

the Master in other spheres one who has for many years been very closely associated with the work of our Union, and especially of the "White Ribbon." Her keen interest in temperance and social work brought her into our comradeship not long after her arrival in Napier from England, and she became President of the Napier Union in 1905, holding office for eight years. The opening of the public reading room, subsequently taken over by the City Council; the establishment of the "Willard Hall," the headquarters of the local Union, which is now nearly free of debt; and the work done by the Union in catering at Agricultural and Pastoral Shows, owed much to her energy and initiative. In 1908 she was appointed Editor and Business Manager of the "White Ribbon," which she conducted with much success for five years. In this capacity and in her attendance at our annual Conventions, she came into very close touch with members of our Union in all parts of the Dominion, and many will miss the inspiration of the capable energy which, in spite of weak health, she brought to bear on the work of the Union, and the interests of all questions affecting women. She was a strong advocate of the appointment of women on public bodies, and was herself the first lady member elected to the local School Committee, on which she served for several years, while she also took an active part in the work of the Plunket Society. In all her work one felt the deep inspiration of a devout religious spirit, which led her to devote all the energy of which she was capable to the service of the Master. After two years of retirement from active work, rendered necessary by illness, but during which she still retained keen interest in all her former activities, she passed peacefully away. We cherish the memory of a life which has been helpful and encouraging to many, filled with work for the Master and the good of humanity, and we extend to our sister's relatives our loving sympathy in the loss of her personal presence.

A W.C.T.U. memorial service was held in Trinity Methodist Church to the late Mrs Oldham. A large and sympathetic congregation met to pay their tribute of respect to our late and highly esteemed sister. The Rev. T. Richards preached an eloquent sermon, taking for his text Mark xiv. part

of verses 6 and 8: "She hath wrought a good work in me; she hath done what she could." Mr Richards made feeling reference to Mrs Oldham's devotion to her church; her deeds of charity, and her most valued service to the local W.C.T.U., she having been the means of Willard Institute being erected in Napier. A most impressive service was brought to a close by the speaker urging each member to follow on with the great and noble work so faithfully set them by their late departed sister.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

August 4th, 1916.

My Dear Comrades,—

When the Parliament turned down the petition for early closing, it was suggested to me that the Unions might now rest on their oars. To do that would be fatal. We ought to follow the example of the old Crusaders, who were the founders of our organisation, and "get to our knees." The prayers that believe and plead the promises were never more needed than at this crisis. Parliament is what we make it, and if we put men into the House who vote in opposition to our prayers, it is our own fault, and our only remedy is to see to it that those who voted against us are not re-elected. If a referendum had been taken, the people undoubtedly would have carried some restriction, but in spite of the example of the King and the late Lord Kitchener, and the statement of Lloyd George that "the brewer's waggon was blocking the ammunition van," and the testimony of Russia to the value of Prohibition, and the unanimity of opinion that abstinence favours efficiency and economy, the Government voted against the petition of over 100,000 people, including a great many who are not prohibitionists, but realise that it is necessary to curtail the power of a trade that causes such universal wreckage. Let all our members take note, and forget not the men who opposed our plea for early closing. I should like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Unions who worked so hard for the patriotic effort. We hope there will be £1500 before the fund closes.

With loving greetings to all.

RACHEL DON,

Dominion President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.

EVANGELISTIC.

Dear Fellow-Workers,—

At last Convention I was appointed Superintendent of Evangelistic Department. This year, almost more than ever before, the need for this department is manifest; therefore I would urge all our Unions to appoint a local Superintendent to look after the spiritual part of their work. There is so much sorrow in the world, caused by the terrible war, that we need to pray much, and intercessory services might be arranged for, with Bible readings or addresses. The sick should be visited in their homes, hospitals, or other institutions, for there are lonely hearts to cherish as the days are going by.

Will all Unions be sure to notify me of any work done in this department?

Yours in the Master's service,

M. A. JOHNSTON WRIGHT.

NOTABLE DAYS.

"Franchise Day" is on September 19th. The collection goes to our N.Z. Fund. Those in need of an educational paper for that afternoon will see in Mrs Young's list in last June number several most suitable, such as "Has the Enfranchisement of Women Made Any Material Difference to N.Z. Politics?" "Work for the Enfranchised," "Women as Citizens," "The Fitness of Women for the Franchise," also "Woman: Her Power."

We trust new papers will be written by some of our women for that date; also, where it is possible, suitable addresses given. It is well to refer to our back numbers, especially our special Franchise number, which is very interesting and instructive.

Trusting you may have happy and profitable meetings when celebrating "Franchise Day."—Yours in the work,

L. HARRISON,

Supt. Notable Days.

"It is the duty of the Government to make it easy for the people to do right and difficult for them to do wrong," said the great English statesman, Edmund Burke. When the State licenses saloons, it makes it easy for the people to do wrong and difficult for them to do right."—"Union Signal."