

tia e tatou tatatou mitini ia nei marama kua taha nei ite wehewehe o nga mema i nga aitua i pa kia tatou io tatou hoa kua wehe atu nei i waenga nui ia tatou i roto hoki ito tatou roopu. Kia taku take kia wnakaturia he Peike hou mo tatou i te mea. Kua riro te Peeke tawhito kia ora tatou Ema-Kia ora i roto ite tauhou i o tatou koa hoki o te Roopu kua weke atu nei ia tatou taihoa ahau, e hoki-ake kite take a te Perehitihi toku hiania kia mahio ahau e Pehe ana nga moni a te roopu i te Peeke ruatahi. Perehitihi ka haere te Peeke ka mea mai kia au e kore e tae a e au te hui hui itemea kua riri ahau mote haere. Hoi ano te moni i tae e 7s, rati tenei taua moni ka tatu ki te teepu. Kote moni e £2 i riro i tuku hoa i te matenga o to mau matua me whakarite tena e maua kia ora. Pepehi kua oti tena moni te whaka aro e matou hei takoha mate roopu ki to matou hoa. Kia kotahi pauna o taua moni hei utu nga mai e ina. Kia mahio ahau kite tuturu tanga o te korero i tenei wahi motana moni Masefield Kena:—Kei takoutou whiriwhiri e te roopu kite takoto kite hea te tatu tanga koia tena rite tonu. Pepehi kati kua rite Motahi Pauna mau e tuku kite Roopu o Otamatea. Hei awhina mamatou itaratou take tautokotia anai. Ema. Taku Peeke hou ko Romi M. Kena Tautokotia ana. Ema E. Pehea ana tatatou toa kia mahio ahau. Pepehi kei te ora te toa kei te hoki hoki Masefield Kena. Kua kite ahau hei te ora te toa kote moni i kohia e rima pauna a e haere nei ana taua moni kote moni i tukua e au hei tiki tanga £7 7s 10d. Ema e Patai ana ahau kite korero a mate makoare. Perehitihi—Kote korero tenei a mate makoare kua puta ai a ito tatou roopu itemea kua haere aia he wahit ke moni awhina. Ema 6d, Perehitihi 6d, Tiare Huti 2s, Hori Mamukau 1s 3d, Mihaka 2s, Whiuwhiu 6d, Pepehi 3d, Kaani 6s, 7s 6d, Moni i tae kite Peeke 7s, 14s. Kua hoatu kite ringa ite Peeke hui kia ora mai ano e nga tuahine i roto i te roopu i te tau hou hoki kia mau, kia u, kia manawanui i te akinga e nga hau e nga ngaru tuatea o te moana nui akiwa e whawhai mai nei o tatou iwi nunui rangatira hoki itera taha oto tatou ao inoi kite matua iona ringa hei tauapatanga atu mo tatou kireira kia aea.

Masefield Kena, Hon. Sec.

Sometimes those who dare to rebel against conventional bondage make life more possible for those whom temperament would compel to submit.

Pleasures of the senses pall on us by repetition, but pleasures of the soul continue and increase. A delicate dish soon wearies the palate, but the power to appreciate a poem, or a picture, grows greater the more we study it.

Correspondence.

(The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.)

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—As our branches will shortly be discussing the proposed amendments to the Constitution (which will be found upon pages 3 and 4 of the Convention number of "White Ribbon") perhaps, in the interests of the new branches, you will allow me space for a few words of explanation.

1. Miss Dewar to move: "That in the absence from Convention of a District President, the District Treasurer or Secretary shall have a seat on the N.Z. Executive."

If reference is made to the Dominion Constitution, it will be seen that while each of the above officers has a seat in the Convention, the President only is on the Executive, she being a Vice-President of the N.Z. Union. This alteration would ensure each district being represented upon the Executive provided any one of its officers were present.

2. Mrs Scanlon to move: "That any Union finding itself unable . . . to send a delegate to Convention, shall have the power to choose as their representative any member of the W.C.T.U. That the word 'proxy' be obliterated as altogether unnecessary."

To pass this resolution would be to entirely destroy the representative character of the Annual Convention. A delegate is a member of the Union she represents. As such she has been attending its meeting, and knows the mind of her comrades upon any question which has come before them. She is selected by them as a woman in whom they have confidence, and who may be trusted to cast her vote in the right direction. Very often she is not instructed how to vote; indeed, I heard one delegate say at the Gisborne Convention, "I will never again go to Convention with my hands tied."

A proxy, on the other hand, is not a member of the Union which she represents, and therefore must receive instructions as to voting for N.Z. officers, and also as to any amendments to the Dominion Constitution, of which notice has already been given; while on other questions concerning which she has received no instructions she is free to vote according to her convictions. Were this alteration made she would in no sense represent the Union for which she stands as proxy. A delegate is entitled to hospitality; a proxy is not, although all other privileges of Convention are shared by her. No doubt a good many White Ribboners attending the Convention for the first time—as Mrs Scanlon did last year—fail to see the reason of many rules which have been formulated as the result of earnest

thought and considerable experience. When they have attended as many Conventions as some of us they will see things in a different light.

3 (on page 4). Miss Powell to move: "That Organisers have a seat in Convention."

The words "and Organising Treasurers" (which were included in my notice of motion) have somehow been omitted from the "White Ribbon." At present the Constitution provides that "the Organiser and Organising Treasurer shall have a seat in the Convention." As we have both European and Maori, this resolution would correct what was simply an oversight.—Yours in the Work,

MARY S. POWELL,

Dominion Vice-President W.C.T.U.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—I am glad that so many of our branches are instituting Scientific Temperance competitions, and trust there will be a considerable increase in 1915. So long as Temperance teaching in our schools is not compulsory, we must make the most of the opportunities which are ours. We cannot afford to forget that the school children of to-day will be voters in a few years. No more important work could be undertaken by any Union than educating the children in re the nature and effects of alcohol. Two years ago our branch offered prizes to Standards V. and VI. in the four primary schools in this town. Three schools took part in the competitions. About fifty essays were sent in. This year Standard IV. was included. Instead of essays, sets of questions were supplied. Over 250 sets of answers were sent in. In addition, the High School pupils wrote essays on the wall sheets, reprints of which were supplied by the Union to all the schools. (These reprints are a splendid investment, for they go into so many homes.) We gave one prize to pupils over 16, and one to those under that age. In the senior division, the Dux girl and Gold Medalist won the prize. Just think what it means to have a girl like that educated on the alcohol question! She has also read Sir Victor Horsley's book on "Alcohol and the Human Body," which we presented to the High School Library.

The successful competitors have the privilege and pleasure of choosing their prizes.

The High School prizes were presented by the Hon. James Allen, Minister of Education, at the "breaking-up" ceremony in the Opera House. The others, at the "breaking-up" ceremonies at their respective schools.

Two of the examiners have congratulated the Union on the work we are doing among the children, and expressed their conviction that lasting beneficial results must accrue.—Yours for service,

(Mrs) ELIZABETH RITCHIE,

Supt. S.T. Department.
Palmerston N., 31st Dec., 1914.