

WHY I AM AGAINST THE SALOON.

I am against the saloon because it takes all I have and gives me no equivalent.

I step into a shoe store and purchase a pair of shoes; result, my feet are kept warm.

I step into a clothing store and purchase a suit of clothes; result, my body is protected from heat or cold.

I step into a grocery store and purchase bread, meat, potatoes; as a result my body is fed and made strong.

I step into a book store and purchase a good book; result, my mind is fed and enriched.

I step into a saloon and take a drink. As I wish to be regarded as a good fellow, I take another. Soon my brain is less clear, my hand less steady, and my walk less firm. Soon my value as a doctor, a lawyer, a merchant, or a mechanic is lessened. By and by I cease to have any economic or social value. Finally I am an outcast and a wanderer.

My opposition to the saloon and the liquor traffic is simply a matter of decency and manhood. It is simply saying that I prefer prosperity to poverty, sobriety to drunkenness, and honesty to dishonesty. It is but an expression of a preference to remain clean and strong and manly, rather than to become a brutish, blear-eyed, staggering outcast and wreck.—Rev. Wm. C. Burns, in "The Amethyst."

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I read of a boy who had a remarkable dream. He dreamed that the owner of a large factory came to him and said: "I am getting very old and tired, and wish to give up my large house and the control of my great factory, and wish you to take my place." Then came an honoured Judge and said: "I want you to take my place. I am weary of being in Court day after day. I will give you my seat on the Bench, and you can do my work." Then the doctor proposed that he should take over his extensive practice and let him rest. Then a great preacher pleaded with him to continue the work that he was about to relinquish. At last shambled up old Tommy, and said: "I'm wanted to fill a drunkard's grave, and have come to see if you will take my place in the hotel bars."

THE AUCKLAND DISTRICT EXECUTIVE meets in the Temperance Society's Room, Unity Buildings, Upper Queen Street, on the 1st Monday in the month, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Lee-Cowie, 8 Stokes Road, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Morgan Richards, Takapuna; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Clark, 129 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Johnston, 85 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs. Taylor, Station Road, Otahuhu.

APITI, 1st Thursday in Presbyterian Church, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Murray, "The Manse;" Vice-Pres., Miss Leslie and Mrs. E. Miller; Sec., Mrs. W. Wilson, "Parsonage;" Treas., Mrs. L. Gould; W.R. Agent, Miss K. McKenzie.

ARATAPU-TE KOPURU, 2nd Tuesday, Oddfellows' Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Morgan; Vice-Pres., Mesdames J. Stallworthy, Kelly and Bickers; Sec., Mrs. Hill Taylor; Treas., Mrs. Dewberry; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Waring; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Wordsworth, Senr.

ARAMOHO, meets last Thursday in month in St. David's Church, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Gilmour; Rec. Sec., Mrs. A. Walker, 4 Paterson Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. A. Gilmour, 2 Paterson Street, Aramoho; Treas., Mrs. Coddington, 39 Robert's Avenue; W.R. Agent, Mrs. W. Bish, Leur's Avenue.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. W. Grigg, Parsonage, Willowby; Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs. A. Saunders, Kermode Street West; W.R. Agent, Miss Watson, 84 Cameron Street West.

ASHBURTON Y's third Saturday, 7.30 p.m., Baring Square Hall. Pres., Mr J. W. Beck, 64 Beach Road; Vice-Pres., Misses L. Tucker, V. McLauchlan; Sister Mildred, Mr W. C. Bishop, Rev. C. S. Matthews; Sec., Mr Frank H. E. Silcock, 36 Moore Street; Asst. Sec., Miss M. Lewis, 99 Wills Street; Treas., Mr W. T. Corbett, 11 Cameron Street; W.R. Agent, Miss E. Thompson, Beach Road.

AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, in the Club Room, Y.W.C.A., Upper Queen Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Crescent, Ellerslie.

AUOKLAND "Y's." 1st Monday at 7.30 p.m., in Christian Alliance of Women and Girls' Room, Upper Queen Street. Supt., Miss M. Kent Johnston, 8 Stokes Road; Pres., Miss

E. Appleby, 28 Brentwood Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mr A. Turley, 61 Muddock Road, Grey Lynn; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Hullah, 8 Fourth Avenue, Kingsland; Treas., Miss E. Mathieson, 685 Manakau Road, Epsom; W.R. Agent, Miss E. Appleby.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Cations, James Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs E. McLean, Renfrew Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Geggie, Rosebank; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Clarke, View Street; Treas., Miss Tosh, Toshvale.

BIRKENHEAD, 3rd Thursday, at 2 p.m., Methodist Classroom. Pres., Mrs. Todd, The Crescent; Sec., Mrs. Brodie, Seddon Street, Chelsea; Cor. Sec., Miss Tozer; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Miss R. Le Roy, 6 Lytton Street, Devonport.

BLENHEIM, first Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs W. M. Smith, Middle Road; Sec., Mrs W. C. M. Jackson, Burden Street; Treas., Mrs W. J. Girling, Stephenson Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Pike "Honiton;" Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs A. Braddock, 86 Maxwell Road; Literature, Mrs W. Chuck, Bomford Street; Libraries, Mrs Lane, Dashwood Street.

BLUFF, 1st Friday, Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Donaldson, Barrow Street; Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. H. Johnston, Foyle Street; Treas., Mrs W. Barker, Foyle Street.

BRIGHTON UNION, 3rd Thursday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. H. Hall, Wainui Street; Sec., Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 383 Park Road, N.B.; Treas., Mrs. N. Fraser, River Road, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. G. Ellis, Alexander Street, Bexley.

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Henderson, 9 Straven Road, Riccarton; Cor. Sec., Mrs Ruth Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's; Rec. Sec., Miss Thomas, 34 Crammer Square, Christchurch; Treas., Mrs Richards, 14 Morris Street, Avonside; W.R. Supt., Mrs R. Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's.

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Every, Garrison Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. B. Madden; Treas., Mrs. Rogers, High Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Waterson; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Sayers; Press, Mrs. Jansen; Organist, Mrs. C. Jones; Evangelistic, Mrs. Tyler.

CAMBRIDGE, 4th Wednesday in month, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. W. Martin, Hamilton Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs Elsie Beer, Stafford Street; Treas., Mrs Geo. Carter; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. James.

CHEVIOT, meets in Presbyterian Sunday School Hall, 3rd Friday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Gordon, School House, Cheviot; Sec., Mrs. Alex Hyde, "Stroma," Domett; Treas., Mrs. Morgan, Mina Road, Cheviot; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Stevenson, Spotswood, Cheviot.

DARGAVILLE, 3rd Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., in members' homes. Pres., Mrs Page, Awakino Point; Sec., Miss Andrews, Manga-whare; Treas., Mrs Noble, Awakino Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs D. L. Brady, "Gifford;" Cradle Roll, Mrs Wordsworth.

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs Hiett, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Alexander, 6 Constitution Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Douglas, Littleborne; Treas., Mrs Garden, Market Street; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Mrs Blakely, 2 Epsilon Street, Roslyn; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Home Meetings and Library, Mrs Hutton.

DUNEDIN SOUTH, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Mrs. Williamson, 42 Beach Street; Sec., Mrs. McFarlane, 50 Rankellor Street; Treas., Mrs W. Brown, Mailer Street, Mornington; W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. Shacklock, 6 Catherine Street, Caversham.

ELTHAM, meets 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs Morrison; Sec., —; Treas., Mrs L. Pinny; W.R. Agent, Mrs Streeter, London Street.