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*"Standing with reluctant feet  
Where the brook and river meet,  
Womanhood and childhood sweet."*

*"The Flower of Youth never looks  
so lovely as when it bends before  
the Sun of Righteousness."*

## SLEET! HAIL! SNOW! CONVENTION.

Our Editor has just returned from the Wellington District Convention. A full account of this will appear next month. The clerk of the weather did his best to celebrate the occasion by sending the severest snow storm experienced for years.

Convention closed at mid-day. It was a gloomy morning with heavy rain storms, but about 1 p.m. the weather started to show what it could do. It hailed and then it sleeted, and lastly, it snowed. Our Editor went back to Carterton with Miss Oates, the newly-elected District President, and Mrs Every, Carterton President. We faced the fury of the storm, and snow settled on the wind screen. Soon the patient little ticker who keeps the screen clear had to stop, the weight of snow was too great. Paddocks on each side of us were white, and soon it was increasingly difficult to see the road. Miss Oates got out to clear the wind screen and scraped off snow quite half an inch thick. The snow stopped for an interval, and our little ticker, relieved from the weight of snow, cheerfully took up his task and kept a clear space for the driver to see through.

It snowed heavily during the afternoon and evening, and this morning we left the Wairarapa during a heavy storm of hail and snow. We were quite glad to get on our own side of the range, and have again the glorious sunshine of the Manawatu.

## GIRLS IN COURT.

Miss Kirk gave a most interesting account of our Magistrate's Courts, and told of the need there is for greater privacy when young women are being tried. Many young girls do wrong, and get into the court. There they stand, and are viewed and marked by a crowd of men, not of the most desirable character. Miss

Kirk gave instances of how difficult it is for a young woman once convicted to make good. When they come out of the gaol, their old associates are on the watch to lure them back to evil. One case of a young woman imprisoned for stealing was pitiful. She had been influenced and used by older persons. When she came out, some social workers got her a good home with a lady who knew her history. Before the girl had been an hour in the house her employer was rung up and told she had a gaol-bird there, and this occurred 16 times in the first two days.

Cases such as these should warn young women against the first false step. It should also make us very pitiful of our weaker sisters, and willing to do all we can to help them.

## DON'T USE BIG WORDS.

"In promulgating your esoteric cogitations, or articulating your superficial sentimentalities, and amicable, philosophical, or psychological observations, always beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compacted comprehensibleness, coalescent consistency, and a concatenated congency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jejune babblement and asinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity, without rhodomontade or thrasonical bombast. Avoid sedulously all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, psittaceous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity, and vaniloquent vapidity. In other words, talk plainly, naturally, and briefly; keep



from "slang"; don't put on airs; say what you mean; mean what you say; and don't use BIG WORDS.

Too busy to think of other folk,  
Too busy often to care;  
Too busy this is the cry to-day  
That we are hearing everywhere.

Too busy to lend a helping hand,  
Too busy to heed distress,  
Too busy seeking so eagerly  
That something we call success.

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Why is the letter X coupled with ale? Because it X-actly X-presses its character. On X-aming this X-alted and highly X-tolled X-cisable liquor, we learn that it is an X-tract of malt and hops, with probably some X-tras. It is X-ceedingly X-pensive, X-tremely dangerous, and X-cessively injurious.

Who can X-aggerate its evil effects? It X-hilarates and X-hausts the spirits; it X-cites anger; it X-pels reason; it X-terminates hope; it X-asperates passion; it fosters X-travagance; it ruins X-cellence; and it X-tirpates friendship. It makes X-orbitant X-actions on the body, and X-erts an X-traordinary influence on the mind. Its deadly X-ploits are