

and sense of wonder by allusion to the teeming abundant life of earth, air, and sea. Tell the story of life as it is unfolded in coral and chalk cliff, from lowest forms, through flower and butterfly, bird and animal, up to man himself, made to the image of God, and of God-like powers. Remind him of his duty to his father for hard unceasing toil to provide for his needs and give him a fair start in life. Appeal to his heart by recounting what he cost his mother in "travail and tears." Impress upon him the duty he owes her for her tender love and care through years of helpless infancy and childhood, and henceforth every woman will be sacred in his eyes for his mother's sake. Then, in the words of Ruskin, "His father will become his strength, and his mother his sanctification and his chosen refuge through all the weakness, evil, danger, and amazement of his young life." Let the boy be taught to reverence his body as the temple of the "Lord and Giver of Life." Teach him, in plain and simple language, the laws of Nature, which are the laws of God deep written in the constitution of man. Impress upon him the fact that any injury done to himself or another is a violation of those laws for which a penalty will one day be exacted. Help him to realise his responsibility towards the future. Bid him learn that self-knowledge, self-reverence, self-control, these three alone lead life to sovereign power.

Life is not a polluted stream, but a river clear as crystal proceeding from the throne of God.

The appeal is, after all, to the heart and conscience, as well as to self-interest. It is largely a religious appeal, and the true solution lies along these lines. This may sound very idealistic and impracticable, but it is an ideal that can be reached by earnest men and women alive to life's responsibilities, and in the meantime, since the people "perish for lack of knowledge," let knowledge be spread by all and every means in our power.

The ravages made by this dreadful and devastating war upon the youth of our nation, and the increase of this dread disease inseparable from war and camp, brings home to us, as never before, the supreme necessity for us to be up and doing prepared to do battle with this curse of the ages.

During the last two years our national life has been stirred to its

depths. Patriotism has been a word to conjure with but what is patriotism in its highest and best form but the expression of our love for righteousness and truth. A sense of responsibility towards our fellows and a desire to serve the needs of humanity, and what better expression of our patriotism can we give than a firm resolve that we will, as far as in us lies, by any and every means within our power, set our faces against inordinate love of display, against the empty pursuit of pleasure for its own sake, against self-indulgence in all its vitiating forms, and especially against this destroyer of Empires and peoples.

We are at the parting of many ways, social, political, and religious. God grant us wisdom to choose the path that leads upwards to truth and life, and not the paths that lead down to national decay and death.

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One lady (Mrs Chiltenden, of Wellington) has collected herself £115 2s 6d, which is included in the Lower Hutt amount. During her rounds she has had to contend with bad weather and muddy roads, but she persevered through it all, with the magnificent result noted, and she is still going! There is an example of industry rewarded.

Quite a number of Branches have taken out cards. Others are rounding up with entertainments. I think we shall see £2000.

J. B. McKINNEY, Co-Treasurer.

CANADA'S FIRST SUFFRAGE VICTORY.

Full suffrage has been granted to Manitoba women.

CULLED FROM "HANSARD."

"I am not the Minister of Morals, but the Minister of Health" (Hon. G. Russell. Alas! more's the pity. To secure a healthy nation, it must first be a moral nation (using the word moral in its broadest sense). A Minister of Public Morals would erect a fence at the top of the precipice; a Minister of Health, with his ambulance, gathers up the wrecks at the bottom.

"There never was a more iniquitous thing enacted in this world than the Contagious Diseases Act."—(Mr Hornsby). Thank you, sir, for expressing, in a chamber where no woman's voice is allowed to be heard, the opinion of the thinking women of to-day.

"To clear up all doubt, let me say these are the only classes I propose to segregate, namely, male and female prostitutes."—(Hon. Russell). It's good to call things by their right name. Hitherto the word prostitute has been applied to one sex only.

"I have strenuously opposed 6 o'clock closing. The reason I do so is because I trust every man. Take your glass if you want it, and have done with it, but do not forget yourselves and drink to excess."—(Colonel Potter, quoted by Dr. Thacker).

"It was a crime if any man fell out through his own fault, in associating with these foul women. Of course, he knew they were not so foolish as to mix with some of these pests, but it was while under the influence of liquor that they were liable to forget themselves, and fall victims to the social scourge."—(Colonel Potter, quoted by Dr. Thacker). How does the worthy Colonel reconcile these two statements? Evidently he did not get a training in logic. "His parents didn't pay the extra 1s for logic."

POOR BREWER.

Meux's Brewery in 1915 made a profit of £290,365, the highest for 10 years, and £105,584 more than in 1914.

In 1915, the additional duty imposed on beer in the old country was £22,210,000, but the poor brewer collected from his customers £27,864,000 extra. What about taxing his war profits.