

revenue and keep the other 19/- in your pocket.'

The speaker then enumerated things that could be bought for 19/- to improve the home and add to the comfort of wife and children, which again would extend the trade and business of the community, and bring in prosperity as well as improve the moral tone of the public as well.

Can anybody tell us what the real drink bill of a community is? If a man goes into town with say £30, and he drinks £1 worth (he surely could not drink more in one night), and the next day he is on his way back, without a cent in his pocket and with a muddled brain. Nor does he know what became of his cheque, when he sticks you up for 6d to take him across the ferry. Are those counted in the Drink Bill of the nation? I doubt it.

Years ago I found a man lying dead on the road. At the inquest it was proved that he had taken his wife to the Railway Station, and both had had a drink. After her departure he stayed at this bar about an hour, and consumed 11 glasses of beer and whisky, then he left for home, quite sober, according to the evidence of the barman. An outsider stated that the man left the hotel too drunk to mount his horse, and had to be assisted on by a large landholder of the district, who strangely enough also certified that the man was sober.

The wife of a drunkard was murdered not long ago, and the medical evidence given in the Supreme Court was that every part of this poor woman's body had been hammered violently until she succumbed.

Can we measure the price of the lives sacrificed to drink in cash? And year by year this is going on until the electors rise and vote the traffic out. I am, etc.,

EMANCIPATION.

JUVENILE CRIME.

THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—Mr McCarthy, Christchurch Magistrate, has stated that the increase of juvenile crime in New Zealand is due to our State Education System, which excludes the Bible; he also stated that all education should be on a religious basis. Permit me to suggest that the New Zealand W.C. T.U., who, like the American W.C. T.U., believe in the principle of Bible reading, and only disagree upon the system to be adopted—approach the Rev. R. S. Gray, the successful No License Organiser, and ask him to organise a private conference of delegates from all big churches, and the N.Z. Teachers' Association, for the purpose of formulating a Bible-in-Schools' plan like that in vogue in England, Scotland, and U.S.A., whereby every scholar will get some knowledge of the literature and high

moral teachings of the Bible without sectarian comment. I would advise interested readers to peruse the new work on education entitled "The Schools and Empire," by Gray, a "schoolman highly placed." He favours religious instruction. The above work is in most city libraries. With the growth of church or voluntary day schools our State System is being undermined, as most parents want their children educated in the Bible. —I am, etc.,

EDUCATION IN N.Z.

WOMEN'S EFFICIENCY LEAGUE.

During the months since Convention Mrs Kinton Parkes has been engaged in forming Branches of the Women's Efficiency League. We are sure our readers will be interested in the following list of North Island branches and officers:—

Masterton.—President, Mrs McRae; Vice-President, Mrs Cully; Secretary, Miss Vallance, 107, Cole Street.

Carterton.—President, Miss Inglis.

Wellington.—President Lady Stout; Vice-President, Mrs Gill; Secretary, Mrs Thoms, 199, The Terrace; Treasurer, Miss Maitland.

Wanganui.—President, Mrs A. C. Williams; Vice-President, Mrs Atkinson; Secretary, Mrs Bannister, The College.

Hawera.—President, Mrs Powdrell; Secretary, Mrs Howlett, Hawera.

Stratford.—President, Mrs Budge; Secretary, Mrs C. W. Sole, P.O. Box 35.

Manaiia.—President, Mrs Tye; Secretary, Mrs Taylor.

Kaponga.—President, Miss Clough; Secretary, Mrs G. Patterson.

Inglewood.—President, Mrs Sutherland; Secretary, Mrs Brown.

Hamilton.—President, Dr. Sophia De la Mare; Secretary, Miss Graham, The Lodge, Hamilton.

Thames.—President, Mrs Miller (Mayoress); Vice-President, Mrs Beck; Treasurer, Mrs Derrick; Secretary, Mrs Mitchell, The Parsonage, Queen Street.

Gisborne.—President, Mrs Donner; Secretary, Miss Kathleen Stuckey.

Wairoa.—President, Mrs Fred Foot; Vice-President, Mrs Somerville; Treasurer, Mrs West; Secretary, Mrs Shaw, Wairoa.

Napier.—President, Mrs Kelly; Secretary, Miss Ruth Herrick, Lighthouse Road.

New Plymouth.—President, Mrs Evans; Secretary Mrs R. C. Hughes.

Hastings.—President, Lady Russell; Secretary, Mrs Perrin, Gray's Road, Hastings.

Havelock North.—President, Mrs Cooper; Secretary, Miss M. Cooper, Havelock North.

Palmerston North.—President, Lady Chaytor; Secretary, Miss McCheyne; Vice-President, Mrs Blackburn.

Waipukurau.—President, Mrs Stace; Secretary, Mrs E. A. Goodger (Mayor-ess).

Marton.—President, Mrs Faith Brice; Secretary, Mrs Crook, Grey Street.

Lower Hutt.—President, Mrs Hantsell; Secretary, Miss Candy, Chilton St. James, Lower Hutt.

A committee has also been appointed in each town, and in some cases these are very large.

GOOD WORK BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The following extracts from the report presented by the Rector of the Feilding High School will be of great interest to our readers.

The School Committee has done much welcome work for the good of the children during the year, notably in enabling lunch to be taken in an orderly manner in the quad by providing urns and gas fittings for heating the water. During the winter months every child having lunch is provided with a cup of hot cocoa. Our thanks are specially due to the mothers who sent us milk throughout the winter, at a time when it was often very scarce. The children were never without a certain amount of milk, and often it was in good supply. In general 120 to 140 children take lunch in the Quad.

For the first time in the school's history, ladies have been on the School Committee, and it is right and fitting, and a thing to be proud of, and one of the ladies is an old pupil of the school. Ladies are eminently in their right place on school committees, and I hope each year will see some elected, and trust that the old pupils of the school will become committee members, and see that the school carries on for others in a still better way the work which it did for them.