

## CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY.

Our papers bore big headlines about the inquiry going on before a Committee of the U.S.A. Senate. The wets were pressing for a modification of the Volstead Act, and much of their propaganda came out here, via the cables:

But we saw no headlines announcing the recommendations of the Committee which heard and judged all that evidence.

The following is the text of the report drawn up by this Committee:

### TEXT OF MEANS' REPORT.

The report of the Prohibition Committee was drawn by Chairman Means. It said—

"The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified according to a proclamation of the Secretary of State, January 29, 1919. We believe this amendment to be morally right and economically wise.

"So long as this amendment is a part of our fundamental law, it is the duty of all officers, legislative, executive and judicial to aid in its enforcement.

"The advocates of modification of the present Prohibition laws propose to weaken the same. They seek to directly or indirectly authorize the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages.

"The Constitution is a grant of powers. Those powers are limited and such limits are not to be transcended. A national referendum is not provided for, and it is our belief that it was not the intention of the framers of the Constitution that a national referendum would ever be attempted. No laws have been enacted which provide a machinery for the holding of such a referendum."

## ALCOHOL.—NOT A STIMULANT.

Dr. Courtenay C. Weeks, who was one of the speakers at the Jubilee Council Meetings, told a Glasgow meeting that alcohol is a poison that saps the very foundations of life. It still had a grip on the national life because of its deep-rooted impression that it was a stimulant. It is not. It might excite and it might do other things, but all the great leaders of medical thought emphasize that from first to last, on all parts of the nervous system and on every organ of the human body, alcohol acts as a narcotic.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

The following beautiful service is used in U.S.A. to welcome new members. It could be read say once a quarter or every six months in our Unions, and all new members then be initiated. It has been slightly altered to suit conditions in our Dominion.

All members gained since the last service are brought before the President, who thus addresses them:

"The Women's Christian Temperance Union is a body of Christian women, pledged total abstainers and banded together for the protection of the home, for the promotion of purity, for the destruction of the liquor traffic and for the final triumph of the Golden Rule of Christ in custom and in law. Do you subscribe to the pledge of the W.C.T.U. Union, which is: 'I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, including wine, beer, and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.'"

Response: "I do."

President: "The W.C.T.U. Union reaches out into every line of service in the home, social or civic life, and touches every spring of action that can be correlated for humanity's good. Its scope is as wide as the universe and limited only by humanity's need. Its motto, 'For God and Home and Every Land' holds within its compass all that makes life worth living. True to its God-given mission, the W.C.T.U. has consistently pursued its 'Do everything' policy. Years of educational labour stretch before us ere total abstinence is accepted by the masses of the people as the only safe rule of life.

"We hope your fellowship with the W.C.T.U. may be so enjoyable that there may be a growing appreciation of the work accomplished, so that you may remain a devoted member until your life's close. The White Ribbon is the badge of our organisation. As members of the W.C.T.U. we love and wear the white ribbon bow."

Response: "It is the beautiful badge of our organisation, heaven-born to promote a holy cause."

President: "It is a blessed bond of fellowship among our members."

Response: "It proclaims our faith in the ultimate triumph of Prohibition."

All: "Let us wear the white ribbon and follow its gleam."

The bow is pinned on each new member, the President and other officers welcome them with the right hand of fellowship. Then all sing "All Round the World the Ribbon White is Twined."

## A STEP FORWARD.

We are pleased to notice that the Bill permitting women to be appointed Justices, has passed the Upper House, and only awaits the Governor-General's signature to become law.

The Act providing that the mother is to have equal rights of guardianship over her children, has been read a second time in the Lower House.

I cannot tell why there should come to me

A thought of someone, miles and miles away,

To swift insistence on the memory,

Unless there be a need that I should pray.

He goes his way, I mine, we seldom meet

To talk of plans, or changes, day by day,

Of pain or pleasure, triumph or defeat,

Or special reasons why 'tis time to pray.

We are too busy even to spare thought

For days together, of some friends far away;

Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought

To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps just then my friend has fiercest fight,

A more appalling weakness, or decay

Of courage—darkness—some less sense of right,

And so in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me if I intrude

Unmasked upon you on some busy day;

Give me a moment's prayer, as interlude,

Be very sure I need it, therefore pray.