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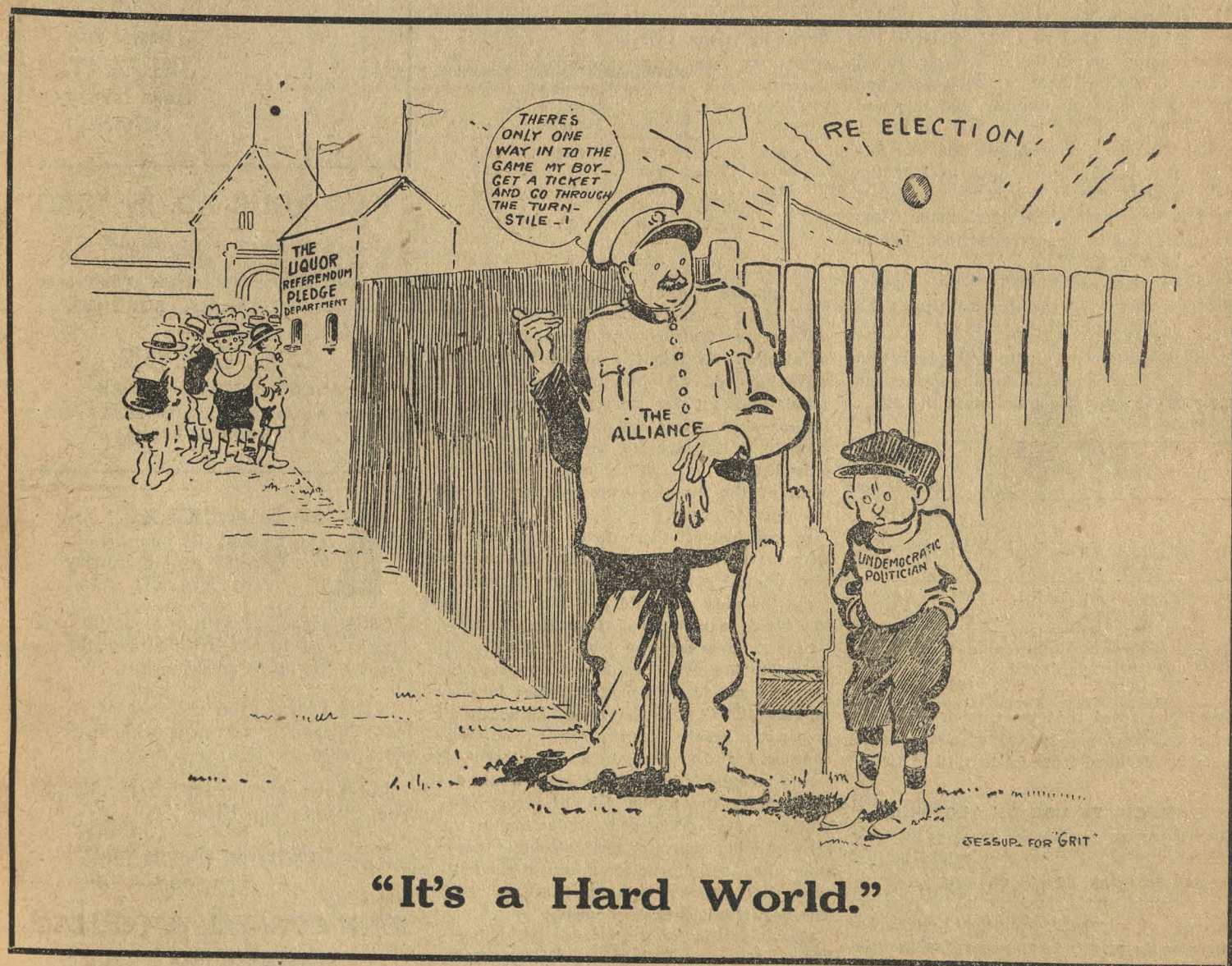
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Effect of Prohibition on Insanity.

DECLINE OF FIRST ADMISSIONS TO STATE HOSPITALS SINCE EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT WENT INTO EFFECT—DECREASE ALSO OF DRUG ADDICTS DURING SAME PERIOD.

The total alcoholic first admissions during the twelve fiscal years were 5317, of which 4007 were males and 1310 females. During the fiscal years 1909 to 1913, inclusive, the annual number of alcoholic cases averaged 574, and varied but little. In 1914 there was a marked drop in the number, and this was followed by another drop in 1915. In 1917 a marked increase occurred, but this was followed by a rapid decline until in 1920 the total alcoholic first admissions numbered only 122. The percentage of alcoholic cases among first admissions dropped from 10.8 in 1909 to 1.9 in 1920.

The annual rates of alcoholic first admissions per 100,000 of the general population are shown in table 3.

Table 3.—Rate of alcoholic first admissions to the civil State hospitals for the insane per 100,000 of the general population of the State, 1909-1920:—

	Number	Alcoholic first admissions.	Rate per 100,00 of general population
1909—5 Prohibition States...	561	6.3	
1913—9 Prohibition States...	572	6.0	
1915—19 Prohibition States...	345	3.6	
1919—War Time Prohibition	269	2.6	
1920—Constitutional Prohibition	122	1.2	

It will be noted that the rate of alcoholic first admissions per 100,000 of the general population declined from 6.4 in 1910 to 1.2 in 1920.

INTEMPERATE USE OF ALCOHOL.

If the facts concerning the decrease in alcoholic insanity stood alone they might be interpreted as being due to changes in diagnosis rather than to changes in the use or influence of alcohol. Additional light is thrown on the matter by the record of the intemperate use of alcohol by first admissions prior to the onset of the mental disease.

The facts relative to such use are shown in table 4.

Table 4.—Intemperate use of alcohol among first admissions, 1909-1920:—

Fiscal year ending	Intemperate users of alcohol.		
	Per cent. of total first admissions		
	Males.	Females.	Total.
1909	44.2	15.1	28.7
1913	34.6	11.1	23.5
1915	28.8	7.5	18.7
1919	22.8	4.9	14.2
1920	20.3	3.7	12.2
	32.5	9.4	21.4

It appears that of the first admissions of 1909, 44.2 per cent. of the males and 15.1 per cent. of the females were intemperate users of alcohol. In 1910 the moderate drinkers were included with the intemperate in the tabulation, but for subsequent periods the figures show a marked decline in the percentage of intemperate users, until in 1920 only 20.3 per cent. of the males and 3.7 per cent. of the females were reported in the intemperate group.

In considering these facts in connection with the Prohibition Amendment it should be remembered that the Amendment was in force for only five and one-half months of the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 1920. Of the 122 new cases of alcoholic insanity admitted to the civil State hospitals during the year 75 reached the hospitals before January 16, 1920, and 47 after that date. As nearly all forms of alcoholic insanity result from long-continued and excessive use of alcohol, it would be expected that some cases would develop after the public sale of intoxicating liquors ceased. The great reduction in the rate of admissions of new alcoholic cases since the Amendment went into effect indicates that excessive drinking has been much lessened, if not entirely stopped.

(From article by Dr. Horatio M. Pollock, Statistician New York Hospital Commission, in "State Service Magazine," February-March, 1921.)

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Capt. F. A. CHAFFEY (Nat.): Favors Referendum.

Mr. P. C. SCULLY (Lab.): Non-committal.

Mr. W. E. WEARNE (Pro.): Favors Referendum.

We hold the Balance of Power in Namoi!

WAMMERAWA ELECTORATE.

Present Members:

Mr. W. G. ASHFORD (Nat.): Favors Referendum.

Mr. W. F. DUNN (Lab.): Non-committal.

Mr. J. A. CLARK (Lab.): Not yet replied.

Mr. Thorby (Prog.), highest unsuccessful candidate, obtained 2355 votes. The quota for election was 5610.

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REFERENDUM PLEDGES.

OXLEY ELECTORATE.

Present Members:

Mr. J. J. FITZGERALD (Lab.): Not yet replied.

Mr. R. A. PRICE (Prog.): Not yet replied.

Mr. T. H. HILL (Prog.): Favors Referendum. (Took seat of Mr. Briner—deceased).

Mr. H. D. Morton, highest unsuccessful candidate, obtained only 347 less votes than Mr. Price.

We hold the Balance of Power in Oxley!

MAITLAND ELECTORATE.

Present Members:

Mr. W. BENNETT (Prog.): Favors Referendum.

Mr. W. F. O'HEARN (Lab.): Not yet replied.

Mr. W. CAMERON (Nat.): Favors Referendum.

Mr. C. E. Nicholson, the highest unsuccessful candidate, obtained only 38 less votes than Mr. O'Hearn.

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RIVERINA REPRESENTATIVE.

Another step forward has been taken in the appointment of Mr. W. H. Sherwood as our Riverina representative. Mr. Sherwood was under engagement to the Wagga Committee, giving portion of his time to the work of the campaign. It was in keeping with the forward move begun by this Committee that they should see a larger field of activity, and Mr. Sherwood was strongly recommended for engagement for full time, to travel the southern Riverina carrying on educational work.

He began his work last week, and, with his horse and sulky, may be expected to turn up some time anywhere between Wagga, Narrandera, Wyalong, and Albury.

FIELD DAY IN THE SUBURBS.

At last week-end the Field Team was engaged in giving addresses in the various pulpits in Marrickville, Dulwich Hill, and Hurlstone Park. Congregations generally were large, interest in the subject was in evidence, and the response to the financial appeal decidedly encouraging.

At the next week-end speakers will be scattered far afield. The greater number will be along the North Coast, and others in the metropolitan area.

LATEST NEWS OF PLEDGE CAMPAIGN.

Butting in! Upsetting the normal ways of the politician! Planting ourselves very firmly on his path of least resistance, and telling him that democracy and fair government mean a referendum on every big question—especially the biggest of all: the liquor question.

Members of Parliament are wriggling; they don't like the punch which we hold, and explanations of attitude towards the question continue to come in from Nationalists, Laborites, and Progressives. Some try to "hedge," but there's only one reply for us: "I favor a referendum."

COUNTRY WORKERS.

Mrs. Brunton-Smith has taken charge of Wollondilly electorate, and, in conjunction with our fine local workers, should make Wollondilly a victory electorate.

Mr. Patton, who is organising the Northern Tablelands, is doing quiet but effective work, and everywhere is obtaining adequate and valuable workers.

Miss Grant, at Lithgow, the first town on her western trip, had a royal time. Our Lithgow Committee always get a grip onto things, and at very short notice Mr. Philpott provided hospitality. Rev. Robinson offered an opportunity of addressing his big congregation, and representatives of the

various churches and other organisations accepted responsibility for the pledges. With Mr. Cook as Secretary and Rev. Oakly as President of the Lithgow Committee it is safe to say that Lithgow folk will poll heavily for Prohibition when the referendum comes—as it soon must, as a result of our pledge campaign.

The Wagga Prohibition Committee is never tired of punching Bung. Mr. H. Sherwood has now been made a full-time worker and will bring his wide experience and fertile brain to work on organising the south for pledges and Prohibition. It's just wonderful how the pledges are coming in, especially from far-back districts—it augurs well for a super-success.

THE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION.

Committee meetings are being held every day, and fresh bands of workers are making the pledges go. Epping workers are mapping out the whole district; the Western Suburbs Council has elaborate machinery with plenty of "fuel and steam;" Hurstville, Newtown, Hurlstone Park, Lakemba, Leichhardt, etc.,

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are moving, and in conjunction with our poster campaign a deep interest should be aroused.

Pledge-signing tables have been provided at the Methodist Fair, Rev. Strong's lecture, the Y.M.C.A. sports, and at the Eight-Hour demonstration. This is only the beginning.

Parkes and the main towns around it are being organised by our ever-enthusiastic worker, Miss Bowditch, and no district will be more conscientiously worked than this.

NEWCASTLE SWINGS INTO LINE.

Ex-Senator D. Watson reports that workers are seeing the value of the pledge campaign, and are rallying splendidly. Miss Gow's big rally will be reported in next issue, but its success is assured by the interest already evidenced.

Everywhere interest is aroused.

Newspaper advertising with a punch will soon appear. Watch for it. Cut it out. Use it for canvassing purposes. If everyone will talk pledge, sign pledge, and "push" pledge, our super-success is assured. We especially appeal to ministers to make announcements of the pledge campaign from their pulpits, and to give all possible assistance to local workers in this practical Christian work.

GOOD FOR GOULBURN.

When the vote for Prohibition is recorded, Goulburn will make a name for itself by a magnificent "dry" majority. Our represen-

tative is confident of this after a recent visit to that flourishing city. One most enjoyable meeting was the conference with the workers. A good representative gathering met and discussed many phases of the campaign, showing special keen interest in the referendum pledge campaign. The fact that 1000 pledges represent the quota of Goulburn did not depress the workers, but rather stirred them up to attempt greater things. A systematic canvass is being planned, and every effort will be made to exceed the quota. At the conclusion of all the meetings many pledges were signed and others taken for absent friends, and upon return to Sydney a substantial packet of signed pledges was brought back, the first fruits of Goulburn's quota.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

THE BACKBONE.

Prohibition laws will only be won and enforced when supported by a strong healthy sentiment. Drunkards, for their own sakes, and moderate drinkers, for the sake of others, may vote for Prohibition, but its success will not depend upon them; for very often, if given the facilities, they will go against those very laws they help to bring in. Prohibition will be an unqualified success if supported by a strong total abstinence sentiment, for this is the backbone of Prohibition. A fatal mistake is made if we work for Prohibition, and meanwhile do not see that the young people are trained in the principles of abstinence, which is only another name for personal Prohibition. The more abstainers or personal Prohibitionists we train among the young people the sooner will we win National Prohibition, and the more effective will it be when won.

WARATAH, WILLOWS, AND WOWSERS.

They made a very good combination and helped to make our trip to Goulburn most enjoyable. En route one could not help noticing the beautiful wild flowers growing on the railway embankments, and at many stations beautiful bunches of these and of waratah found ready sale. Nearing Goulburn the train passed the peaceful Wollondilly River, with its banks crowded by arched willow trees, said to have been the first planted in the State. I have never before seen so many willows clustering a river's bank for mile after mile, and, truly, the sight was most beautiful.

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What Prohibition is Doing.

Five hundred or more people have written letters to the San Francisco "Examiner," telling "What Prohibition has done." To win the prize of 100 dollars offered by William R. Hearst, and awarded August 7, it was required that the letters be of not more than 150 words.

The letters came from all sorts and conditions of people. Some told of the bad effects of Prohibition; many more told of the much more potent good effects.

The following letter, to the writer of which was awarded the prize, summed up the good points of all the letters and furnished an irrefutable answer to the objections to Prohibition.

This letter is of particular interest and importance, because the writer of the letter is a man prominent in California public life as a member of the Industrial Accident Commission. Nothing more that we can say can add to the logical power of Mr. French's presentation of the subject.

THE WINNING LETTER.

Editor, "The Examiner."

Sir,—Prohibition has accomplished many benefits, but these three are prominent:

1. Has divorced the liquor traffic from its former semi-legal position as a licensed business in which each citizen was a participant through Federal and State revenue systems, which meant that the crime and social and economic losses caused by intoxicating liquor were involved in a partnership with all the people.
2. Abolished the saloon, and thus removed a source of iniquity and the most stalwart opponent of civic and political righteousness in the United States.
3. Has given children a better chance for the future; has thrown protection around girlhood; has afforded mothers a security heretofore unknown; has enriched the American home, and justifies itself for these reasons alone, for they are superior to specious cries about personal liberty or opposition based upon appetite or profit.

WILL J. FRENCH.

525 Market-street, San Francisco.

ALAS! THE POOR GRAPE!

"Every cloud has a silver lining," we were told in childhood. Sometimes the truth of the adage has been doubted.

For instance, before the Prohibition amendment and the Volstead Act made the United States legally "dry," the growers of wine grapes in California saw nothing but disaster staring them in the face, with the razing of their vineyards as the inevitable result.

Yet, since Prohibition became a certainty, prices of wine grapes have soared to greater heights than ever known when they were used only for beverages.

And here are some of the reasons, as discovered by the Federal Department of Agriculture. The stems are producing a good grade of cream of tartar; from the pomace, after the seeds are separated, jelly is produced; after the jelly is extracted the dry residue constitutes a good stock feed; the seeds yield oil, which, when processed, is a palatable condiment; from the hulls tannin is extracted; and now it is stated that the waste can be utilised in making grape juice.

Verily this cloud has a silver lining.—"Los Angeles Herald."

THIS MAN KNEW "DRUNKS."

Editor, "The Examiner."

Sir,—What has Prohibition accomplished to date? Here are facts not generally known.

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During the 12 years before the Volstead Act became effective we treated more than 125,000 drinking men and women. Chicago and Cleveland institutes treated more than 100 patients a month. Los Angeles and San Francisco averaged 25 to 30 a month. Neal Institutes now operating do not average two patients a month. Nearly all Neal Institutes have closed from lack of patronage, and I am now devoting all of my time to another business.

Light wine and beer drinkers have not generally turned to strong liquors. Home brewers are losing interest in home brewing. "Bootleg whisky" is blinding and killing off

its patrons. Drinkers are not turning to drugs.

There are only three classes of drinkers left. Those who have a "home stock," those who still think they like to be "sporty," and the unfortunate monomaniac or dipsomaniac who is incurable.

Nature is "taking off" all of these drinkers, and if the Volstead Act is properly enforced we will have practically a dry country within the next five years.

This letter exceeds the 150 words, but these cold facts can all be verified and should be known to both friends and foes to Prohibition. Prohibition is prohibiting.—Sincerely,

B. E. NEAL, M.D.,

President Neal Institutes Company.

121 Second Street, San Francisco.

(Reprinted from San Francisco "Examiner," July 17, 1921.)

Sir,—In Baltimore, where I live, we had about 7500 arrests for drunkenness in 1918, against 5096 in 1919, and 1785 in 1920. Arrests for all causes were 62,076 in 1918, 50,027 in 1919, and 41,938 in 1920. Yet some people in Baltimore say that "Prohibition does not prohibit." It does a lot more than prohibit; it prevents crime and punishes criminals—and the criminals object.

CHARLES E. MacKEAN.

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VALE JOHN STOREY.

By C.B., for "Grit."

Amid the hurly-burly of life comes the news of the death of John Storey. During his life we had occasion to join issue with him over a matter we are vitally interested in, but that fact did not blind our eyes to the qualities which were the outstanding features of his life. Without any smug hypocrisy he was frankly honest with his friends and with his political foes. During life we are all incomplete; our own minds harbor conflicting thoughts and opinions, and to larger or lesser degree we all possess a dual personality. The greatest among men stoop to do little and petty things, and the weakest man is often capable of an action of sublime courage. No man is great or small all the time.

John Storey won the respect of the people of this State, and his death is mourned by all classes of the community. For over a quarter of a century he served his party. By a steady, consistent faithfulness to his political principles he won the confidence of his colleagues, and after the last elections he was called upon to lead the Government. He was at the zenith of his political career. The fruit of many years' hard work was ready for harvesting, and, in the midst of all which life promised, Death came and claimed him.

That he died in harness will, after the first shock of grief is over, be a pleasing thought for his many friends. One of the worst penalties of life is when a man who has been active in public life is compelled to stand aside and watch others do what he once did. Better, we think, to die as John Storey did, in the forefront of the battle.

The Labor Party has suffered many losses by death during the past year, and each loss has left the party weaker. The tragic removal of John Storey from the leadership in this State removes an influence which is most necessary in public life to-day. He represented the sane and moderate outlook of his party, and with it all he was big enough to desire the good of the whole community. We believe he undertook his official duties with the desire to render to his country the best that he knew, and the people now honor his memory because he did this.

Our sympathy goes out to the widow in her hour of sorrow, and we believe that as Time heals the wounds which death has made she will gather comfort and joy from the knowledge that her husband will be known to those that come after us as Honest John Storey.

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Where Politicians Stand.

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On August 31 the following letter was sent to every member of our State Parliament:—

Dear Mr. Member,—I am sending you a copy of "Grit" under separate cover, and will continue to do so from time to time when it contains matter of special interest to you. You will notice our determined effort to obtain a referendum on the Prohibition question. While we know your attitude in the past, we are anxious to have you restate your view on the question of "an immediate referendum on Prohibition to be decided by a bare majority." Frankly, we want it for publication, and in fairness to you will only print exactly what you feel about the question just now.

Whatever taxation is imposed upon people they must put up with it, but they surely ought to have the right to free themselves from the extraordinary expenditure of ten and a quarter million pounds spent last year on drink, and the incidental millions of pounds spent in social wreckage.

We also feel sure that you will agree that they ought to know where their member stands on such a question.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. S. HAMMOND.

REPLIES.

In alphabetical order the following nineteen members replied within a few days, all of them being in favor of "an immediate referendum on the question of Prohibition to be decided by a bare majority":

Arthur, Richard	Hill, T. H.
Arkins, J. G. D.	Hoskins, T. J.
Bagnall, W. R.	Loxton, E. J.
Brunnell, Albert	Ley, T. J.
Cocks, A. A. C.	Nesbitt, G.
Chaffey, F. A.	Millard, W.
Carr, E. S.	Perdriau, R.
Drummond, D. H.	Shillington, S. J.
Doe, B. J.	Weaver, R. W. D.
Fitzpatrick, J. C. L.	Wearne, W. E.

A SECOND LETTER.

On September 14 the following letter was sent to those who had not replied to the first letter:—

I know you will appreciate my desire not to do you any injustice and to be quite open and frank with you. We are on the eve of a big publicity campaign, and propose to state the views of members of Parliament on a referendum on the liquor question, to be decided by a bare majority.

Will you try and find time to reply to my former letter of August 31 on the subject, as I would not like to publish any statement in which I was compelled to guess at your views or state that you had none on this very vital question.

You will notice that I am not asking your views on Prohibition, but rather on the democratic right of the people to have the opportunity of expressing themselves on the matter.—Yours sincerely,

ROBERT B. S. HAMMOND.

REPLIES.

The following members replied with a clear and definite answer in favor of the referendum we demand:—

Ashford, W. G.	Jaques, H. V.
Anderson, D. M.	Lee, J. R.
Ball, R. T.	Oakes, Chas. W.
Buttenshaw, E. A.	Onslow, J. W. M.
Bennett, W.	Rutledge, T. L. F.
Cameron, W.	Smith, A. F.
Fuller, Sir Geo. W.	Wilson, J.
Fegan, J. L.	Walker, R. B.
Henley, Sir T.	

OTHER ANSWERS.

The Hon. James Dooley replied:—"I have given consideration to your letter asking for a statement of my views on the subject of a referendum in connection with the liquor question. In reply, I wish to state that I strictly hold the view that opinions held by members of Parliament upon any public question should properly be expressed to their constituents on the public platform or in some other public manner. I would add that I am prepared at all times to answer any such questions in the way I have outlined."

Captain the Hon. W. F. Dunn replied:—"I wish to say that the matter has always received my serious consideration, but I would prefer to make any statement on the subject from the public platform. It has always been my policy in regard to important subjects of public interest, and I am always prepared to reply to question of this nature at an appropriate time."

Simon Hickey replied:—"Re your inquiry. I accept the platform of the Labor Party that stands for the initiative referendum. I think the idea should be employed at any time and upon any issue upon which a considerable section of the people demand a test. When this engine is cranked up to settle the Prohibition question, as becomes a man of my Party, I stand for a bare majority decision."

C. H. Murphy replied:—"I am in receipt of your letters of 31st ult. and the 12th inst., and, in reply thereto, desire to thank you for your frankness. 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 for 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."

Lieut.-Colonel M. F. Bruxner replied:—"With reference to yours of 12th inst., I was hoping to have spoken in the House before this, but have not had an opportunity. I am not in favor of Prohibition by compulsion,

deeming it a greater thing for a people to become temperate in habit by education and strength of will. However, as a referendum has been promised and provided for, I think it should be left to the people to decide themselves."

Hugh Main replied:—"Re a referendum on the liquor question, apart altogether from the evils or benefits to be gained from the consumption of alcohol, I am opposed to a section of the community, even if numerically superior, being the arbitrators of conduct. This is a matter for the duly elected representatives of the people to decide. Notwithstanding, I am of the opinion that the present Government were in the wrong in flouting the law by simply ignoring the Act calling for a referendum. Their more honest course would have been to attempt to get the Act repealed, if they thought the referendum should not be taken."

C. C. Lazzarini replied:—"I have no objection whatever to the question of Prohibition being decided by the people on a democratic vote, provided the question of reasonable compensation is taken into consideration. However, I wish to make my position clear in connection with this important matter by stating that I consider the present moment inopportune to take the vote, for the reasons following: (1) Because, in face of similar votes in other parts of Australasia within recent time, it appears the people are opposed to Prohibition, and the only result of a campaign at present would be a heavy cost to the State. (2) Should it happen that a vote was carried in favor of Prohibition, with compensation, the State is not in a position to finance such a scheme during the present financial depression. Shortly, this is the attitude I take upon this question."

P. C. Scully replied:—"As I receive so many requests from outside bodies concerning their own particular business, may I state that, being a member of the Labor Party, and that Party having a definite platform to which I subscribe, to that and nothing else, I trust you will readily see my attitude on the matter which you referred to me."

THOSE WHO DID NOT REPLY.

Bailey, J.	Kilpatrick, M.
Bayin, T. R.	Lang, Hon. J. T.
Birt, J. E.	Loughlin, Hon. P. F.
Buckley, A. W.	McClelland, A.
Burke, F. M.	McGirr, Hon. J. J.
Cann, Hon. G.	McKell, Hon. W. J.
Clark, J. A.	McTiernan, Hon. E. A.
Cleary, J. J.	Minahan, P. J.
Connell, Major	Molesworth, V.
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Davies, W.	Mutch, Hon. T. D.
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PASS "GRIT" ON

A Personal Chat with my readers

THE HEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. Military authorities agree with Sir Neville Howse, V.C., Director-General of Medical Services, that there is need for a periodical stocktaking of the health of the nation, and believe with him that the standards set for the Australian Imperial Force were not too high, considering the terrific strain of warfare.

In the discussion in the conference of the Public Health Association of Australia, Sir Neville Howse said that an examination of boys at the age of 18 for the whole of Australia showed that 19.8 per cent. were unfit to be passed into the citizen forces for further military training. That was an appalling commentary on the public health. Of the men sent forward from Australia for service in the war zones, 10,000 were unfit to go into the front line. If to that 10,000 were added five or ten times that number of men who were not allowed to embark, they got an idea of the condition of humanity in Australia.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. Alderson, chief supervisor of cadet and physical training, pointed out in his speech at the conference that whereas more than 30 per cent. of the men who volunteered for active service were physically unfit, a further indication of the physical unfitness of the nation was afforded by the yearly medical examination of the senior cadets on transfer to the military forces. On December 1, 1917, 20,832 senior cadets were examined, and the percentage of physical inefficiency was 21.34. On December 1, 1918, 22,129 were examined, the percentage of inefficiency being 17.67. A year later 22,984 were examined, and 16.39 regarded as unfit. To these percentages must be added those considered unfit without the necessity of medical examination.

It is almost appalling to learn on indisputable authority that of 2000 men called up in one suburb, when conscription was in view here, 28 per cent. were discovered to be suffering from venereal disease.

We can neither be happy nor useful if we are unhealthy. No one has ever disputed the statement that alcohol predisposes to ill-health, retards recovery from illness or accident, is quite unnecessary to good health, and aggravates ill-health arising from any other cause. Prohibition, therefore, becomes a vital factor in our Good Health.

OUR STATE FINANCES. At the close of the financial year, 1920-21, the outstanding debt of New South Wales amounted, according to the Treasurer's statement of accounts, to £164,336,942. The Auditor-General added to that sum £4,241,436, on account of closer set-

tlement debentures, etc., making the aggregate £168,577,927. In 1919-20 the total was £156,902,917 (inclusive of £4,126,836 for closer settlement). The movement in the public debt during the year ended June 30 last was, therefore, an increase of £11,675,010. The total of the general loan account rose from £144,658,532 to £157,214,762, there being an increase of £12,556,230, less £995,820 paid off during the 12 months.

Since 1914 the rate of interest paid on the debt has risen steadily from 3.66 per cent. to 4.760 per cent. on average, or a little more than 1 per cent. Within the next five years this State will require to meet loan redemption obligations totalling £66,083,037.

At the close of the financial year, 1913-14, the outstanding debt amounted to £116,695,031, which was equal to £62 16s. 9d. per head of population. In the subsequent seven years the aggregate has been increased by no less than £51,882,896, and by approximately £17 per head. In addition to the interest burden represented by this heavy State debt, the people of New South Wales have, of course, to shoulder their share of the Commonwealth interest debt.

It would seem that we have reached a good time to stop spending on luxuries and begin to work and save and become self-respecting by paying our debts. In the face of this debt it is unpardonable that we throw away ten million pounds a year on drink.

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"If you are going to play any great part in God's drama, one of the indispensable processes of preparation is to be 'heated hot with burning fears' until you will be 'meet for the Master's use.' There is no other way to greatness in the Kingdom of God, believe me. There may be other methods in the kingdom of this world, but no other method to obtain high places in the Kingdom of God than the high way of sorrow. "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I drink of, and to be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?" This is the only way up. It is drinking bitter cups; it is a deep sympathy with the redemptive purposes of our Lord; it is your baptism of blood that will qualify you."

"Give me only fire enough," Bernard Palissy is said to have exclaimed, "and these colors shall be burned into this china." While incredulous friends looked on, he persevered. After many experiments a proper kiln was constructed, the fire kindled, and his long-cherished dream made a reality.

Let us be ashamed of being lukewarm, but never ashamed of our enthusiasm.

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TOIL—JUST COMMON TOIL.

Ruskin said: "If you want knowledge you must toil for it; and if pleasure you must toil for it. Toil is the law. Pleasure comes through toil, and not by self-indulgence and indolence. When one gets to love work, his life is a happy one."

Perhaps you don't believe this. Well, give it a thorough trial. The tired people are those who do nothing; the unhappy people, the blase ones, are those who have nothing to do. Let us thank God for toil, and then do some more work for Prohibition.

The "Sun" had the following telegram in its issue of September 13, 1921:—

"PUSSYFOOT" JOHNSON.
PROHIBITION PROSPECTS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.
"Pussyfoot" Johnson arrived by the steamer Malwa to-day. He intends to study Prohibition prospects in Australia, and will then go on to the East.

He says that if the United States remains dry Great Britain will be dry by 1930.

It is of course of no moment that Mr. Johnson left the boat at Colombo, and that the telegram was like some of our American cables—quite imaginary.

The Editor

Women to Investigate Prohibition.

IMPORTANT COUNCIL FORMED.

(By C.B.).

For many years the leaders of the Prohibition movement have been appealing to public-spirited people to investigate the whole problem of alcohol, and then, after a thorough searching of the evidence, make known their conclusion. At last the appeal has been heeded, and to-day in Sydney we have two associations, which have been formed with the sole object of investigating the whole question of Prohibition. Some months ago the first of these societies was formed, and operates as the "Business Men's Efficiency League." On Wednesday last, October 5th, in St. James' Hall, "The Women's Prohibition Investigation Council" was formed.

The conference, with Mrs. Stanhope Swift in the chair, was opened at 3 p.m., and at once got to business. Representatives from the principal women's organisations were present, and the Rev. R. B. S. Hammond, as leader of the Prohibition forces in Australia, was invited to address the delegates. The agenda paper set forth the object of the conference in the following terms:—

A conference of delegates from influential women's societies to consider the question of Prohibition, with a view to the formation of a league to investigate the effects of alcohol in relation to the social and economic life of the State, and to obtain reliable information as to the effects of Prohibition in other countries.

Mrs. Stanhope Swift, introducing Mr. Hammond, told the conference that she had at one time been opposed to Prohibition, but after carefully obtaining facts she was forced to change her opinions, and she was anxious that other women should investigate the problem, and thus become competent to judge of the merits or otherwise of the drink problem. Mr. Hammond was given a splendid welcome, and he at once made it clear that he did not intend to make a Prohibition speech. He recognised that he was addressing public-spirited women, determined to promote the welfare of the State politically, educationally, and socially. In effect, Mr. Hammond said to the delegates:—I believe Prohibition is a good thing, I believe it decreases crime, eases our economic burdens, and makes life happier for the mass of the people; but I am anxious that you, representing organisations which are accomplishing much public good, should get into touch with kindred organisations in countries where Prohibition is in force, and obtain first-hand evidence of the effects of Prohibition. The proposed Council does not conflict with your personal or social habits, or your political convictions. It does not clash with that magnificent body known as the W.C.T.U., or other Prohibition associations. But it accepts the challenge of the fact of Prohibition in Canada and U.S.A., and will seek first-hand information from

women's societies and organisations in Prohibition countries, and collect the data upon which women in Australia can form an opinion. That was all he asked of the conference, and he made it clear that the more evidence that could be produced, the better he would like it.

FORMATION OF LEAGUE.

Mrs. Furner moved:—

That in the opinion of this conference a League of Women should be formed to investigate the whole question of Prohibition, especially as it affects the problems concerning women, and hereby approves of the formation of a body for that purpose. Miss Williams seconded the resolution, and pointed out that the formation of such an association did not bind them to Prohibition. They were simply determined to gather all the available information about one of the greatest problems which faced civilisation to-day. The resolution was carried unanimously.

NAME OF ASSOCIATION.

Mrs. Johns moved:—

That the name of the Association shall be "The Women's Prohibition Investigation Council."

Mrs. Johns emphasised the necessity for obtaining accurate knowledge, and thought that one of the mistakes of the past had been that when we were called upon to decide big questions we had to make our decision without a complete knowledge of the problems.

Mrs. Carter seconded the resolution, which was carried.

FORMATION OF COUNCIL.

Madame Wolfcarius moved:—

That this conference approves of the formation of a Council to include two representatives from each association now represented, and such other associations as from time to time may affiliate, in addition to which the Council so constituted may elect not more than 10 other representative women.

Madame Wolfcarius urged that every effort should be made to obtain the information they sought through the right channels. The decisions of the Council must be based on knowledge, and much care must be taken to guarantee that the Council shall weigh whatever evidence is obtained in an impartial manner.

Mrs. Hammond seconded the resolution, which was adopted.

RECOMMENDATION TO ORGANISATIONS.

Mrs. MacCullam moved:—

That we report back to our organisations, with a recommendation that our organisation shall affiliate with the Women's Prohibition Investigation Council.

Mrs. Klune seconded the motion, which was carried.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Strang moved, and Mrs. Bennett seconded:—

That the following ladies be asked to act as a provisional committee to carry on until the Council is formed, and elects its own officers and executive:—Lady David, Miss Williams, Mrs. Herring, Mrs. Fell, Mrs. Wolfcarius, Mrs. Strang, and Mrs. Wells.

The value of the decisions of the conference cannot be overstated. The vital question of alcohol, as it affects the race, is essentially a question which must be courageously faced by women. The influence of

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women has not decreased, instead the changed conditions brought about by the war have thrust new burdens on the shoulders of the mothers of men, and the increased power they now possess must be used carefully, after well weighing the consequences of any action they may decide upon. For this reason we welcome "The Women's Prohibition Investigation Council," and we feel confident that the result of the work this organisation will do the State of New South Wales and the Commonwealth will greatly benefit.

The next meeting of the Council will be announced in this paper, and our readers will be apprised of the activities of the Council from time to time.

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THE VORTEX.

Watch the whirlpool in a flood; it may disappear unless there is suction at the bottom. If there is suction, it will continue, and the eddying bodies at the surface will be drawn down. This appealed to me recently very acutely. I was out with a party of young men. The trip extended over several days. We had to put up at hotels. As we arrived at each hotel, there was the bar and friendly greeting. If we only went in for lunch we were requested to "pay in the bar." There it is—the liquor. You cannot get away from it. The hotelkeeper pushes it; it's his trade. The good-hearted young man "shouts" for his friends, and also drinks a few himself. He is on the surface. If the suction continues, there is no escape. Hell and damnation are at the bottom. The older man sees it. Am I my brother's keeper? No, of course not, unless it is your own son or brother, or daughter going down! We can watch others drown. What cowards we are. Life may be a placid river to some, but the danger spots are there. Can a mother, who has nursed her babe to the flower of manhood, look on? Let us close the gates of hell. Give us Prohibition.

"SAFETY."

APPRECIATION.

The splendid report of progress in Prohibition work to which we recently listened, must have made the blood tingle of every earnest worker present. It is surely now up to every superintendent, and other workers in juvenile societies, to give the movement an impetus that shall, in due course, bring victory to our noble cause. Let every worker be up and doing, particularly in the pledge-signing movement. Though the time is critical, if we are fully awake and seize our opportunity now, we shall, without a doubt, realise shortly the fruits of our long, long, waiting and working; but the moments now are laden with shapes for posterity's salvation from the drink curse. For long years some of us have been straining our eyes to see the dawn of this day of opportunity. For about half a century some of us have fought tooth and nail, and given our time, energy, and money in the hope of living to see this day; but we must seize the opportunity by the forelock. Let old workers take fresh heart and hope. The work in past years was not in vain, though we had to fight often single-handed, and outside the churches—but now we see the third generation of our first Band of Hope children grown to voting age, and helping to hasten the crowning victory. There is a good time coming,—may the old warriors be spared a little longer to see it! Let everyone now lend a hand in helping to strike the final—the fatal—blow, and lay the proud oppressor low.

I cannot conclude without (as I am only an occasional speaker), expressing (in common with many others), our growing admiration for the whole army of (martyrs, I was

going to say), of pushing, painstaking, persistent, persevering, determined, fearless, indefatigable and energetic workers, so nobly and splendidly giving their lives to this work, stimulated and guided, as they are, by a giant mind, with unlimited stratagem. I would fain mention names. I may at least say you have a "fisher" of men and things who knows the game. God bless the whole batch of workers.—Yours truly,

S. TERRILL.

9 Gower-street, Summer Hill.

OUR INCONSISTENCY.

What strict, yet rightful, precautions are taken to prevent infectious diseases from entering the Commonwealth. How quickly and earnestly the Government acts to protect the community from plagues, etc. Passengers are marshalled and examined, also ships searched before release from quarantine, so that loathsome diseases from foreign parts will not enter.

But how is it that these same Governments not only condone, but license, the local plague generator and disseminator—intoxicating liquor?

This terror is sweeping our cities (in particular), suburbs, and country, like a wither-

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ing blast from some monster, but because it is bred and fostered locally, it has to stay—bodies and characters going down to it like grass to a scythe—just to bloat finance and appease influence. What an opportunity for political temperance "Daniels" to take the field?—Yours faithfully,

PERCY PRIESTLEY.

FEDERAL CUSTOMS TARIFF.

Division 16, "Miscellaneous" Item, 371, "Articles imported for the use of the Governor-General free":—

"Senator Gardiner thought that wines for the use of guests of the Governor-General should pay duty."

"Senator Millen said that it had been the custom for the Governor-General to be permitted to import goods for his personal use free."

There is a scriptural quotation: "Unto everyone that hath shall be given, but from him that hath not, even that which he hath shall be taken away from him."—R.V., Luke 9-26.

The Nazarene had a great grip of human nature; he knew that to-day, to puff and pander to the individual in possession of place, power and pounds, shillings and pence, would be a weakness with men until the brotherhood of man became thoroughly understood and practiced, and strange to say, the tendency is to perpetuate this kind of silly nonsense, even by our Federal Parlia-

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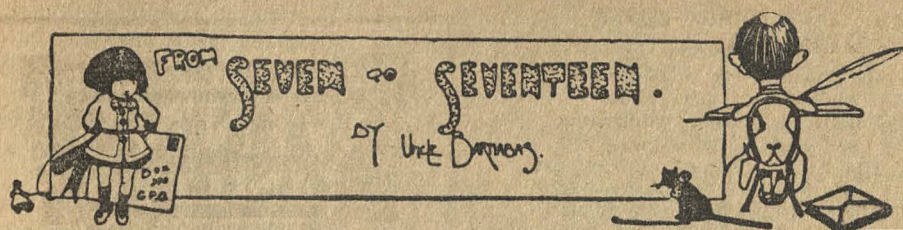


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FROST AND ICE.

Mabel Binks, "Fernbank," Cambewarra, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I think it is about time I wrote to you, don't you? We are having very nice weather down here now. We have had some very heavy frosts. I put a saucer of water out on frosty nights and get some ice. We had our Orange celebrations a few weeks ago, and they turned out very good. Nowra is going to have theirs this week, and they are going to have the same speaker as Cambewarra had. His name is Mr. Grey. We are going to have a service up here to-night, and the Methodist minister is going to preach. Well, Uncle, I will close now.

(Dear Mabel,—Yes, I do think it is time that you wrote again. I was nearly sending the scallywag to you. Write again soon.—Uncle T.)

A NEW NE.

Herby Gibson, "Galloway," Concord, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I should like to be one of your Ne's, and not get on the scallywag list at all. I would love to keep off it. I will be eleven on September 7. I go to Mortlake public school. I am in fourth class. My teacher's name is Mr. McKinnon. My sister and I go to Concord Methodist Church. My Sunday school teacher's name is Mr. Kier. Enclosed is my photo, taken just after returning home from work. I love to read "Grit." Will you send me a "Grit" with my letter in it? I must close now, with love and kisses to all. I will write again soon.

(Dear Herby,—Your photo. is fine. That is what I call a 400 horse-power grin. I hope it never wears off. If you look like that when you are just off from work, say, how would you look if offered an ice cream when it was 105 degrees in the shade!—Uncle B.)

A NEW NI.

Margaret Telfer, "Lauriston," Croydon, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I hope you will accept me as one of your Ni's. I have been going to write for a long while, but kept putting it off, but at last I have succeeded in writing a few lines to you. I will be fourteen on September 21. I hope to have my photo ready

for you next time I write. My cousin receives this paper every week, and I always read pages 11, 12, and 13. I belong to the Presbyterian Church, Ashfield. I go to church and Sunday school every Sunday, and like it very much. Our annual anniversary is coming off soon, and also our Sunday school picnic, which is going to be held on September 24—three days after my birthday. We think we are having it at Fairfield. Well, Uncle, I like and enjoy writing to you, and I sincerely hope I will not become a scallywag. I give my love to all "Grit" cousins, not forgetting yourself.

(Dear Margaret,—Nothing matters but "God and duty," so if you are loyal to both you must be loyal to all the principles of life, and, therefore, never become a scallywag.—Uncle T.)

LIKES GRIT.

Kathleen Emert, Burwood, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I went up for the Sunday school exam. last Wednesday. The Wednesday before it was my birthday and I had a party. I have just finished reading this week's "Grit," and liked it very much. I will send my photo as soon as I have it taken. I have not been to school for a fortnight because I had the influenza. There is a football match in the park over the road from us every Saturday now, and sometimes we go and watch it. Next Wednesday we break up at school for three weeks. I will close now, with love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Kathleen,—I hope you were successful in the exam. Write again and let me know the result. I am glad to know you have recovered from your illness.—Uncle T.)

DARKY'S PERIL.

Audrey Brodie, "Gowan," Bathurst, writes:

Dear Uncle B.,—I hope you will accept me as one of your Ni's. I am eleven years old, and my birthday is on May 20. I live on a sheep station twenty-five miles from Bathurst. I am very fond of riding, and I go for a ride on my horse, Jimmy, nearly every day. I have three pet sheep and a dog named Darky. During the wet weather a week or two ago we lost Darky. He tried to swim across the river, but the current was too strong. He managed to reach a small island, and was there a week in the rain and snow, without food, before he could be rescued. I send my love to you and all "Grit" cousins.

(Dear Audrey,—I am pleased to enrol you in our family. I think Darky is a lucky dog to have survived. The peril of the scallywags is worse than that. So, beware!—Uncle T.)

NOT SO BAD.

Albert Job, "St. Elmo," Parkes, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I saw my last letter in "Grit" some time ago, but have not till now

found time to answer, as I have a good lot to do. Well, Uncle, it is our Parkes Show on Tuesday and Wednesday (23 and 24), and we expect a large crowd if it is fine. Well, Uncle, I am sending you the best photo I have at present, which was taken with my sister's camera. I was looking towards the sun, which made my eyes look rather blinky. I have got some handwriting at the show. Father is a steward in the ring at the show. I saw a letter published from Colless Barrett, who is one of my school pals. Well, Uncle, I went to Sunday school and church to-day, so I did not do too bad. Oh, well, I suppose I will have to drop off to bed now, so good-bye. With love to all "Grit" cousins and yourself.

(Dear Albert,—Always pleased to hear from you. I hope you are a prizewinner. Let me know how the show got on.—Uncle T.)

ANOTHER NEW NI.

Doris Slater, "Brightside," Canterbury, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—I would very much like to join the "Grit" family. I am nine years old, and I will be ten on October 7. I will write every three weeks, and I hope I will never be a scallywag. I read the letters every time they come. Love to "Grit" family.

(Dear Doris,—You, too, are welcome to "Grit" family. Never give me the chance to say that you told an untruth, and you will not become a scallywag.—Uncle T.)

Dulcie Rose Nixon, "Hazelwood," Erskineville, writes:—

Dear Uncle B.,—Will you please take me off the scallywag list? I wrote a letter to you and I lost it before I posted it. I am in 4B at day school and my teacher's name is Miss Schnyder. I go to the Newtown Baptist Church and Sunday school, and I belong to the Young Worshippers' League. I enjoyed my holidays very much. Mother bought me some different colored wool and I have knitted my dolly some jumpers. Love to all my "Grit" cousins, not forgetting yourself.

(Dear Dulcie,—Yes, I will forgive you as you did not lose this letter. I am pleased to note that you are getting on well and learning to do right.—Uncle T.)

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But the "wowzers"! No wonder that amongst such beautiful delightful natural surroundings, in such a progressive city as Goulburn, the Prohibitionists are keen, enthusiastic, and happy, proving emphatically that the "wowser" is anything but a "kill-joy." Successful business men, educationalists, ministers, men and women of all ranks and denominations, are uniting to win Prohibition. The purpose of our visit was to address a Y.P. rally. Preceding it was a practical conference on the political and young people's phases of the campaign, and then, in the Army Citadel, all the youth of Goulburn crowded to enjoy the items and lantern lecture. So keen was the enthusiasm that when, during the singing of popular choruses, we said "children only," everyone sang, evidently thinking that if they were not under 21 years of age they wished they were, or they pretended they were. Sunday schools, Bands of Hope and Temperance Lodges were represented, and gave several splendid items, and when the Prohibition Rooster appeared, the successive "crows" were greeted with such continued applause that it had to be stopped, otherwise the meeting would be too prolonged.

Sunday was a busy day amongst the churches and schools, after which a most enjoyable and successful trip ended with an early morning journey to Sydney. The eight meetings in five days were splendidly arranged by the local Committee, and included a crowded lantern lecture at Parkesbourne. We returned to Sydney deeply appreciating the hospitality extended by our friends and confident that when there is anything doing Goulburn will be in the front rank of the Prohibition fighters.

ANOTHER TESTIMONY.

Mr. D. Watson, ex-Senator, who has recently been appointed organiser for the Alliance in the Newcastle district, sends along the following message to our department, and the recitation which is printed herewith:

"My earliest memories are reflected in Bands of Hope, Blue Ribbon meetings, etc. I hated the very smell of alcohol. As a boy, I held my nose when I passed a liquor bar. I would have screamed if anyone had pulled me inside a drinking saloon.

"Although actively engaged in industrial and political life for many years, I have never found any difficulty in associating with men because of these principles, but rather, they have assisted me in steering clear of temptations that may have been dangerous in the extreme. Sobriety is a paying proposition for the individual. What would it mean to the nation? Help on this grand reform by a life of sobriety and usefulness."—D. Watson.

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A MERRY BOY.

Oh, I'm a merry school boy,
And sister's merry, too,
For father, he's a workman,
So honest, brave, and true.
His hand is strong and steady,
His eye is bright and clear,
For he drinks no wine or whisky,
No porter, ale, or beer.
And my mother's joy and pride
Are his footsteps on the floor,
For he never turns aside
To temptation's door.

One day I went with father,
And as we walked along
We passed a shining palace
And heard a drunken song.
He said that Mr. Heedless
Took many a one in there,
And made him well acquainted
With misery and care.
Then he took me by the hand
Till we passed that spirit store,
And he bade me never stand
At temptation's door.

Organiser Wanted.

Applications are invited for the position of Divisional Secretary for the Darling Downs. Applications stating organising, platform and preaching experience, salary required, and enclosing copies of testimonials to be sent to the State Superintendent, Queensland Prohibition League, Prohibition Headquarters, Brisbane, not later than October 31.

Our Readers' Opinion—

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mentarians and Senators, as observed by their recent deliberations on the Federal Customs Act of 1921. Why, as suggested in the remarks of Senators Gardiner and Millen, should the Governor-General or anyone else be permitted to import "wine" into this fair land at all, much less duty free, is beyond all reason or random. "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise," and to acquiesce in the action of the Governor-General displaying a lack of wisdom, is to aggravate the position, and make known that the legislators of the country, who ought to possess more brains than the rank and file, are apparently devoid of sense. Not only do they show the want of mental efficiency by allowing debasing alcohol under a camouflage of wine to be brought here to blight and injure—for at the least it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder—but, by adopting such a course, they make it quite evident that they still support class legislation and caste. "Let it come in duty free," how absurd to countenance this distinction, and make flesh of one and fish of another.

This mob legislation must cease; it cannot go on for ever, and the writer's advice to those in authority is to put away all that tends to cant about Commonwealth, Brotherhood, and Commonweal, and show their honesty by eliminating the Item 371 from the

Bill, and instead of breeding and fomenting distinction and strife, let it be said that Australia is a Commonwealth in which there is not even a semblance of one law for the rich, and another for the poor, but where a Commonweal is daily lived by all of its inhabitants.

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TOO SLOW.

A negro lad had been brought into a Virginia police court for the fifth time charged with stealing chickens. The magistrate determined to appeal to the boy's father.

"See here," said his Honor, "this boy of yours has been in this court so many times charged with chicken-stealing that I'm quite tired of seeing him here."

"I don't blame you, jedge," said the parent, "an' I's tired of seein' him here as you is."

"Then, why don't you teach him how to act? Show him the right way and he won't be coming here."

"I has showed him de right way," said the father, "but he jest don't seem to have no talent for learning how, jedge; he always gets caught."

THE DIFFICULTY.

Father: "You ought to go to work now; you have reached your majority."

Grad: "Yes; but mine isn't a working majority."

AND EVERY SATURDAY.

"The time will come," thundered the lecturer on women's rights, "when women will get men's wages." "Yes," said a weak little man in the back seat, "next Saturday, too."

CLEARLY ABSURD.

A Frenchman learning English said to his tutor: "English is a queer language. What does this sentence mean: 'Should Mr. Noble, who sits for this constituency, consent to stand again and run, he will in all probability have a walkover,' and if he did sit he would, however, have many opportunities to lie."

HE DID NOT WISH TO SUBSCRIBE.

In Cork City a few citizens approached a public man to solicit a subscription to the prize fund of a walking match. The public man, who was not anxious to subscribe, told the deputation that they did not know the right system of walking. To this the spokesman replied that only regular "heel and toe" walking was recognised. "You have not the right methods at all," asserted the man who had been solicited. "Now, watch the way I walk." And so saying, he stepped out and did not return!

THERE'S A LIMIT.

A certain good woman was so painfully neat that she made life wretched for her family. One of her rules was that all the members of the household must remove their shoes before entering the house.

"Bill," she whined one day to her husband, "I found a grease spot on one of the dining-room chairs, and I think it came off those pants you wear in the shop."

"Well, Mirandy," shouted Bill, his patience exhausted, "for the last fifteen years I've taken my shoes off every time I came into this house, but I'll be hanged if I'm going to go any further."

DISCREET.

Johnny: "Well, what did you say to that new girl last night?"

Archie: "Er, I asked if I could see her home and she said she'd send me a picture of it."



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—Psl. 118, 6.

SUNDAY.

"The earth is full of thy riches."—Psl., 104, 24.

UNSUGHT WEALTH.

"How fond we are of thinking about what we have not instead of about what we have! It has been well said that 'some people's cast-off happiness, like their cast-off clothes, would make some other people very happy.' The cheeriest lives are not those that have the most, but those that appreciate the most. Everyone of us has a gold mine of unworked joy close at hand. But gold needs searching for. Are you finding yours?"—Anon.

MONDAY.

"He that is greatest among you shall be your servant."—Matt. 23, 11.

GREATER—GREATEST.

"He's greater than any," sounds the praises of men.

"He's greater in goodness," is said still again. "He's greater in charity—greater in gifts—He's greater in science—the race, he uplifts. He's greater in language, he's greater in song, He's greater—he's greater," 'tis said all day long.

"His riches are greater, his beauty is great, He's greater than any," sounds early and late.

But greatest of all, is unknown and unsung. His life is humility, no praises rung. His actions are hidden; he only can pray. He's made like the lowest—of unlighted clay. He's poor and he's lowly; no pedigree; race; No beauty or strength; he has no outward grace.

None serves him, because he will come at your call;

He's only a servant—the greatest of all.
L.S.P.

TUESDAY.

"The thoughts of the righteous are right."—Prov. 12, 5.

GREAT THOUGHTS.

"Love is an awakening, an inspiration, dulling the edge of resentment, sharpening the

eloquence of wit, impoverishing distinction, guaranteeing equality and proclaiming the omnipotence of God."—Willis George Emerson.

"We are in danger of getting so used to things that we do not realise their worth. It is bad for a man to get used to God's love, to the comforts of home, and the blessing of health. It is a bit of the hurt of sin stupefying our senses when it is so. We should aim to cultivate the same freshness of appreciation of our blessings as where these blessings came."—S. D. Gordon.

WEDNESDAY.

"Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."—Eccl. 12, 13.

MY TASK.

To love someone more dearly every day,
To help a wandering child to find his way,
To ponder o'er some noble thought and pray,
And smile when evening comes—this is my task.

To follow truth as blind men long for light,
To do my best from dawn of day till night,
To keep my heart fit for His holy sight,
And answer when God calls—this is my task.

THURSDAY.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart."—Psl. 139, 23.

THE SEARCHING TESTS.

The little things in life are the most searching tests of character. Most people will gird themselves to meet a supreme crisis. When all the world is looking on, we feel that we must make a surpassing effort to play the man; but in the gnat-stings, the pin-pricks, the constant fret and irritation of daily life, we are apt to be fretful and selfish. But in this our real self comes into view. Is it not the fact, therefore, that the wife, the child, the brother or sister, has a much more accurate appreciation of our character than those who see us only on show occasions? The moral of this is the absolute necessity of bringing the love, the

sweetness and strength, the long-suffering and courage of our Saviour into the least things. Our great Teacher is ever confronting us with minor occasions, trials, and difficulties, that He may try us and know what is in our heart. If we pass these tests, we are advanced until we find ourselves in the very thick of the great fight.—F. B. Meyer.

FRIDAY.

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings."—Phil. 2, 14.

SOME.

Some murmur if their sky is clear,
And wholly bright to view,
If one small speck of dark appear
In that great heaven of blue;
And some with thankful love are filled
If but one streak of light,
One ray of God's good mercy gild
The darkness of their night.

R. C. FRENCH.

SATURDAY.

"My grace is sufficient for thee."—2 Cor. 12, 9.

GIFT OF POWER.

"If it is my responsibility as a Christian to be doing to-day the will of God, then I may certainly expect to-day that blessing from Him which is the essential condition to my being enabled to fulfil that will. The soul's 'I need' is met by the Lord's 'I am.'"

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The Lord Jesus gives us an 'I am' for us to write after it whatever we please (like a blank cheque), according to the need of the soul. Many are waiting to realise more—instead of at once stepping forward, in the courage of faith, in perfect confidence that God does supply all their need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Here is the secret of power: Be a present-tense Christian."—Evan Hopkins.

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But Bill, science, education, business are all against you now, and every time you sit up and "holler" you will get "banged on the bean" and told to lie down and the obsequies will proceed.

Why, Bill, even the health commissioners of cities are slamming you now. Starkloff, of St. Louis (the citadel of booze and hot weather), states that Prohibition is responsible for the decrease in heat prostrations, only five cases in the city hospital last year and very few this year, notwithstanding the extreme heat. Bill, you are "deader" than you think you are. The choir will now sing "Bury Him Deeply Down."—Geo. McGinnis.

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