

sure of legislation. Evidence showed that drink was responsible for a very large percentage of disease, the social curse, and therefore we appealed to Parliament to provide a tonic for the whole people by passing 6 o'clock closing, and if Parliament would not listen, we must keep on agitating.

Mr John Hutcheson, in seconding the motion, criticised at some length statements made on the occasion of a deputation to the Prime Minister of opponents of 6 o'clock closing, claiming to represent commercial and professional men, when it had been said by the representative of the Moderate League that the drastic legislation in Great Britain curtailing the liquor traffic had been carried owing to misrepresentation of the true position, and even that the King's action in adopting total abstinence was due to the same cause. His own experience as a young man showed him that personal efficiency, as well as national economy, was best secured by complete abstinence from alcohol. The objection was raised that with early closing of the bars, sly grog-shops would be opened, but he contended that the report of the Licensing Committee proved that with the present system there was both sly grog-selling and facilities for prostitution in the public-houses.

The motion was further supported briefly by Commissioner Hodder, who protested against the inaction of the Government, when all the highest authorities were agreed that drink was the worst enemy, most detrimental to national efficiency, and therefore the one thing likely to rob us of victory.

After the motion had been put and carried, with one dissentient vote, the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

### THANKS.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters of New Plymouth District Convention, will you please, through our White Ribbon paper, accept the thanks of myself and daughter for your loving letter of sympathy in the loss of our dear loved one; but not lost, only gone home a little before us.

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,  
MARY. J. KENNINGTON.  
Stuart Road,  
Eltham.

### DOMINION PATRIOTIC FUND FOR Y.M.C.A. SOLDIER WORK.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged ...	111	19	3
Dunedin (Reed) ...	20	9	0
Hamilton (Janes) ...	33	0	0
Hamilton (Ramabai Stall) ...	25	0	0
Stratford (Birdsall) ...	2	10	0
Hikurangi (Millington) ...	2	0	0
Hastings (Thompson) ...	1	0	0
Hastings (Collinge) ...	4	4	0
Invercargill District ...	1	15	0
Invercargill I.O.G.T. ...	3	18	0
Invercargill South (Pyle) ...	4	17	6
Gore (Smith) ...	3	13	0
Tariki (Jamison) ...	3	5	0
Tokomaru Bay (Davis) ...	18	3	3
Gisborne (Gaskin) ...	6	0	0
Gisborne (Goffe) ...	18	8	6
Ngaio (Barnes) ...	1	1	0
Otautau ...	3	10	7
N.E. Valley (Sanders) ...	17	6	0
Hawera (Bone) ...	50	0	0
Richmond (Burrough) ...	5	2	0
New Brighton (Nicholas) ...	16	8	3
Matakana (Melville) ...	11	0	0
Cambridge (Bycroft) ...	25	0	9
Wanganui (Siddells) ...	7	0	0
Ponsonby (Plummer) ...	26	0	0
Henderson (Little) ...	4	6	0
Henderson (Paltridge) ...	20	0	0
Greymouth (Sweetman) ...	23	10	0
Kaipoi (Blackwell) ...	8	7	6
Ngaere (Whitham) ...	6	6	0
New Plymouth (Griffin) ...	45	10	0
Waipawa (Bott) ...	9	0	0
Masterton (Sutherland) ...	15	13	6
Kaikorai (Somerville) ...	8	2	7
Eltham (Thomas) ...	11	14	0
Ashburton (Lill) ...	50	0	0
Belfast (Cleland) ...	11	0	0
Port Chalmers (Walker) ...	22	4	3
Warkworth (Cox) ...	7	16	6
Wgtn Central (Helyer) ...	72	4	7
Wgtn District (Boxall) ...	64	5	5
Woodville (Perkins) ...	13	18	0
Waimate (Dash) ...	4	0	9
Opotiki (Holman) ...	27	0	0
Nelson (Hill) ...	32	8	6
Normanby (Lind) ...	10	17	6
Feilding (Moore) ...	9	12	0
Auckland District (Dewar) ...	45	0	0
Auckland, Otahuhu (Dewar) ...	13	0	0
Ngaruawahia (Densem) ...	6	1	0
Blenheim (Hay) ...	37	10	3
	£1002	8	3

The amounts acknowledged above bring the total receipts (including £291 3s acknowledged by Mrs Lee-Cowie) up to £1293 11s 5d. Well done! Christian women of our fair land. In the absence of the Organiser and Treasurer, I may be expected to suggest what further action should be taken to strike nearer the goal (£3000). Several workers have expressed a desire for an extension of time; some districts have asked for more cards. I therefore recommend that the effort be continued until August 31st, which would be the final date for receiving returns. I still have a supply of cards. Will Presidents or Secretaries requiring them please communicate at once? Go on in the good work! Every additional sum collected means a little more

comfort and cheer for those who are staking their all for God, Home, and Humanity.—Yours in the service of our boys,

J. B. McKINNEY,  
Co-Treasurer.

Y.M.C.A., Invercargill,  
July 9, 1916.

### ORGANISING TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received for the Organising Fund since my last report:—

Miss Powell, profit on badges, £1.

Ponsonby Union, donation, 15s.

Total receipts, £1 15s for the month. Expenditure for the same period, £11 5s 7d. The Ponsonby Union is the only one that has responded to my suggestion last month, and I hope that other Unions will not be slow to follow the good example set by this small Branch.

NELLIE BENDELY,  
Organising Treasurer.

### MAORI FUND.

Subscriptions received to end of

June, 1916:—

March 18—Mrs G. Plummer, donation, £1. March 31st—Dunedin Union, donation, £2 15s. May 16—Devonport, per Mrs Little, subscription to literature, 12s. June 16—Winchmore, collection, W.R. Day, 15s 9d. June 27—Gisborne, collection, W.R. Day, £1 17s. Total, £6 19s 9d.

N. F. WALKER,

N.Z. Org. Treas. Maori Fund.

Unions desiring to contribute, please note address: Mrs Walker, "Gortgowan," Fox Street, Gisborne.

### AN APPEAL TO UNIONS.

May we once more appeal to Unions to appoint "White Ribbon" agents. The war has caused an increase in the price of stationery, postage, and paper, and we want our subscription list to increase, and also our subscriptions to be collected. If there is no agent the work cannot be done satisfactorily. It is perhaps not the best time to gain new subscribers, but the fact that 27 new subscribers were sent in during the first fortnight in June shows that they can be got if they are sought for.

Will Unions assist by appointing an agent, and sending her name and address upon a post card to the Business Manager.