

closed them during the recent disgraceful military riot at Sydney. Sensible people are asking why the bars were not closed before, and then the riot would not have taken place. Temperance bodies and churches in this Dominion are uniting to demand from our Government 6 o'clock closing in the interests of economy and efficiency. South Australia and Tasmania have carried it by referendum. The figures were:—

	Tasmania.	S. Australia.
6 o'clock ...	42,713	100,418
7 o'clock ...	427	839
8 o'clock ...	1,093	2,087
9 o'clock ...	1,871	9,865
10 o'clock ...	26,153	1,966
11 o'clock ...	560	61,530

Now is the time to work and show our politicians that there is a general demand for restriction of hours. Let us spare no effort to collect signatures.

It is also suggested that we follow the example of the sister States in Australia and organise public meetings and rouse enthusiasm. Also let each elector send to his or her member and let them know that their constituents expect them to support early closing.

The national sin of intemperance is the greatest source of our weakness. It is just as patriotic to fight the foe within as it is to fight the foe without. Cannot the women of New Zealand put as much strength, energy, and determination into the fight against alcohol as our boys "at the Front" put into the fight against Germany?

Take it as a fact that the most patriotic thing you can do just now is to canvass with our petition.

For God, and Home, and Native Land, strain every nerve to secure 6 o'clock closing. It will prove a long stride on the way to National Prohibition.

Since penning the above we hear that the Christchurch Prohibition League has asked all ministers in Canterbury to get their congregations to pass resolutions in favour of 6 o'clock closing, such resolutions to be forwarded to the Premier. Also to suggest that each member sends two postcards in favour of it, one to the Premier and one to their own member. Will our sympathisers everywhere do likewise.

### IN THE FIELD.

Upon arrival at Feilding on March 3rd, I was taken from the train to an Executive meeting, and afterwards to "Tasma," where I was once more entertained in the home of Mrs J. C. Thompson. The ordinary meeting, which had been postponed, took place on the following Tuesday, the attendance being good, and considerable enthusiasm shown. Later on two home meetings were held, and by kind invitation of the respective Presidents, the Presbyterian and Methodist Missionary Unions were addressed, new members being obtained at all these functions.

Next came the Convention at Wanganui, and following that I had the privilege of organising a branch of the Y's, forty strong, Mrs Don occupying the chair.

On Wednesday, 29th, Hawera was reached, and here I was kindly entertained by Mesdames Bone and R. A. S. Browne, the next day giving an account of the Convention to the Union, as no Hawera friends had been able to attend consecutively.

On April 11th I went to Eltham, spending several days in visiting and working up for a meeting, which was held on the 18th. This was poorly attended, but the place will need further attention.

Easter was spent in the pleasant home of Mrs Alan Douglas, New Plymouth, and on 26th the monthly meeting took place. This was attended—by invitation—by several gentlemen, and a joint committee formed to arrange for the systematic canvass of the town in connection with the petition for six o'clock closing of bars, which was taken up very heartily. A day was also spent at Waitara organising this canvass.

Ngaire was reached on May 1st, and the following day a goodly number of White Ribboners and friends assembled at the house of Mrs Morrison, my hostess, when the petition canvass was arranged, and delegates for the Provincial Convention, to be held in New Plymouth on 31st, were appointed. Immediately after the meeting I left for Stratford, where I visited all the members within reach, working up the meeting for the 4th. Although a number of our best workers were away for the Easter holidays, we had a fine meeting, every

member present (save one, who lived seven miles from everybody!) undertaking to do her share with the petition. One new member was received. It was decided that the time was inopportune for organising at Toko or Midhurst.

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Dominion Organiser.

Miss Powell's address: Until June 3rd, care Mrs Allan Douglas, Plymouth; afterwards care Mrs R. S. Browne, Hawera.

### GREAT PATRIOTIC EFFORT.

Anzac Day, 1916.

Beloved Comrades,—You will be glad to know that the demand for cards has been excellent, and already I have in hand some £200.

I have been urgently cabled for to go to N.S.W. for the poll on June 10th, and recognising the great importance of the 6 o'clock closing movement, I have acceded to their request. This means that my co-Treasurer, Mr McKinney, Y.M.C.A., Tay Street, Invercargill, will have to receive all monies and send receipts after May 23rd. I know you will see how very urgent is the appeal, and permit me to go "to the help of the Lord against the mighty" in our Sister State.

The whole campaign is thoroughly organised for our fund, so sisters dear, you will have nothing to worry over, but the filling of the cards. Do your utmost and your best, and the dear Lord Himself reward you.

Ever yours in His glorious service,  
B. L. COWIE.

### WHISKY.

Whisky is a good thing in its place. There is nothing like it for preserving a man when he is dead. If you want to keep a dead man put him in whisky, if you want to kill a live man put whisky in him.—From a recent decision of the Mississippi Supreme Court.

The "White Ribbon" will be posted to any address on receipt of 2s 6d, payable to Mrs Peryman, Port Chalmers.