

remedy for this tragic evil? Lord Kitchener has made his appeal to the troops to abstain from liquor. Not less urgently has he appealed to the civilians of the Empire to abstain from enticing the men to drink. The Government is at its wits' end to know what to do because the appeal of the great soldier is being disregarded.

For the honour of the Empire, and for our sons and our own honour, **something must be done—but what?**

WOMEN POLICE.

Dr. Sheldon, of Topeka, Kansas, while in New Zealand was entertained at Christchurch by the New Zealand Club. In his address, among other things he paid a fine tribute to women police. Dr. Sheldon was pleased to say that he had taken a part in the appointment of two women police officers in Topeka—the first women police in the States. Other big cities were following suit, and Toronto had women police now. He hoped to live to see the day when half the police of every city would be women.

"In our town," he went on, "these two young women, college graduates, go everywhere. They work two shifts, one day and one night. They go through the parks, and after the curfew rings they see that all the children are indoors. They instruct girls on sex questions; they meet trains, and direct the country girls to proper places of abode; they deal with housing problems; they are the friends of the young women of the town. I believe that this is a proper duty of the police. I have often said that if I could be allowed to pick the men for the police force of my town I could cut in two the crime record in five years. We want men of the right type. We get our best young men educated at college, and send them off to the cannibal islands to educate the heathen there, but we take any kind of men to look after our heathen at home. It's all wrong."

Why is go-ahead New Zealand so far behind the times? We have no women police to do preventive and educational work among our young girls. We would like to see all public domains, parks, gardens, etc., policed by women, to guard the children and to make these places safe for young women to walk in up to 10 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

January 27, 1915.

Dear Sisters,—

Miss Powell is now organising in Otago and Southland, and will work North through Canterbury. She will be available for any necessary organising work if Unions will provide hospitality, but in the case of new Unions, selection of officers must be left to her discretion. Will the Presidents who require Miss Powell's services as organiser, or to help their Union, please communicate with Miss Henderson, Corresponding Secretary?

I should like to call the attention of all Unions to the Agenda published in the last number of the "White Ribbon" for our March Convention. You will see that one afternoon is to be devoted to "Plans of Work for 1915" and discussion of same. In view of our recent failure at the poll, and the fact that the women's vote was not in favour of No-License, we must try to find the reason, and set ourselves to remedy it. If the Traffic is to be abolished from the Dominion, the women must vote it out, and we must begin at once to wage an aggressive campaign, so I want every delegate to bring a suggestion as how best to do it, and I trust the result will be that we shall find new methods, renewed inspiration, and fresh courage to keep our organisation in the very front of the fray, to Educate, Agitate, Legislate, and Do it Now, and keep at it till we win or die.

I hope to see every Union represented at the coming Convention, but especially the small branches. Make a big effort to have your own delegate present, and come yourself if possible, so that our Conference may be larger than any previous ones, and our never-ending hostility to the Legalised Traffic stronger than ever.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

RACHEL DON, Dom. Pres.

THE NINTH AUSTRALASIAN CONVENTION.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Australasian W.C.T.U. sends word that the Annual Convention will be held this year in Adelaide, S.A., May 8-18, and says:—"Should any of your members be visiting Australia at that time, we should be pleased to entertain them as visiting delegates."

IN THE FIELD.

My duties as Organiser recommenced on January 19th with a trip to Invercargill, where I put things in trim for a later visit, meeting Gore, Mataura and Edendale friends upon the return journey (23rd).

The following week was spent in visiting at Sawyer's Bay—a perfectly charming little spot close to Port Chalmers. The District President had presided at a meeting in the Bay just before the election, when our Dominion President spoke, and a number of ladies signed our pledge and donned the white ribbon. No officers were elected, but I hope to organise there shortly.

February 1st found me again in Invercargill, and the following day the first business meeting of the year was held, the attendance being very fine, and a quantity of business put through. How delightful it was to clasp once more the hands of the faithful few with whom I worked twenty-five years ago! I am now in Otautau, en route for Tuatapere, where the rest of the week is to be spent.—Yours in the work,

M. S. POWELL,

Dominion Organiser.

January 3rd, 1915.

GO FORWARD.

In connection with the forthcoming Convention, one whole afternoon is to be devoted to discussion upon plans of work. It is hoped that all delegates will come primed with suggestions for a big forward movement. Mrs Lee-Cowie will introduce the subject of Compulsory Temperance Instruction in our schools. In connection with this subject, Palmerston N. Union is forwarding a resolution to Convention urging that scientific temperance instruction be made compulsory in our public schools. Mrs A. R. Atkinson will also speak. Miss Powell's subject is "Go Forward for 1917 Poll." Mrs J. McCombs introduces the subject of Y Unions, and Mrs Peryman is to press the claims of the "White Ribbon." Will all White Ribboners pray that Convention may be a great inspiration and uplifting to all, and give our work a mighty lift forward?