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PLEASE OURSELVES.—
IMPORTANT.

Read at the next meeting of your
Union.

Convention had to give serious thought to its official organ. Owing to the increased price of paper, and also a rise in wages, the publishers have been compelled to raise the cost of the "White Ribbon" for the first time since the war began. The only alternative was to print the "White Ribbon" on ordinary newspaper when its price would remain the same.

The Editor said that four courses were open to Convention: (1) to raise the price of the paper, or (2) to decrease its size. Both these suggestions were turned down as tending to decrease the circulation, and therefore the influence of the paper. The other suggestions were: (3) to print the "White Ribbon" on ordinary newspaper, or (4) to materially increase the circulation.

After some discussion it was resolved on the motion of Mrs Atkinson: "That every Union pledge itself to secure six new subscribers this year

under penalty of having the "White Ribbon" printed on ordinary newspaper."

May we appeal to the Unions to carry out this resolution. Several have already sent in their six new names. Appoint a good agent if you have none, and when you have an agent then help her all you can. Appeal to the public who are outside our Union. Even those who are outside our Churches are interested in our temperance and social reform work, and will help if we ask them.

White Ribboners help to circulate your own paper, and pray that it may carry a blessing to every home it enters.

IN THE FIELD.

On Monday, March 12th, I went up to Morrinsville, being kindly entertained by Mrs Anstice at the Baptist Manse. The afternoon and following morning were spent in visiting, when a few new members were obtained, and on Tuesday afternoon I addressed the usual monthly meeting.

A considerable amount of labour had been expended upon Hamilton East, and on Friday the 16th a meeting was held in the Presbyterian Sunday School, an address being delivered by Mrs Lee-Cowie. A Branch was then organised under the capable leadership of our faithful worker, Mrs C. Snow. This Branch being within easy distance of the District Union should not want for mothering.

21st to 29th was spent at the most inspiring Convention I have ever attended, and on Saturday I travelled to Takapuna, and spent the next few days in working up a meeting for Mrs Duxfield.

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OUR FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Convention decided that the W.C.T.U. of this Dominion has been marking time for long enough, and now we are starting forward in a grand effort to secure National Prohibition as a war measure for the period of the war and demobilisation. Convention considered this matter long and thoughtfully—prayerfully was their decision made. National Prohibition is a grand ideal. In the words of our departed leader: "It is worth living for and worth dying for." The Dominion Convention has set up this ideal, will every Union and every member work to the uttermost to transform the ideal into the actual.

At the Intercessory Service we felt that God was with us in our great effort, and with His help, victory is certain. We have asked great things from God, let us expect great things. Work for great things, pray for great things, and assuredly God will honour our faith.

Mrs Lee-Cowie is to organise this effort, and below is a letter from her with suggestions for Unions.

White Ribboners think Prohibition, talk Prohibition, work for Prohibition, pray for Prohibition till Prohibition becomes an accomplished fact.

The Strength of the Nation Movement.

Will every Branch please let me know **at once** how many copies of the Manifesto will be required to present in their district to every Church gathering, employees' federation, Trade and Labour Organisation, Patriotic Committee, School Board, Town Council, Medical Congress, Teachers' Conference, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., etc.,

This great forward movement must be pushed through without a day's delay for while we delay souls die.

The first great effort must be to call every Church and religious organisation to fervent united prayer for God to guide. Every W.C.T.U. member must continue in nightly prayer to God until the victory is won.

The next step is the distribution of the Manifesto as suggested above.

Further direction will be given as needed in our "White Ribbon" or on application to me.

"Be strong and of good courage, my comrades, through God we shall be valiant."

Yours in His all conquering might,
BESSIE LEE-COWIE.

Amethyst Hall, Invercargill,
 2nd April, 1917.