

FACTS ABOUT THE W.C.T.U.

Often we have been asked about our organisation, what it is and what it does. In order to answer these questions, we have prepared a neat card, folded in two, just the size to fit into an ordinary envelope. Upon it has been printed the following facts about the W.C.T.U. :—

The World's W.C.T.U. was founded by Miss Frances Willard in 1883.

It has branches in 50 countries, and a membership of over half a million.

It's Motto:

"For God and Home and Humanity."

It's Badge.

A Bow of White Ribbon.

"As white light is composed of all colours, so the white ribbon embraces all kinds of reform work."

It's President:

Rosalind, Countess of Carlisle.

It's Aims and Objects:

- (1) To secure Prohibition of the Liquor Trade and of Habit-forming Drugs.
- (2) To secure an equal standard of morality for both sexes.
- (3) To preserve the home and to safeguard child life.
- (4) To raise the Age of Consent and to get Women Police appointed to patrol all streets, parks, and public places, to protect the young people of both sexes.
- (5) Segregation, preferably in farm colonies, of all mental and moral degenerates.
- (6) To remove from women all civic, political, and educational disabilities.
- (7) To have Sex Physiology and the Effects of Alcohol on the Human Body taught in all schools.

Copies of the above can be obtained from the "White Ribbon" office, Port Chalmers, at 6d per dozen, or 3s 6d per 100. We hope Unions and individual members will order these and distribute. We want to make our work known, so that others may come and join us.

STRENGTH OF THE NATION MOVEMENT.

Dear Comrades,—

We require £100 a month for our Prohibition Campaign to carry it into every important newspaper, and reach every church. So for two months I have received:—Sale of lace, etc., £3 2s; Matakana, £2; Otahuhu, £1 11s; Auckland, 25s; Mrs Napier, £1; Mrs Jones, 10s; Mrs Garroway, £3 2s 6d; Mrs Macalister, £10; Invercargill meeting, £4 12s; Gore, £4 14s; Mosgiel, £1; Dunedin, £9 10s; Mrs Houlder, 10s; Mrs Gilmore, 5s: a total of £43 1s 6d. Our expenditure has been £153 18s to June 2nd. I am not asking our Executive to find one penny, but if our 90 Branches could give or collect £2 each we could go on splendidly. Is our cause worth that extra effort, dear ones?

Our Manifestos have received warmest approval from all parts of our Dominion. If any have not yet received supplies of either Nos. 1 or 2, please write me at once, care Mrs Houlder, 108, Wallace Street, Wellington. I have had 2000 copies of that magnificent book, "Defeat," printed, to supply at 6d per copy, postage extra. Now, I shall want 2000 orders through Mrs Houlder, Literature Superintendent, please. No member should be without a copy of this thrilling book. Post it to every M.P., Minister, Society Guild, and Organisation in New Zealand. Send it to every friend and foe. Sell dozens wherever meetings are held. Try to get it into every home, for "Defeat" arousing every true patriot, will mean "Victory" over every evil. My books for children, "Auntie Faith's Travels," price 1s each, are also dedicated to our funds. Could you order for Sunday Schools, Bands of Hope, and the home circles? Good seed sowing, good harvesting by-and-by.

I rejoice to report splendid meetings in every centre I have been able to visit, and such an accession of new members as we have never had since our inception. Over 370 up to date. May I plead that all these new members may be welcomed into such an atmosphere of love and prayer and holy self-sacrifice as shall lift them Godward at once? Are you all praying fervently, my sisters, for drink destruction? Effectual fervent prayers of the righteous availeth

much. Wherever you can get a neighbour to join you, read bits out of our "White Ribbon," or "Defeat," or the "Vanguard," and then pray with all your heart and mind and will in your prayers, and God will answer. "There are more things wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

This mighty prevailing power can be just as effective if used by a widow, an invalid, an old age pensioner, a lonely back-blocks woman, a tired toiler, as by the King of England or the greatest preacher the world has ever known. No one is too poor or old or weak; no one is too far away; no one too humble or unknown. So, beloved, whoever you are, wherever you are, girdle our land with prayer, and help us save an Empire.

Lovingly yours, in Christ's prevailing power,

BESSIE LEE-COWIE,

Organiser "Strength of Nation Movement."

MAORI REPORT.

Mrs P. Noda (the Batley Union delegate to last Convention) reports that she has not been able to do as much as she would have liked since her return, being, unfortunately, ill in hospital for some weeks. She had one good meeting of members and sympathisers, to whom she gave her report of the interesting work she had seen and heard at Convention, and the great kindness of all the Auckland sisters. Five new members joined at this meeting. The Union extends much sympathy to Mrs Noda in her long and trying illness, and hopes she may soon leave the hospital quite well again. We also thank her very much for the work she has done, and which we hope she will be able to continue to do for us in her district. All Unions are reminded that on June 15th, White Ribbon Day, the Maori Department and its needs should be considered.

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HOME MEETING.

Lower Hutt.—Home Meeting at Mrs Jenness', May 11. Address by Miss Powell. Attendance, 21. New subscribers to "White Ribbon," 1.