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OURSELVES.

(Will all Unions piease read this article at their next meeting?)

In pressing its own claims, the "White Ribbon" is almost as modest as the little violet, but just now we wish to make a special appeal to our Unions to help us by increasing our circulation, and so increasing our usefulness.

Everybody is so eager to read the news about the war that they require

no pressing to buy a daily paper, but folks are not so eager to hear and know all about temperance and social reform, and so papers dealing with these subjects are not so much sought after.

Now our Unions can all help us by bringing the paper under the notice of their friends.

First, they should appoint a "W.R." Agent and Reporter. Every Union should have one, but don't leave all the work to her. Several Unions who early in the year secured new subscribers lost their Agent, and not a new subscriber has been sent in since, showing clearly that the work was left to one person to do. One Union pays for a dozen papers per month, and their faithful Agent sends them out each month to persons she thinks will become interested in our work. Needless to say, this Union has a larger number of subscribers than any other in the Dominion.

Some Unions do not look for subscribers outside Union members. This is a mistake, as the paper tells so much of our work that it often gains members for the Union. One Union reports 53 members, but has 74 "White Ribbon" subscribers, all paid up to date.

The Convention number, containing our President's address and all reports of work done throughout the year, is specially suited for distribution, and we ask every Union to circulate this year's Convention number widely. Don't take only as many copies as you can sell, but take as many as you can afford, and give them away to those whom you wish to interest in the work of the W.C.T.U. We appeal to our Unions to spend some of the money they devote to literature upon Convention numbers, and thus make our own special work known.

Will every Union order some copies? They are only 3s per dozen. Send your order direct to the Business Manager, or by your delegate to Convention. Auckland Union buys and distributes six dozen copies of Convention number. Cannot other large Unions do as well, and the smaller Unions in proportion? Let there be no defaulters this year. Surely every Union can spare at least 3s once a year for free distribution of "White Ribbon" Convention number.

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL CON-VENTION OF THE N.Z. W.C.T.U. to be held in St. Paul's Hall, Nixon Street, Wanganui, March 15 to 23, 1916.

AGENDA.

Wednesday, March 15th.

no a.m.—Executive Committee Meeting of N.Z. Officers and Districts Presidents.

7.30 p.m.-Public Reception.

Note.—In absence of District President from Convention, District Secretary or Treasurer has a seat on Executive.

Thursday, March 16th.

9 a.m.—Convention called to order by the President. Crusade Hymn, "Give to the Winds Thy Fears." Reading of Crusade Psalm responsively—

Praise ye the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. While I live will I praise the Lord. I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God:

Which made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is; which keepeth truth forever:

Which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry. The Lord looseth the prisoners.

The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind: the Lord raiseth them that are bowed down: the Lord loveth the righteous.

The Lord preserveth the strangers; He relieveth the fatherless and widow; but the way of the wicked He turneth upside down.

The Lord shall reign forever, even Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

Praise ye the Lord.

Prayer.

9.45 a.m.—Report of Executive Committee. Appointment of Committees on Courtesies and Resolutions, Convention Letter Writer, and Press Reporters. President's Address.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Letters of Sympathy. Mrs Scanlon's Notice of Motion.

12.30 p.m.-Luncheon Adjournment,