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ANTI-SHOUTING AND AUCTION
SALES.

We are a little puzzled as to what is regarded as shouting. By the War Regulations, no person is allowed to pay for liquor for another person to drink. Yet we believe it is still customary to have an unlimited supply of liquor at auction sales in many places. Is not this a breach of the anti-shouting regulation. When there is a clearing sale at a farm or business in the country, it is customary to provide a luncheon for buyers, also strong drink is provided for them. Some auctioneers even contend that they cannot have a successful sale unless buyers are treated to a liberal supply of alcohol. Now, these buyers do not pay for the liquor they drink, and we want to know whether the man who pays for the liquor is not shouting for the crowd. The liquor is provided by the seller, and we believe is paid for by him with other auction expenses. We believe

that this custom is a most harmful one at any time, as it encourages and fosters the drinking habit. Now at this time, when economy is so much needed, it is wasteful and wicked. Why are not these men, who are treating crowds on a wholesale scale, taken before the Court and punished? We are sure this practice is breaking the spirit of the regulation, if not the letter of it. We hope that the attention of the Government will be called to this practice, with a view to getting it stopped. Why punish the man who pays for a glass of liquor for his friend, and allow the man who pays for liquor for a crowd to go free? Why allow any auctioneer to provide liquor to befuddle the brains of buyers so that they may buy at extravagant prices things they do not want?

UNIVERSITY SENATE AND MAT-
RICULATION EXAM.

We notice that the august body named above have passed a regulation that all girl candidates for the Matriculation examination must present a certificate that they have had a course of training in domestic science. We should have expected from the Senate something more reasonable and logical than this. Why handicap only the girl candidates for Matric.? Why handicap only girls who are sitting for Matric.? Does the Senate wish to make domestic science compulsory for girls? If so, they can only do this by getting Government to make it compulsory for every girl, before she is allowed to go to work, to show her employer a certificate of proficiency in domestic economy. The Matric. is the entrance examination to the learned professions. Therefore only the girls who contemplate entering these professions are to be handicapped. Evidently girls who go to factories, shops, offices, dressmaking, etc., are not to be compelled to learn domestic science. What a farce to impose this only on girls who go up for Matric. We wonder is it done to give the boy a better chance. It looks as if the learned Senate fear that in the medical and other professions girls will outstrip boys, and so to give the boy a better chance they handicap the girl by making her devote time to an extra subject. Why not compel the boy to take a course of carpentering or

gardening before he is allowed to sit for the entrance examination to our University.

On behalf of our Union, the President wired to the Chancellor against this restriction being imposed upon girl candidates for Matric. As we have said before, we do not believe in sex differentiation in education. Let every boy and every girl also be free to take up any course of study he or she has ability for. Why force the girl who has ability and inclination to qualify as a Doctor of Medicine or of Music to take up domestic science? The probability is that if she makes good in her profession she will earn enough to pay somebody to cook and housekeep for her. How men, even a University Senate, cling to the belief that all women must be cooks and housekeepers. Where would our nation be now if the brave women of the past had not fought the battle for equality of opportunity in education? The nation is now dependent upon its women for many things beside house-keeping. Bad would it be for the nation if its women were only house-keepers, and nothing else. Worse would it be for those women who, after learning to housekeep, can do nothing but wait for some man to come along and provide the house for them to keep.

CONVENTION ISSUE OF "WHITE
RIBBON."

Once more we appeal to Unions to assist in circulating our Convention number. Will every Union consider this question at their next meeting, and send the order direct to the Business Manager or by their delegate to Convention? People at large know little of the work of our Union. Here is a chance to let them read of our many and varied activities. Buy as many copies as your funds will permit, and give them away to outsiders. They are only 3s per dozen. Surely every Union could spend that much on our own literature, and the larger Unions could purchase and distribute larger quantities. Now then, send along a liberal order.

Mrs Amelia Burrett, of Manitoba, aged 94, obtained 4297 names for the petition for Woman Suffrage.