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DRUG ADDICTION IN NEW YORK.

(By ROBERT E. CORRADINI, for "Grit.")

From accounts in foreign papers one would almost be induced to believe that every one in the United States had become a drug addict on account of Prohibition.

In visiting our State hospitals I have been assured by the physicians in charge that nothing of the kind has, as yet, materialised, and no physician is expecting an increase of drug addicts on account of Prohibition.

In one State hospital I was assured by the superintendent that he frankly expected such an increase to occur, but he added, "It has not materialised, and we have to-day fewer drug addicts than ever before."

We have heard a good deal about the many arrests in the city of New York of violators of the narcotic laws. One must not forget, however, that a great number of these arrests are of smugglers from Germany, Spain, Italy, and Greece, who are trying to import narcotics for the high price which drugs will bring.

Only a few days ago I had an interview with Dr. Simons, Special Deputy Police Commissioner in charge of the narcotic division in the city of New York. He assured me that there actually was a slight increase in drug addiction, but he stated with equal emphasis that this was not due to Prohibition. He pointed out, to corroborate his assertion, that such an increase had also been felt in Paris, London, and Berlin, where no Prohibition of any sort is in force.

From the foreign papers it is evident that the drug craze has swamped Europe. There never were so many items of news in the European papers as there are to-day regarding smuggling, using, and selling of drugs.

Furthermore, it has been ascertained beyond the shadow of doubt, that the users of drugs are not individuals who have been deprived of alcohol. It would take no more genius to violate the Prohibition laws than it takes to break the narcotic laws. Why an alcoholic should become a violator of the Harrison law in order to circumvent Prohibition is beyond our understanding.

One reason for the increase in the use and smuggling of drugs is to be found in the fact that during last summer New York, for about six weeks, was without a practical law concerning drugs. In that short period of time many drug derelicts and traffickers were attracted to this city. To-day we have not only a practical law, but we have also a special deputy commissioner, with his staff of policemen, devoting all his time to the task of enforcing this ordinance, in consequence of which we have more arrests.

Another reason why there are apparently more drug addicts than there were before is this: To-day drug addicts are registered, card-indexed, and the city keeps their record. Until a short while ago only those caught smuggling or selling were arrested and prosecuted, but now the city knows where the victims of this sort of slavery are, and a good many have put themselves voluntarily under the care of our Board of Health.

It was feared by many that the discontinuance of the public sale of alcohol as a beverage would result in increased indulgence in the use of narcotic drugs and that the number of cases of mental disease due to such drugs would greatly increase. By referring to Table 1 we find that the drug cases among

first admissions have declined rather than increased during the past year:

Year.	Total first admissions.	Alcohol.	
		Number.	Per cent.
1909	5,222	24	0.5
1910	5,564	22	0.4
1911	5,700	21	0.4
1912	5,742	18	0.3
1913	5,061	21	0.3
1914	6,265	36	0.6
1915	6,204	24	0.4
1916*	4,903	14	0.3
1917	6,877	8	0.1
1918	6,797	19	0.3
1919	6,791	16	0.2
1920	6,573	11	0.1
	72,699	234	0.3

*Nine months.

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HANDICAPPING THE MILLION FARMS SCHEME.

By ROBERT B. S. HAMMOND.

Sir Joseph Carruthers has placed before the public one of the few really big and worth-while schemes ever launched in Australia, under the title of "A Million Farms." It would be a national calamity to impose upon this scheme any unnecessary handicaps.

The film prepared to advertise the million farms scheme, however, imposes a three-fold handicap. First, it is not accurate; secondly, it is grotesquely out of proportion; thirdly, it is brazenly anti-Prohibition propaganda.

ing being less than one one-thousandth of the total area.

The total value of the exports from Australia 1918-19 was £113,963,976, the total value of the wine exports was £201,168, which is equal to about a half-penny in the pound. Table and drying grapes equal in value 1½ times more than the wine grapes. Poultry is eight times greater, and rabbits 2½ times greater. This enables one to see the insignificance of this strangely exaggerated industry that is being fastened on the million

the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond or my other friends of the Prohibition party over the Million Farms propaganda. I thank Mr. Hammond most sincerely for his tribute—'Sir Joseph Carruthers has placed before the public one of the few really big and worth-while schemes ever launched in Australia, under the title of "A Million Farms."'

"Several films have been loaned to the Committee to show what can be done on the waste lands of Australia as an argument for developing those idle lands to a still greater extent. The film which my Committee showed at the Tivoli Theatre last week depicted the grape-growing and wine industries. The film was not prepared by my Committee, and if Mr. Hammond disputes some of the figures therein given I will leave him to argue that with others. All my Committee is concerned with is that there are enormous areas of land suitable for grape-growing which now carry a few stray sheep, and on which for every sheep now supported a family could live. My Committee considers that this land should be put to its proper use in growing grapes and other fruits.

"Up to this point I think Mr. Hammond, the Prohibition party, and the Continuance party will agree with me. With differences of opinion as to what kind of grapes shall be grown and what will be done with these grapes, my Committee does not wish to deal. We desire to avoid controversial issues. We have on our Committee Prohibitionists and liquor trade supporters, Protectionists and Free Traders, employees and employers; people of many different religions and of no religion, all united in the common wish to see Australia developed by bringing under cultivation lands which are now idle, but which can grow products of all kinds that will enable us to build up a strong agricultural population, without which Australia can never be strong. Let us get a large population. We can settle our internal differences while we are doing it."

ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY.

In reply to Sir Joseph Carruthers I must point out that so long as he is determined to do the best possible for his great scheme, he is debarred from using anything that is inaccurate, out of proportion, and propaganda of a kind foreign to his purpose. It is quite beside the mark to say his Committee did not prepare the film—they assume responsibility when they use it, and give it an authority that it could never otherwise have obtained. If Sir Joseph is prepared to use uncensored any film he is offered, I would be glad to see that he has one depicting the impetus to grape growing in California since Prohibition has been carried. The offensive reference to Prohibition in the film under discussion can only harm his scheme, and create discussion irrelevant to his purpose. Whatever be Sir Joseph's personal views on wine growing grapes, we give him credit for being too big a man to be a party to any effort to use his great scheme for an insignificant and incidental part of it.



THE MENACE.

This film states there are 30,000 people employed in South Australia in the wine industry. This is not true.

It states there are 85,000 acres under wine grapes. This is not true. The total acreage in the Commonwealth is 70,058 acres for all kinds of vines (eighteen years ago it was 64,577 acres); only about half this is under wine grapes. The total area under crops in the Commonwealth is 13,332,293 acres.

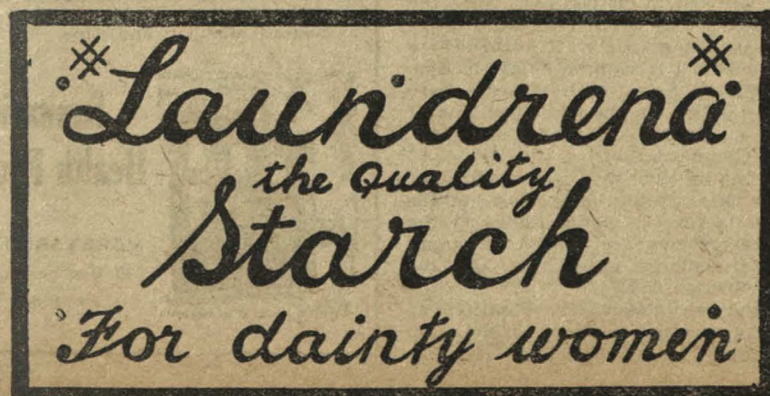
In New South Wales the area under vines is one five-hundredth of the area under cultivation, the area under vines for wine mak-

ing farms scheme. On the film a boy is depicted eating a bunch of grapes and declaring he does not want Prohibition. This unfortunately drags into the scheme the Prohibition question, which is outside the scope of the million farms except in so much as it promises when carried to greatly assist the scheme by conserving the present waste of £29,000,000 now spent on drink.

"NOT PREPARED BY COMMITTEE."

Sir Joseph Carruthers writes:

"I have no intention of quarrelling with



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FIELD DAY APPOINTMENTS.

SUNDAY, FEB. 26.

11 a.m.: Cabramatta Methodist Church.
3 p.m.: Glenfield Presbyterian Church.
7.15 p.m.: Liverpool Anglican Church.

Mr. Francis Wilson.

11 a.m.: Smithfield Anglican Church
3 p.m.: Wetherill Park Anglican Church.
7.15 p.m.: Fairfield Anglican Church

Rev. J. T. Phair.

11 a.m.: Campbelltown Anglican Church.
3 p.m.: Wedderburn Presbyterian Church.
7 p.m.: Campbelltown Congregational Church.

Mr. W. D. B. Creagh.

11 a.m.: Smithfield Baptist Church.
3 p.m.: Smithfield Methodist Church.
7.15 p.m.: Fairfield Methodist Church.

Rev. W. P. Phillips.

7.15 p.m.: Liverpool Presbyterian Church.
11 a.m.: Nowra Methodist Church.
3 p.m.: Tomerong Presbyterian Church.

Mr. R. J. C. Butler.

7.30 p.m.: Nowra Presbyterian Church.
7.30 p.m.: School of Arts, Nowra.

Mr. C. M. Gordon.

MONDAY, FEB. 27.

8 p.m.: Town Hall, Liverpool.

Mr. Francis Wilson.

TUESDAY, FEB. 28.

6 p.m.: Tea and Conference, Alliance Rooms.
8 p.m.: School of Arts, Haberfield.

Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1.

8 p.m.: Welcome to Mr. C. M. Gordon, City Temple, Campbell-street.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2.

8 p.m.: Town Hall, Auburn.

Mr. C. M. Gordon.

IMPORTANT TO WORKERS.

Our workers are invited to come to the Tea and Conference in the Alliance Rooms next Tuesday evening. Mr. C. M. Gordon, the State Director of the Victorian Anti-Liquor League, will give an address at the Conference. He has had a lot of experience in campaign work, and is well qualified to give practical and inspirational advice.

Quite apart from an intention to pay a compliment to a distinguished visitor, workers should be eager to take advantage of this opportunity of a wider view of campaign work and methods.

The tea, which will cost 1/- each, will be set for 6 p.m., and the Conference is to start at 6.45.

Make this your fixture for Tuesday next, and bring a friend or two with you.

CAMPAIGN AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Macourt met members of the Newcastle Ministers' Fraternal in conference, and a most cordial spirit prevailed. There was an evident desire to assist the campaign.

Mr. Creagh addressed two fine open-air meetings, one at Newcastle and the other at Lambton. He preached also in the Stockton Anglican Church.

Mr. Phair put in a useful week-end at Milton.

Mr. Wilson has written of big interest being aroused at Candelo, where three meetings were held at the week-end.

Mr. Allez, of Trundle, called at the office during the week. He has been doing useful

work with the Referendum Pledge in his district.

The North Coast Temperance Council is playing a fine part in the effort to secure the return of Referendum candidates for Byron. A very practical circular has been sent out to all of the ministers and other workers, asking them to do their best getting pledges, putting questions to candidates, and letting supporters know the history of candidates. This is most important, and other committees are likely to follow suit. Keep on doing it, friends!

UNDER SHELL FIRE.

Whish! Whosh! and the strongest argument advanced against Prohibition that night missed the speaker and scattered into fragments on the footpath.

Whilst those nearest it were taking up a strategical line of retreat Mr. Francis Wilson surveyed (and smelt) it from his parapet—a fruit case.

"Seems to me that the calibre of this egg is very much the same as that of the head of the thrower—very soft inside," commented Mr. Wilson, and went on with his remarks. A little later another, that smelt as if it were a survivor from those used at elections in Noah's time, smote the earth (and air) the other side of the case.

However, all things come to an end, and after a time the odor was dissipated on the summer breeze, and still the speaker persevered. Then, staking all on the last throw, one that had evidently been a heirloom from the great grandfathers of Noah's time found a "pieciful" end on the road further along.

It was hard to maintain an audience which was divided in inclination between "making a break" and waiting to see if the speaker would capitulate; but he was "dug in," and no amount of shelling could dislodge him.

It is a long time since Candelo had such fun at a public meeting; but it is also a long time since Candelo had such a wealth of commonsense and valuable information handed to it in exchange for ancient hen-fruit.

REFERENDUM PLEDGED MEETINGS.

Yes, Milton is the latest town to pledge itself. Mr. J. Muir was in the chair. Here are the resolutions:—

(1) "That residents of Milton and district at this meeting resolve that they will not give their first preference vote to any candidate for Parliament who will not promise to do all in his power to obtain a referendum on the continuance of Prohibition of the liquor traffic in the State of New South Wales.

(2) "That this representative meeting of residents of Milton and district calls upon the leaders of each of the State Political Parties to declare that their party, if returned to power, will, within twelve months of election, give the people of New South Wales a bare majority referendum on the two questions of Continuance or Prohibition and Compensation or Non-Compensation."

It's monotonous, you say, for town after town to pass these resolutions. Yes, but it's not monotonous for the politicians, and the more such resolutions are passed the more definitely Referendum candidates will be voted for on election day.

See that the resolutions are submitted at any and every meeting in your district. Do your part—now!

REFERENDUM-PLEDGED SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Canvassing for Referendum pledges is certainly an interesting work, and is replete with humorous, tragic and ludicrous incidents. In one suburb a "liquor" man bluffed one of our workers into moving her pledge table. She moved it across the road into another municipality—and obtained even more pledges.

At Five Dock a worker asked a grocer for the loan of a small table. He smiled. He was an applicant for a wine license, and—withdrew his application!

Last week we mentioned that many mental hospital attendants and nurses had signed the "Ref." pledge. Their work showed them the effect of booze on the brain. This week we record that eighteen school teachers from two schools signed the "Ref." pledge. They saw the effect of booze on the homes and reflected on the children!

AND THE TIDE STILL RISES!

We hear to-day that Sir George Fuller delivers his policy speech on Monday, and to-day we received a fine bundle of pledges from the South Coast in his electorate.

Bathurst electorate is also strong, and Millthorpe's batch this week is very encouraging. Balmain's contribution of pledges is ever increasing. Various churches are planned to have pledge tables during the next few Sundays. Plenty of candidates and plenty of pledges in North Coast electorates make an interesting situation, while Broken Hill sends another "healthy" bundle of signatures.

It seems to be an ever-rising tide. Two of our lady workers alone obtained over 1000 pledges in one of the electorates receiving special attention.

A Glebe W.C.T.U. meeting is typical of others. "We pledge ourselves to the pledge, and to get others to abide by the big principle." It's a fine spirit, which is worth while copying!

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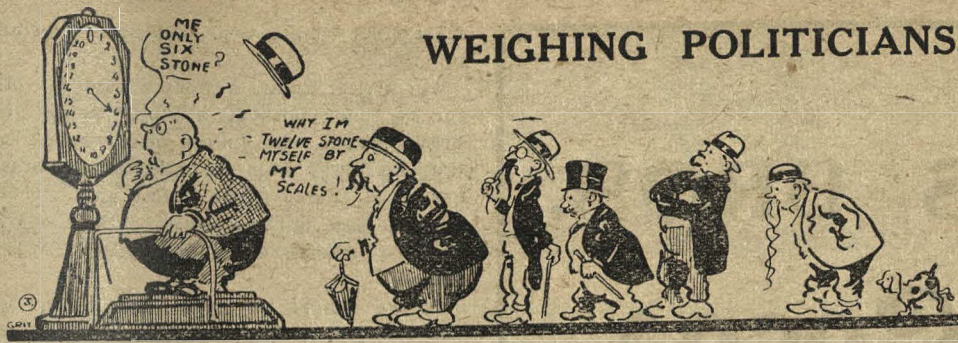
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A TEST TO DETERMINE THEIR FITNESS.

Can a man claim to be honest if he accepts salary for service he does not render?

Some politicians are so "touchy" and others so "tough" that it is a difficult task to put them in the weighing machine. Some of these "touchy" ones remind me of the man who excuses himself for wearing old and disreputable clothes on the ground that he was so ticklish that he could not bear to be measured for a new suit.

There is no doubt that the majority desire that only men of character and ability sit in Parliament. It is equally true that there are more than sufficient suitable candidates to fill the 90 seats.

We are all agreed that many of the politicians we have do not weigh in to the popular standard.

Is politics a social science? If so, how can we get facts and principles to displace bias and partisan spirit?

A PREVIOUS CRITICISM.

A few weeks ago the writer in the "Water Waggon" page said some things he considered ought to be said—having taken the precaution to write his remarks before he knew the names and political parties of those whom he considered to have offended. One well-known member wrote a heated over-adjectived letter, but marked it "Personal." He was asked to free it for publication, or write something that would justify himself, but he did not reply.

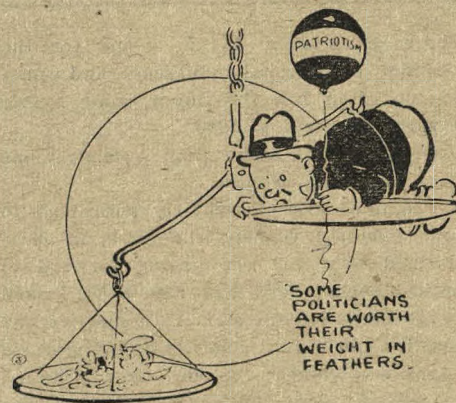
Mr. Thos. J. Ley, who was not among those criticised, writes the following temperate and reasonable comment:—

ATTENDANCE AT DIVISIONS NOT A SAFE GUIDE.

"I don't know the 'Man on the Water Waggon.' Innate bashfulness may prompt him to hide his identity. But he can't be a bad fellow, because he has a good cause at heart. He is certainly a live wire. His bright and cheery writing attests that. Yet in the issue of January 12 he gives the impression he doesn't quite realise that attendances in divisions in Parliament are no safe guide to a member's worth or service. Let me show why: A member may be in his place without a break for three weeks. During that time no division is taken. He may then be absent through some unavoidable cause for a couple of hours during part of a sitting. In that short time there may be ten or more divisions. The member who has been absent

for three weeks may be in every one of those divisions, and the member who has been continuously on duty is out of them. Which member deserves the most credit? Of course, it must be remembered that when a member of one side must be absent he arranges, where possible, for a member on the other side not to vote till he returns. So a member's unavoidable absence gives no advantage to his opponents.

"Unfortunately an official record of these arrangements called 'pairs' is not kept. They ought to be. In the absence of such a record many of the most conscientious and con-



WEIGHING POLITICIANS.

sistent servitors are misrepresented and have no effective reply. An experience of this character befell me last Parliament. A pneumatic influenza germ paid me a visit. For days the ugly thing had me in its grip. To attend Parliament was out of the question. A pair was arranged from time to time with one member or another. But of course my name was left out of division lists. At last elections opponents took the opportunity of pointing out how many divisions occurred in which I did not vote. The real reason was suppressed. Then the members who were kind enough to pair with me could be similarly accused. The members mentioned by the 'Man on the Waggon' can, of course, defend themselves if they think it worth while. My object is merely to point out to your readers that absence from division lists is by no means a guide to the value and performance of parliamentary duty. Towards the end of last session there were continuous

day and night sittings. Members are like other mortals—they must have a little rest. Those who have gone without sleep for 60 hours will readily forgive even a member of Parliament for absenting himself from a division for sleep when he knows, as at the end of last session, that if every colleague were with him, his opponents are numerically too large to be beaten."

BUT—

This explanation does not excuse members from absence during debates.

There are seldom thirty-five members in the House during a debate, and often not a dozen. Their presence is a valuable check on the speaker. It is necessary if they are going to record an intelligent vote.

It may be irksome and futile, but they are paid for such work—and well paid—and it is no more irksome or futile than the monotony of 99 jobs out of 100, where absence would mean immediate loss of job.

Mr. Ley's explanation covers the exceptional case, but cannot in reason be applied to the amount of absence shown in the following record.

ATTENDANCE ROLL.

The following is taken from the "Sydney Morning Herald":—

"A list has been compiled, showing the attendance of members of the Legislative Assembly in divisions and count-outs during the session of 1921. There were 75 divisions in the House, 64 divisions in committee, and three count-outs—a total of 142. The Treasurer (Mr. Lang) and Mr. T. H. Hill were present on 140 occasions"

These figures are taken from the official list. Out of 142 divisions, the following were present 100 times or more:—

Anderson	110	Jaques	118
Arkins	125	Johnson	115
Bagnall	104	Keegan	114
Ball	116	Kilpatrick	111
Birt	139	Lang	140
Bruntnell	106	Lazzarini	124
Bruxner	103	Lee	136
Burke	135	Loughlin	137
Buttenshaw	118	Main	105
Cann	100	McClelland	131
Chaffey	115	McKell	129
Clark	123	McTiernan	133
Cleary	133	Molesworth	133
Connell	129	Murphy	132
Davidson	133	Murray	123
Davies	108	Mutch	111
Doe	120	Nesbitt	107
Dooley	110	Oakes	104
Doyle	128	O'Brien	112
Drummond	102	O'Halloran	131
Dwyer	123	O'Hearne	113
Ely	138	Onslow	112
Estell	128	Perdriau	108
Fitzgerald	119	Price	119
Fitzpatrick	121	Quirk	130
Flannery	124	Reid	100
Gosling	123	Rutledge	116
Greig	133	Swiney	109
Henley	124	Walker	102
Hickey	124	Wilson	111
Hill	140	Wright	134
Hoskins	128		

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That the New South Wales Alliance would have conceived the idea of seeking to draw young business women together to unite in an effort of social service to their own city and State, evidences an insight that will surely touch a responsive chord in the heart and mind of those who participated in the hospitality extended to them, and listened attentively to the practical and instructive address given later by the President of the Alliance, the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond.

The business woman of to-day has gone far beyond the possibilities offered to her ten or fifteen years ago. Then she was tolerated where prejudice admitted her; to-day she is sought and valued.

Consequently, the present opportunity for her work in the social aspect of business life has opened a field of possibilities which, under wise education and direction can culture and bring to fruition a harvest of social benefits that will justify the effort made by the Alliance to draw them into line in the biggest movement operating for the preservation and well-being of men and women—the abolition of the drink traffic.

There is no room for the inebriate in modern business. There is not room or need in any part of commerce or industry except for sobriety and morality.

There is no room in the home for the selfishness of personal indulgence and appetite; too often has the liquor come before the value of life and love.

None know this better than women; home women, business women.

These lines are particularly addressed to young business women who have, in some undefined way, felt the urging forward to practical social work, but who have lacked through many causes, such as home ties and obligation, shrinking from the breaking down of long-established customs, slow personal development and temperamental qualities—the cultivation of self-expression, or the direction of effort.

At last night's meeting (Thursday, February 9, 1922) was born an association for women for social service, which is big enough in its aspirations and will grow big enough in its work to find a place in its ranks for every woman in New South Wales or Australia who cares enough about her country and her people to serve them.

You are diffident about what you can do? So are we, but we are going to find the answer to that, and then work it out.

You are nervous about your ability and scared if anybody asks you to speak.

You have never been more nervous than

most other women who have never had any practice.

The writer knows a woman who can talk for an hour without a stop, except for breath, when she knows her work. But take her away from the familiar circle and her heart thumps double time an hour before she gets up to speak, and threatens to shift its position altogether every alternate thump.

So we believe we need practice, and we will just practice on each other as an association of ordinary women who want to serve as they can.

We will learn to think more clearly and to say with conviction the things we know we ought to say, and so encourage each other to do them. Then we will by degrees lose our self-consciousness in the bigger feeling of caring for the consciousness of others.

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CHANGE THE ATMOSPHERE.

Last Sunday night I had the pleasure of listening to a thought-provoking sermon. The preacher took the Golden Rule for his text, and suggested that to solve our social questions we should aim to change the atmosphere of our public life. Why, asked the preacher, did the huge prehistoric monsters die? Were they killed by weapons made by man? No, they died because of a climatic change. Thus was slavery and duelling abolished—an atmosphere was created wherein they could not live. In the fight we are engaged in our objective is to change the atmosphere to such an extent that the drink traffic will die. To do this we must send to Parliament men who, serving the public from the highest possible standard, will create in Parliament an atmosphere wherein all the soul-destroying intrigue, compromise, and bargaining of the past will die.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Dr. C. J. Fallon, the leader of the Democratic Party, has, according to the Sydney "Daily Mail," been careful to give the public a clear understanding of the attitude of the party he represents on the question of Prohibition. The paper mentioned states that the Democratic Party considers Prohibition clumsy and not the proper method of reforming the drink traffic, and is out to fight against the efforts being made to eliminate the traffic. Although we regret the decision of the Democratic Party, we must admit that such a pronouncement is far more satisfactory than the shuffling of so many politicians on the question. But that such a statement should come from a highly qualified medical man is surely evidence that politics interferes with a man's normal vision. Anyway, Dr. Fallon has called for battle, and he and his party will get it all right. Already I see the political battlefield covered with the political dead bodies of scores of those who are so eager to serve us, and among these I shall look for the Democratic Party, leader and all, after the numbers go up.

THE VOICE OF SANE LABOR.

M. J. Boyland, M.L.A. for Kalgoorlie, W.A., speaks. In a recent statement Mr. Boyland said:

"The high ideals of Labor will be consummated when sobriety is practised by Labor. I thoroughly believe in that. When we look around the community and at the homes of the people in the higher social scale, who are able to live on a better standard than the workers, we do not find a hotel near their doors, but when we go amongst the workers we find a hotel in nearly every street. Why is this so? To drag them down and keep

them down, and get revenue from them; and as a worker, who has lived amongst workers, I most strongly object to this kind of thing."

We suggest that the Labor members of Sydney have a stroll around some of the streets wherein their voters live, and see how near Mr. Boyland is to the truth.

J. G. D. ARKINS, M.L.A.

Mr. J. G. D. Arkins writes:

"I stand for a Referendum for Prohibition. I regret that my country did not lead the world in this great reform—that we do not stand where America now stands—where all civilised countries MUST surely stand."

No quibble about that; and we are confident that a straightforward attitude such as this will mean votes for Mr. Arkins.

B. J. DOE, M.L.A.

Mr. B. J. Doe writes:

"Being associated with those who gave the right to the people to determine for themselves whether they shall or shall not have Prohibition, which right has been rudely wrested from them, I stand for the restoration of that democratic principle."

A close scrutiny of Mr. Doe's temperance history will reveal the fact that on the question of Prohibition he is as sound as a bell.

C. H. MURPHY, M.L.A.

Mr. C. H. Murphy writes in full as follows:

"As you are aware, the Labor Party decides such matters in Caucus, and members are bound by the decision of the majority, and to ask me to express an opinion in regard to any question which has not been submitted to Caucus is unfair. My reply to you for publication is that the Labor Party's platform believes in the adoption of the

initiative, referendum and recall on all public questions, and I am given to understand that it is the intention of the Government to introduce legislation to give effect to that policy. My support will be accorded to the Government in any course it sees fit to adopt."

We believe that, on second thoughts, Mr. Murphy will revise that last sentence. We cannot believe that Mr. Murphy means that he will support the Government in any action that may be taken on the liquor question. We commend the statement of Mr. M. J. Boyland, M.L.A.

GEO. NESBITT, M.L.A.

Mr. George Nesbitt writes:

"I have not altered my opinion on the question of an immediate referendum on the question of Prohibition, to be decided by a bare majority. I still hold to the view that such a referendum should be taken in conformity with the law as it now stands on the Statute Book of this State."

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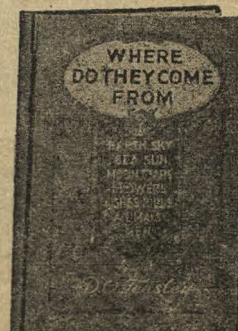
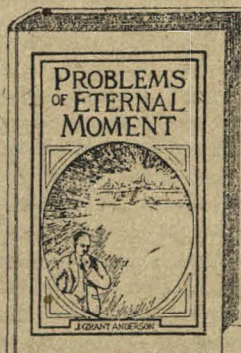
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A Personal Chat with my readers

GET INTO THE BIG FIGHT.

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Surely there is here some big fighting for men of high civic ideals in the near future.

And it takes men of brains—men of education and practical experience—to face this new type of bandits, of organised, systematised, efficient robbery.

To prepare to fight that sort of thing, should be a privilege and a challenge to young men of high civic ideals, these days, for there is bound to be much good fighting ahead.

I have been in many a fight, and yet I hate fighting. When the fight is real, one thing is certain, even the victor will have suffered; but then he will find his compensation in the worth-whileness of the result.

DO IT NOW.

There is an English church where a box hangs in the porch. It is used for communications for the pastor. Cranks put their notes in it, but occasionally it does fulfil its purpose. Recently the minister preached, by request, a sermon on "Recognition of Friends in Heaven," and during the week the following note was found in the box:—"Dear sir, I should be much obliged if you could make it convenient to preach to your congregation on 'The Recognition of Friends on Earth,' as I have been coming to your church for nearly six months, and nobody has taken any notice of me yet." What have you ever done to make strangers welcome in your church?"

It is not what you put in the offertory, and not only the soul you put in your prayers, or the heart you put in your praise, but also the hand you put out to the stranger, that makes your church Christian, and fills it with the fragrance of friendliness.

Lately there has been a costly **MEDICINE.** and determined effort in U.S.A. to declare beer a medicine.

An American paper says:—

"Beer as medicine" was really not seriously intended for the relief of sick people, but as a stimulant to revive dying breweries.

It must be that the members of Congress who refused to authorise beer as a medicine for the weak breweries know that the use of alcohol as a stimulant is rapidly declining among the medical profession!

Those who object to the "lawyers in Congress usurping the right to speak in therapeutic matters" should remember that "beer as a medicine was prescribed in the first place not by the Surgeon-General, but by the Attorney-General.

The reputable medical profession has prescribed "bler" for the sick breweries—and they must take their medicine!

The Rev. B. C. Clausen, **THE SECRET** preaching in U.S.A. after **OF SUCCESS.** the arrival of Marshal Foch said:

One of the simple principles enunciated by Marshal Foch is:

"You cannot lose until you have quit fighting. You may lose trenches or cities or divisions, but you have not lost the battle till you have lost heart and stopped. That army will win which is fighting fifteen seconds after its opponents have stopped."

"When being pushed back, attack. My right is retreating, my left is falling back; by centre is overwhelmed. The situation is excellent. I shall attack."

What shall we do who carry the fray
For civilisation on to-day
The war of the angels for goodly right
Against the power of brutish might.
When patience and courage are wearing thin,
And endurance is almost driven in,
And the angels wait in a listening hush
Then remember the Marne and Ferdinand Foch.

The great Marshal found in Germany a foe wonderfully like the Liquor forces. Organised, brutalised, unhampered by any rules of warfare, we see in the Liquor fight as we saw in the world fight against Germany, an undertaking to shrink from if the consequences of such shrinking were not so terrible. Many of us are afraid to go on, but we dare not give up—and you hardly guess how we listen for the sound of promised help, and now our hearts ache for daring souls to stand with us in this hour of the fight.

"Pussyfoot" Johnston writes:
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arose and, leaning against the mantle of the fireplace, said a few things out of the bottom of his heart. As near as I can recall, he closed with these words:

"I don't know how you fellows feel about this business, but as for me, this is my mind; if the question of Prohibition ever comes to a distinct issue in England, I am going to work and vote dry and help abolish the whole business, my glass along with the others."

To my astonishment, nearly all of the fellows around the fireplace responded heartily, "here! here!"

It was most impressive. Here were 25 young men of high culture, who enjoyed the good things of life, who gladly gave their eyesight for their country, and who were equally willing to give up their glass for the common good.

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"AND THE ONLOOKERS? THEY MERELY SMILED!"

(By MARGARET HOLLIDAY, for "Grit.")

The scenes were staged openly and unashamedly in one of Sydney's main arteries last Saturday afternoon, and all with cinema expedition in the space of one hour!

Surely they plumbed to the lowest the depths of ignominy and shame. Surely it were well-nigh impossible to weave into words all the details of the awful spectacles on which the last warm rays of the sun seemed to linger ere it closed its day's vigil.

Erratically a motor car sped along, laden with its human freight of apparently irreparable moral wreckage. Four men, young

compatriot in that neighborhood, strong in the rights of citizenship, would arise in their justifiable indignation and insist that a repetition of such an outrageous scandal should never again be tolerated in their midst.

But the majority of the onlookers? They merely smiled!

The glory of the afternoon still lingered though the hour was six, and in accordance with the referendum vote the doors of the liquor shop were closed for that day.



HIS MASTER'S VICE.

enough in point of years for the boy to be still in evidence in the man, yet now with facial engravings of passions heated hot and fired with unholy desire, had as their boon companions two women who had thrown away their last vestige of respectability.

In all their blighted womanhood they sat there with arms thrown round the necks of the men nearest, while on their laps lay the devil's strong and law-protected weapon—several bottles of liquor!

Surely it was a scene to make the angels weep and to oppress the great God heart with anguish! Surely mothers with hurrying fear could gather innocent children from playing on the streets and pavement, and would close doors and windows to shut out such a spectacle! Surely fathers with a sense of inexpressible dismay would warn their sons of the awful consequences which must follow such an orgy. Surely it all called for decisive action, and swift condemnation, and drastic effort. Surely every citizen, every

On the pavement, as though loth to leave the environment, stood three young men—lads rather—and three girl companions. That they had frequented the bar was only too apparent! It was plainly etched on flushed face and in glazed eye and excessive loquacity. The scale of sensations was being experienced in noisy laughter that belied the word, familiar sparring verging on rough byplay, silly hilarity, and an utter disregard of their condition. With a "who cares, anyhow," they continued to attract attention.

The dress of one of the girls had become somewhat disarranged in the interchange of unbecoming scuffling, but her dulled senses quite refused to recognise such an offence against decency.

As the crowded tram pulled up at its usual stopping place she became seized of the dominant idea of boarding it, and, with unsteady legs, she essayed the venture. Her effort was futile, and she was left in the

street to voice her chagrin and hush other sounds in a torrent of vile language and impotent gestures, while her companions shouted and laughed at her discomfiture till distance drowned the sound and pulled the curtains down on the sad spectacle.

Six and six make twelve! Twelve young people with illusions already destroyed and whose years the locusts were already eating. Twelve young people in all the heritage of their youth who should be such an asset to the community. Twelve young people discrowning the King of Glory and crowning King Alcohol. "What buds to blossom, what flowers to fruit!" Surely those who witnessed such a scene would realise the awful significance of it all, would be alive to the bitter aftermath of it. Surely the prayer, "O God, grant us Prohibition," would arise unbidden and in a very agony of earnestness from all hearts. But the evening papers were still keenly perused, the sporting sheet still carefully read, the needles still plied cunningly in and out of the fancy-work.

For the majority of the civilised onlookers? They merely smiled!

Unable to maintain an upright position, the girl leant ungracefully against the verandah post of the liquor shop. Not yet on her face were written the fell signs of debauchery. She looked pitifully young and innocent to be in such a condition of inebriety. And yet the poison was surely doing its deadly work in brain and muscle, and rendering the girl too bewildered and confused for clear thinking. Her fevered senses failed to comprehend the awful danger surrounding her.

For a woman, untrue to every instinct of her sex, stood by the girl, and with merciless persistence endeavored to persuade her to enter a motor car beside which a flashily-dressed young man waited impatiently.

At length he crossed over and added the weight of his arguments and pleadings to those of the woman, till the girl, her own folly, her shackles, her limpness of will, her insecurity, the law of the land her undoing, ceased to wrestle with a temptation but half understood, and allowed herself to be guided to the car, and was soon driven rapidly citywards, and God knows to what! Let the Gun Alley tragedy indicate. Six, twelve, thirteen, fourteen young men and women making burdens for others to help bear, obeying the behest of the devil for others to help shoulder the consequences, inflicting scars that defy the healing power of time, outfooting death while the "licensed to sell" shops ply their awful trade.

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THE AUSTRALIAN PROHIBITION COUNCIL

In 1917 the Australian Alliance Prohibition Council was brought into existence, the Hon. S. Mauger being the first President. This Council did notable work during the war in creating and fostering a sentiment for war-time Prohibition. It has done splendid work in co-ordinating the States and consolidating the Prohibition forces in the States. Since 1918 the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond has been President.

Mr. Vale has rendered really valuable service in compiling annually an Australian handbook, the fifth of which is just to hand.

Since Mr. Hammond's return from U.S.A. in 1917 he has visited every State in the Commonwealth and in a voluntary capacity has raised over £30,000 for the Prohibition cause. The forces in Victoria have been welded into a splendid unit for Prohibition, very largely as the result of his determination and persistence. The forces in Queensland, thanks very largely to Mr. Arthur Toombes, have also become a wonderfully well organised unit for Prohibition.

The President's visits to Tasmania have resulted in a powerful organisation that unites the forces against alcohol in that island.

West Australia is now the only part of the Commonwealth where the forces are in any way divided, and the Council are using all their best endeavors to overcome the difficulties there.

The name has since been changed from the Australian Alliance Prohibition Council to the Australian Prohibition Council.

The annual meeting will be held in Melbourne in April, and a quarterly Executive meeting is held in this same favored city.

While these meetings involve considerable expense and travel, they are becoming more and more resultful. The last Executive was held on January 31, there being present Rev. R. B. S. Hammond (in the chair), Col. T. H. Smeaton, Messrs. C. M. Gordon, M.A., B.D., H. M. Hawkins and A. Toombes, Rev. G. Tregear (proxy for Mr. J. Mather), Rev. C. Bernard Crockett, M.A. (proxy for the Hon. J. W. Cheek, M.L.C.), the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. H. R. Francis), and the Hon. Secretary (Hon. Samuel Mauger).

ORGANISER FOR AUSTRALIA.

After the matter had been fully debated, the following resolution, proposed by the Rev. G. Tregear, and seconded by Mr. H. M. Hawkins, was unanimously adopted:

"That this Executive is strongly of the opinion that the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond would be the ideal man for Federal Director. That, as his engagements would prevent his accepting such office, at any rate during the ensuing year the following Committee, namely, the President, Col. T. H. Smeaton, and the Hon. Secretary, be, and hereby are, appointed, with power to place a Federal Officer to a temporary appointment for Federal propaganda, or for any other pressing purpose."

Mr. Toombes reported the possibility of securing the services for three months of

Dr. Poling, of New York. Mr. Toombes was added to the Committee, an effort to be made to secure the doctor's services.

FEDERAL NEWSPAPER.

At the evening session, Mr. E. Greenwood, M.L.A., being present, it was resolved, on his motion (after full discussion it being felt that a Federal newspaper could not be started at present): "That each State paper be requested to give, say, a page if possible to Federal and Interstate news; that the Hon. Secretary be instructed to collect as much information as possible from the various States, and supply it to the said newspapers, and that, by way of a start, each State Prohibition paper be requested to give a full report of the present Executive meeting." This was seconded by Mr. Francis, and unanimously adopted.

FEDERAL ORGANISER FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Correspondence bearing on the position and needs of Western Australia, addressed to the President and the Rev. G. Tregear, was read to the meeting. The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer were instructed to reply in reference to the statement as to finances contained in the letter to the President. It was also resolved, on the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. Toombes: "That this Executive is strongly of the opinion that every effort should be made to bring Western Australia into line with the rest of the Commonwealth in unity and organisation; that it rejoices to learn of the effort being made to secure unity, and affirms that it would be pleased to heartily co-operate through its President, or in any other way, to make the Western Australian organisation united and successful; and, further, that the President be requested to communicate with Western Australia on the lines suggested by him, and that the question of his visit to that State be left to his judgment and convenience."

OFFICERS AND COUNCIL MEETING.

It was unanimously resolved that the Conference of Officers of State Organisations should be convened for Tuesday, April 18, at 10 a.m., the Council meeting to be called for Wednesday, April 19, at 2 p.m. This on the motion of Messrs. H. M. Hawkins and A. Toombes; Mr. Toombes kindly undertaking to prepare the agenda and forward it to the Secretary. It was further resolved that on Thursday, April 20, a breakfast should be tendered to representative temperance people for educational and inspirational purposes. The Rev. R. B. S. Hammond to preside and have charge of the sentiment, "Success to Prohibition," and that Mr. H. M. Hawkins should propose "Unity of Action for Australia," and the Hon. Secretary "The Triumph of Social Service." Prominent Interstate representatives in Church and State are to be invited to respond. Details of the arrangements were left in the hands of Mr. C. M. Gordon, M.A., B.D., the Hon. Treasurer, and the Hon. Secretary.

And The Onlookers—

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Fourteen last Saturday afternoon! Not fourteen, but who can compute the number? What chartered accountant can correctly estimate the number of girls and boys who fell into the abyss of sin because the sale of such poison is legalised?

Surely these facts will sting cold, hard indifference into a stern determination that such scenes, which shake the very foundation of our Empire, and destroy its soul, its sap, its song, shall no longer be tolerated in our midst. Surely it would nerve all to fight the awful wrong to the very death, and make Right imperial!

But the majority of the civilised Christian onlookers and readers? Will they merely smile? * * *

It is rumored the hours for plying this diabolical traffic are to be extended from nine till nine! Are we going to allow this rearguard action, this flouting of the public will? Surely it is unthinkable. Are we not rather going to smite this evil, hip and thigh, and wipe away for ever this blot upon the nation's life so that the troubled heart of the world may yet grow light again?

If Christ is still the Master of men, if God is still the great Father, if parenthood is a hallowed crown of glory, and love a sacrament, if humanity is still worth redeeming, then surely in the coming election we shall send to Macquarie-street as our law makers men who will make the "earth cleaner and bring heaven nearer."

Then "no more shall Might, though leagued with all the forces of the night, ride over Right, and no more shall Wrong the world's gross agonies prolong."

Dare we refuse to put forth every effort in the coming fight? If so we are verily guilty before God. But rather do we say we will range ourselves on the side of right, and at sacrificial cost we will hope and do and dare for God and love and liberty to save a world's morality and conquer in His name.

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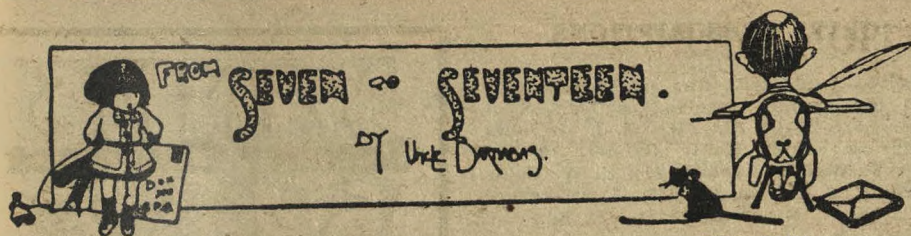
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TO OUR BOY.

You're leaving the home of your youth, my boy,

The journey of life to begin,
To conquer alone in a strife, my boy,
With foes without and within.
The world and its pleasures, its glitter and show,

May tempt you from duty to roam,
But always remember wherever you go,
For you we are praying at home.

There's many a gilded saloon, my boy,
And many a siren song
To lure you away from the right, my boy,
As you journey life's path along.
And oft will the tempter around you throw
A snare as the world you roam,
But wherever you go you may always know,
For you we are praying at home.

Oh, never forget that the way, my boy,
To honor is narrow and straight,
And though it may often seem hard, my boy,

It leads to the beautiful gate.
Then follow it well, for our tears would flow
If ere from its bounds you should roam,
And always remember, wherever you go,
For you we are praying at home.

MOTHER.

UNCLE B.'S POOR.

In December we had 937 at the Court for drunkenness, and in January 813. During those two months we gave a meal to 2195. No less than 387 had a free shave, 460 cleaned their boots, 181 mended their clothes, and 141 mended their boots.

Much else was done for these unfortunates, and I thank God for the help received from my friends which made even this little possible.

I am very grateful for the following donations:

A. W. Taylor, 20/-; Mrs. Petterson, 20/-; Mr. Quayle, 10/-; R.L.S., 21/-; Miss Moor, 20/-; Communist, 10/-; For Aged and Sick, £3; A. Dash, 8/-; E. J. Bignold, 10/-; H. C. Blaxland, 10/-; Miss Eva Cato, 8/6; M.D.A., 1/-; Miss McKern, £2/10/-; Mrs. J. Vickery, 20/-.

Again my best thanks.

UNCLE B.

Ruth Davies, Section-street, Mayfield, writes:

Dear Uncle B.,—I wrote to you some time ago, but I have not seen my letter in "Grit" yet, so I suppose you did not receive it.

The ocean is real rough. We are going in to see it this afternoon, so I will finish this letter when I come home again. It was lovely. The baths are covered, and when the waves broke over them the spray rose so high. There was a heavy mist over the ocean, but as far out as we could see the waves were tipped with white. We were driven home by the rain at last.

In my sister's office they have a little ginger kitten. It strayed in during the rain. It spends the day in the waste paper basket, and is fed on condensed milk and scraps from their lunches.

Father and mother gave me a lovely pearl watch for Christmas.

On New Year's Eve we stayed up to see the New Year in. We went down in the yard to watch for rockets, and although whistles blew no rockets put in an appearance. We have two little canaries. We had three, but one got drowned in the bath. There are six more eggs in the nest. On Thursday night we had a social at the church. We had a very nice time. The programme was impromptu, and we chose our own games. We have a good crop of plums on this year, and they are almost ripe. Our other fruit is not very good. Last new year our fruit trees were robbed, but they have not been yet. I hope the coming year will be happy and prosperous for you.—Your loving Ni.

(Dear Ruth,—I am so very pleased that you wrote again in spite of your other letter not having appeared in "Grit." So many would have said, "What's the good?" I am glad you did not. Your letter is very interesting. I think that kitten is pretty lucky. I hope in gratitude it keeps the rats away.—Uncle B.)

Gwynneth Rushworth, Dural-road, Hornsby, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I know I am on the scallywag list for I have not written for a year. Will you please forgive me, for I do not have time when I come home from school? I got 85 marks out of 100 in the Sunday school exam. In school I came second for the prize in arithmetic and third in English. I passed in all my exams. last year. I got a great many lovely things for Christmas. My two brothers gave me a pair of bantams. I got a beautiful big calendar, two boxes of party notepaper, a tea set, eight handkerchiefs, a book, and many other things. I will close now, hoping that you and all my

"Grit" cousins had a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

(Dear Gwynneth,—I am so glad that you have written at last. I know that there is much to do and that time slips by quickly, but every once in a while a letter is possible, and it pleases so many of us—so we hope you will write at least twice this year.—Uncle B.)

A NEW NI.

Winnie Noble, "Claremont," Newrybar, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—Will you enrol me as one of your already large family of Ni's? I hope you will. I have often wanted to write to you, but something has always come along to prevent me. I am eleven years old, and went for my Q.C. examination this year. The results have not been published yet, so I do not know if I was successful. I have two brothers and three sisters. I am the eldest girl, and my brother Edgar is the eldest boy. He is older than I by two years. I have never seen any letters written by my friends in "Grit," so don't suppose they have joined, but I will try to get them to.

(Dear Winnie,—Very glad to have you as a Ni, and hope you will interest your friends in page eleven. Will you tell us what Newrybar means, and what is the best thing about it?—Uncle B.)

OUR CLOTHES PROP NI.

Peggy McNeice, "Randalstown," Giddeng's Avenue, Cronulla, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.—It is November since I wrote, but I have been on a holiday. I have been with Auntie to Carrathool, Whitton, Leeton, Yanco, Grong Grong, Matong, and Coolamon. Auntie is the trained nurse employed by the Department of Education to go with the dentists to Public Schools. I am sending a couple of photos of myself. I forgot all about them. Auntie will take a good photo of me, so you can see me properly. That letter was very long, and interesting that that girl wrote in this week's "Grit." I wish I could write such good and long letters as hers. They are so interesting to read. Well, mother is better, and can get about a bit. She cannot do any work or go out at all yet. When I came out of the hospital I was like a clothes prop, and had to be carried about nearly everywhere. I had scarlet fever, mumps, and diphtheria. I have been in the surf and baths a good many times since I have been home.

(Dear Peggy.—We all hope you are no longer like a clothes prop or a piece of string. Go to bed early, for rest is as essential as food, and you will soon be "mudfat." I do not know why we use that expression, do you?—Uncle B.)

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A MILD HINT.

Maud: "Have you offered Tom any encouragement?"

Edith: "Oh, yes. When he asked me what my favorite flower was, I said: 'Brown's for astry, and Smith's for bread.'"

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IF SHE ONLY KNEW.

"I looked at a pretty girl yesterday, and just as I did so the muscles of her face began to twitch, her eyes closed, and her lower jaw gave a spasmodic twist that made cold chills run up and down my spine." Good heavens! Paralysis?" "No. She was chewing gum."

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SHE COULD USE HIM.

"Rastus," said the judge sternly, "you're plain no-account and shiftless, and for this right I'm going to send you away for a year to hard labor."

"Please, Judge," interrupted Mrs. Rastus from the rear of the court room, "will yo' Honah jes' kinder split dat sentence? Don't send him away from home, but let dat hard labor stand."

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HER MISFORTUNE.

A vicar of a scattered rural parish had a remarkable knowledge of fungi. So keen was he on his hobby that he sometimes neglected his pastoral work to search for specimens. One day he stopped to see a bedridden old lady, who immediately reminded him how long it was since he had made his last call. "If I had been a toadstool," she declared, "you'd have been to see me long ago!"

SURE SIGN.

Moke: "Does yuh really love me or does yuh jes' think yuh do?"

Moka: "Yas, indeedy, Honey, I really loves yuh; I ain't done any thinkin' yet."

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SELF-MADE MEN AND WOMEN.

Loud sings the world in lusty lays—
And ever has since time began
In one continuous burst of praise—
In honor of the self-made man!

Now isn't it profoundly queer
How meager are the honors paid,
When it becomes unduly clear
That lovely woman is self-made?

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HE MIGHT HAVE KNOWN IT.

"On my last voyage," a young sailor remarked: "I saw waves forty feet high."

"Get out!" cried an old sailor. "I was at sea for fifty years, and I never saw them that high."

"Well," the young sailor retorted, "things are higher now than they used to be."

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A FATAL CONDITION.

A newly-erected pillar post-box drew the attention of two farm laborers. They began to discuss what it was. Ned said: "I think it belongs to the Salvation Army, because it's painted red." "Nay," said Dick, "it can't be that; it says, 'No collection on Sundays.'"

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TOO SHORT NOTICE.

Sammy's father met him just as he was trying to steal unnoticed into the house after a harrowing experience with a mud puddle. "Well, sir," he inquired grimly, "where have you been?"

"I—I fell in a mudhole."

"What!—And with your new trousers on!"

"Yes, sir; I didn't have time to take 'em off."

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"The Sabbath was made for Man, and not Man for the Sabbath."

These are Christ's own words. It was instituted for man's benefit, that in it he might have more intimate communion with his Maker, might have time to think of the eternal world. Although it was made for man, it is rightly called the Lord's Day; for it is the day which He has specially set apart for man to worship Him. For this purpose Houses of prayer or Sanctuaries have been built.

But if the Sabbath is for rest, why may we not have recreation, which is the same thing? say some. Is it the same thing? After that day's outing, is the body any more rested, much less the soul benefited? Ah, how many forget the soul altogether, or only give it a secondary consideration. They forget the One who said: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." In His Sanctuary He is to be found; there He will meet with us, and give rest in His appointed way.

"Rest, dear soul, He longs to give thee.
Thou hast only dreamed of pleasure,
Dreamed of jewels in thy keeping,
Waked to weariness and weeping.
Open to thy soul's one Lover,
And thy night of dreams is over.
The true gifts He brings have seeming
More than all thy faded dreaming.

"If ye love Me, keep My Commandments."

MONDAY.

"If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.—Isa. 1-19.

The two things which God requires of us are willingness and obedience. The will without the deed is useless, and leads one to follow the example of one who said: "I go, sir, and went not;" while an unwilling obedience is slavery. But when there is both the will AND the deed, then is this promise fulfilled in our experience.—"Ye shall eat the good of the land."

God's love is the essence of His will. It is always for the best interests of man. "NO good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." "Make you His service your delight. He'll make your wants His care"; has been proved over and over again. "Godliness is profitable to all things having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." How many have proved the truth of this? When man's will works with God's will, harmony and happiness follow. "They that seek the Lord shall not want ANY good thing." "Seek ye FIRST the kingdom of God, and all things shall be added unto you. Put these other things first, and those things will be taken from you, which you seem to have." "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." When we can say: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent

me, and to finish His work," then can we truly say: "The Lord is my Shepherd; I SHALL NOT WANT."

TUESDAY.

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in Me."—John, 15-4.

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ABIDE IN ME.

Thus only canst thou live. How canst thou grow
While severed from the Vine? No life hast thou
Without Me, for from Me the sap must flow,
Which feeds that life. Dead, dry, and worthless now
Art thou? Then stretch thine arms and twine them around
The Living Vine. Raise thyself from the ground,
And closely cling to Me. Let no alarms
Sunder thee from thy prop. Let no false vine
Allure thee from the true. In My strong arms
Thou shalt be safe. Fed by this life of Mine
Thy life shall be renewed, and all will see
The wondrous change which I have wrought in thee.
No longer dry and worthless on the ground
A branch fit for the fire wilt thou be found,
But living, flourishing beneath the Sun
Of Righteousness, watered by dews of heaven,
The life in Me and by Me thus begun,
Shall spread until the life above is given.
And when My Father to His vines shall come,
Seeking for fruit thereon, e'en thou shalt be
O'er laden, and grand shall be the Jubilee
As thou art carried to His Harvest Home.

WEDNESDAY.

"Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you."

Love is kind. Ever seeking by deeds and words to show some of the affection with which the heart is overflowing. Yet many are starving for lack of kindness. There are many who feel more love than they show. Some perversity of spirit, some opposing force, perhaps the fear of being repulsed, represses the kindly feeling, and makes them exhibit a cold exterior, when all the time the heart is warm within. Others again have a knack of saying unkind things, not intentionally perhaps, but for want of tact or thoughtfulness for the feelings of others. They are continually treading on people's corns, and wounding their friends. We need the heart of Jesus true sympathy to show to those we meet with daily in all their joy and woe. If only the mind which was in Christ, was also in us, we should be "kind, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven us.

THURSDAY.

"Bear we one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

There is a craving in each human heart
For sympathy and loving brotherhood,
And yet we stand in life so far apart,
Each other's motives oft misunderstood.
Beneath each cold exterior there lies
A human heart just waiting to respond
To the warm touch of love; had we but eyes
To see what lies beneath the surface, and beyond
Our sight. Alone within each spirit dwells
Calling to other hearts to share its cells.
We meet perchance in life, and scarcely touch
The hearts which yearn in vain for sympathy.
Alas! we are self-centred overmuch.
Oh, could we from ourselves but once get free
And let the love expand, now so repressed,
We should in blessing others much be blessed.

FRIDAY.

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."—Luke, 18, 10.

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How necessary is the ingredient of trustworthiness in every character. Indeed one can hardly be said to possess a character at all without it. How often we hear the exclamation, "Oh, don't ask her, she is not to be depended on." Sad indeed is the lot of those who have to do with such people. They are constantly giving unnecessary trouble to their friends. An engagement is made, perhaps at great inconvenience to their associates, and they fail to put in an appearance, without even sending an apology. Long after when reminded of it, they say, "Oh yes, something or other prevented, but I did not think it of much consequence." Now, if such persons realised the selfishness of their conduct they would surely act differently. It is such trifles as these which make up the sum of human life, such trifles which form our character, and others' estimate of it, and such trifles which go a long way to make or mar the happiness of life. Such a character must lose the esteem of friends for where one cannot trust one cannot love. He that is faithful in the smallest and most trivial engagement is always a trustworthy person.

"Evil is wrought by want of thought,
As well as want of heart."

Yes, but want of thought IS want of heart, and nothing but another name for selfishness.

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New South Wales Alliance—

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ARE YOU ILLITERATE?

Can you write a letter? Of course. Well, please write and let us know what you know about the Temperance and Prohibition history of all the candidates for Parliament in your electorates—Labor, Nationalist, Progressive and Independent. We depend a great deal on you. Let us know what you know!

Later on we'll make known to all the pledged people—and others—the attitude of all candidates to the question of a Referendum.

It's our right! We must have it!

ALLIANCE HOTEL.

The application for removal of publican's license from the Empire Hotel in Hunter-street to the Alliance Hotels in Castlereagh-street was, after five days' hearing, granted by the Metropolitan Bench.

An appeal will be lodged, as the objectors are not satisfied that the decision was according to evidence.

YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE HOPE OF NEWCASTLE.

A goodly number of children, chiefly from the Temperance Lodges, marched from Shortland Park to the C.M.M. Hall on Saturday afternoon, February 11. Then the fun began! A great big crowd of kiddies started singing the New Day choruses. They all knew such tunes as "Abe," "Tipperary," and "Katey." And didn't they enjoy singing temperance words to these tunes. A fine programme of recitations, piano and vocal items helped to raise the enthusiasm. One of the most appreciated items was the unrehearsed chorus by the Glee Party. If you want further information about Newcastle's glee singers ask Rev. Willings and Mr. D. Watson. They know all about it! The recital of "New Day" nursery rhymes by Mr. A. Fisher revealed a wonderful knowledge of rhymes on the part of the children, and as they listened to the "New Day" versions they soon learnt that Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill, Old Mother Hubbard, and the whole family of Mother Goose have a wonderful story to tell about the value of Temperance and Prohibition. If we older folk fail, then Newcastle's Young People will help to bring in Prohibition just as soon as they get a vote. Cheerio for the lads and lassies!

Y.P. DEMONSTRATIONS.

We are planning a series of suburban demonstrations from March to May. Here are the first fixtures—

Monday, March 27: Leichhardt Town Hall.

Tuesday, March 28: Mosman Town Hall.

Wednesday, March 29: Kogarah (Brett's Hall).

Tuesday, April 4: Sydney City Mission Hall.

Friends in each locality are urged to rally to the nearest one. Then, remember the march and demonstration, Saturday afternoon, May 13, in the Sydney Town Hall.

OUR GREAT PROCESSION, MAY 13.

Many of our friends will doubtless plan to join this march to the Sydney Town Hall. We shall therefore periodically give hints and suggestions for displays. Sunday Schools, Lodges, Y's and L.T.L., C.E., and other Societies can enter displays. Plan now to take part.

SUGGESTIONS FOR DISPLAYS ON FOOT.

1. Children dressed as Crusaders, carrying shields and banners with Prohibition mottoes.

2. Lorry representing "Drink Castle," followed by an army of Temperance soldiers.
3. Boy dressed as bottle, labelled "The Great Deceiver," who is led by a rope held by large number of other boys dressed as policemen. Carry a motto, "Lock up the Liquor; not the Man."
4. Children dressed to represent various sports—cricket, tennis, swimming, etc., each carrying a quotation from a champion who was a teetotaler.
5. Boys dressed to represent bottles labelled as various drinks, as beer, wine, whisky, etc., each marked with the percentage of alcohol contained and with the words, "Alcohol is Poison" on each.

Other suggestions will be given later. If you have any ideas, send them in now.

Daily Inspiration—

(Continued from Page 14.)

SATURDAY.

"To do good . . . forget not."—Heb. 13, 16.

Ah, that little word "forget"
Causes many a wild regret.
If we THOUGHT, alas, or knew
What our thoughtlessness could do.
If, like Him who lived below
We could feel another's woe,
Living not for self alone,
So much harm would not be done.
Want of thought IS want of heart;
For, to feel another's smart
We ourselves must first be moved
With the love which Jesus proved.

Thoughtlessness is thus a sin,
For it has its root within.
If we have the heart of One
Who no kindness left undone,
All our words and acts will prove
An o'erflowing heart of love.
We no longer blind shall be
Duties left undone to see;
None will be un comforted
By the words we might have said,
And our thoughtlessness again
Ne'er will give another pain.

U.S.A. ANTI-BEER ACT PASSED.

AND AGAIN THE "ENEMY" FAILS.

Since Prohibition became law in the States the Liquor forces have been used unsparingly in endeavors to discredit the Volstead (Prohibition) Act. Endeavors have also been made to fasten a thousand and one false interpretations upon its clauses. Right along the line the endeavors have been defeated.

"Beer can be used for medicinal purposes!" is the latest cry.

Prohibitionists have immediately crystallised the issue by presenting a bill to Parliament, the Willis-Campbell Anti-Beer Act.

What is the result?

The American Congress passed the Act by 169 votes to 81. The American Senate passed it by 56 votes to 22.

It now goes to the President of U.S.A. for his signature. Once again Liquor money, Liquor force, and Liquor lies are proved futile against the power of Prohibition success.—T.E.S.

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CONFERENCE OF THE REORGANISED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS.

The sixth Annual Conference of the above Church, held at Rozelle during the Christmas season, composed of representatives from the whole of Australia and New Zealand, placed on record the following resolutions on the gambling and liquor evils. The assembly gave a unanimous vote on both resolutions:

Resolved—(1) "That this Conference express its opinion that participation in lotteries, sweeps, art unions, golden casket, totalisator, etc., is gambling and a violation of the spirit of the gospel laws of the Church."

(2) "That we again place on record our opposition to the existing liquor laws and their attendant evils. Being in favor of Prohibition without compensation, we will give all assistance possible to the Prohibition movement and co-operate with the New South Wales Alliance and other Temperance Societies fighting for national Prohibition."

THE "OUTLOOK" ON PROHIBITION.

"We believe that the sober facts show a very remarkable indication on the part of the people at large to respect law and a remarkable improvement in the conditions of crime and disease which, as physicians and scientists have always known, result from the indiscriminate use of alcohol. It is extraordinary how even in the big cities, which might have been expected to rebel with violence against Prohibition, the mass of the population have accepted the new conditions. Open saloons have practically vanished from cities like New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and St. Louis. The alcoholic wards of the city hospitals show a great reduction in both emergency cases and chronic patients suffering from alcoholism and its attending diseases. In the recent terrific hot spell in New York City the heat prostrations were almost nil, whereas in the days of the corner saloon the hospitals kept the ice-pack going day and night for patients overcome by the heat on the street."—"The Outlook."

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