

Mr. Tomlinson, Minister of Education, in speaking of adult education said that it should not be exclusively for schools and colleges, it ought to be taken wherever people met together. "Why not teach musical appreciation in a pub," he said, "or hold art classes in a working men's club." I see no reason why art classes should not be held in a temperance working men's club. That is surely an excellent suggestion. As far as my limited knowledge goes, musical appreciation is of a very low order in the ordinary public bar, and how it could be raised when those present are fast losing their power to concentrate, or appreciate that which is worthwhile in music, with every glass of liquor they consume, is beyond my knowledge. A speaker said "Alcohol makes a man stagger in his mind long before it makes him stagger on his feet." If a man cannot think straight he cannot have a high conception of music or of any other art. The way to raise the standard of the people is for them to know the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ. He keeps the mind clear and He increases the desire for that which ennobles and edifies. I said the W.C.T.U. fears no foe, and I believe that we need not fear the brewers' power. Just recently both on the West Coast and at Port Chalmers when drinking men went on strike against the price of beer, well, partial prohibition resulted, and the brewers were helpless. Again in Sydney in March, 1948, the brewery workers struck. The "Sydney Bulletin" reported the results of the strike in these words. "No beer; nothing happened; no demonstrations; no riots; no marches on the breweries. People discovered that they could really get along without the stuff, had more money to spare, got home earlier, had more time for the garden. Wharf labourers who had struck on the same day went back to work three days later having nothing else to do. Bosses all over the place discovered absenteeism reduced; the police announced, in pleased astonishment that crime had fallen off; accidents were fewer. Sydney, crowded for the Easter festivities became a quieter and more decorous city. The brewery strikers, by cutting off the beer flood, had forced large numbers to take an interest in things outside the realm of beer." The "Sydney Morning Herald" appeared with this heading in heavy type "Due to lack of beer the police, crime and accident sheets were almost empty over Easter." The experience of Sydney has exploded the fallacy that without beer social life would collapse, but revealed that only social good can come from curtailment of intoxicating liquor. The foundations of our civilization are truth, righteousness and justice. These foundations crumble when beer is enthroned. Let us use every opportunity to teach the evil of drink. Let everyone be in this crusade and we will see not partial prohibition through strikes, but total abolition through the will of the people.

SPECIAL REPORTS

JUMBLE SALE FOR N.Z. ALLIANCE FUNDS—TAURANGA

On February 1st, Tauranga held its opening function in the form of a specially arranged effort on behalf of the N.Z. Alliance campaign fund. A splendid response was made to an appeal sent out to members for assistance; and donations and goods were plentiful. As a result, £22 was handed to the Alliance; which has done fine work in the district in organising for the referendum campaign.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY AT FENCOURT

An enjoyable Cradle Roll party was held at Fencourt on November 20th, when Miss Rickard, President, welcomed a good attendance of visitors, mothers and children.

Solos by Misses Olwyn and Gwyneth Clark were much enjoyed. The Cradle Roll children were each presented with a gift from the gift tree; and all children were given an apple and a bag of sweets. Miss H. Clark, C.R. Superintendent, and Mrs. W. I. Beer entertained the children while the Rev. C. H. Olds addressed the mothers, very interestingly, on the good work done for temperance by many women in this and other lands. Miss Rickard thanked the speaker. A most enjoyable afternoon tea was served which brought the afternoon to a close.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY AT MASTERTON

For their closing meeting for 1948, Masterton Union held a Cradle Roll party, Miss Jackson acting as hostess to visitors, parents and children. Songs and recitations were contributed by Mesdames Hoar and Durton; and competitions and afternoon tea fol-

Are we strong enough in our convictions to speak with assurance against the sinister suggestion that certain drinks are not intoxicating. A host or hostess will suggest port wine, which is more intoxicating than most wines. Another will offer cocktails, many of which are more strongly alcoholic than whisky, and the tragedy is that these drinks are offered to young folk in the homes of quite well-meaning people, who are ignorant of the insidious and life destroying results of their supposed good fellowship. The only way of escape is by total abstinence. Christ can give the victory in this great fight for righteousness, truth and justice; justice to all, from the least, the little children, to the greatest. When we know the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ will we be able to fight with the certainty of victory. Zeal, enthusiasm, high ideals may urge us into the fight, but it is Christ who will give the victory. With Christ all things are possible.

lowed. Each child received sweets and a gift. Two new members were welcomed, and two names added to the C.R. Mrs. Kitchener was in charge of a Sales Table.

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Our first Cradle Roll party was held at the Pa; and was well organised by the Superintendent, Mrs. Turner, with the help of the President and Miss C. M. McLay. Balloons and home-made sweets were given to the children; and a lovely spread of sandwiches, cakes, jellies and soft drinks and cups of tea were served. A talk to the mothers was given by Miss McLay, which brought the afternoon to a close.

HAWERA RUNS ITS OWN PICTURE COMPETITION

Very interesting news comes from Hawera, where the Union runs the Y.P. Supplement Picture Colouring Competition with astonishingly good results. Out of 500 supplements sent out in the district each month, about 300 pictures are sent in. The results given below are from April to September.

Group 5 to 7 years

- 1st, Graham Philip, age 7.
- 2nd, Rex Brogden, age 7.
- Highly commended, Jeanette Lensley.

Group 8 to 10 years

- 1st, Jean Philip, age 9.
- 2nd, Noeline McCallum, age 10.
- Highly commended, Barbara Sargesson.

Group 11 to 13

- 1st, Jocelyn Ross, age 12.
- 2nd, Shirley Alexander, age 11.
- Highly commended, Lois Coxhead, age 12.
- Special mention, Topse Tito, age 14.

Bible Classes and Sunday School classes of various churches are represented in the above list.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM VARIOUS ADDRESSES

FROM ADDRESS GIVEN AT MANAWATU DISTRICT CONVENTION BY THE REV. FFITCH

1. The wisest of all wise men said, "Look not upon the wine when it is red."
2. If the Church were thoroughly evangelised, then all other things would fall into place.
3. Keep in sight the purpose of the liquor party, viz., to get more people to drink. Watch our cafes' rights, and keep beer gardens out.
4. As beer gardens are not licensed premises, then whole families can go in. Parents soon give liquor to little children in these attractive surroundings.
5. Longer drinking hours do not lessen drunkenness. Even from hotels which close at 11 p.m., men still carry bottles home.
6. Drinking affects man-power greatly. Drinkers take time off to