

caste and of her own home made domestic service distasteful to girls.

But we do not believe that every girl has a talent for Home Science, and we object to her being **compelled** to take it as a subject. This is not to educate (draw out her powers), but is to cram her with something distasteful. Moreover, we must not confuse ourselves by thinking the housekeeper is the home-maker. Home-making is a question of character, and the qualities of neatness, courtesy, unselfishness, and industry can be learnt as truly in an office as in a cooking school. Too often the expert housekeeper and cook is the very reverse of a home-maker, and by her fussiness drives her children elsewhere for their pleasures. While many a mother whose housekeeping is less perfect is the comrade and chum of her children, who find her society their greatest pleasure, and that "to love her is a liberal education."

#### HONOUR'S LIST.

The following have sent in new subscribers this month:—Auckland, 8; Miss Powell, 7; Avondale, 6; Tokomaru Bay, 5; Richmond (Nelson) and Waipukurau, 4; Whangarei, Pakiri, Bluff, and Christchurch, 3; Ashburton, Wanganui, Timaru, Okaiawa, Stratford, Invercargill, and Napier, 2; Opotiki, Feilding, Dunedin, Port Chalmers, Lower Hutt, Takapuna, Nelson Y's, Pukekohe, Wellington Central, Wellington District, Wanganui East, Cambridge, Kaiapoi, and Dunedin, 1. This is a total of 74 for the month. The total new subscribers since Convention is 344. Convention asked for each Union to get six new subscribers. Though some Unions have exceeded that number, there are many who have not reached it. We hope our members will not slacken their efforts, as with the increased cost of production, we shall need all the new subscribers asked for by Convention to keep our paper up to its present form.

#### A LIFE MEMBER OF W.C.T.U.

We congratulate our Ashburton Union in being the first Union to secure a life member. Mrs Ferriman, of Ashburton, has that honour.

#### STRENGTH OF THE NATION MOVEMENT.

The past month has been a busy and blessed time, with many meetings and much writing. At Raes and Beaumont prayer circles have been formed, even though there are no W.C.T. Unions there. This has specially gladdened my heart, as indicative of the longing of our people everywhere to be freed by God's Almighty power from the bondage of drink. Another pleasant incident has been the action of the Wellington Girls' College in sending an appeal to Parliament, signed by the whole staff, asking for prohibition. Miss McLean has joined the movement, and has given me two golden opportunities of addressing her girls on the matter. Through the whole Dominion is a great and growing conviction that nothing short of closing the bars entirely will meet the urgency of the nation's need. Over 800 names have been given in as new members of our Union since Convention. "The Outlook" has proved a magnificent ally, and is carrying tremendous influence to the corners we could never reach, as well as swaying the larger cities.

Our publication of "Defeat" proved most opportune, and is all sold out. The request for our second Manifesto is so great we are considering a further issue. We earnestly plead for the multiplication of prayer circles and the constant intercession of every Christian who wants to see the war ended.

The lists of slain in battle last month make sad reading for New Zealand. Our youngest son, Lennox, has paid the great price. We are thankful he was a staunch Good Templar and a converted lad. To him the drinking and singing amongst some of the soldiers were very repugnant, and we thank God a hero's death was his portion rather than the awful barbed wire enclosure.

Invercargill Union is selling "Defeat" from door to door. This gives glorious opportunities of winning the indifferent and careless over to our side. Will other Unions please do the same? Will every member please make three copies of the following letter and send to friends in any part of New Zealand?

"Dear Friend,—Will you help us intercede with God to stop the slaugh-

ter of our young men, and more speedily win the war. Drink and sin block the way to victory. There are now 98,000 young men behind the barbed wire enclosures in Britain, and we are losing our man-power every day. Women and children everywhere will be in nameless peril, and we call on you most earnestly to join our ranks and pray the liquor traffic out of New Zealand. Anyone willing to sign the temperance pledge and pay 2s 7d a year can become a member of our W.C.T.U."

Please make three copies of this, and send to your friends, asking them to do the same. Names and donations to be sent to the nearest local W.C.T.U., or to Mrs Lee-Cowie, Organiser Strength of the Nation Movement, Invercargill.

#### BRITAIN'S CHOICE.

Our cruel foe has stretched a great line  
Of death round our islands so dear—  
Within there is barely enough of  
bread,  
But—**there's ten million barrels of beer!**

The merchants who sail from far-  
distant lands  
Are almost afraid to come near.  
We must do without many a needful  
thing,  
But—**we've ten million barrels of beer!**

Our sailors are valiantly giving their  
lives,  
(Their cry o'er the waves you may  
hear!)  
We are short of supplies—but the  
brewers must make  
**Their ten million barrels of beer!**

Our sore-wounded boys in the hospital  
wards,  
And their hard-wrought nurses, we  
hear,  
Have often no sugar! But what  
about that  
When we've **ten million barrels of beer!**

The mothers, the wives, and the inno-  
cent bairns,  
To the hearts of our heroes so dear,  
May starve, but the food they've a  
right to must go  
To make **ten million barrels of beer!**

O Britain! betraying thy glorious past,  
And risking a triumph so near,  
Thou art selling thy birthright and  
losing thy soul  
For **ten million barrels of beer!**

—V.A.G.