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are strongly inclined to believe, then this contagion is easily explained, and patients suffering from colds ought to be isolated as far as possible. A cold is most infectious in the early stages, and for this reason it is wise to keep the patient confined to the room for two or three days, until he is over the worst of it. Such a procedure is not only good for the patient, but also the best means to prevent the cold from spreading throughout the family or community.—*Alfred B. Olsen, M.D., in Good Health.*

**Children before Clothes.**

Burdened with many cares, mothers sometimes feel that they cannot take time patiently to instruct their little ones, and give them love and sympathy. For lack of time and thought, many a mother refuses her children some innocent pleasure, while busy fingers and weary eyes are diligently engaged on work designed only for adornment, something that, at best, will serve only to encourage vanity and extravagance in their young hearts. As the children approach manhood and womanhood, these lessons bear fruit in pride and moral worthlessness. The mother grieves over her children's faults, but does not realize that the harvest she is reaping is from seed which she herself planted.—*Good Health.*

**Alcohol from Sewage.**

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily Mirror* says.—"Some remarkable statements are made about the way certain kinds of very cheap brandy, gin, rum, and other spirits are made. According to these statements a large quantity of alcohol is now very cheaply distilled from the sewage matter of great cities, and it appears that the entire sewage from South-Eastern Paris is submitted to a perfected distillation process. The alcohol so obtained is macerated by a special secret cold process, and, so treated, is sold as cheap brandy, and for mixing with various kinds of fancy alcoholic liqueurs." We do not know whether Thames mud would serve the purpose equally well. If so, we wonder whether widows and orphans with money to invest will feel tempted to try this instead of the brewery business, which does not appear to be a success.—*Temperance Chronicle.*

**Summary of Local Unions.**

The following is a Summary of the Receipts and Expenditure, and Balances, of the various Local Unions throughout the Dominion:—

NAME OF BRANCH.	RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.			CR. BALANCE.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Levin .. .. .	2	17	4	2	4	2	13	2	
Christchurch .. .. .	673	12	9	641	11	0	32	1	9
Gisborne .. .. .	23	3	5	23	2	8			9
Auckland (District) .. .. .	302	15	2	199	13	9	103	1	5
Petone .. .. .	7	14	8	4	19	6	2	15	2
Blenheim .. .. .	272	11	10	151	0	0	121	11	10
Waimate .. .. .	14	1	5	11	16	4	2	5	1
Dunedin .. .. .	63	5	9	60	8	0	2	17	9
Dunedin Sailors' Rest .. .. .	179	7	6	125	10	5	53	17	2
Waipukurau .. .. .	4	0	7	3	14	8			5 11
Napier .. .. .	189	11	11	81	7	11	108	4	0
Ngaere .. .. .	3	18	5	3	10	4			8 1
Wanganui .. .. .	56	0	1	53	6	3	2	13	10
Naseby .. .. .	2	17	9	1	14	5	1	3	4
Feilding .. .. .	9	12	7	6	19	0	2	13	7
Invercargill .. .. .	23	13	11	19	12	1	4	1	10
Timaru .. .. .	25	9	9	17	6	6	8	3	3
Timaru Sailors' Rest .. .. .	52	13	10	28	12	10	24	1	0
Ponsonby .. .. .	6	14	4	2	2	8	4	11	8
Tariki .. .. .	4	14	0	2	13	0	2	1	0
Otahuhu .. .. .	7	9	5	5	2	7	2	6	10
Wellington .. .. .	43	18	6	38	0	9	5	17	9
North-East Valley .. .. .	13	2	4	10	3	1	2	19	3
Ngaruawahia .. .. .	1	12	6	9	11		1	2	7
Wellington .. .. .	80	5	3	18	13	6	61	11	9
Building Fund .. .. .	20	14	9	20	4	9			10 0
Kaiapoi .. .. .	24	16	5	13	12	3	11	4	2
Otautau .. .. .	20	10	6	20	5	6			5 0
Bluff .. .. .	38	19	10	30	3	6	8	16	4
New Plymouth .. .. .	28	8	7	18	18	1	9	10	6
Ashburton .. .. .	3	16	10	1	16	11	1	19	11
Cambridge .. .. .	5	11	11	3	18	9	1	13	2
Hastings .. .. .	3	2	6	2	16	6			6 0
Ngaruawahia .. .. .	11	2	4	11	2	1			3
Masterton .. .. .	3	7	2	17	2		2	10	0
Waikari .. .. .	3	2	11	3	2	11			
Waipawa .. .. .	1	6	10	1	6		1	5	4
Waitara .. .. .	6	13	9	2	4	11	4	8	10
Tauranga .. .. .	15	4	9	14	12	8			12 1
Rangiora .. .. .	18	3		3	11				14 4
Waihao Downs .. .. .	3	2	8	11	11		2	10	9
Marton .. .. .	2	8	4	1	6	2	1	2	2
Winchmore .. .. .	5	19	2	3	15	3	2	3	11
Onchunga .. .. .	13	3	1	10	3	1	3	0	0
Greymouth .. .. .									
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>£2277</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>£1673</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>£604</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

Other Unions' Balance Sheets not available.