birthday is on the 16th January. I was born in Wallerawang, so I am a 'Wangite. Like my brother Jack, I belong to the Scripture Union, and I love it. My brother Jack is writing to you. I have a pair of bantams; the next door lady gave them to me. If you will allow me to join your large family I will try not to be a scallywag.

(Dear Doris,—I am glad to have a 'Wangite in my family. Wang and Forge Creek, Gippsland, are my two best spots. From these two places I have more Nes and Nis than in any other place. Please write and tell me more about your bantams. What is the use of them?—Uncle B.)

##### THE BEST EVER.

J. Bartley, Main-street, Wallerawang, writes: This is my first letter to you, Uncle, and I hope it will be acceptable. I am nine years of age; my birthday is on February 22. I am in fifth class at school. I also go to the Church of England Sunday school. I went to the Scripture Union last Tuesday night, and I did enjoy myself, Uncle. You ought to come and see the meeting, Uncle. It is the best I ever saw. The Bible lesson is very good. We have the Scripture Union meeting on Tuesday nights now because the pictures are on Wednesday. I hope you think me good enough to join your family.

(Dear J.—You do not say what the J. stands for. Is it Jessie or Jemima? I am glad to have you a member of my family and am very glad your meeting is the best ever. Tell me more of this meeting.—Uncle B.)

##### SLIDES, CHICKENS AND DOGS.

Ian Barrie, Wooroona, Nambucca Heads, writes: I think the last time I wrote to you is about six weeks, so I must be on the black list; if so, please cross me out. I made a slide, and we slide down in the rushes, and have a good old fun. My cousin, Margaret Palmer, gets on the slide, and I pull her down fairly fast, and as she is going down she sings out, "Oh, Ian!" I've got a clutch of 16 chickens out, but they are pretty old. At first I got 15 out, then 4 were killed; then I got another clutch out of six, and one died, so

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I've got 16. Yesterday Dad took Marj., Phyllis and I up to Repton; then we went down to the north beach, and then back to Repton. Afterwards we went up to Bonville. The road was bumpy, which meant many bumps. When we got there we had dinner in a cool spot. The place is rather pretty and shady. The golf people had a concert here for the golf links, and they made £38/9/3. We have a little dog named Tats. He is a playful little thing, but if you play with him with your foot he will get angry. Sam's dog comes in and takes our eggs. I just caught him in the act. I am learning to play the violin and Marj. the piano.

(Dear Ian,—It seems to me you have lots of fun. How I wish I could pop in and have a slide, then feed the chicks and play with the dogs. If I caught Sam's dogs taking an egg I would give him one well filled with cayenne. That would make him sit up and think.—Uncle B.)

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## Greatest Ever Known—

(Continued from page 6.)

"And here is another old time sight with which we are not familiar to-day. How many of you are able to remember the common, broken-down type of a man, the man whose face looked like a potato left lying in the hot sun? You can remember that familiar rum-soaked face which was very often the face of the saloon swamper, who swept out the litter for the few drinks he needed to keep his soul and body together, but who had been so ruined by drink he was no longer able to earn the money needed for the drink his body craved. How long has it been since you have seen such a face since Prohibition?"

"If you have almost forgotten that poor devil of a wreck, just close your eyes and dream back to some familiar saloon. You will soon recognise the character you used to brush by while hurrying in to get your drink. You remember how you used to wonder how the poor fellow happened to be unable to drink or leave it alone, like you were doing?"

The population of Los Angeles is nearly two million people. Imagine! three drunks in that multitude.

Australians! You are going to get the truth about this—the greatest reform the world ever knew, and you are going to get it via "Grit." Some day in the near future one of the clean Australian newspapers will shake loose from the shackles and rip the muzzle off, and go after a circulation that will reimburse the enterprise patriotically, morally and financially.

Too crooked to sleep in a drain pipe, the promoters of many bathing beauty parades and beauty contests—to dig up a "brazen hussy" stout of wind and limb, and possessing a profile capable of freezing a tub of butter, or melting a tombstone if necessary—are cooling their diseased and perverted brains behind the bars of Uncle Sam's jails. Like all that stray from the straight and narrow, the once in their life when all villains "lower their guard" has eventuated, and the nation is being enlightened as to how brothels and licentious individuals willing to pay a big price for virtue obtain young girls.

Since the beauty contest rage first put in its appearance in America white slavery got a new lease of life, and for once in the life of Prohibition sobriety is not blamed for the overflowing houses of ill-fame, and the rich man's apartments that bulge with the flaming feminine youth whose addresses and introductions are obtained through newspapers that promote beauty contests to find a "Miss America."

Through the newspaper that promotes the beauty contest a glowing future is promised the rattle-brained winner, who usually gets much publicity and a job in a "mob scene" in the movies where she has an even break of "landing a live-un" for a husband if—he's honorable. The rest of the contestants who have left their measurements and addresses behind are placed on a "mug list," and whenever possible induced into white slavery by promises of lucrative employment, fine dress, or the acquaintance of a millionaire who turns out to be a well-dressed and glitteringly mannered bludger that drugs the innocent girl, and leaves her an addict to narcotics and a life of prostitution. Several arrests have been made in New York, and Uncle Sam packs a "crooning lullaby" in each fist for these white slaves.

George West and Son's Winery in Hanford, California, is now the Pacific Pipe and Tank Co., employing ten times more men than the old "bug juice battery"; and the business men of Baltimore, Maryland, are no longer fearful of the State law that says that the first bill that a workman must

## STATE CONFERENCE OF PROHIBITION LEADERS.

Date ..... Thursday and Friday, October 21st and 22nd.  
Place ..... City Temple, Campbell-street, Sydney.  
Membership ... Members of State Council of New South Wales Prohibition Alliance; Representatives of Affiliated Bodies; Representatives of Prohibition Committees in Provincial Towns; Representative Prohibition Workers.  
Purpose ..... To consider and approve plan of campaign in relation to next State Parliamentary Election and the 1928 Referendum.

### CONFERENCE AGENDA.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21st.

2.30 p.m. .... Conference opened by President of New South Wales Prohibition Alliance (Rev. H. C. Foreman).  
2.40 p.m. .... Roll-call of Delegates and President's welcome.  
2.50 p.m. .... Responses by Representatives.  
3.5 p.m. .... Programme of Conference presented by Hon. Crawford Vaughan. Conference divides into Committees—(a) General Principles; (b) Organisation; (c) Publicity; (d) Finance. Committees prepare report.  
5.30 p.m. .... Tea Adjournment.  
7 p.m. .... Consideration of Report of Committee on General Principles of Campaign. Resolutions.  
9.30 p.m. .... Conference adjourns.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22nd.

2.30 p.m. .... Opening of Session. Consideration of Report of Finance Committee. Resolutions.  
3.5 p.m. .... Consideration of Report of Publicity Committee. Resolutions.  
5.30 p.m. .... Tea adjournment.  
7 p.m. .... Consideration of Report of Committee on Organisation of Campaign. Resolutions.  
9.30 p.m. .... Conference closes.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23rd

2.15 p.m.

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Yes! the wets are locked up in an awful dilemma. Their only hope is in calling each other honey and breaking out with the hives.

"After all that may be said of the inoperativeness of Prohibition legislation it remains true that nothing else so effectually suppresses drunkenness and the crimes of which it is the source."—Archbishop Spaulding of the Catholic Church.

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#### OUT OF THE GAME.

"I guess Bill's checkered career is ended."

"Why?"

"He's in a striped suit now."

#### GETS AN EARFUL.

"What do you do when your wife starts an argument?"

"Listen."

#### THE BACHELOR'S PIE.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the famous food expert of Washington, ended a eulogy of rhubarb with an anecdote.

"There was a bachelor mason in my native Kent," he said, "who used to cook his own food, and one day he came to work with a pie over two feet long fastened to the top of his lunch basket.

"What have you got there, Joe?" the boss asked him.

"A pie. What do you think?" said Joe.

"But look at the length of it," said the boss.

"Well," Joe growled, "the rhubarb was that long."

#### A DOUBLE MISTAKE.

A stylishly dressed, pompous-looking dame swished into a street car and soon after settling herself missed her handbag. Of course, an unkempt workman, and Irish, must have taken it, and she so accused him point-blank. A final look located the missing bag on the floor under her and she began to apologise.

"Never mind a bit, mum," protested the accused. "Ye thought I wuz a thafe an' I thought ye wuz a lidy, an' both av us wuz wrong."

#### OLFACTORY ORGAN.

A maid employed by a well-known actress approached her mistress one day and said, "I've lost my instinct, miss!"

"But," said the actress, aghast, "you must be mistaken. You can't have lost your instinct."

"Oh, yes, I have, miss," repeated the girl, tearfully, "I can't smell anything at all."

#### A WORLD POWER.

Chauncey M. Depew was talking on his recent birthday about the vast number of youthful marriages that have taken place this year.

"It's the short skirt," he said. "The short skirt does it. There has never been anything like the short skirt for making young men fall in love."

Then he sighed and added:

"Calf love."

#### HIS REASON.

Raymond got a "licking," in fact a "sound thrashing," as the old-timers used to call it.

Here is how it happened: They had a caller at his home.

As he started to leave he said to Raymond:

"Won't you walk with me as far as the street car, Raymond?"

"I can't."

"Why not?"

"Cause we are going to have dinner as soon as you go."

#### NO OVERCHARGE.

A farmer's wife shipped a crate of eggs to a wholesale house in a city, but before doing so she wrote on one of them:

"I got a penny for this egg. What did you pay for it?"

She added her name and address.

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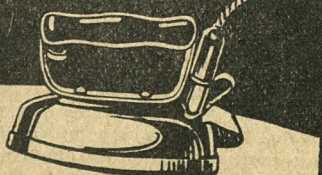
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### SUNDAY.

"Ye ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."—Rom., 12, 2.

I worship Thee, sweet will of God, and all Thy ways adore,  
And every day I live I seem to love thee more and more.  
Thou wert the end, the blessed rule, of our Saviour's toils and tears,  
Thou wert the passion of His heart those three and thirty years.

And He hath breathed into my soul a special love of thee,  
A love to lose my will in His, and by that loss be free.  
I love to kiss each print where Thou hast set Thine unseen feet,  
I cannot fear thee, blessed will, Thine empire is so sweet.

When obstacles and trials seem like prison walls to be,  
I do the little I can do, and leave the rest with Thee.  
I know not what it is to doubt, my heart is ever gay,  
I run no risk, for come what will Thou always hast Thy way.

He always wins who sides with God, to him no chance is lost,  
God's will is sweetest to him when it triumphs at his cost.  
Ill that He blesses is our good, and unblest good is ill,  
And all is right that seems most wrong, if it be His sweet will.

—F. W. Faber.

### MONDAY.

"Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel."—Ps., 73, 24.

A man looking about for a guide will prefer to have the best; and is not God, who is infinitely wise, the best Guide that we can have? Who questions it? Is not the Lord also the most loving, the most considerate, the most fatherly of all beings who can be chosen as a guide? Wisdom, when attended with unfeeling roughness and discourtesy, may be shunned by us; but divine wisdom, dressed in robes of love and tenderness, invites us to run into her arms. Choose God, I pray you, because He so well knows the way, and because He has such a tender love for poor trembling humanity.

I wish that all men began life with an earnest desire to act rightly, and that each one would say, "I shall never live this life again, I should like to make it a good one as far as I can." Since you cannot come back to mend it, but as it is, it will have to be presented before the great Judge of all, seek to do that which is right each day, and to obey your God every hour you live. If this were the intense desire of every one of us, we should say, "I must have a guide."—Spurgeon.

### TUESDAY.

"God is love."—1 John, 4, 8.

Why comes this fragrance on the summer breeze,  
The blessed tribute of ten thousand flowers,  
To me, a frequent wanderer 'mid the trees,  
That form these gay, though solitary bowers?  
One answer is around, beneath, above,  
The echo of the voice that God is love.

Why bursts such melody from tree and bush.  
The overflowing of each songster's heart,  
So filling mine, that it can scarcely hush  
Awhile to listen, but would take its part?  
'Tis but one song I hear, where'er I rove,  
Though countless be the notes, that God is love.

Yet wouldst thou see, my soul, this truth displayed  
In characters which wondering angels read,  
And read adoring, go, imploring aid  
To gaze with faith, behold the Saviour bleed!  
Thy God in human form! Oh, what can prove  
If this suffice thee not, that God is love?

Cling to His cross, and let Thy ceaseless prayer  
Be that thy grasp may fail not, and ere long  
Thou shalt ascend to that fair temple, where  
In strains ecstatic, an innumerable throng  
Of saints and seraphs, round the throne above  
Proclaim for evermore that God is love.

—Thomas Davis, 1859.

### WEDNESDAY.

"I am with you always."—Matt., 28, 20.  
This negatives any apprehension that there will ever come a day so dark or difficult, so cloudy or colorless, that Christ will not be present. He will be with us in the waiting days, and in the working days, in the perilous days, and in the peaceful days, in the sad days and in the glad days, in the birthdays and the death days—He will be with us all the days; and so, with the American philosopher, you may write it in your hearts that every day is the best day of the year.—Rev. W. Y. Fullerton.

### WEDNESDAY.

"I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do."—John, 17, 4.

Let me not die before I've done for Thee  
My earthly work, whatever it may be.  
Call me not hence with mission unfulfilled,  
Let me not leave my space of ground untilled.  
Impress this truth upon me, that not one  
Can leave my portion that I leave undone.  
—Anon.

### THURSDAY.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief."—1 Tim., 1, 15.

As life rolls on I look back on its swelling years, and the confession of the retrospect can find no other words to impress themselves but "God be merciful to me a sinner." As a new year stretches out before me I would rather not live if I did not know that I could say it all along, "God be merciful to me a sinner." And alike from our good works to our bad ones—from our holiest thoughts and our poorest prayer—we come back, and all these only press the more earnestly the prayer on our lips and on our hearts the thought, "God be merciful to me a sinner." In evil days when judgments of God shall rise, as they will rise, darkly on the horizon, and trouble shall come on the earth, where is the sinner's refuge, where is the believer's joy but "God be merciful to me a sinner"? And when the end rolls on, and our failing breath has power to utter but one sentence more, what shall the last be but "God be merciful to me a sinner?"—J. Vaughan.

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### FRIDAY.

"He that believeth not is condemned already."—John, 3, 18.

"There is a sin unto death."—1 John, 5, 16.  
What then is the sin unto death—that sin which is past praying for? Obviously it is the only damning sin—the sin of unbelief. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that WHOSOEVER believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. . . . He that believeth on Him is not condemned, but he that believeth not is condemned already."

Belief and life; unbelief and death. Throughout the Word they go together.

Again we are confronted with the solemn fact that the unbelieving mind cannot be prayed into belief. "I do not say that he shall pray for it," says the tenderest of Bible scribes.

What then is to be done with the sin which is past praying for?

Each soul for itself must definitely give it up, making the mental surrender, which means passing from death unto life; from unbelief into the belief which involves possession. "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

But this entering into the blessing of life eternal must be a definite act of your own free will.—Florence Barclay.

### SATURDAY.

Diabolus the devil is the doubter  
The caviller, the sceptic, who forever  
Has doubts of being, love, and of the good  
He ought to do, who in his dark distrust  
Of all the truth that stirs within his heart  
Would fain exempt himself from virtue's laws,  
From action, and at last ends in despair.  
And wouldst thou know who is the angel now?

He who believes in all the good and fair  
He finds in others, loves to find it there.  
Finds love in God, and God's love every where  
Throughout the universe, and gladliest  
In his own bosom; who to satisfy  
His honor, to be worthy of himself,  
So lives as if God always looked on him.  
That man, and only he who lives a life  
Worthy of God, lives the true life of man.

—Gottlieb L. I. Schefer (translated by Dr. Brooks).

"Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil goeth about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour."



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(By C. M. GORDON, D.D., formerly Prohibition Director, Victoria).

I desire to examine certain charges recently made by Senator Edge against national Prohibition. The senator, in his campaign for the modification of the Volstead Act, has received such generous treatment at the hands of the press that he cannot complain if one claims the right of reply at some length.

The eagerness with which Senator Edge seizes upon the utterances of a few clergymen who are unfavorable to Prohibition and the exaggerated emphasis he gives to the value of such utterances, suggests that his case against Prohibition is in rather desperate straits. He declares that the recent statement of the Rev. James Empringham is "unanswerable." As a matter of fact, Dr. Empringham's statement has already been shot to shreds. Its force was fatally weakened by his failure, in the face of repeated requests, to produce definite information regarding the conditions and results of the survey upon which he based his anti-Prohibition declarations. The man who refuses to bring his facts out into the open cannot make a strong claim upon the public confidence. His statement, too, has been repudiated by over 20 bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, including Bishop Manning, of New York. It has been rejected by Dr. James V. Chalmers former president of the Church Temperance Society, in the name of which Dr. Empringham professes to speak, and characterised as "a perfect out-

rage" by Dr. W. C. Charlton, a director of the society.

It is difficult, too, to see why Senator Edge attaches such weight to Cardinal O'Connell's unfriendly attitude toward Prohibition. The Roman Catholic Church, with the exception of a vigorous minority, has always been in favor of Temperance as opposed to Prohibition. Cardinal O'Connell, in his recent statement, simply recapitulates the traditional policy of his church. That policy failed to prevent the coming of Prohibition, and it will fail equally to secure its abolition.

### OVERWHELMING MAJORITY.

Over against the opposition of Rev. Empringham, Cardinal O'Connell, Bishop Fiske and others, I place the indisputable fact that an overwhelming majority of the ministers and pastors of the Protestant Church in America, are firmly in favor of Prohibition. The clergy of the great Protestant communions—Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, Disciple of Christ—almost to a man are enthusiastically in favor of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act. Their attitude is well expressed by the Department of Moral Welfare of the Presbyterian Board of Education, which declares that the national Presbyterian Church is "solidly in favor of enforcing the eighteenth amendment rather than modifying it." The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in

America, representing 28 Protestant communions, with a membership running into many millions, only the other day published to the world an unequivocal declaration of loyalty to Prohibition and its adequate enforcement. Of course, Senator Edge would characterise this prevailing loyalty to Prohibition on the part of the Christian clergy of this country as "pure, unadulterated stubbornness," language more violent than courteous. But I would remind him that stubbornness when allied to a great social movement, designed to remove an intolerable social evil is one of those outstanding virtues which insure the moral progress of humanity.

### DENIES FAIR TRIAL.

Senator Edge claims that "the Volstead Act has been given a fair trial." I do not envy the senator his conception of fairness. Neither as to the time it has been operative, nor as to the conditions under which it has been administered has the Volstead Act had anything approaching a fair trial. It is inexcusably unreasonable to expect that the liquor evil, rooted as it has been in centuries of social custom, grounded in the lust of appetite, buttressed by a dominant individualistic philosophy of conduct, and tenaciously cherished by a heartless commercialism, can be routed in six or in sixteen years. Not a few of the most beneficent reforms of history would never have established themselves had they been subjected to the six-year test that Senator Edge applies to Prohibition. The Federal principle of Government itself, as embodied in the constitution of these United States, which now holds 48 sovereign States in a compact, indivisible unity, would have gone down in defeat had it been finally appraised

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### Inexcusably Unreasonable—

at the end of six years. There never would have been a United States of America at all had Federalists and Federalism given up hope six years or even 26 years after the constitution was launched. The Prohibition of the slave trade would have failed ignominiously had its trial period been limited to six years, for hundreds of thousands of slaves were being smuggled into this country 30 years after the trade was forbidden by law. The emancipation proclamation also would have largely failed in its purpose had its success depended upon a six-year trial period, for slavery on a considerable scale persisted in the south after the lapse of such a period.

With such a short time in which to try itself out, with its administration often placed in the hands of ignorant and inefficient officers, with the enforcement of the law often entrusted to its bitter enemies, with the political spoils system tied like a millstone about its neck, with the big booze brotherhood organised on an international scale in an effort to discredit the law by inducing wholesale violations of it, with the rum fleets of the wet nations of the world permitted until quite recently to ply their brazen trade at the very doors of the republic, with its embarrassing inheritance of that law-breaking and law-defying spirit created and fostered on a large scale by the liquor interests in pre-Prohibition days—with all these and many more difficulties in its way, surely the instincts of fairplay and good sportsmanship alone should forbid the assertion that it has had a fair trial?

Senator Edge declares that "to-day we have all the evils of pre-Prohibition days plus increased drunkenness and arrests, increased alcoholic insanity and deaths, widespread corruption in the public service, more dives than formerly we had saloons, an appalling increase in liquor drinking among young men and women, practically unknown before Prohibition."

#### UNPROVABLE ASSERTIONS.

Dogmatic generalisations of this kind are very easily formulated; they are not so easily proved. They appear to us to embody much more of fiction than of fact. Distrust of their truth is immediately created in our minds by the reckless declaration that "liquor drinking among young men and young women" was "practically unknown before Prohibition." Senator Edge surely must know that in the days of the saloon multiplied thousands of liquor drinkers were recruited from the ranks of young life every year. It was the deliberate policy of the liquor trade to create the alcohol habit among young people. This it had to do in order to maintain its market. Even in New Jersey, Senator Edge's own State, saloons were permitted by law to serve liquor to youths 17 years old. I have known, by actual count, 5047 persons to enter 16 saloons in a certain city in a single hour, and a discouraging proportion of these were young men of the high school and college age. The hip pocket flask habit, so far as it obtains among young people to-day, is indeed regrettable, but the evil thus wrought is mild in comparison to the widespread debauchery among young life for which the old saloon was responsible. The protection of our young people against liquor spoliation is one of the imperative reasons why we must never allow the saloon to come back, and why we must defeat Senator Edge's effort to re-establish the traffic in beverage beer and wine.

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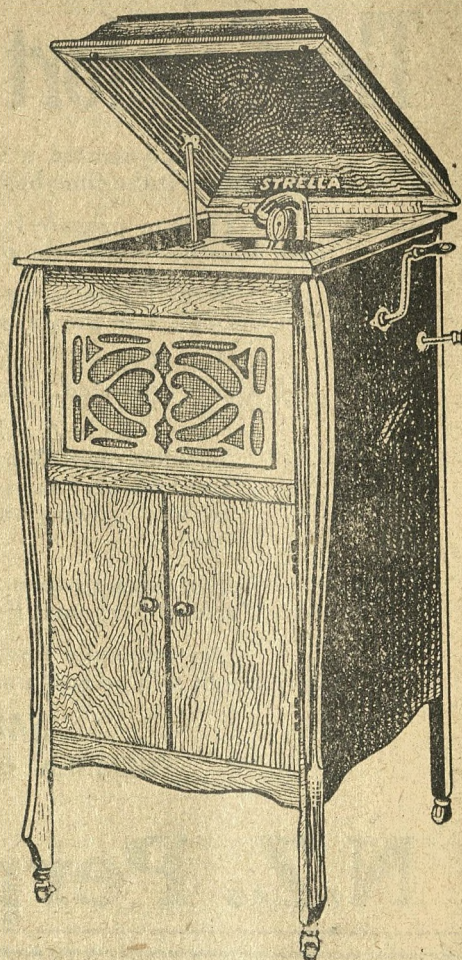
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