

It is rather interesting to note that Mr Pearce suggests that the books are allowed circulation here because they describe a state of things capable of improvement. The inference from that is that the Government recognises the truth of the books. Mr Pearce then goes on to say that they will interfere with the recruiting in Australia because any Australian would have a great contempt for the British Government if it failed to act in the face of such facts. That is the whole case. Our Government flings our Colonial troops into conditions where the drink traffic lays its traps for them. It will not extend to them the protection that the Dominion Governments extend to them and it is afraid to let the Empire know the facts about this shameful state of things. Your people do right to have a great contempt for a Government like this. It is noble and patriotic contempt, and the Government abundantly deserves it.

Perhaps you would be good enough to send this letter on to your friends out there.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) ARTHUR MEE.

HUTMENT FUND.

Dear Sisters,—Mrs Kyneton Parkes has generously offered our Union to help them by giving public lectures in aid of our "Hutment Fund." The Executive has accepted the offer, and now urges the Unions to show their appreciation by making full use of her services. Mrs Parkes has had a very extensive experience of lecturing and speaking in England, as she was for some time associated with the "Y" work of the British Women's Temperance Association, and later she was a prominent worker in the Women's Suffrage Movement, and later still, when war broke out, Secretary of the Women's Emergency Corps. Mrs Parkes lectures on "Women's War Work" and other subjects of which a list can be obtained from Miss Henderson.

Unions wishing to arrange for a lecture by Mrs Parkes should, in the first instance, communicate with me.—Yours in the Cause of Humanity,

C. HENDETSON,

Hon. Corresponding Secretary.

"MY BURDEN."

(By Amos R. Wells.)

God laid upon my back a grievous load,
A heavy cross to bear along the road.

I staggered on, and, lo! one weary day,
An angry lion sprang across my way.

I prayed to God, and swift, at His command,
The cross became a weapon in my hand.

It slew my raging enemy, and then
Became a cross upon my back again.

I faltered many a league, until at length,
Groaning, I fell and had no further strength.

"Oh, God," I cried, "I am so weak and lame!"
Then straight my cross a winged staff became.

It swept me on till I regained the loss,
Then leaped upon my back again a cross.

I reached a desert; o'er the burning track
I persevered, the cross upon my back.

No shade was there, and in the cruel sun
I sank at last, and thought my days were done.

But, lo! the Lord works many a blest surprise—
The cross became a tree before my eyes!

I slept; I woke to feel the strength of ten;
I found the cross upon my back again.

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