

## Superintendents' Letters.

### IMPORTANT.

Will local superintendents of departments kindly note that reports of work done should be forwarded to N.Z. Superintendents by December 31st, so that they can prepare reports for Convention, which must reach the printer by January 31st. If there is no local superintendent, the secretary should forward report of departmental work to N.Z. Superintendent for the department. Will Unions please see that all work is reported? At Convention, when superintendents' reports are being considered, it is quite a usual thing for delegates to say, "Our Union has done work in that department, of which no mention is made." Please remember that N.Z. Superintendents cannot report your work to Convention unless you first report to her. Please Report!

The following is sung to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne," and there are about five other verses, but for lack of space, we print but one, but trust our Superintendents will heed the call:—

Report, report, report, report,  
Report, report, report, report,  
Report, report, report, report,  
Report, report, report!

### HOME MEETING DEPARTMENT.

Would the Unions who have done any work in this Department during the year kindly forward their reports to the Superintendent as early as possible before the end of the year?

N. DEWAR, Supt.

4, Pompallier Terrace,  
Ponsonby, Auckland.

### PEACE DEPARTMENT.

Dear Co-Workers for God and Home and Every Land,—I am greatly distressed on account of the heart-sickening war now being waged in Europe. If left to its course it will doubtless retard civilisation for at least half a century. I am glad and thankful that the President of the United States and his Secretary of State are so imbued with peace principles that they have kept the United States of America from being drawn into warfare with Mexico, and, thus far, with any other nation. I wish you would do all you can to create peace sentiment in your country by securing the holding of public meetings for prayer, and also to discuss

the situation, its sadness, the folly of warfare, the hatred which it engenders, and the cruel destruction of life and property. Its effects reach all the world, preventing intercourse, commerce, and the proper cultivation of food products to sustain life. Surely it is only "righteousness that exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

Also have the blessings, beauties, and privileges promulgated by peace and peaceful pursuits and intercourses discussed. I suggest that "Coronation" and other appropriate hymns and songs be sung at the meetings. Only in times of peace and harmony can we expect to realise the promised blessing that "Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our God shall bless us."—Yours for the peace of the world,

HANNAH J. BAILEY,  
World's Supt.

### Suggested Prayer for Peace.

Oh God of Love and Prince of Peace, over-rule the passion and the pain, calm the turbulent wills of men. Look in mercy on outraged womanhood, on maimed and mangled manhood, on burning homes and wasted fields, on hunger and want and woe, and send us peace, Oh Lord. Our hope is in Thee alone. Oh, hear our cry, and save the nations of the earth from murder and misery.—Amen.

B. Lee-COWIE, N.Z. Supt.

### GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Dear Sisters,—Now that the number of Unions in the Dominion is so large, it has become almost impossible to communicate with each one individually. I would therefore ask you, through the columns of the "White Ribbon," if you will kindly send in to me the annual reports of the Good Citizenship Department before the end of December, in order that the report for Convention may be prepared early in January. I should be very glad to receive a post-card from every Union stating whether or not a local superintendent has been appointed, and in either case reporting any work that has been done during the past year in connection with the department, and especially in connection with the elections, whether Parliamentary, Municipal, or for School Committees, Hospital Boards, and any other local bodies. Will you also kindly state how many women, if any,

have a seat on any such bodies, and whether they are members of the W.C.T.U.? Any information which can be given upon these points, or on any others bearing upon women's work as citizens, will greatly facilitate the making up of the report for Convention. I feel sure there is far more interest in these matters amongst New Zealand women than would appear from the reports sent in, and I would urge every Union, by reporting everything that has been done or attempted, to do its part towards increasing this interest.—Yours in the work,

MARION JUDSON,  
N.Z. Supt. Good Citizenship Dept.  
Van Diemen Street, Nelson.

### LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

Dear Comrades,—I thank you for the kind support you have given the Literature Department during this year, and now, at its close, shall be pleased to receive from all Unions by December 31st a report of the work accomplished in your sphere. There are a few accounts which I trust will reach me in time to close my books by that date with no arrears.

I have a goodly number of books and booklets in stock for parents, boys and girls, as well as W.C.T.U. literature, ranging from 1d to 2s. I hope next month to have the literature column in our "White Ribbon" revised, to which I would direct your attention.—Yours for service,

E. S. DEARLOVE,  
N.Z. Literature Supt.

### REST AND REFRESHMENT.

Dear Sisters,—As reports of work done in the various branches of our Union are expected to be handed in next month, as Superintendent of Rest and Refreshment Booths, I should be pleased to receive such at the earliest date possible.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

(MRS.) M. E. HOWARD,  
Archer Street, Timaru.

Will all Unions who have done work in the following departments kindly send reports before December 31st to the Dominion Superintendent:—

Medical Temperance,  
Cradle Roll,  
Loyal Temperance Legion, or  
Band of Hope.  
MRS CLARA M. NEAL,  
"Trocadero," Pahiataua.