

another. As a wind-up to the party they repaired to the foreman's home to give him a scare—and fired shots over his home. Result—police sent for, young men prosecuted as was also the publican."

"This, my dear chief, is the beer, glorious beer—which they sing about over the radio?"

"It is, and if young men continue to wallow in this glorious beer, then 'Icabod' will be written over our history. The glory will depart from the British Empire.

"But listen, I've not finished yet.

"Two youths in Christchurch stood to receive sentence for robbery with violence. His Honour said: 'You are in danger of flogging. This is a particularly grave crime; one of the gravest.' One of the boys was 17 years old and his lawyer said: 'They have been able to get drunk with surprising facility. When arrested they had several bottles of whisky in the car. Boys of such age, taking whisky, would probably get full of 'Butch courage' and do things they would not otherwise do.' Sentenced to Borstal for not more than three years.

"On the same day three young men stood together in the dock to receive sentence for breaking and entering a warehouse, and theft.

"After drinking at an hotel they had gone to a brewery and stolen two crates of beer.

"What is the use of a prohibition order with publicans of this sort in the city?" asked Mr. Justice Northcroft. "Two of these three prisoners are under 21, yet they were able to go into an hotel after hours, and . . . drink themselves stupid. Would publicans of that sort respect a prohibition order?"

"The three were placed on probation for three years, and ordered to take out prohibition orders for that period.

"I cannot display any leniency. This and other courts will not tolerate conduct where drunken individuals are in charge of such dangerous machines as cars," said Mr. E. C. Levvey, S.M., when sentencing a young man, aged 25, to imprisonment with hard labour for three months, and cancelling his driving license for five years.

"The accused had been before the court in 1934, and 1936, for intoxication in charge of a motor vehicle.

"Two of this young man's companions, aged 19 and 20, were each fined £10, in default thirty days' imprisonment for conversion of a car.

"All three had previously been dealt with in the Supreme Court, as indicated above."

"I may be an Imp of evil, but I would not have the conscience of a Dominion Brewery shareholder for the wealth of a Rothschild. They are proud of the advance in trade, more beer to be made and sold. Do you think they are equally proud of the results of this increase?"

"A solemn thought—what will they say to the Saviour of men when he points to these youths and cries, 'See, here the images ye have made of Me.' "

SPECIALS.

PONSONBY.

A special afternoon was held at the monthly meeting of the Ponsonby branch on Thursday, the 16th June, in St. John's Methodist Hall. The President, Miss T. M. Read, presided over a good attendance of members and friends who had gathered to do honour to a special guest, Mrs. Moore, who was celebrating her 96th birthday. Mrs. Moore is a foundation member of the W.C.T.U., being a member for fifty-two years. Pianoforte solos were played by Miss A. Watson. Vocal solos sung by Miss T. Ellison, and elocutionary items given by Miss Read. Speeches of congratulation were made by Mrs. E. Williams, Mrs. A. T. Lewis, district officers, Mrs. G. Frost and Mrs. Christopher.

Recollections of the foundation of the W.C.T.U. were told by Mrs. Moore in replying to the good wishes. Her daughter, Mrs. Mercer, also spoke on

HUBERT OPPERMAN AT PERTH.

"I advise boys and girls to avoid alcoholic drinks if they want to live clean lives. I am a total abstainer. I find abstinence from alcohol keeps me fit," said Hubert Opperman, the famous cyclist, at the annual Band of Hope meeting last night. — From "Daily Press" 18/10/37.

Mrs. Moore's behalf. A birthday cake, presented by Miss Read in honour of the occasion and decorated with 96 kewpies, was cut, and bouquets presented to Mrs. Moore by Miss Read and Mrs. Watson. A new member was received.

WINTON SOCIAL.

A social was held in the Sunday School Hall, Winton, on Tuesday evening, May 31st, to raise funds for the Headquarters Dept. Clearance Fund.

A charge of 1/- adults, 6d children, was made, the attendance numbering about 70. Games, competitions, musical and elocutionary items were given, and

a happy two hours were spent, after which supper was handed round.

Rev. Mr. Newlands was Chairman. Proceedings opened with the singing of a hymn, after which Mr. Bates led community singing. At intervals during the games, solos were rendered by Mrs. H. McDonald, Miss Walker, and Mr. Bates, while pianoforte solos were given by Miss McKenzie, and a guitar solo by Mr. Ivan Fortune.

SPRINGLANDS.

July 5th.—A Home Meeting was hurriedly arranged and held in the evening at the home of Mrs. J. Wells to meet and hear Miss Appleby. Despite short notice there was a good muster of members and several friends. Mrs. Underhill presided and welcomed Miss Appleby and the visitors and expressed pleasure at such a good attendance. The hostess presented Miss Appleby with a dainty posy of carnations. All listened with great interest to the visitor, who spoke on the various aspects of the work and something of what we are up against. A discussion followed in which several took part, and at the close two of our friends were initiated by Miss Appleby and welcomed by the President. After the Benediction a happy hour was spent with singing, Mrs. Barnett, Mrs. Ewart, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Underhill rendering solos and Mrs. Robinson a recitation. A dainty supper and vote of thanks to the hostess brought a very profitable evening to a close.

BLUFF WHITE RIBBON AFTERNOON.

A Bring and Buy social was held in the Willard Hall on Tuesday, 14th June. In the absence of Mrs. Jack Walker (President) on account of illness, the Rev. T. A. Speer presided, and after apologising for Mrs. Walker's absence, he appealed on her behalf for more subscribers for the White Ribbon magazine.

Afternoon tea was handed round by the members, after which Rev. C. Tocker, Invercargill, gave an inspiring address on "Bible in Schools."

Miss Mitchell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker; Mrs. McQuarrie seconded this, and all showed their appreciation by hearty applause.

The stall was well patronised and Mesdames Vickery and Lindquist were kept busy.

CRADLE ROLL PARTY (NAPIER).

The annual Cradle Roll Party was held in Trinity Schoolroom on May 28th. Mrs. Donnelly, Superintendent, welcomed the mothers and children, and the speaker for the afternoon was Mrs. McBeath, who gave a very interesting address to both parents and children. A dainty afternoon tea was provided by members of the Union, after which each child received a small gift.