

Our right each man to his vote was not easily gained, and we should permit no tampering with that freedom. But the conspiracy of silence is involving even the Press, and the infringement of this liberty is permitted to militarism. The right of each child in New Zealand to free education is in danger at the same hands, and here too the cry should be hands off. But it is not pleasant to voice a protest against anything relating to territorialism and rights of supreme importance are in danger, with scarce a protest.

Have you not noticed how frequently of late we have had attempts made to establish a different code of honour for men in public life to that in vogue for men in private life? The promise that would not be broken by a business man is lightly treated by a man in a public matter. Men in public positions are falsifying themselves, are saying one thing and doing another, are proving false to the trust reposed in them. The changing from one party to another at the call of place and influence, and the light regard for pledges are weakening the fibre of public life, and reacting upon our people.

And what of protest? It has been strenuous in some quarters, and non-existent in others. The most flagrant untruthfulness has been condoned and glozed over by men holding positions that called for instant and insistent condemnation.

Here, consciousness of duty was needed. Understanding that honour is supremely important in public life, we should be alert to strike at public dishonesty in any place, in any person, in any form.

Have I said enough now to lead your thought in the direction I indicate. Remember that as we fail to recognise our opportunity, so shall we be judged insincere. The eyes of many are upon those who stand for righteousness, and more especially the eyes of the younger generation. It must not be permitted that it should become to be believed that sincerity is rare.

The sincere statesman cannot compromise with evil. "They enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin." The sincere clergyman cannot be eloquent on principles and silent in instances, "nor go it bald-headed 'gainst sin in the abstract, which ain't to be pitied. 'Sides bein' a sin no one ever committed."

The business man who is opposed to an evil, but earns the name of time-server if he condones it for profit. "For they are slaves most base whose love of right is for themselves, and not for all the race." Societies and leagues cannot be regarded as sincere if the individual members, unwittingly perhaps, but still culpably, are silent where they should be heard.

The need of insight. No new need. Lowell voices it

"Backward look across the ages and the beacon moments see,
That like peaks of some sunk continent jut through oblivious sea,
Not an ear in court or market for the low forboding cry,
Never seems the choice momentous till the judgment is passed by."

"Opinions" are germs in the moral atmosphere, which fasten themselves upon us, if we are predisposed to entertain them. Each one of us has the responsibility of entertaining, or rejecting, these "germs" when we come into contact with them in our daily life.

ASHBURTON, 2nd Tuesday, 3 p.m., in Baring Street Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 37; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. H. Dent, 112 Wills St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. Buchanan, Wills St. W.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

AUCKLAND District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 3 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Executive meets 2.30; Pres., Mrs Pudney, Wallace St., Ponsonby; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss Evans, G.F.S., Wellesley Street; Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Gouk, Wallace St., Ponsonby.

BLenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Grace, the Vicarage; Sec., Mrs Gordon Litchfield, "Glenalvon"; Treas., Mrs. Hay; Mothers' Meetings and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Handcock; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs W. Parker.

CAMBRIDGE, first Tuesday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. D. Shepherd; Sec., Mrs A. T. Watson; Treas., Mrs Minchin.

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DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. F. Knight, Tahoraiti; Sec., Mrs Stokoe, Allardice St.; Treas., Miss Burdett, the Manse.

DEVONPORT, Fourth Thursday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs G. H. Mann, Parsonage, Church St., Devonport, Auckland; Vice-Pres., Mrs Veats, Hurstmere Rd., Takapuna; Sec., Mrs A. Little, 31 Church St.; Treas., Miss Le Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay.

DUNEDIN District, 1st Tuesday, Congregational Church Hall, Moray Place, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs H. H. Driver, "The Chalet," Newington; Cor. Sec., Miss Nicol, 16 William St.; Rec. Sec., Miss Mazengarb, 362 George St.; Treas., Miss Winnie Reed, Bishopscourt, Roslyn; Supt. Sailors' Rest, Mrs Pearson, corner Union and Castle Streets; Supt. WHITE RIBBON and Writing Pads, Mrs Anderson, 32 Duke St.; Press Cor., Miss L. Neil, 5 Park St.

FEILDING, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., St. Paul's Hall; Pres., Miss Moore, c/o Mr W. H. Bain, Feilding; Rec. Sec., Mrs Burnley, Glasgow Ter.; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. C. Thompson, Denbigh St.; Treas., Mrs Williamson, The Hill; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Burnley; Railway Box, Mrs Shearer.

GISBORNE District, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs A. Graham, Kaiti; Sec., Mrs N. F. Walker, Fox St.; Treas., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Rd.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs J. Stewart.

GREYMOUTH District, last Tuesday, at 3 p.m., in Sailors' Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs J. Hayes, Tainui St.; Treas., Mrs Sweetman.

HAMILTON District, First Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, Clandelands; Sec., Mrs H. W. Milner, Clandelands; Treas., Mrs J. P. Mason, Hamilton.

HASTINGS, 2nd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Martindale, Raureka, Southland Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Boyle, Ramsay, Wallis, Clapham, and Barbour; Rec. Sec., Miss Ford, 206 Lyndon Rd.; Cor. Sec., Miss Manson, Mahora; Treas., Mrs Barbour, Karamea Rd.; Purity and Evangelistic, Mesdames Clapham and Stewart; Maori Supt., Miss McKeown; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Griffiths.

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