

try go on without the revenue from alcohol?"

Do they realise that it is coming out of their own pockets, and that they are paying for something that does them no good?

Those of the public who drink, pay the drink revenue. The liquor seller simply adds it to the price of the drink, and makes a profit on the whole cost; those who take no drink pay no liquor revenue.

Last year, the people of New Zealand spent over 8½ million pounds on strong drink. The revenue from this was less than £2,000,000.

If the amount spent in liquor were spent in other wiser channels, the result would be a great increase in general prosperity.

Such prosperity would, in the end, provide far more revenue to the Government than the liquor traffic now does!

You wonder if that can be so!

Think of what the Government has to keep up as the result of the drinking: a larger number of police, magistrates, judges, prisons and reformatories, to say nothing of the extra cost of hospitals and asylums, due to the indulgence in alcohol.

These require an upkeep that uses a large share of the revenue, and that is without reckoning the cost in efficiency in the drinker, and in unhappiness, anxiety and suffering, sapping the lives of the women and children dependent on these drinkers.

When our great batsman passed the century score of Dr. Grace, there was great applause on the field, as somebody brought him out a drink, and the news flashed round the world that Hobbs celebrated his triumph with a glass of champagne. Having refreshed himself he returned to his bat, and was out for one more run. "That shows you what champagne can do!" a thousand people said; but they must apologise. It was not champagne that got Hobbs cut; it was a glass of ginger ale. Hobbs is a teetotaller, and he wins all his triumphs, as all our greatest sportsmen do, without champagne or any other sort of alcohol.—From the "Children's Newspaper."

Y REPORTS.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Feb. 11. Members turned out in goodly numbers to the first meeting of the year; Mrs Mitchell presided. Routine business was dealt with, and then a very fine address was given by the Rev. R. Raine. Supper was served.

Feb. 25. A most enjoyable social evening, was held in honour of the North Brighton "Y." Branch. A good programme of musical items, competitions and games was arranged, and supper was served.

DUNEDIN.

Feb. 21. Our new President, Miss J. Armit, occupied the chair, and gave a short talk on What we as Women can do. Many great things have been accomplished by women, and we must seize our opportunities and be up and doing in the great Temperance Cause. Miss Armit was appointed delegate to Convention. During the evening, the opportunity was taken to say good-bye to Miss A. Gwyn (late President) and her sister, who were leaving by the Moeraki for Melbourne. A small gift was given to them as a remembrance for their services so faithfully rendered. Before the meeting closed, the following fact was read by Mrs Macartney (Superintendent):—

"INTELLIGENCE."

During the year 1922 Sir Arthur Quiller Couch, the celebrated novelist, made a statement in a lecture at Cambridge to the effect that a lifelong abstainer could not enjoy "total manhood," and was therefore "imperfectly equipped for high literature both in its creation and its full enjoyment." This extraordinary and unbalanced statement attracted considerable attention, and resulted in much controversy. It was pointed out to Sir Arthur that Mr George Bernard Shaw, probably the most brilliant literary intellect of the day, is a total abstainer, and that Shelley, possibly the most spiritual of all British poets, was also a total abstainer.

ALL ROUND THE WORLD.

Truly, our White Ribbon encircles the globe. Lately, a South African White Ribboner visited Miss Anna Gordon at Rest Cottage, and a "World-ly" appearance was given to the dainty tea table. The plates used were decorated by a former Treasurer of the Australian W.C.T.U. The tea-pot is from China, the sugar bowl from Maine, the silver cream pitcher had been frequently used by Lady Carlisle, and was given to Rest Cottage by her daughter, Lady Cecilia Roberts. The tea cups are the gift of Lady Henry Somerset, the table doilies sent by Pundita Ramabai, of India. Flowers in a Japanese bowl adorn the table. The guest returns to her South African home, meets a lady of Scotch birth, tells her a story of the tea party, and is at once requested to send several lovely pieces of her own handwork—lace doilies, to be used at the next high tea in Rest Cottage.

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