

card appear the words of Charles Kingsley:—"Betting is the way of the world. So are all the seven deadly sins under certain rules and pretty names, but to the devil they lead if indulged in, in spite of the wise world and its ways."

J.M.

The Political World.

As was expected, the proceedings of the brief Parliamentary Session, held shortly after the funeral of Mr. Seddon, were of an exceedingly formal and business-like character. Supplies were voted as expeditiously as possible and then Parliament adjourned.

Mr Hall-Jones won highest praise from both politicians and the public generally, for the tact and ability with which he guided Government matters during the trying weeks that intervened between Mr Seddon's death and the return to New Zealand of Sir Joseph Ward.

Immediately upon the arrival of Sir Joseph, Mr Hall-Jones ended his short reign as Premier by tendering his resignation to the Governor. Lord Plunket thereupon sent for Sir Joseph Ward and entrusted to him the task of forming a Ministry. This Sir Joseph has done, and the following gentlemen now form the Ward Ministry: Sir Joseph Ward (Premier), Col. A. Pitt, Messrs W. Hall-Jones, Jas. Carroll, Jas. McGowan, G. Fowlds, R. McNab and J. A. Millar.

Naturally, the inclusion of Messrs Fowlds and McNab has given great satisfaction to Temperance people, as these two gentlemen are in thorough accord with the Temperance movement, and are, moreover, men of acknowledged ability.

Women at the N.Z. University.

Appended hereto are the names of the successful women students at the last examinations of the N. Z. University:—

Passed the final for M.A.—M. M. Brown, A. H. Cox, E. M. Evans, E. M. Griffen, A. Inkster, E. A. King, M. H. M. King, E. E. M. Martin, Z. E. Poynter, M. M. Strang, A. H. Tasker, and M. Webb.

Passed the final for B.A.—J. O. Abernethy, M. F. Barker, L. Becking-

sale, E. M. Bollinger, V. L. Dall, H. K. Dalrymple, A. Eastwood, D. M. Esther, A. W. Griffiths, C. G. Harrison, E. G. Hassall, A. F. Ironside, I. M. Keith, F. R. Livingstone, J. Moore, A. O'Callaghan, M. Paterson, F. G. Roberts, M. B. Robertson, M. Ronaldson, F. Scott, A. I. Slowry, C. M. Taylor, A. P. Tomlinson, I. E. S. Watson, G. Wilson.

Passed the final for B. Sc.—D. E. Williams.

First for LL.B., E. M. Byrne.

Final for Mus. Bach., E. M. Webb, F. B. Williams.

Final for M.B. Ch. B.—A. G. Paterson.

Gained Certificate of Proficiency (M.A. standard)—H. Gow, in Latin and English; (B.A. standard)—M. A. R. McCarthy, in Mental Science.

Passed Teacher's Class C.—V. H. Bayly.



POETRY.

"LET US MAKE WOMAN."

A PAINTING BY GEORGE FREDERICK WATTS
IN THE TATE GALLERY, LONDON.

BY KATHERINE LENT STEVENSON,

Perfumes and flowers, butterflies and mists,
Soft, clinging vines and blossoms with colours
gay:

Bird-notes, star gleams, green moss by sun-
shine kissed,

All wild, free things, that make for joy,
always:—

These has the artist caught in vision clear,
And mingled in one vast alembic hue.

What is the product of this mystic blend?

A woman such as God Himself first saw:—

No dainty weakling, seeking but to bend

Her own soul's life into another's law,—

But strong and free she rises from the sod,

Her arms outstretched, her face upturned, to
God.

Note well the moulding of that figure grand!

Strong, firm, and full of courage she must be,

But gentle to the touch of childish hand,

Fleet in love's service, but in service free;—

Well is Creation's verdict, "Very good,"

When, as its crown, God sets such woman-
hood.

Not yet have we attained our high estate,

O sister woman, and O brother man;

But though the vision tarry we will wait

Till its full glory dawn and till we can,

Both man and woman, hand in hand, uprising

To face life's toil with joy-compelling eyes.

Equal in privilege and one in hope—

Free in the home, the mart, the Church, the
State;

Strong each to bear life's burden, strong to
cope

With wrong where'er enthroned, and strong
to hate

The foes that threaten our fair nation's life,
A righteous hate that shrinks not from the
strife.

O vision fair, by artist-poet seen,

Ye yet shall be revealed to all men's eyes;

Woman shall take her place in truth as
Queen

In that real Queenhood which in service lies.

In strength and tenderness our homes shall
rise

And justice shall be known beneath our skies.

Hasten, O Lord, the dawning of this day!

Strike off the fetters that now bind us here;

Open our eyes to all Thy perfect way;

Teach us Thy truth to speak and know no
fear;

Once more send forth Thy great creative
word,

In strength and beauty build Thy temple,
Lord.



THE HOME.

Tea Drunkenness and the Tea Complexion.

Dr. W. Scott Tebb, one of England's public analysts, after a careful analysis of tea, in his report to the Southwark Borough Council says, "English people drink their tea too strong and too often," and he quotes many authorities to show how excess is followed by dyspepsia, heart ailments, and nervous disorders, reaching even to insanity and suicidal tendencies.

"Tea," he reports, "contains from three to four per cent of an alkaloid known as theine, which is supposed to be identical with caffeine in coffee and theobromine in cocoa. This drug stimulates the brain and removes languor and fatigue. This accounts for its free use by a people who are lacking in energy. Those who are in a normal state are never fatigued, and therefore never feel the need of a stimulant. Those who are troubled with fatigue or lack energy, and feel the need of some-