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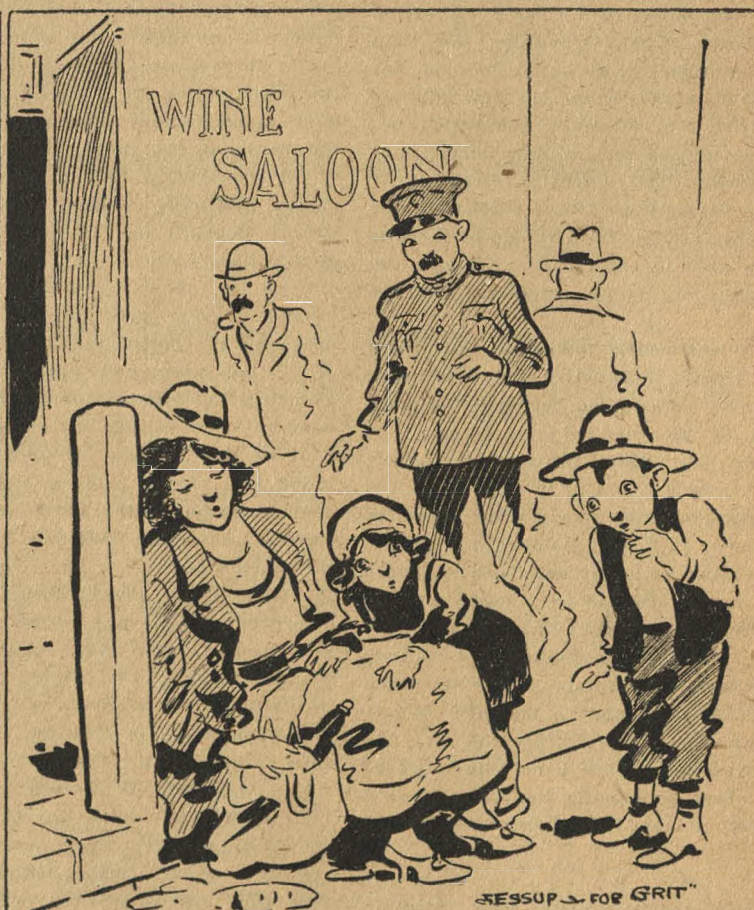
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FRENCH REPOPULATION AND ALCOHOL.

Through their renewed concern for future safety as regards Germany, the French people are again agitated over their falling birth rate. The propaganda of the "National Alliance for the Increase of the French Population" is more active than ever. Through charts, lectures, booklets, handbills, posters, and other forms of publicity it tries to arouse the public to a clearer realisation of the danger, which is nothing less than that of extinction. A race that does not renew itself cannot be saved through military preparedness, and the close connection between repopulation and military strength is fully realised. The statistics prepared by the above association always emphasise the discrepancy between the number of recruits France is able to enrol each year and the large masses Germany could call to the colors.

What is less widely published, but which would be equally instructive and significant, is the close connection between the consumption of alcohol and the decrease of population. In this respect the Anti-Alcoholic League is active in combating distilled liquors, but the strong drink interests are too strong in French public life to permit it to reach the national consciousness. Some political parties seem to be founded directly on the liquor traffic, having big distillers among their chief contributors and leaders. Their platforms and campaign posters make formal pledges to maintain the privileges of the private distillers. During the war the Ribot Government made a definite move to suppress these home stills, but when it came to the test, it lacked the voters and had to desist.

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For years the Socialists, who maintain that it is the big commercial distillers who are behind the move to abolish the private rights, have advocated a government monopoly on alcohol, like the already existing monopoly on tobacco, but they do not command a majority. The representatives of the wine-producing districts, on the other hand, are leagued in special "blocs" to protect their home industries. Thus on March 14 the "Groupe Viticole" of the Senate met to elect a new president to succeed Gaston Doumergue, who had been chosen to preside over the Senate itself. One of the subjects discussed was pressure on the Government to assure the troops occupying parts of Germany a regular supply of French wine. Last fall at the close of the "Wine Week" in

Paris, Premier Poincare addressed the assembled delegates and wished their campaign success.

The intimate correlation between the birth rate and the consumption of alcohol was emphasised in a recent letter to "Le Figaro" by Dr. Jules Bordet, a Nobel Prize winner and director of the Pasteur Institute of Brussels. "As for France," he wrote, "one would render it an inestimable service by inducing it to restrain its production of alcohol. Its consumption of alcohol costs it enormous sums without other results than a deterioration of the race. This is the opinion of all the leading French physicians. Less alcohol and more children. The salvation of France depends on respect for the fundamental idea."

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Though they have not yet realised the necessity of combating alcohol as a means of getting more and better recruits, the French army officers are fully alive to the dangers of the falling birth rate. The President of the National Alliance for Repopulation is a major, Lefebvre Dibon. At a recent luncheon to the Paris newspaper editors he read some startling figures, asking the guests to aid in the propaganda. At the time of the Franco-Prussian War, half a century ago, the populations of France and Germany were about equal. Despite the "disannexation" of Alsace-Lorraine, the population of Germany in October, 1919, was 59,858,284, while in 1921 the French census gave a total of only 39,402,739.

The net gain in French population for 1922 was 70,589, which was 46,434 less than the gain for 1921. "Next year," said Major Dibon, "we risk having 50,000 less births than this year on account of the rapid decrease in the number of marriages during the past three years. The annual excess of births in Germany continues to be more

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than 500,000." It is easy to see where such a discrepancy will lead in a few generations. Two years from now the population of France will begin to decrease.

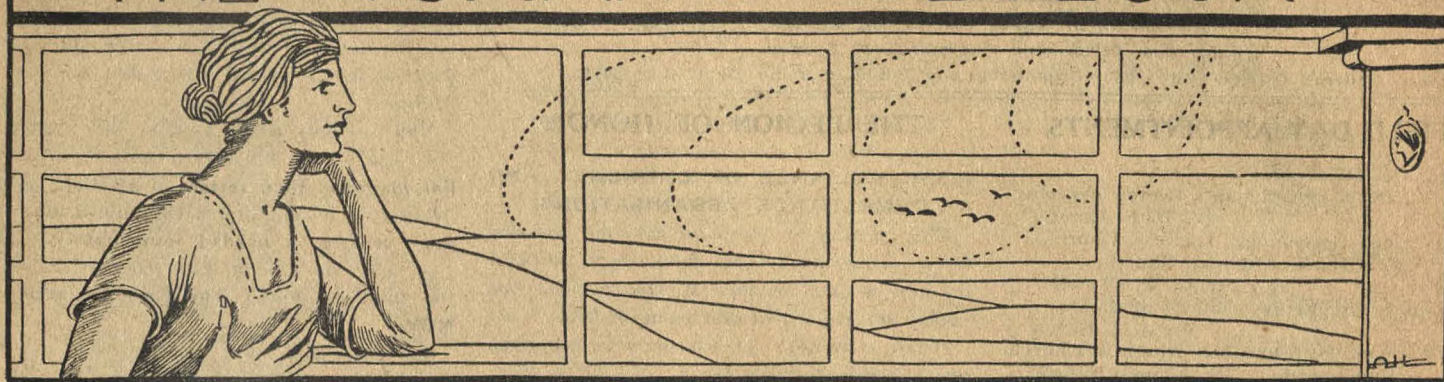
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On account of the lack of labor forces, 250,000 hectares, or over 600,000 acres, are now fallow. Workers are imported from Switzerland, Italy, and Spain, while all Frenchmen must spend a year and a half in the army. Certain sections in Normandy have become Flemish through immigration from northern Belgium. Here the drink evil is practically at its worst. In the villages along the coast nearly every second house seems to have a bar. Not only farm workers, but even school children, drink regularly the native apple brandy, to say nothing of the cider that is found at every meal on every table. The squalor in which the great majority of the French farm population, always the main reliance in every country for repopulation, lives is nothing less than shocking. The infant mortality rate is correspondingly high. Even the most elementary precautions seem to be ignored. French statistics show invariably that in the departments where home distillery is permitted the birth rate curve drops as the liquor consumption curve rises.

The military aspect of the repopulation problem Major Dibon stressed by predicting that while France now has about 250,000 recruits annually, in twenty years after the World War it will have only 140,000. No wonder France is eager to settle its relations with Germany at once.

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THE WOMAN'S OUTLOOK



CONDUCTED BY MISS M. PRESTON-STANLEY. TEA TABLE CONFERENCE.

Twenty-five speakers address themselves directly, forcefully and intelligently to nine questions of national importance in 2½ hours.

The charming rooms of the Feminist Club were beautifully decorated last Saturday when between 200 and 300 women met to confer over the tea cups upon matters of National importance.

The tables were numbered 1 to 9, and on every table a large notice stood setting out the question to be debated.

At table No. 1 sat the Presidents and Secretaries of the associated organisations with Miss Preston Stanley, who organised the function with gavel in hand—controlling operations.

The first question dealt with was the raising of the age of consent. Mrs. Jordan, J.P., led the debate convincingly and well, urging that some definite action be taken by those present to secure the raising of the age of consent to 18 years.

The next question was "That the wine bars of this city are a menace to Australian Girlhood." Mrs. John Fell amply substantiated statements recently made by her at a deputation to the Minister for Justice, and her remarks were most enthusiastically received by all present.

Dr. Mary Roche supported Mrs. Fell, and in a very convincing and beautiful speech referred to the social degeneration which was the price paid by the community for alcoholic indulgence. **She proclaimed Prohibition as a reform inseparable from a high and noble civilisation.**

One of the surprises of the Conference was the quality of the speeches delivered by the Business Women's Prohibition League team of speakers. The subject which they debated was: "Is Moderate Drinking a Factor in Race Deterioration?"

Miss Andrews, the popular and capable Secretary of the B.W.P.L., led and dealt with the scientific tests which had been made during the last 10 years as to the effect of alcohol upon individual efficiency, and therefore racial efficiency. Miss Andrews emphasised the destructive effect of alcohol upon reproductive processes, and clearly, concisely, and logically established a strong case that moderate drinking is a powerful factor in race deterioration.

Miss Phillips followed and made a very strong speech in support of the motion. She instanced the influence of moderate drinking upon the average length of life as revealed in insurance statistics, etc., and its influence upon future generations. Miss Phillips' speech was convincing and able.

Then Miss Sinclair took up the running, and dealt with the relationship between alcohol and mental defect, criminality, destitution, and all forms of human degeneration

and closed a most forceful and logical indictment of alcohol as a factor in producing human deterioration.

Dr. Lorna Hodgkinson then led the debate on the following question:

"Does Prohibition Constitute an Unwarranted Interference with the Liberty of the Individual." Dr. Hodgkinson made a most effective speech, and the substance of her remarks is embodied in an interview reported on page 9.

Madame Wolfcarius followed and made a very valuable contribution to the debate, which was taken up by Mrs. Small, a charming American, who told those present that if they could see the wonderful change wrought by Prohibition in reducing crime, poverty, child delinquency, destitution they would realise that Prohibition was an entirely warranted interference with the liberty of the individual.

Then came Mrs. Lavery, who handled her subject: "That the Maintenance of a Free and Secular Educational System is Necessary to the Preservation of Australian Democracy." Mrs. Lavery spoke excellently, and from a woman's point of view the question—"What is the Outstanding Weakness of Women's Organisations"—was full of interest. Miss Preston Stanley led the discussion on this question. In the course of her remarks she said:

I realise that no woman who criticises women's organisations publicly at a woman's gathering can be said to be making a bid for popularity.

But I also know that those women who feel their own times most deeply are those who often must stand very much alone, and although I am going to frankly criticise some weaknesses of women's organisations, I hope you all realise as I do that every woman's organisation, however imperfectly it may function, yet is an expression of the "will to serve."

Service springs from a sense of responsibility, and responsibility is the principle upon which civilisation rests.

There are some of these organisations which owe their origin and still have their roots in the fugitive wisdom of instinct with all its wavering impulses, curious complexes, which sometimes scarcely know the "rule of the road" by which they are travelling, or the goal which they are instinctively making.

But some have been raised to the enduring level of clear conception, which is gradually being translated into a harmonised philosophy of life—a philosophy which is wholly conscious of its goal—a philosophy which cannot accept any idealism which does not

grasp life practical, and yet which cannot accept any materialism which denies the deeper ideal life of which it is itself the conscious expression.

And all women's organisations, however weak and ineffective, even mischievous, they may be, at times are feeling their way towards integrity in human relations. But there are elements which stay their evolution, which devitalise their efforts, and these must be forced with candor and courage.

I should say our outstanding weaknesses are:

We lack the spirit of universality.

We are too sectal.

We have not learned to co-operate.

We do not appreciate the power of reciprocity and friendliness in our social relations.

We are not capable yet of team work to any great extent; and

We are not tolerant.

The qualities are not merely graces of mind—they are the fruits of the spirit which we must cultivate before woman can ever do any work that is really great.

Woman's inhumanity to woman is not a myth; it is a reality still. What exquisite technique we have acquired in this. How sweetly we purr, how cruelly we claw, not a word may be spoken, not a gesture made to indicate our feelings, and yet half a dozen experts can chill a room in a few moments by the mobilisation of the army of mean thoughts.

If one could focus all these into one word I should say it is this "littleness" which is the outstanding weakness of many women's organisations to-day.

The world has more to fear from "littleness" than anything else in the make-up of woman.

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INFLUENZA, WHOOPING COUGH, AND MEASLES.

Epidemics of influenza, whooping cough, and measles are sweeping over Australia at present, and in quite a number of cases pneumonia is supervening, with fatal results. As the whole of these illnesses are due to micro-organisms, it is most important that the mouths, throats, and stomachs, both of adults and children, should be regularly treated with a mixture, a family supply of which anyone can prepare in a few moments by simply adding Heenzo to sweetened water. Those who prefer pastilles to mixtures should use Heenzo Cough Diamond Jubes.

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FIELD DAY APPOINTMENTS.

SUNDAY, JULY 15.

11 a.m., 3 p.m., 7 p.m.: Leeton churches.

W. D. B. Creagh.

11 a.m.: Gerringong Anglican Church.

7 p.m.: Kiama Anglican Church.

Mr. C. W. Chandler.

7 p.m.: St. Peter's Church of Christ.

Mr. A. J. Fisher.

7.15 p.m.: St. Barnabas' Anglican Church,

Punchbowl. Mr. Francis Wilson.

7 p.m.: Auburn Methodist Church.

Ex-Senator David Watson.

11 a.m.: Tallwood Baptist Church.

3 p.m.: Forest Reef Baptist Church.

7 p.m.: Millthorpe Baptist Church.

Mr. Chas. E. Still.

MR. HERBERT CARROLL'S FIXTURES.

Monday, July 16: Ardlethan.

Tuesday, July 17, Temora.

Wednesday, July 18: Ariah Park.

Friday, July 20: Cootamundra.

MR. E. SPURGEON GILBERT.

July 16, 8 p.m.: Methodist School Hall, Newtown.

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

R. B. S. HAMMOND.

R. B. S. HAMMOND'S suburban meetings are attracting public attention in no uncertain way. Hear him propound the Seven Points Campaign at following meetings:

Monday, July 16: Soldiers' Memorial Hall, Killara.

Tuesday, July 17: Masonic Hall, Lane Cove.

Wednesday, July 24: Croydon Park Methodist School Hall.

"Procrastination is the thief of time," so write **immediately** to Field Secretary for a return ticket for any of above dates.

Mr. Victor Stanton, General Secretary of the South Australian Alliance, whilst on his way to the Northern State, broke his journey at Sydney to enable him to pay a most welcome visit to the N.S.W. headquarters.

The visit was very much appreciated and the interchange of opinions, to the N.S.W. staff at any rate, was most instructive, creating food for thought and future reflection.

We wish Mr. Stanton every success during his trip around Queensland, and feel that at whatever district he may touch that place will be immensely richer in thought after the short acquaintance with Mr. Stanton. In "Digger parlance," we all say "Bonne chance."

Wingham sent along a representative during the last week end in the person of Mr. Lukins, who has been a most energetic and earnest worker for many years in various parts of N.S.W. on behalf of Prohibition.

Mr. W. W. Newman, of Rockdale, a very earnest worker in the Prohibition cause, and also in church circles, has been in very indifferent health of late. I feel sure, that, known as he is throughout the whole State of N.S.W., all workers in this great cause will unite in wishing to Mr. Newman a speedy return of his health and strength.

THE LEGION OF HONOR.

N.S.W. ALLIANCE OF CHURCHES AND TEMPERANCE ORGANISATIONS.

The enrolment coupons are not coming along as fast as we should like them to come in, and I just wonder if you noticed the appeal on Page 4 of last issue of "Grit."

If not, why not? Do you only read portion of the paper?

To get to business, never was the N.S.W. Alliance more in need of local sympathy; meaning, of course, local workers and local

R. B. S. HAMMOND

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branches, for "sympathy without relief is like mustard without beef." We want your sympathetic help, not your "congratulations."

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Whilst passion rules and self-gratification assists alcohol to make slaves of such large numbers of our fellow beings, what nobler field of action can you adopt than "The Legion of Honor"?

Many calls are made upon your time, and often you are not at home to those calls. Be "at home" to this one great call to moral service.

Do not refuse to hear the "Cooee" of your fellow man, but do your part towards the procurement of liberty for bacchus-bound slaves.

Abraham Lincoln devoted many years to the work of securing liberty and freedom for the black slaves of America, eventually giving life itself in the cause a few days after success had crowned the noble work of a lifetime.

You are only asked to give but a tithe of your spare time towards freeing the Australian slaves of their fetters of alcohol. Do not delay your acceptance of this moral duty, for **your service is needed immediately.**

A wise man tells us "procrastination is the thief of time." **The time for action is NOW.**

Do not place still another slab on the track of delay, for the "pathway to hell" is already "paved with good intentions." Rather, place your signature on the appended coupon, and return it immediately to headquarters.

LEGION OF HONOR.

Please enrol me as a member who is willing to do my best towards the introduction of the benefits of Prohibition to N.S.W.

Signed

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LOCAL BRANCHES.

Some people do not appear to be able to just quite understand the necessity or value of local Branches of N.S.W. Alliance to the Prohibition work, and for their benefit it may be wise to just briefly outline the idea of decentralisation.

First, our friends in any district may meet together at irregular intervals to co-ordinate their individual efforts and prevent overlapping. This very fact alone creates a committee. Should these workers meet together on only a few occasions they very soon realise how valuable and important these corporate bodies are, and a Branch is formed to hold regular meetings under the direction of President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.

The Secretary is then able to receive communications on behalf of the members of the Branch collectively, and to place all matters of urgency before the President, who, in turn, in conjunction with Secretary, is empowered to call special meetings if found necessary in between ordinary meetings.

The value of having a person definitely authorised to receive correspondence for and on behalf of many others in a district lies in the fact that Headquarters of N.S.W. Alliance are always in touch with a large number of willing voluntary helpers, and at any time can forward news of importance as soon as it is received.

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A PEEP BACK.

PAST PROHIB. AND LIQUOR ARGUMENTS.

By W. D. B. (JACK) CREAGH.

Fighters for reform of any kind would do well to continually look back in history, particularly the history that deals with the subject they are trying (nearly always meeting great opposition) to reform.

It is just marvellous how it helps one, for it is in that peep back that one sees the distance travelled, hardships overcome, and, if done, the peep back must help to overcome the opposition met with to-day.

PROHIBITION VERSUS LIQUOR STATEMENTS.

Looking back through the last twelve years, especially through the periods when No-License and 6 o'clock closing fights took place, one is amazed at the way the liquor trade have had to alter their stock arguments, as State after State went dry, until at last we find the nation of the United States of America without a place where, legally, alcoholic liquor as a beverage is sold. Also it is a wonderful fact that every argument of the Temperance, now Prohibition, forces have been sustained and held on to.

THOSE ARGUMENTS.

The liquor crowd said:

1. Great distress and unemployment would follow the introduction of Prohibition.
2. Loss of liquor revenue would cripple the States; increased revenue would be a burden on the people.
3. People would leave the nation in great numbers.
4. Tourist traffic would practically cease; hotel accommodation would slump.
5. Great industrial unrest would result; wages would come down.
6. People and places would become dull; properties decrease in values, leading no doubt to revolution.

The Prohibition crowd said:

1. The conditions of the people would be bettered, especially women and children. Less crime, poverty, drunkenness, insanity, violent deaths, etc.
2. Legitimate business in all other commodities would increase.
3. Hotels would be bigger, safer, and no backward move would follow in regard to accommodation, meals, etc. In a word, hotels would be safer and better.
4. Taxation problems would right themselves without any disaster to the State; this would follow increased legitimate trade.
5. Prisons, workhouses, benevolent asylums, and hospitals and morgues would have less inmates.
6. Homes happier, more legitimate amusement and clean sport; increased attendance at churches, leading to a better moral condition of the people.
7. People antagonistic to Prohibition would be converted, especially grape growers and barley growers.

WHO HAVE COME OUT RIGHT?

That is the question, and it is easily proved by just looking at the arguments put up now. The liquor people have come down, and for this reason:

Their predictions have turned out to be false; you do not see any reference to their old arguments, because Prohibition proved them wrong.

On the other hand, Prohibitionists have come out right, and every hopeful promise of good has come true. Unfortunately, the press support the liquor trade here, "because of the financial dealings of the trade with the said press. The press has the power by purposely omitting Prohibition success matter, and printing the liquor-inspired articles, to make it appear that Prohibition is a failure when it is a success.

COMPARISONS NEVER USED BY TRADE.

This is how the press works:

One Governor of a State makes mention by remark or otherwise that he is disgusted with "Law Enforcement." This is cabled over, and when it is put into print here it is made to appear "that the Governor is against Prohibition." No mention is made of the fact that nearly all the other Governors of States are in favor, and consider that the law is as well kept in the Prohibition as in any other law.

Recently two States passed a law that the State officials no more take part in the enforcement of the 18th Amendment. This was printed here as proving the failure of Prohibition; and I saw one reference in the press that the mind of the people had changed.

This was proved by the elections held last November, 1922, to be a deliberate falsehood, yet it (the lie) goes through.

THE ASSOCIATION AGAINST PROHIBITION.

While in U.S.A. recently I saw with pride that all I had ever said in favor of Prohibition had come to pass. No one helped me in this more than those who were trying to get in members in favor of light wine and beer. They convinced me that Prohibition was a success; their secretaries admitted that the closing of the saloon had brought great benefits. I brought their literature away, and their platform of ten planks is headed by this one:

1. LIGHT WINES AND BEER ONLY, BUT NO SALOON EVER.

That cry was defeated, the nation voting against light wines and beer.

Then the Society had to look for another plank. Why? Because Prohibition in other countries must be held off as long as possible.

Have they found another reason to cable about? Yes, they have.

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people—Governors, if possible—so that votes may be taken that will mean the withdrawing of the State forces in the Law Enforcement. Only two have dared to move up to now—two out of forty-eight; yet we are told again Prohibition is defeated.

Prohibitionists can take heart in the fact that all the liquor arguments of the past have been defeated; that all Prohibition arguments have come true.

Liquor is so scarce even in New York that, according to the Sydney "Evening News," 29/6/23, the Jews of New York have split, because many Jews have resorted to the religious ordinance to get wine for beverage purposes.

What an admission of success of Prohibition!

PEOPLE WAITING IN HOPE.

The same paper, all papers in fact, are publishing this fact.

Many steamers full of immigrants are waiting in New York harbor to be the first in the new immigration year which started on July 1. U.S.A., the only country increasing wages; U.S.A., the only country open to all nations; U.S.A., the only nation to have the courage to banish the curse that we in Australia know as our greatest.

JUST LOOK BACK.

Just look back, think what the liquor people said, look at what they say now; do not mistake the backwash for the main stream.

Prohibition is running strong; help with your influence, also your means.

Always welcome when nights grow damp,
Always welcome in home or camp,
Always welcome to young and old,
Always welcome for cough or cold,
Always welcome when infants droop
In the distressful throes of croup,
Always welcome because so sure—
Welcome Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.



GOULBURN CHILDREN'S FETE A SUCCESS.

ALL PROTESTANT CHURCHES UNITED—MRS. RADFORD'S FINE SPEECH.

A Children's Prohibition Fete, organised by the Goulburn Branch of the N.S.W. Alliance, was held in Goulburn on Tuesday, June 26. There was a wonderful spirit of unity amongst the Protestant Churches in the district, and the effort will undoubtedly mean an increase of votes for Prohibition in Goulburn.

In declaring the Victory Fete open, Mrs. Radford said it was with the greatest pleasure that she fulfilled her particular duty of the afternoon. She had been an abstainer and temperance advocate from childhood. Visitors at "Bishopthorpe" would find the home quite "dry." She urged upon the people to do what they could to combat the misrepresentation of the liquor interests in their special newspaper articles, published under contract, and pointed out that these were not by special correspondents, as many people thought. America, where Prohibition is no new thing, was teaching the world a wonderful lesson. Only after seeing the experiment tried in various States had other parts of U.S.A., and finally the whole nation, taken up the reform. When (not "if") Prohibition came into force in Australia much capital would probably be made out of the dope business. Mrs. Radford suggested that records should be kept now in the way of clippings from newspapers, etc., showing to what extent this evil is in our land to-day. Under Prohibition it would be found to be no worse. The two evils were really separate from one another. Mrs. Radford thought the word "Prohibition" could be improved upon as a name for the reform. Many people disliked the word "prohibit." The hotels should be regarded as stumbling-blocks to weaker humanity and to national progress.

A vote of thanks to Mrs. Radford was moved by the Rev. W. Parkes and seconded by the Rev. R. H. Campbell, and little Joan Slater presented Mrs. Radford with a beautiful box of chocolates.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather there was a good attendance in the evening. The takings amounted to about £50. All who helped were very pleased with the result. Competitions—candle-lighting, darts, quoits, nail-driving and hoop-la—added to the fun of the evening. An attractive entertainment was given by juveniles.

More fine parcels arrive. Mrs. L. J.

Mellor, of Inverell, has sent for the Fetes a parcel which contains something of everything—dainty and useful. There are aprons, music holders, bonnets, tidies, bed bootees, etc., etc. And because sugar is too dear in Inverell for making sweets, she sends 5/- along to have them made here.

Mrs. Heriot, of Albury, knows that it is cold in Sydney just now, and a fine parcel of Sox and balaclavas has come from her for our Fetes.

Have you sent your parcel for sale at the Fetes?

FETE FIXTURES.

Hurstville District Fete.—Hurstville Masonic Hall, August 10 and 11. Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. Saunders, 99 Woniara-road, Hurstville.

Hornsby District Fete.—Hornsby School of Arts, August 24 and 25. Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. R. Crittenden, Albert-street, Hornsby.

North Shore Fete.—St. Leonards to Wahroonga, Chatswood Town Hall, September 7 and 8. Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Lean, Anderson-street, Chatswood. Next meeting: Chatswood Central Methodist Hall, Tuesday, July 17, 8 p.m.

Dulwich Hill, Hurlstone Park and Lewisham Fete.—Hon. Secretary, Mr. Chas. Miller, Smith's-avenue, Dulwich Hill. Next meeting: Dulwich Hill Methodist Hall, Tuesday, July 31, 8 p.m.

Bankstown District Fete, to be held in Majestic Hall, Bankstown, on October 25 and 26. Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Martin, Monastery-street, Bankstown. Next meeting: Presbyterian Church Hall, Bankstown, Tuesday, July 17, at 8 p.m.

Drummoyne-Gladesville District Fete, to be held in Masonic Hall, Drummoyne, Feb. 21st, and 22nd. Hon. Sec., Mr. B. Hagon, 10 Tramere Street, Drummoyne. Next meeting, Monday, July 16, 8 p.m., in Drummoyne Methodist Church.

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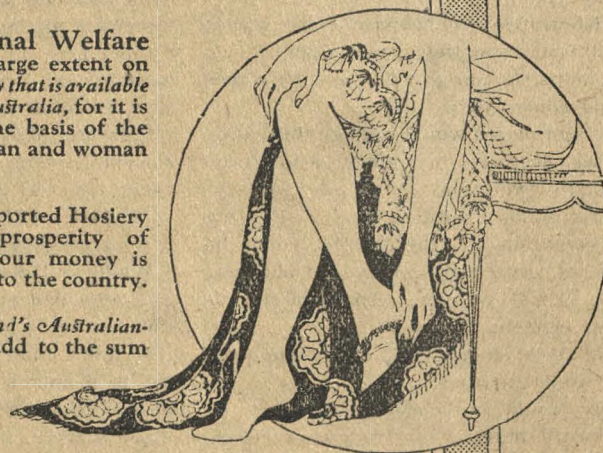
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A REMARKABLE INTERVIEW.

AN AUSTRALIAN WHO WAS CONVINCED BY FACTS.

Dr. Hodgkinson spent three years in the United States. When she went she was not a Prohibitionist. Hear what she had to say in an interview yesterday with regard to the wonderful results of Prohibition. To-day Dr. Hodgkinson is a Prohibitionist and a fighter for a sober Australia.

"No one can accuse me of being a pre-determined Prohibitionist," said Dr. Hodgkinson.

"When I went to America I felt that Prohibition as a general measure was somewhat too extreme, and that a more moderate method of liquor control would be far more beneficial in its results.

"Nevertheless I went to America with an eager, open mind, determined to carefully and scientifically investigate the problem of Prohibition, while I was in the country with a view to finding out for myself whether Prohibition as a wholesale measure was to be desired in Australia or not.

CONVINCED BY EVIDENCE.

"Now, after having lived in America for nearly three years I have returned to Australia a firm believer in Prohibition. My conclusions have been based on a first-hand investigation concerning the effect of Prohibition, which was carried on throughout practically every social strata in America, from the homes of the millionaire down to the slum dwellings of the great American cities.

"When a great ship lies half-finished on the dock, how foolish to the crowd of onlookers who stand aside and say, 'Oh! she is a failure.' Some people do not give the builder a chance to complete his task before they cry out condemning his unfinished task.

A CLEAN WORLD.

"To-day Prohibition is like a great ship in the making. Its foundation is well and truly laid, its design is perfect and will serve for all time, but it is still necessary to give the courageous builders a chance to put on the finishing touches and to complete their original design. In other words, it will take another ten years to completely enforce the Prohibition laws; but when that good ship 'Prohibition' is completed and she slips off the docks a finished article, I am fully convinced that she will be the most wonderful thing afloat—a power which will clean the world.

THE GREATEST REFORM.

"As the result of my own first-hand investigation I am firmly convinced that Prohibition is the greatest reform of modern times, and I can only feel the deepest admiration for the American people who, with pluck and determination, have established such a far-reaching and splendid principle in their country.

"Prohibition is good—good for this generation and better still for the next.

THE CHILD.

"American children on the whole will be born of parents whose bodies are untainted

by alcohol, and they will therefore lack that nervous instability which the alcoholic parent passes on to his offspring; therefore Prohibition stands for better, happier children.

"This is particularly true of those children who are born in the slums of America. The corner saloon was a curse which blighted the lives of the children both born and unborn to these slums; Prohibition has brought a better, brighter day, and money which once was spent on drink is now used to feed the children and to provide various comforts for the slum homes, which mean a higher standard of living.

THE SLUMS.

"During my investigations in America I spent a great deal of time in the slum



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America.

homes of the great cities. There, as a result of Prohibition, I found the children were fed and were dressed, and the homes well provided with ordinary comforts of life. Untidy or ragged children in American schools are now very rare exceptions.

"From an economic standpoint, too, Prohibition has done wonders, and is going to do still more good in this direction when the laws are completely enforced, but all worthwhile projects take time to accomplish.

TRAVELLERS' YARNS.

"I want to warn people against believing the 'travellers' yarns,' which are now being circulated apparently as propaganda for the saloon party. It is not true that the Ameri-

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can people are wholesale law-breakers, nor is it true that drug-taking and insanity are on the increase owing to Prohibition.

"Prohibition in America is responsible for nothing but good in every direction, and I am convinced that it is a great and wonderful measure from which all must eventually benefit.

CONDITIONS IN ENGLAND.

"I found that conditions in England concerning the liquor trade are like blackest night compared to the brightest day in America. Throughout England it is appalling to see the fearful social conditions which have been brought about by the liquor trade there.

"The slums of England and Scotland are blighted by drink, and the children are pitiful to see born of parents who are devitalised by alcohol.

WILL AUSTRALIA AWAKE?

"I sincerely hope that before long Australia will have Prohibition, and with that will come happiness, prosperity and national health. To-day in Australia money is being spent on 'booze' which should be going into the social and eugenic improvement of our people. If America is going to be the only Prohibition country, then she will lead the world, and we must trail along behind, held down by our drink bill."

"GRIT" SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Received to 6/7/23 and where not mentioned the amount received is 10s.:—Mrs. Kuse, 4s. 4d., 30/6/23; A. Rosenberg, 18/7/24; A. L. Dash, 12s. 6d., 30/6/24; Miss Rielly, 30/5/24; Dr. J. A. J. Murray, 30/6/24.

The following are paid to 30/12/23:—J. C. Love, Thos. Hemsworth, J. McKern, Mrs. W. G. McKay, Rev. W. H. Jones, Mrs. J. C. Armstrong, Rev. W. N. Lock, N. Macindoe, L. G. Dyson, Miss Truscott, Miss V. Marsh, Rev. A. E. Rook, W. Walsh.

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IT WORKS WELL IN MONTANA.

Investigation of the records of Montana reveals some interesting data as follows:—

Deaths from Alcoholism, per 100,000 of Population.

1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
86.0	124.0	60.0	10.0	10.0	22.0

Estimating the population of Montana at 550,000, the average annual death rate from alcoholism for the last three wet years was 495, or 1485 for the three-year period. The average annual death rate for the first three dry years, on the same basis, was 77, or 231 for the three-year period. In other words, 1254 more persons died of alcoholism in Montana during the last three wet years than died from the same cause during the first three dry years. This shows clearly that law enforcement of Prohibition is infinitely better than the licensed liquor traffic at its best.

Montana Death Rate per 100,000 Population.

	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921
General per 1000 ...	11.9	13.1	17.3	10.7	9.7	8.2
Tuberculosis	113.4	102.8	90.9	90.3	56.6	61.8
Bright's Disease ...	73.8	71.0	61.7	49.1	48.9	49.5
Organic Heart	94.4	94.6	93.3	83.0	76.7	

These figures obtained from the State Board of Health show that the death rate from alcoholism, tuberculosis, affected by the beverage use of distilled spirits, show a marked increase with the issuance of physicians' prescriptions—"for medical purposes." The average death rate from Montana during the last three wet years was 14.1 per thousand and for the first three dry years 9.5. It is worthy of observation that life expectancy of a child born in Kansas, where they have had Prohibition better enforced than in any other State, is greater than that of a child born in any other commonwealth in America. 59.73 years is life's expectancy of a child born in Kansas; that of a child born in New York is 52.47.

MAJOR CRIMES IN MONTANA.

	1915-6	1917-8	1919-20	1921-22
Assault	270	267	184	69
Robbery	122	74	52	35
Burglary	509	200	199	146
Grand Larceny	495	528	368	348
Statutory Offences	116	101	82	78
Forgery	101	130	96	75
Murder	101	120	72	51*

* About 50 per cent. less.

INMATES OF STATE PRISON.

1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922
635	594	679	590	515	400	352	331

STATE HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In his biennial report the Superintendent of the State Hospital for the Insane said: "Admissions of alcoholic cases for the year 1918 (a pre-Prohibition year) contributed 21.1 per cent. of the total male admissions. In the four years ending November, 1922 (dry), the proportion of alcoholic cases to the total number of male admissions had decreased to 5.3 per cent."

The Woman's Outlook—

(Continued from page 3.)

"Littleness" is the parent of persecution, cruelty, and hatred.

"Littleness" can never forgive and can never understand.

"Littleness" is typified in the man who stands by the wayside and mocks at every human endeavor, sneers at every great emotion, and endeavors to pull down the structure that the altruist is ever seeking to erect.

"Littleness" is the greatest enemy to progress, and it is the one great weakness which we have to guard against.

Let us realise it. Let us above all be big, just, generous, tolerant, friendly—for these things are the eternal verities from which all progress must and can only spring.

This question was further discussed by Mrs. Holland, J.P., Mrs. McLennan, Mrs. Kennard, J.P., and Miss Upward.

One of the most important questions was: "That the segregation of the mental defective is imperative."

Dr. Lorna Hodgkinson and Miss Preston-Stanley were the speakers.

Other speakers who contributed to a most interesting and valuable Conference were Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Mortimer, Mrs. St. John, Mrs. Stone, and Mrs. Lindsay Craig.

And the twenty-five speakers did confine their remarks to times allotted, or was it the gavel?

SHOULD ONE SPEAK TO A STRANGER?

How often one feels that one could really help complete strangers, if only convention had not made it an impertinence to address them.

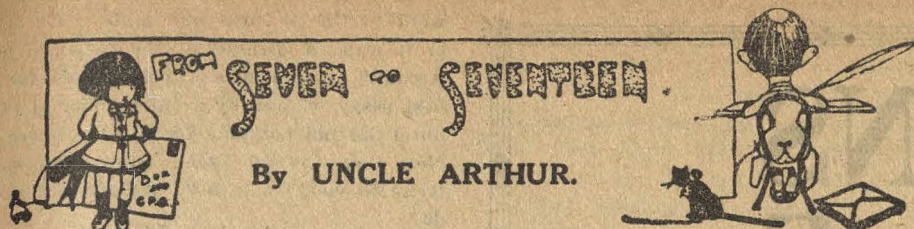
I was travelling up in the train the other morning. Opposite me sat a young woman, whose dark, long-lashed eyes and pale amber coloring suggest Spanish or South American descent. I watched her covertly, for she interested me.

The upper part of her face was entirely charming, but the lower was ruined by a heavy growth of dark hair at the corners of her mouth. Apart from this dreadful disfigurement her mouth was pretty, with red curved lips and white teeth. But this only accentuated the horror of the real "moustache" which spoilt her so entirely.

In half an hour I could have transformed that girl into the beauty Nature intended her to be. If only I could have told her to buy a package of powdered phemol at the next chemist's shop she passed! The action of this drug when mixed with a small quantity of water and applied to superfluous hair is almost miraculous. In a few minutes the latter is bleached and loosened, and comes away absolutely painlessly from the skin, which is left clear and smooth.

I watched the little Spanish girl regretfully as she got out at her station. Will her pretty face remain disfigured for life?

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OUR LETTER BAG.

I've got so many letters waiting to go on this page that I can only say to our Birthday Ne's and Ni's, "May this be your happiest birthday, and make it so by bringing happiness to others."

JULY BIRTHDAYS.

1st: Edna Rein, Clem Russell; 2nd: Gertie Williams, Douglas Ashby, Roy Adams, Essie McDonald; 3rd: Maurice Southwell, Edgar Black; 4th: Mary Griffiths, Violet Allen; 5th: Jean McCoy, Rosamond Pickard, Sid Narramore, Mabel Wilson, Una Pickard, Ruth Smith; 6th: Erliston Jarman, Alice Partridge Wall; 7th: Kathleen Trenchard; 8th: Dorothy Lee, Doreen Benjamin, Grace Westworthy; 9th: Florrie Storey, Keith Pearce, Olive Buttress, Faith Hillyard; 10th: Eva Waterson; 11th: Frank Foy; 12th: Nancy John, Charlotte Mackie, Edna Arrowsmith, Ken Arrowsmith; 13th: Revell Shepard; 14th: Daphne Ashton; 15th: Jane Annie Trevas-kis, Violet Dunkley, Harold Tuckwell, Jack Hema, Ruth Davies; 17th: Iris Gunning; 18th: Trixie Butterick; 19th: Edna Cummings, Basil Watt; 20th: Ernest Binding, Dave Williams, Edgar I. Smith, Geoff. Hughes, Sylvia King, Ella Henry, Ivy Rains, Esward Rutledge, Rubin Higman; 23rd: Jean Gibson, Daniel Moller; 24th: Winnie Morgan, Laura Hacking; 25th: Nancy Uphill, Alma Rains; 27th: Christian Steele; 28th: Maxwell Blackburn; 29th: Ruth Willard Nixon, Ida Rain, Tom Cundy; 30th: Gladys Riseborough, Jean Wapples, Thelma Baker, Otto Walpol; 31st: Agnes McDonald, J. Miller-ington, Josephine Walsh, I. Brown.

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OUR HONOR LETTER.

A PEN AND INK VISIT ABOUT THE C. AND K.

Kathleen Hughes, 74 Belmont-road, Mosman, writes:—

It is just over the year since this Hon. Ni paid "Grit" a pen and ink visit. I want to tell my cousins that there is a loud call for members for that grand League—the "Crutch and Kindness League." The writing of a letter once a month to cheer one of London's lonely cripples seems such a little thing, but the letter is often "kissed, loved and kept under the pillow" of the wee sufferer, "and taken out and read again and again." I would plead then for new members for this, because I know how warm-hearted my "Grit"

cousins are. I can tell them how to get a cripple to write to if they drop me a line. The need is for those who will write a letter, send a card, or a magazine once a month regularly. So many fall off because they do not receive replies; but often there is no money for a stamp or paper, and it is not for what we are to receive, but what we are to give, we who have so many blessings to these lonely little ones. Many Hon. Ni's and Ne's belong to the "C. and K." already. May I ask them to renew their efforts, to try

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for one new member? It is to "Grit" that many a cripple child in London owes his or her "new" friend. We have all been thankful for Mr. Hickson's visit here; some who have been ill for a long time have been cured. It was a wonderful privilege to be present and to find that a heart-lesion had been absolutely cured. That was my experience. My text is Dan., 3, 17.

(Dear Kathleen,—I gladly make room for your letter, and hope lots will write for the "C. and K." Dear Ne's and Ni's read this appeal, then write for an address. I will ask Kathleen to give me the name of all Ne's and Ni's who write to her, and the name of the cripple they write to, and will print these names in our C. and K. corner.—Uncle A.)

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THOSE ABORIGINAL CARVINGS.

W. J. Walton, Ocean-road, Manly, writes: Dear Uncle A.,—I am not a Ni or a Ne, or a scallywag, but I am writing because I am interested in a letter which appears in "Grit." It is, like mine, a Manly letter, and will, if the President of the Water Board sees it, make him gasp. Your little correspondent refers to an aboriginal carving in the water reserve. It represents a whale—a sperm whale, as it shows the teeth. It is not one of the oldest carvings, only showing punctures, not the usual grooves. There are many of these carvings, also some drawings, in the Manly district. There is a book on

the subject, "Aboriginal Carvings of Port Jackson and Broken Bay," written by Mr. Campbell, which you would find interesting. There is a copy in the Mitchell Library, also one in the Public Library in Bent-street. I am familiar with many of these groups of carvings. Those in the water reserve are only minor ones. If Uncle A. would like to inspect one of these groups, after seeing the book referred to, I would like to show him round on some public holiday. Many of these memorials of the past are being destroyed, and owing to the action of old Father Time they are seen at their best in an afternoon sun. Many of the localities where carvings exist were ideal spots for picknickers; most of them last year were subject to bush fires.

(Dear Friend,—I should very much like to see those carvings, and will try to come over one holiday. Thanks for your offer.—Uncle A.)

LOTS OF FUN.

Edith Newman, Rous, writes:—

Dear Uncle A.,—I must tell you about Empire Day. We had a picnic and concert at our school. There were a lot of the parents and friends at the picnic. We had a real good time. We had races and games, and lots of fun. We had our Band of Hope last Monday night, and had a large audience. We always have good times at our meetings. Our Linwood Band of Hope visited Rous Mill Band of Hope last week, and contributed part of the programme. One of our Band of Hope members is very ill with pneumonia. We all hope he soon gets well again.

(Dear Edith,—I am glad to know you have such a good Band of Hope. Yes, we all hope your sick member will soon be well. Thanks for your poem.—Uncle A.)

KING ARTHUR.

Allen Locker, Happy Valley, Adaminaby, writes:—

Dear Uncle A.,—I was very pleased to see my letter in "Grit." It was too windy to have the bonfire on Empire night, so I had it on Friday night. It was a beauty, and we had good fireworks. The weather has been very cold here lately. The frost looks like snow, and on Saturday night the thermometer registered 20 degrees. I went to our Empire picnic and ran in some races, but only won one, and got sixpence. There were sack, blindfold, and wheelbarrow races. The sack races were funny. Some of them would fall over, and the others would fall over them. Only one boy didn't fall over, so that he won the race. There were three sack races. In the blindfold race the boys were running all roads. One of them ran in among the people and knocked over one of the forms that the people had been sitting on. The fox has been killing some of our poultry. It has taken a white duck, and the only blue rooster we had, and many other fowls. We had a little calf arrive last Monday, the first of the season. It is very cold driving in to school these frosty mornings. I do not get the "Meccano Magazine." There is a picture show in town now. I

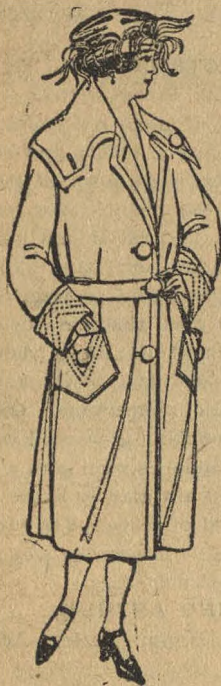
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(Dear Allen,—Write as often as you wish, but beware of being a scallywag. Tell me what you know about King Arthur.—Uncle A.)

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St. Louis—Provident Association, 94 per cent. decrease in five years.

Chicago—United Charities, 86.7 per cent. decrease.

Boston—Family Welfare Society, 91.3 per cent. decrease.

Pawtucket, R.I.—Associated Charities, 100 per cent. decrease.

Plainville, N.J.—Charities Organisations, 83.3 per cent. decrease.

Atlantic City—Welfare Bureau, 82.1 per cent. decrease.

Newport, R.I.—Charity Organising Society, 68.8 per cent. decrease.

Portland, Maine—Associated Charities, 95.3 per cent. decrease.

Newburgh, N.Y.—Associated Charities, 99.1 per cent. decrease.

Cleveland, Ohio—Associated Charities, 84.8 per cent. decrease.

Lacrosse, Wis.—Social Service Society, 91.3 per cent. decrease.

Portland, Ore.—Public Welfare Bureau, 50 per cent. increase.

New York—Organisation Society, 64.1 per cent. decrease.

Washington, D.C.—Associated Charities, 75.1 per cent. decrease.

Rochester, N.Y.—Social Welfare League, 81.4 decrease.

Providence, R.I.—Society for Organising Charity, 95 per cent. decrease.

The Scottish Conference of the Independent Labor Party, held in Glasgow in January, 1923, re-affirmed its former resolution in favor of national Prohibition. The voting showed 93 for Prohibition and 24 against. A large number of the Scotch Labor members of Parliament were present in addition to Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., Labor Leader.

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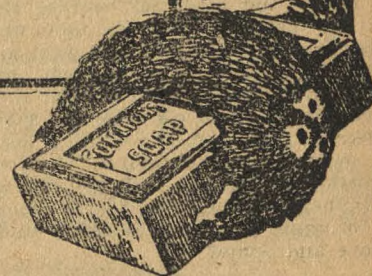
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LOST THINGS.

"The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19, 10.

When you lose anything doesn't its value seem to go up tenfold? When you had it you did not think it of much consequence, but now it has gone, dear me, what would you give to have it back! You remember that situation you were just on the point of obtaining, or which you once had, but through some inadvertence, lost. There never could be such another chance, you thought. The woman who had ten pieces of silver, and lost one of them, forgot all about the other nine she had not lost, perhaps left them carelessly about, and went in search of the one lost coin. The dear ones we call "lost" because they are lost to sight, how precious they become when they have passed from us, their every word and look is treasured. Yet when they are here, we never thought of their value. We took all their kindnesses we now see so plainly as a matter of course. The virtues which now stand out so clearly were invisible to us, or hidden by little specs which now are lost to view. Perhaps one of the worst tortures of the lost soul will be the thought of all that is lost. Yet some lost things may be regained, and in proportion to the grief of losing, so will be the joy of finding. We are told there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over ONE lost sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons that need no repentance. This does not mean that the just persons are less valued than the lost soul. It is merely trying to bring to our minds some idea of the value of a soul, and the rejoicing there is in heaven over its salvation. The just persons no doubt rejoice equally in the reclamation. The good Shepherd took the little lost lamb back to the fold, saying, "Rejoice with Me, for I have found My sheep which was lost." He left the ninety and nine, not because He cared less for them, but because they were safe in the shelter of the fold, and went in search of the lost. But He bade them share His joy on His return, and so the lost sheep was welcomed by them all into the safety and shelter they enjoyed. If you are a lost straying sheep, trying to find satisfaction away from the fold of God, will you not give the good Shepherd the great joy of finding you and bringing you back to safety and rest—to love and home?

MONDAY.

"Rejoice with Me, for I have found My sheep which was lost."—Luke 15, 9.

Out on the dark drear mountains,
The little lost lamb strayed,
Wandering away from the shelter
Which the kind Shepherd had made.
But the Shepherd went forth to seek it,
In His love so tender and true,
And will rest not until He find it,
And that lost lamb is YOU.

TUESDAY.

EVERYBODY DOES IT.

"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil."—Ex., 23, 2.

"Everybody does it." This is one of Satan's favorite excuses to get people to do wrong. As though everybody doing a thing made wrong right. A gambler may persuade himself that everyone is a gambler because all his associates are gamblers. The same with a Sabbath breaker, a drunkard, or a thief. No doubt those with whom they mix do the same things, and that is their whole world. But everybody does not steal, everybody does not drink, everybody does not go in for

gambling, Sabbath desecration, and disobedience to the commandments. "There are a few names, even in Sardis, which have not defiled their garments." Even if everybody did the wrong, it would not be any the less a wrong. If everybody had the plague, it would not be any less dangerous, though we might have less fear of it.

There is no sin constantly repeated that does not cease to appear sin in the eyes of the one who commits it. The conscience becomes seared as with a hot iron. The eye which turns away from the light becomes accustomed to the darkness. This appears to be the sin which hath no forgiveness, for how can sin be forgiven which is not seen to be sin, and therefore cannot be repented of? There is no forgiveness without repentance. The Holy Ghost may be so repeatedly grieved that He ceases to speak to the conscience. This is the sin against the Holy Spirit; and until the sinner is willing to see his sin, to listen to the voice of the Spirit, there can be no forgiveness either in this life or in that which is to come. There is no sin, even if it be red like crimson, which cannot be forgiven if it is repented of. Therefore none need think they have committed the unpardonable sin as long as they can pray for forgiveness and see their need of it, but as the child's hymn says:

"Repentance is to leave the sin we loved before,

And show that we in earnest grieve by doing so no more."

This can only be done in Christ's strength.

WEDNESDAY.

TWO FORCES.

"The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, and these are contrary the one to the other."—Gal., 5, 17.

There dwell two forces in the human breast—The soul of peace, the spirit of unrest; Two masters seek man's will to dominate; One who is love, and one whose name is hate. The evil ever fights against the good, And only by the Spirit is withstood. Two spirits seek man's souls to gain or lose, And which one conquers, he himself must choose.

But he who lives for this brief life alone, Scarce knows that he a soul within doth own. Neglected, it has grown at last so weak, Unnurtured, starved, it scarce has power to speak.

A garden left will soon be full of weeds,
A soul uncultured dies, for care it needs,
No being can himself control
The evil force inherent in his soul.

THURSDAY.

"Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow the tree of knowledge of good and evil."—Gen., 2, 9.

The same cause often produces opposite effects. The same tree in the garden of Eden brought forth diverse fruits, the knowledge of good and evil. The fire that warms can unrestrained destroy. Those who are capable of doing much good are also capable of doing much evil. It sometimes seems as though when the good Spirit is not yielded to, the evil Spirit takes possession of a man, and the fiery zeal which would stir one up to do good is used to fan the flames of wickedness. The greatest sinners have often become the greatest saints. Some poisons have in them the power to heal. In every human being two forces contend for the mastery, and these are opposed one to the other. "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit." The good Spirit and the evil one are ever seeking man's weal or woe, and his eternal destiny depends on which one triumphs.

FRIDAY.

GOOD AND EVIL.

And evil is at times perverted good:

The fire which warms can unrestrained, destroy.

And wholesome meat to some is poisoned food,

While powers not used for God Satan will employ.

All nature's forces work for good or ill.

The lightning's flash controlled, can nations sway.

The flood which drowns, subservient to man's will,

Makes the land fruitful, turned another way.

God hath put all things here beneath man's feet,

Save His own Son, to Him he must submit
And in God's image he may rise complete,

Turning to good all ill as he sees fit.

Or he may give his will to Satan's will,

Turning to ill all good, thus causing woe
And death, while failing to fulfil

The wondrous destiny God did bestow.

SATURDAY.

THE WORLD ENTRUSTED TO MAN.

"Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thine hands."—Ps., 7, 6.

God has endowed man with a wonderful faculty in giving him will-power. He made man in His own image in this respect. Every child is born into the world with a will of its own which very soon manifests itself. Having created this world for man's use, and endowed him with marvellous gifts, God put him over the works of his hands. The planets are beyond his scope, and he has very little knowledge of them. But God has entrusted the governance of this world to him, and yet he turns round and blames God for his own mistakes. God never intended this world to be a chaos. He made everything "very good," and man has made it very bad. He says, "Why does God permit these things if He is God of love?" forgetting or ignoring the fact that they are his own doing. "Could not God prevent the evil?" he says. Yes, He could prevent it by taking away man's free will, and this He does not choose to do. Man is his own worst enemy. God is the source of all good, and all evil must come from an evil source. Sickness, disease, war, famine, are all the result of man's own actions. God did not choose to make him a mere automaton, or inanimate piece of mechanism, and so gave him the gift of a free will. Man abused the gift, and gave his will to the source of evil. When his will works with God's will, harmony and happiness follow. Yet even the ill God can make to work for good to those that love Him.

Yielded to God man's powers become divine,

And almost limitless, for He can use
Those powers to do His work, and so refine
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The Brotherhood of Christian Men—

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Don't be discouraged about getting on the front page. It took King Tut-ank-Amen 3200 years to get there, but he landed it at last.

The "Connecticut Citizen" says that the total number of the inmates of the county jails in Connecticut fell from 12,827 in 1915 to 6111 in 1922. The number of persons committed to county jails in that State for drunkenness declined from 5124 in 1915 to 1463 in 1922. Reports of arrests for drunkenness in fifteen leading cities of Connecticut showed declines ranging from 28 per cent. to 87 per cent.

New South Wales Alliance—

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This general broadcasting of fresh data is financially impossible to every individual person through Headquarters, but is quite possible through local Branches. Our members in this way would be kept up-to-date in their knowledge, and thereby would immediately become twice as valuable to the moral cause—Prohibition.

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If Prohibition is to become established as a potent factor of our communal life, it must be, first of all, made a fact in a national policy, and it is only possible to stir up the Hittites of our time by co-ordinated State-wide effort.

At the present moment we have a few Branches doing excellent work in various centres, but they are sorely in need of reinforcement from other localities, and we must have the number duplicated month after month until such times as the "Legion of Honor," the Prohibition Army, becomes an effective force too strong to be denied its rightful recognition. To win we must see as one, co-operate and work as one, so that, besides speaking "with one voice," we shall be able to break with one hefty thump—"The Referendum"—all the fettering chains and entangling meshes with which the "intoxicating interests" have shackled the manhood and womanhood of our Austral land.

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