

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Dargaville

"Dignity is one of the many nice things you can't preserve in alcohol."

Alcohol and Genius

Edgar Allan Poe drank, to his own ruin, but he did his work during periods of sobriety. One of his friends said of him, "One drink with him was like hitting a fine Swiss watch with a hatchet."

Edwin Booth was a periodical drinker, but he was incapable of mental concentration after one drink of brandy.

Jack London drank himself into despair and a suicide's grave.

Burns, the poet, was a victim of alcoholism.

No wonder that Upton Sinclair says, "Alcohol is the greatest trap which life has set for the feet of genius."

—"The Voice," Aug., 1945.

"There is only one safe and sure way to prevent the evils brought about by drink, and that is total abstinence."—"The Voice," Oct., 1945.

"Liquor breeds disrespect for all law, civil, criminal, and the law of love. It has wrecked countless useful lives."—"The Voice," Oct., 1945.

"If you want your brain, your muscles, and your nerves in the best possible condition, total abstinence is essential."—"The Voice," Oct., 1945.

"Alcohol never increases the vital energy of the body. On the contrary, this energy is decreased through the action of alcohol on the cells."—"The Voice," Oct., 1945.

Quoted at Dargaville Meeting

"While women weep as they do now, we'll fight.

While little children go hungry as they do now, we'll fight.

While men and women go in prison and out, in and out, we'll fight.

While young girls are lost in the street, we'll fight.

While there is a drunkard left, we'll fight.

While there is a poor lost soul without the light we'll fight."

(General Booth.)



SPECIAL FOR REPORTERS

Please Note.—As the fifteenth of June falls on a Saturday, all reports should be sent to arrive by the 14th, otherwise they will not reach the Editor till evening of the 17th, which is too late for inclusion in the July issue.

ESSAY AND POSTER COMPETITIONS

ESSAY COMPETITION

(For Post-Primary School Girls and Boys)

Subject: "Beverage Alcohol; prime enemy of Good Citizenship."

Prize: £10.

Length: Not more than 2,000 words (may be somewhat shorter).

Other Conditions:

Must be certified by Principal as having been written in school, under supervision.

Name of competitor and school to be put at the head of the essay.

The judge's decision will be final.

Closing Date: July 31st, 1946.

Where to Send: Mrs. Toomer, Monaco Road, Nelson.

What to Study: Booklet entitled "Scientific Temperance Instruction," price 6d.; obtainable from Mrs. Ross, 46 Brougham Street, Wellington.

POSTER COMPETITION

(For Post-Primary School Girls and Boys)

Subject:

Comparative value of Grains, Fruit, Vegetables, etc., and Alcoholic Beverages; OR

Alcohol: Its Uses and abuses.

Size: 2ft. 6in. by 1ft. 6in. (approximately).

Prize: £—

Style: Black and White (pen and ink), or water colour.

Other Conditions:

Name of competitor and school to be written on back of poster. More than one entry may be submitted by competitor.

To be done in school and certified by Principal as having been done under supervision.

Closing Date and Where to Send: As for Essay Competition.

PLEASE DO ALL POSSIBLE TO INTEREST CHILDREN OF POST-PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THESE COMPETITIONS.



SOME RESULTS OF REPEAL

REPEAL INCREASES CRIME

In the first ten years after Repeal in the U.S.A. the general crime rate increased from 59 per 1,000 in 1932 to 155 per 1,000 in 1942; drunkenness increased 174 per cent., and drunken driving 97 per cent.

Director Hoover said in Michigan before the war (June 14, 1937) that criminologists had to cope with 4,300,000 criminals actively at work in the U.S.A. Whether war has increased or decreased the criminal element has yet to be shown statistically, but for certain liquor has been and will continue to be a major contributing cause to crime both in the United States and wherever it is consumed. No country ever had liquor without crime, but those countries who are without liquor are almost without crime. This at least is significant.

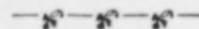
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Handbooks are now on hand, and if not already ordered, are to be obtained from Mrs. Ross, 46 Brougham Street, Wellington, price 1/3. Each Union is advised to supply at least three for the use of the officers. Members may also order them, sending payment with the order.

Nuie Island Organ. Our Union on Nuie Island badly needs an organ. The letter on page 3 speaks for itself. Anyone possessing an organ who feels like donating it to these lonely people, or who would sell it at a reasonable price, is asked to communicate with Miss Kirk, Dominion President, 57 Pitt Street, Wadestown, Wellington.

Literature. Samples of new leaflets, etc., for use in preparation for the Poll are obtainable from Mrs. Ross.

Scientific Temperance Examinations. The date for these has been fixed for September 28th, 1946. Entries should reach the Superintendent, Miss C. Jamieson, 70 Albert Street, Palmerston North, by September 7th.



"WE ACCUSE OURSELVES"

German Church Leaders' Statement

The newly-formed Evangelical Church in Germany has become affiliated to the World Council of Churches in the presence of representatives from British, American, Swiss, Dutch and French Churches. At the first meeting of its own Council, the following statement was issued by the German Church leaders:—

"We, with our people, know ourselves to be in a great company of suffering, but also in a great solidarity of guilt. With great pain do we say that through us has endless suffering been brought to many peoples and countries. What we have often borne witness to before our congregations, we declare in the name of the whole Church. True, we have struggled for many years in the name of Jesus Christ against a spirit which has found its terrible expression in the National Socialist regime of violence, but we accuse ourselves for not witnessing more courageously, for not praying more faithfully, for not believing more joyously and for not loving more ardently."

—"Life and Work," December, 1945.