

PRESS DEPARTMENT.

Dear Sisters,—Will all Secretaries or Superintendents of local Press Department please send along brief reports of work done in connection with the above during the year, which is about to close? A post-card will answer the purpose well. Please do not delay.—Yours in His service,

(Mrs) ANNIE DUXFIELD,
Dominion Supt. Press.
Wanganui East, Dec. 6th, 1916.

BACKBLOCKS.

Will all Unions who have done work for Backblocks please send report to Mrs Israel, 193, Harris Street, Gisborne, by December 31st?

DOROTHY DIX ON MOTHER LOVE.

Dorothy Dix says:

"Those of us who believe in suffrage for women believe that the most valuable gift that women will bring to the service of their country, when they are permitted to serve it, is this passion of motherhood. We believe that we need mothers in politics, and that the whole human race is crying to be mothered. We believe that when women have a vote there will be no more child labour; that the life of a baby will be thought to be as valuable as that of a pig, and that millions will not be spent for the conservation of the lives of animals and nothing for those of children.

"Blessed be mother love, the one love that never fails and never wears; the love that clings the closer to us the more others turn away from us and the more we need it."

LLOYD GEORGE ON DRINK PROBLEM.

To a deputation from Temperance Council of Christian Churches: "We shall never do our best in the war unless we succeed in curtailing the mischief which is being inflicted upon the efficiency of the nation by excessive drinking. I shall be very disappointed if this war ended before people of this country realise that the future destiny of this Empire depends upon our settling this question once and for all."

TELL GIRLS FOR ME NOT TO DRINK.

A young woman, a witness in the recent "white slave" scandal, sat in the office of the District Attorney in New York. "Tell girls for me," said the girl, "not to drink. It was drink that brought me here. It was drink that brings almost every girl here who comes to this end.

"There's a lot been said during this vice investigation about the men who prey on young girls, joping the drink that girls are given, or putting knock-out drops in their liquor. Believe me, every drink that a girl takes is dope. Every drink is a knock-out one for her.

"It doesn't need to have drugs put into it. The liquor is enough in itself, for when a girl takes a drink I think her guardian angel takes leave of her.

"They say a woman can't stand alcohol. I believe it. Drink goes to a girl's head, and it goes to her heart. It excites her emotions, and makes her do foolish things that she would be incapable of doing when she was cold sober.

"I have never met a girl who had taken the wrong turn of the road who didn't tell me that she had done it when she was so befuddled with liquor that she didn't know what she was doing, and I've never heard a man discuss whether a girl was good or bad that he didn't begin by stating whether she drank or not.

"I was not a drinking girl, but one night I went to a party where there was much wine, and many toasts were drunk; and when I woke up next morning, I thanked God that my mother was dead.

"Tell girls for me that the only girl that is safe is the girl who never drinks anything stronger than tea or coffee. The devil may have tempted Eve with an apple, but he uses a cocktail now, and ruin and disgrace lie in the bottom of every glass.

"If you could keep girls from drinking there would be few such as I. It is drink that sends us to the gutter, and to the potter's field after it has robbed us, in a few short years, of youth and health and beauty and the respect of our fellow-creatures, and of all that makes life worth having."—Exchange.

OBITUARY.

The Temperance cause has suffered another severe loss in the death of Mrs D. C. Cameron, who died at her residence, Duke Street, Dunedin, on November 15th. Although the mother of a large family, which absorbed a great deal of time, she rendered valuable service to the public in many ways. It was in connection with Temperance work that she was best known. She, with her husband, joined the Pioneer of Dunedin Lodge in 1872, and have remained in active membership ever since. Mrs Cameron has been a Grand Lodge officer for the past twenty-one years. She occupied the position of Grand Superintendent of Juvenile Work, and was District Secretary of the I.O.G.T., Secretary of the Pioneer Lodge, and Secretary of the South Dunedin W.C.T.U. For some time she was a member of the High Street School Committee, and took a great interest in educational affairs. She was also an energetic delegate to the School Committees' Association. She is survived by her husband, nine sons, and two daughters. One son, who left with the Main Body, returned wounded. Two others are still in France, and to these two the mother's last words and thoughts were directed.

Those who worked with her in the Union, and knew her personally, used frequently to wonder how she managed to overtake so much. She was faithful to the smallest duty, regular in attendance at all meetings, and in all weathers, and though of later years had to come from her home in the north to the Union in the south end of the city, was never late.

The funeral took place on Friday, the 17th, at the Northern Cemetery. There was a large attendance of the officers and members of the W.C.T.U. and many other Temperance societies. Several took part in the Good Templar service at the grave. And as we left our sister sleeping, and thought of the great gap in our ranks, we prayed that others might be led to follow her example, and give themselves, their time, their talents, as willingly as she did for the Uplift of Humanity.

"Women will purify every place they enter, and they will enter every place on the round earth."