

Board. That we do not think that Association goes far enough in its policy of combating the attacks of our enemies, is true enough, but we do not counsel him to be more violent nor to indulge in vituperation. To be violent is one thing, and to be more energetic in defence of the Trade and in educating the public to a proper understanding of the Trade's position, is quite another. We have thought, in the past, that the Central Board's policy of sitting tight until the Government's threat materialised, was a weak one, and one which encouraged our opponents to believe that the Trade had neither the means nor the spirit to protect itself. But since the Central Board has issued its plan of campaign and announced its intention of taking vigorous steps to frustrate the plans of the so-called Licensing Reform Party, the executive have our heartiest good wishes, and may depend upon getting the utmost support we are able to give them in furtherance of their work.—Ed., L.V.G.)

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### PERAMBULATING PUBS.

The Sydney correspondent of the New Zealand Herald, writing recently states that in Sydney since the new Liquor Act came into operation, sly grog-selling has increased to an alarming extent, as shown by the recent numerous prosecutions. Not only have sly grog shops in the suburbs gained in numbers, but dozens of men and women carry on a trade in backyards and untenanted houses, or even in the public streets and parks. The latter class are said to conduct "perambulating pubs."

Their method, as set forth by one of the dailies, is to get in a stock of ale on the Saturday, and store it in a building to which they have easy and private access. On the Sunday morning they issue forth looking for thirsty ones who are willing and able to pay excessive prices for liquor. They usually find plenty of these, and a very lucrative trade is the result.

In this manner the sly grog-sellers thrive, and recently the business has increased enormously. It is not exactly that the Sunday selling of liquor has become more prevalent, but, whereas the lower class hotels used to do the trade, it is now done more in private houses, or, as pointed out, in streets or other public places.

A conversation with some of the constables whose business it is to hunt down these offenders shows that the difficulties in obtaining a prosecution are many. "You see," said one, "they get very cunning, and many will not sell the liquor unless they know who their customer is, and we cannot get them without proving the sale." To prove the sale the police generally employ a man. This man puts on an old suit of clothes and a thirsty appearance, and, sauntering up to the person suspected of selling the liquor, asks him if there is any chance of a drink. Very often the people are suspicious, and pretend never to have heard of such a thing, or that they have not seen one for six months. When this is the case, the police and their h'elings have to look elsewhere. If, however, the illicit dealer is deceived, they buy a bottle, for which they pay with a marked coin. They then seize all the bottled evidence they can, and march the offender to the nearest police station, where he is charged with selling fermented liquor without holding a license or being the servant of a license holder.

Another person whom the law cannot touch at present, but who is a much greater offender against society, is the one who retails methylated spirit in small doses about the parks and other public places on Sundays. Many people do not think that methylated spirit is used as an intoxicant, but, since the new Act has made it difficult for the poorer classes to obtain genuine alcoholic beverages, they

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have unfortunately taken to imbibing large quantities of it. The effect is terrible, often sending those who take it temporarily mad, or making them dangerous to themselves. Few Sundays pass when one or more methylated spirit poisoning cases are not treated at the public hospitals, and many persons are locked up at the police stations on charges of drunkenness through drinking the powerful spirit.

When asked how the latter evil could be combated, one of the leading inspectors in the metropolitan division stated that either something further would have to be introduced into the spirit to make it undrinkable, now that the methylated had failed, or the sale would have to be controlled.

### PROHIBITION IN FINLAND.

The only measure of first-class importance during the first session of the new Finnish Diet (says the "Times" correspondent, writing from Helsingfors) has been a very drastic measure totally prohibiting all traffic in intoxicating liquors. Only for medical and technical purposes may spirits be produced, imported, stored, and distributed as a State monopoly. Exceptions are made for the Russian troops in Finland. The ecclesiastical use of wine is forbidden, and some non-alcoholic beverage must be substituted at the Communion. One member—a male one, it may be added—could not see why churches should be the only taverns left in the country. No one is allowed to keep alcoholic drinks in his house, unless he can prove that he came into possession of them before the law comes into force. The law authorises the police and various other officials to enter any house, on reasonable grounds of suspicion, and search it for spirit, wine, or beer. Carrying alcoholic matter involves the forfeiture of the vehicle, with horse and harness; similarly a vessel, the principal cargo of which consists of alcoholic drinks, will be seized. Penalties for other offences against the law are exceedingly heavy, varying from a fine of £4 to penal servitude for three years. There is no provision in the law for compensation for the loss of licenses and of the capital and goodwill represented by breweries and distilleries, etc., but the committee report on the question contains, though rather reluctantly, vague hints of the possibility

of future legislation on this matter. Some at least of the supporters of the law probably voted for it for merely tactical reasons, thereby satisfying the demands of their constituents, and at the same time running no risk of its ever coming into force. For there is hardly any member, among the more sober temperance party, at least, who really believes that this enactment will receive the sanction of the Sovereign. For one thing, there are commercial treaties, over which Finland has no control, between Russia and foreign countries which will be closely affected by the prohibition law. This fact has not been totally overlooked by the Diet, but the committee report argues that these treaties are not applicable. This, however, will be a matter to be decided by the contracting parties. The alcohol consumption in Finland is not very high; in fact, the alcohol index for the country is lower than for any other country in Europe, but there is a great deal of drunkenness.

### IN THE OLD DAYS.

Before the coming of knives and forks and what we call good manners, books on etiquette existed. There were vulgar ways of conveying food to the mouth, and our ancestors were admonished thus:—"Your meat genteely with your fingers raise, and as in eating there's a certain grace, beware with greasy hands lest you besmear your face." An Emerald Islander would say that "sorra a bit of grace, certain or uncertain, would be about you then." In the forkless days the guest brought his own knife to table, and a whetstone hung near him so that he might sharpen it from time to time. A banquet hall must have sounded like a slaughter-house. When the joints were

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