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## MRS OLDHAM.

Once more our Union has to mourn the loss of a capable, devoted, and earnest worker. Mrs Oldham served the Union long and faithfully in two capacities. As District President of Napier, she accomplished much. With the wisdom that looks ahead, she counselled, encouraged, and helped the Napier Union to secure Willard Hall for a permanent home for the Union.

But it was as Editor of the "White Ribbon," our official organ, that she was widely known to all White Ribboners. She took over the paper when it was financially in low water, and by careful management she made it pay its way, and handed it over to her successor free from debt.

I think few appreciate what labour this involved, and with her frail health, it was wonderful what she accomplished. To keep out of debt meant careful attention to detail; the expenditure of every penny had to be watched. In Mrs Oldham's own words, "The 'White Ribbon' took some nursing then." And in Mrs Oldham's capable hands it got the careful management it needed. As Editor, Mrs Oldham was a familiar figure at our Conventions, and her words always commanded the greatest respect and attention. She was essentially a level-headed woman, and brought much common-sense to bear on any problem under discussion. After battling on with feeble health



THE LATE MRS OLDHAM,  
former Editor of the "White Ribbon."

for years, she was at last compelled to give up the work. Too ill to come to the Nelson Convention in 1913, she sent her resignation. It was accepted with deep regret, and great appreciation was expressed of her past work.

Though suffering much, she yet gave every assistance to her successor. And the long letters, often running into several pages, giving help with all the detail work, must have represented much sacrifice to one in her feeble state of health, and were the measure of her devotion to the work she loved so well and did so faithfully.

Her successor will ever be grateful for help so freely given and questions so willingly answered.

A trip to Queensland failed to restore her to health, and for the last few months her sufferings have been great, though borne with Christian fortitude. One who knew and loved her well, and who was with her at the last, writes: "We were most thankful that the end came quietly. We could not have wished to keep her, with all the suffering she bore so patiently, and we have the blessed assurance that she is hymning her Saviour above."

"Servant of God, well done!  
Rest from thy loved employ;  
The battle fought, the victory won,  
Enter thy Master's joy."

The passing of Mrs J. H. Oldham, which occurred at Napier on the 14th July, has removed to the service of