

Wounds heal less rapidly in the average habitual drinker than in an abstainer.

Alcohol impairs the qualities constantly needed by the driver of an automobile, such as steadiness, caution, ability to recognise danger and to act correctly and quickly.

HE KNEW HIM.

With magisterial eye the J.P. regarded the defendant:

"I seem to know your face," he mused. "I know it well. Have you been in this Court before?"

"No, Sir," replied the man behind the railings.

Have you seen me before?"

"Yus, Sir."

"Often?"

"Yus, Sir."

"And what is your trade?"

"Please, Sir," he blurted, "I'm barman at the King's 'Ead.'"

A Y's "SPEAKERS' CLASS."

(Contributed by Y Organiser.)

The members of Auckland "Y's" who attended the "Speakers' Class" last year are eagerly looking forward to the re-opening of the Class on 13th April. Several new members wish to join, and much enjoyment is anticipated. One member of last year's class, who made his debut with shaking knees and a chalk-like face, has become a local preacher and a most acceptable Band of Hope speaker. Another young man, who trembled audibly during his maiden speech, has done good service as Band of Hope speaker, assists in adult Temperance meetings and open-air meetings, and has entered the Bible Training Institute as a student for the Foreign Mission Field. Two of the lady members have done extensive Band of Hope, Sunday School, and Bible Class service, and some are desirous of further training ere they try their wings.

Y REPORTS

AUCKLAND.

March 8. The President, Miss A. M. McLay, presided over a good attendance of members and others. The usual devotional exercises were taken. The President was appointed delegate to attend Convention. The rest of the evening was devoted to practice of the choruses, etc., for the pageant, "The Lamps of the Palace of Life," which is being prepared for one of the evenings during Convention.

April 9. Mrs Lee-Cowie (Vice-President) presided over a good attendance of members and friends, 45 being present. Reported that the pageant, "The Lamps of the Palace of Life," given on one of the evenings of the Convention, had been a great success. The proceeds to date amounted to £16 7s. The President gave a concise and interesting account of Convention, for which she received a cordial vote of thanks. Mrs Lee-Cowie reported that the President, Miss A. M. McLay, had been appointed a Dominion Organiser, that the Secretary, Mr Laurie Davison, had resigned on his entry as a student to the Bible Training Institute, and a letter was read from the Treasurer, Mr Thos. Thomson, resigning his position owing to his having undertaken other duties. These three vacancies were filled as follows:—Miss M. Pyle, President pro tem., with a view to training one of the younger members; Miss Iris Davison, Recording Secretary; Miss Florrie Hullah, Corresponding Secretary; Mr Alan Davison, Treasurer. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an interesting Temperance talk. Three new members were initiated.

NEW BRIGHTON.

March 11. There was a fair attendance of members, and the President was in the chair. Pledge repeated and devotions. A short time was spent in singing favourite hymns. The Rev. J. S. Young gave a very fitting address. Supper was served.

DUNEDIN.

Letter was received from the Band of Hope Union asking "Y's" to undertake decorating of hall for Band of Hope banquet. Our President left for Conference. We trust she will have a very profitable time. She has been invited by the Hastings "Y's" to break her homeward journey and spend a social evening with them, and also to give a report of Conference to their meeting. In the absence of the Superintendent (Mrs McCartney), Mrs Hutton very kindly came along to take her place. Temperance Fact read.

The tradesmen of Oamaru are almost unanimous that No-License has resulted in fewer bad debts and less trouble in collecting accounts. Certainly the figures for the Magistrate's Court returns seem to bear this out. The number of plaints in civil cases indicate the position. There were 474 plaints in 1905, while there were only 102 in 1921. The towns of Waimate and Temuka, which are License towns of much smaller populations, are quoted for comparison. There are possibly other factors besides the absence of liquor which influence these things: still the table seems to bear out the opinion held by Oamaru's leading men that the influence of No-License has been distinctly beneficial to business.

INVERCARGILL.

The first meeting for the year of the Invercargill Y's was in the form of a social. It was very successful and enjoyable. The second meeting, held in March, was a very interesting one, the main feature being an address by Mrs McBean on the life of Frances Willard. This month's meeting was held on the 4th April in the Y.M.C.A. rooms. The President opened the meeting with a hymn, which was followed by a short Bible reading. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and received. The business of the meeting was then discussed. It was decided to hold a Street Day on the 30th April. A very touching and very interesting address was then given by Nurse Niven on the work of the Victoria Home. The meeting closed with the pledge.



Y Organiser and Three Y Presidents.
From left to right—Miss C. M. McLay, Y Organiser; Miss J. Armit, Dunedin; Miss A. McLay, Auckland; Miss G. McKenzie, Hamilton.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments, exclusive of capitation fees, have been received since the date of last report:—

New Zealand Fund.

Dunedin, £3; Invercargill North, £2 2s; Invercargill South, £1 1s; New Plymouth, Opoitiki, Petone, Temuka, and A Friend, £1 each; and Maori Unions at Frankton, Oturere, Pouto, Reweti, and Te Awamutu, 5s each.

Organising Fund.

Gore (additional), £3; Mayfield, £3; Pukekohe £2 0s 6d; Te Kuiti (additional), £1.

World's Missionary Fund.

Riverton, 16s; Collingwood, 10s; Hawera, 9s; Napier, 8s 9d; Johnsonville, 8s; Sefton and Spreydon, 6s each.

Maori Fund.

Gore, £1.

N.Z. Memorial Headquarters Fund.

Donation from Church of Christ, £1 1s.

NELLIE BENDELY,

For the N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 9th April, 1927.

VERY "UNCOMMON" NOUN.

It was a coloured school teacher in America who, descanting upon nouns common and proper, made the exception:—"The word 'pants' am an uncommon noun, because pants am singular at the top and plural at the bottom."