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FOR GOD AND HOME AND HUMANITY

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DIRECT LEGISLATION.

For over two years by petition, by deputation, by public meetings, and by resolutions the people of this Dominion have striven to impress upon the Government their earnest desire for some restriction of the liquor traffic. This period of strenuous work has caused all thoughtful women to ponder well the question how they can not only impress the will of the electors upon Cabinet, but how they can compel an obstinate Government to give effect to the will of the people. Many have turned their thoughts to and have made enquiries about the Initiative and the Referendum. For many years the W.C.T.U. Convention passed resolutions in favour of the Initiative and Referendum, but this last year or two this resolution has been overlooked. Now, however, the absolute refusal of the Cabinet to give effect to the will of the people has brought before us the necessity for direct legislation. Surely if ever a people were in earnest, the people are in earnest for 6 o'clock closing. Petitions, resolutions, and appeals have poured in to Cabinet from all quarters; business men, as well as temperance reformers, have pressed for it. Mothers have laboured and prayed; have stood at street corners; have canvassed diligently for signatures to petitions, pleading that temptation be removed from their sons. Government set up a Board of business men to take evidence on all points connected with national efficiency, and these men, after hearing evidence from both sides, and weighing this evidence

most carefully, decided that the cancer of intemperance had eaten so deeply into our national vitals that only the most drastic application of the surgeon's knife could effect a cure, and so they recommended National Prohibition. These men were not nominees of the Temperance party; they were independent men, appointed by the Government because of their business ability. But the Government not only refuses to give effect to the recommendations of the National Efficiency Board, but it openly flouts the will of the people so strongly and emphatically expressed, and refuses to give even 6 o'clock closing. Their Bill, we understand, provides for 8 o'clock closing. Again, in regard to the matter of suburban trains, the Minister of Railways treats Chambers of Commerce, City Councils, and the general public as a pack of naughty children, who must be given, not what they want, but what the all-wise Minister thinks they ought to want. The Minister stated in the House that the Railway Department, having conveyed folk to and from their work, had fulfilled its obligation to suburbanites. Granting this position, what about Friday nights? Can the Department claim to have fulfilled even this limited obligation until it provides a train to bring workers home on the late night, Friday. This the Minister obstinately refuses to do, while it provides two trains to bring home pleasure-seekers on Saturday night. Now, the Initiative and Referendum lessen the power of Parliament, and give more power to the voters. Had these measures been in force here a far smaller

petition than the one submitted to Parliament would have compelled the Government to take a vote upon six o'clock closing, and who doubts what the result of such a vote would be?

In at least two of the United States, where the liquor and gambling interests brought so much pressure to bear upon the Legislature that they refused to submit the amendment in favour of woman's suffrage, the women got up an initiative petition, and had the amendment submitted without the consent of the Legislature, and it was carried, sweeping every county. Canada's eight-hour law for women was also secured by an initiative petition.

There has been strong opposition to several enactments of the National Government. For instance, the war bonus to highly salaried Government officials. Under direct legislation, the people could have sent up a petition calling for a Referendum, and the question must then be submitted to the voters, and if they express disapproval, the Act of the Government becomes null and void. The Initiative and Referendum have been adopted in twenty of the United States, with the very best results. Switzerland has it in 21 out of its 22 cantons; they have had it from 30 to 50 years, and it works thoroughly well. The only canton which has it not is given over to bribery and corruption, and has the heaviest per capita cantonal debt in Switzerland. Readers of Arthur Mee's books, "Defeat" and "The Fiddlers," know well the havoc the infamous trade is making in Great Britain. And here it is no less destructive. We are short of shipping

space, yet a boat sailed yesterday from a Southern port with 150 tons of beer.

Boys are being destroyed, rendered unfit for duty, by indulgence in strong drink. Can we wonder that sober boys are indignant when, as orderlies, they have to assist drunken officers to bed? How subversive also is this of good discipline!

The Mayor of a certain New Zealand port said he had been asked by military officers, ships' officers, and business men if he could not have the hotels closed the day before a ship was due to sail. All agreed that drink marred the efficiency of the men, and caused great delay in getting ships to sea.

"There are none so blind as those who won't see." Government cannot be blind to the evils of this trade. But they have taken the trade under their protection. Mothers must sacrifice sons, wives give up their husbands, and children their fathers; all are called upon to "do their bit" save and except the liquor trade. This must not be touched. The time has surely come for women to ask for power to compel the Government to give effect to the will of the people. We must conquer this trade or go down before it. Other nations are throwing off its bondage, and increasing their national efficiency. We must free ourselves from its mastery, or we must go down before more efficient nations. When the war is over what chance, in the markets of the world, will a drink-cursed race stand beside the prohibition countries of United States and Canada? Be not deceived. The struggle with the drink trade is a life and death grapple. We must conquer or our national doom is sealed.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ORGANISING FUND.

One donation received since last report, Gisborne Union, £3 6s. Expenditure for the month, £12 7s 3d.

STRENGTH OF THE NATION MOVEMENT.

Donations received: Gisborne Union, £1; Matakana Union, £1 6s 6d; Mrs M. Nelson, £1.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 5th Sept., 1917.

THE MASTER AS HEALER, HELPER AND COMFORTER.

"Alas! my body's racked with pain;
With throbbing nerves and wearied brain

To anodynes I've looked in vain."—

"I will come and Soothe thee!"

"My strength is ebbing fast away;
Old age creeps on from day to day;
Of Hope there's not the faintest ray"—

"I will come and Cheer thee."

"'Midst seas of trouble, care, and work,
And seething billows, grim and dark,
Ploughs heavily my storm-tossed bark"—

"I will come and Guide thee!"

"With battered helm and tattered sails,
With sea-washed decks and broken rails,
My boat drifts helpless thro' the gales"—

"I will come and Help Thee!"

"Above I see black clouds and gloom,
Below me gapes a yawning tomb,
A ghastly path to the pit of Doom!"—

"I will come and save thee!"

"The lightnings flash, the thunders roar;
Dear Lord, I am affrighted sore,
Darkness behind, and gloom before"—

"I will come and Keep thee!"

"My body's weak for lack of food;
Phantoms beset, a hydra brood,
With snaky eyes, and scaly hood"—

"I will come and Feed thee!"

"I've lost my way, swift wanes the day,

Comes on apace the evening gray;
No path I see, turn where I may"—

"I will come and Show thee!"

"I'm weak, disease-beset, and blind,
No health is in me, body or mind,
From constant pain no ease I find"—

"I will come and Heal thee!"

"Doubts, fears, 'chimeras dire' obsess,
Ghouls mock and gibe at my distress,
No one at hand thro' life to bless"—

"I will come and Bless thee!"

"Will come—nay, I **am** come, to tell
thee of the Secret Way.

I will lead thee thro' the dark unto the
light and warmth of day;

I will Soothe thee, Cheer thee, Guide thee,

I will Save thee, Keep thee, Feed thee,
I will Heal thee, Help and Bless thee,
I the Hidden Way will show thee,
I am all thro' life beside thee—
If thou wilt obey."

BRITISH DOMINIONS WOMAN SUFFRAGE UNION.

June 25th, 1917.

To the Editor (Mrs Peryman) "White Ribbon," Port Chalmers, New Zealand.

Dear Madam,—The Executive Committee of the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union has just issued a **call** addressed to the leaders of all Women's Societies in the Dominions Overseas which stand for political and social reform, earnestly requesting them to arrange for the representation of their societies at the Third Biennial Conference, to be held in London in June, 1918.

I shall esteem it a great kindness if you will insert a brief notice in your paper to the effect that this Conference is to be held, and that further information may be had from me at the address given above.

The Second Conference (1916) aroused great interest, and received warm support in Britain, as well as Overseas. A leading Overseas paper, commenting on the significance of the gathering, characterised the verbatim report of the proceedings as highly interesting and valuable.

The representation of every shade of opinion is earnestly desired by the promoters of the Conference. The reforms to be discussed will be mainly those which immediately concern women and the future of the race. The recent rapid extension of the franchise to women in Canada will greatly increase the practical value of the gathering.

Thanking you in advance for your kind help.—Yours faithfully,

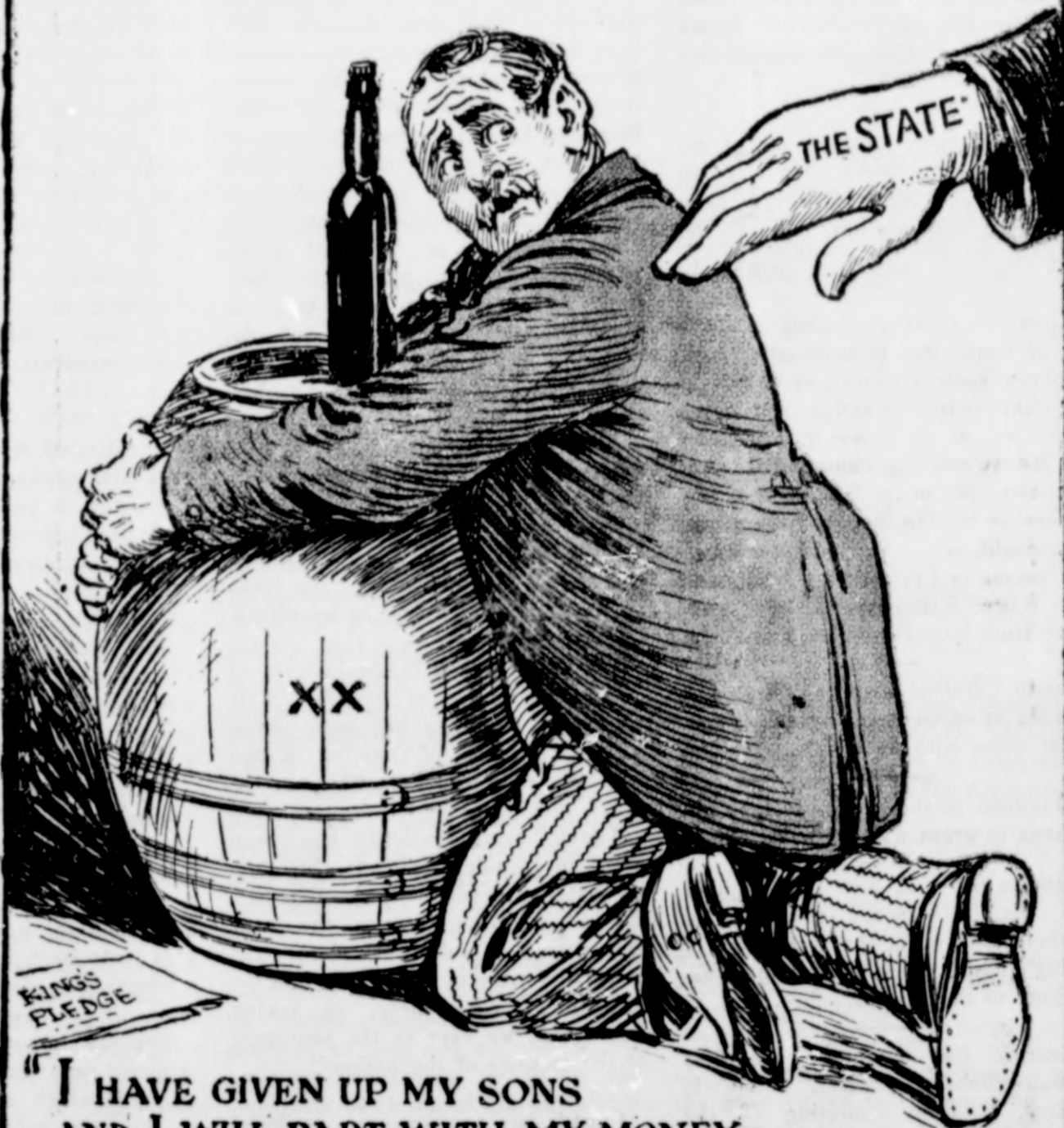
HARRIET C. NEWCOMB,

Hon. Secretary.

Whoever first brewed beer has prepared a pest for Germany. I have prayed to God that He would destroy the whole brewing industry. All Germany could live on the barley that is spoiled and turned into a curse by the brewer.—Martin Luther.



THE LIMIT.



"I HAVE GIVEN UP MY SONS
AND I WILL PART WITH MY MONEY—
BUT I WON'T GIVE UP MY BEER!"

ERNEST
HASSELDINE

WOMAN'S WORK.

WOMAN ADDRESSES PARLIAMENT.

For the first time a woman has been allowed to speak in the Swedish Parliament. The pioneer was Miss Eva Anden, LL.B., and a barrister, with an office of her own. She had been invited to speak on the demand of women with regard to the Government's Bill concerning children born out of wedlock.

WOMEN POLICE.

The Colonial Secretary in Western Australia has decided to appoint two women police on similar conditions to those in Sydney.

Women hold the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction in Washington, Colorado, Idaho, and Wyoming.

A Berlin report says that out of 579 branches of the metal industry in Rhineland and Westphalia, 352 have introduced woman's labour since the war.

American railroads facing a shortage of clerks due to enlistment, have employed quite a number of women in the clearing houses and in car shop offices. Cannot New Zealand send her Minister of Railways and General Manager over to the States for a few lessons on how to run our railways on business lines? They don't encourage people to live in the suburbs and then refuse a train to take the girls home from business on the late night.

South Carolina Medical College has decided to admit women students on equal terms with men.

Manitoba is the first province in Canada to grant widows' pensions.

Mother police in New York number 500. It is composed primarily of mothers, and is for the protection of young girls. They act as unpaid assistants to the regular police.

Georgia has appointed the first woman probation officer. She is present at every meeting of the Juvenile Court, and decides whether young offenders shall have punishment or probation.

A Westport bank has appointed a woman teller. We believe this is the first appointment of a woman teller in the Dominion.

Mrs Edith Rosecrans has been appointed attorney for Blairstown township. Her husband is counsel for the county.

Wyoming has elected a woman as State Superintendent of Public In-

struction. Two women were chosen as members of the Board of Trustees of the State University, four women were elected county clerks, two county treasurers, and 18 county superintendents of schools.

In a certain Chicago bank, having deposits of more than a million dollars, the savings department is presided over by a woman. This department is run entirely under her direction, and for all its additions and improvements she is sponsor. She manages all the advertising, the soliciting for accounts among big corporations, the placement of all the advertising in the press; in fact, nothing comes in or goes out, no question arises in the course of the operation of the large business of the day, but is carefully considered by her.

It was a woman, Mrs Annette Adams, Assistant United States District Attorney, who made the Government's closing argument in the case against Franz Bopp, German Consul-General in San Francisco, for conspiracy to violate American neutrality.

For the first time in the history of the Dental College of the Ohio State University a woman has been admitted as a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon Fraternity, Beta Chapter.

The following resolution has been wired to President Wilson:—"Resolved that the members of the Women's City Club strongly urge the Army Department to take immediate steps to rid the army of the saloon and the prostitute. We believe, in taking this stand, we express the sentiment of the mothers of the nation."

Canada has 30,000 women employed in army work as cooks, waitresses, motor drivers, and similar occupations.

Mrs John Corbin, Indiana, served as election officer, the first one in her county to do so.

Mr Calder, speaking at a meeting of the N.E. Valley School Committee, said that after their experience of Mrs Begg and Mrs Arthur on the Committee, they would advise every School Committee to have one or two ladies among its members.

At a large meeting held under the joint auspices of the Birmingham Women's Suffrage Society and the National Union of Women Workers, it was unanimously resolved to ask the Birmingham Watch Committee to consider without delay the desirability of appointing women police officers for their city, as had already been done with entirely satisfactory results in all other cities in the Kingdom.

"When the Tariff Bill is introduced in Congress, I will study it to see if it means the protection of the workers, and if it does I will support it."—Miss Jeanette Rankin.

The Moscow University, the oldest and most authoritative university in the Empire, has decided to admit women students on the same terms as men.

The United Kingdom now employs women as conductors on the tube railways, and as lock-keepers. A woman has been placed in charge of the electric lighting station at Bradchurch.

Miss Jackson, aged 19, has defeated Mr Wilkinson, aged 51, in a ploughing match at Wainfleet, Lincolnshire.

At Valley Centre, Kansas, the women are to rule for two years. They have elected Mayor and City Council, and propose to show what women can do. The Mayor is a Miss, and the new Police Judge is a Mrs. At De Soto, in the same State, a woman was elected Probate Judge.

The woman-power of the nation, properly organised, can give us the strength which will enable us to run the last lap and secure for ourselves and our children an honourable and lasting peace.—Mr Neville Chamberlain.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.

MAORI DEPARTMENT.

Will any local superintendents of this department or Union member who has Maori homes near, let me know if they will kindly undertake to distribute our Maori leaflets, and perhaps in this way interest Maori women in the work of the W.C.T.U.? We have five carefully prepared leaflets, under the following headings:—"Care of Babies," "Food for Sick People," "Advice to Mothers," "Evils of Alcoholic Liquor," and "Small Sicknesses and Their Remedies." These are in the Maori tongue, and suited to their special needs. I wish to thank the following ladies for donations to this fund:—Mrs Young, of Palmerston, 10s; and Mrs Evans, of Wellington, 10s; also the following Unions for contributions:—Norsewood, March 22nd, 6s; Ponsonby, March 27th, £2 2s; Hawera, April 7th, £3; Nelson, June 19th, 13s 6d; Gisborne, July, 13s 6d; Ashburton, July, 15s 4d; Waimate, August 6th, 10s; Oxford, August 9th, 8s 6d; Wanganui, August 18th, £2 10s; Fitzroy, August 18th, 12s; Waka (Sub-Nelson), August, 10s 6d; N.E. Valley, August 20th, £1 10s; Winchmore, 10s; also Mrs Fairlie, Gisborne, collection, 10s.

N. F. WALKER,

N.Z. Superintendent Maori Dept.

THE EVILS OF CIGARETTE SMOKING.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—Having been appointed Superintendent of Narcotics at Convention, I am desirous of bringing under your notice a few facts concerning this great evil, and to thoughtfully consider its far-reaching effects, and which, like the drink curse, is sapping the young life of our boys. Please remember that I am not now attacking the smoker in general, but the cigarette smoker in particular. At the same time, I am of opinion that the huge sum of money spent annually on tobacco could at such a time as this, when all are called upon to make sacrifices and to curtail expenses, be turned to more profitable account. It certainly cannot be classed as a necessity. What is it, then? A luxury? A pleasurable habit? A self-indulgence? It may be all these, but it is a very selfish habit. I know of nothing that engenders selfishness like

the smoke habit. I am aware that there are some gentlemen who will, in deference to the expressed wish of a lady who objects, refrain, but is it not true that, as a rule, the smoker does not care whether you like it or not? In trains or steamers, despite the notice board in good type, and on the street, well, unless you are prepared to play hide and seek, you cannot get away from it, the fumes, and often sparks, coming into one's face. But on this occasion I want to confine myself to the cigarette, and it is for our lads that I plead, that we shall do our very utmost to instruct as to its evils, and persuade them **not to begin**.

I suppose the greater number begin when still at school, and unknown to the parents, and possibly the first wilful act of deception is when they resort to peppermint to hide, if possible, the tell-tale smell. We ask what is the reason for this early practice? I think the answer probably is that they see their elders smoking. It is doubtful, I think, that any of them really like it at first, but the idea of being like a man catches on, and the first step is taken; the deadly cigarette is brought into requisition, and without knowledge of the evil effects or of the habit that will ere long become a chain to bind and enslave them. Dear sisters, there is so much to be said against it that one finds it hard to say just the wisest thing in the limited time and space at my disposal. At a later date I hope to be able to give facts and figures from a medical standpoint. Many medical men smoke, but I believe, if asked, they would to a man condemn it for our youth. Is the cigarette habit a good one? Has it an upward or a downward tendency? Would you or I be pleased if we learned our boy had begun to smoke? If we met a party of young men smoking, should we conclude that they were going to Bible Class? Some Bible Class leaders smoke, more's the pity, and these have much to answer for, because their example is not on the side of safety. Many lose sight of the Scripture injunction, "Anything which causes thy brother to offend; Am I my brother's keeper?" Yes, in a measure we are, and we should use our best endeavours to remove the stumbling block out of the way of our weaker brother. I am told that the habit is taking hold of our girls also, and that it is a common practice for

young ladies to pass the cigarette round and smoke and chat at their "At Homes."

I think it is time that we realised the seriousness of the position, and as a band of Christian women bound together for God and Home and Humanity, use every endeavour to deliver the young from this deadly thing, that defiles the body as well as the higher and nobler part. A returned soldier, speaking of the strength of this habit, said that our boys would return from the Front "cigarette fiends." He also tells me that the average smoker smokes two packets a day, 6d per packet, at a cost of £18 5s per annum. Some smoke less, and some more. May I ask all Secretaries of local Unions to support the circular I hope to send out shortly by passing on a posted preferred to the leaders of Young Men's Bible Classes.

—Yours in White Ribbon Bonds,
MARY HOARE,
N.Z. Supt. of Narcotics.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

When attending the Convention at Auckland this year, I found that some of the delegates who had not been so busy in the work had not a very clear idea of what the Good Citizenship Department is, and I then undertook to write something upon the subject for the "White Ribbon." Pressure of work has until now prevented the fulfilment of this promise; but though rather late in the day, I wish now to try and make a few suggestions with regard to it. One of the pamphlets issued by the American Department has for its motto the words, "Study to show thyself approved and worthy of citizenship in a great country." This seems to express something of the meaning and object of the department. This object is twofold: the education of women in the duties of citizenship, and their organisation for the purpose of practical work.

Good Citizenship is, first of all, the recognition of the solidarity of the community and the realisation of the duties which the members owe to the whole; and secondly, the voluntary subordination of personal advantage to the welfare of the whole.

These are the principles which lie at the root of Good Citizenship, and the good citizen is the one who endeavours to live in accordance with them. Possessing, as we do in New Zealand, the rights and privileges of

citizenship, it becomes our duty to make ourselves fit to exercise them in the best possible way. Education is in this, as in everything else, the most important factor; the education of ourselves, as individuals and as a community, in the understanding of the problems of the day and of the efforts that are being made to cope with them, whether social, national, or international. For Good Citizenship includes all these three aspects of life; and just as the individual should subordinate himself to the community, and the community to the nation, so should the nation, in its turn, subordinate itself to the community of nations.

This education of ourselves is no easy task, and it is perhaps only the few who can carry it out to its fullest extent, but all can take the first steps towards it, even if only by individual study. There are many opportunities now open to those who can avail themselves of them, in the way of study-circles of one kind and another. In some of the New Zealand towns adult schools have been begun, and the Workers' Educational Institute arranges for instruction to be given in various subjects wherever a sufficient number make application for it. Where these cannot be taken advantage of, it is always possible for two or three to meet together for the study and discussion of subjects of common interest; or occasional lectures can be arranged for from some one who is known as an authority upon, or familiar with, any special subject.

Many of our Unions have for years carried on work under this department, but I am writing for those younger ones who are not so familiar with the work of the Union as a whole, and who are feeling perhaps a little uncertain as to how to begin. I may suggest three general lines—(1) To see that the affairs of the community or the country are placed in the hands of capable persons; (2) to take notice of insanitary conditions of living, or such as are otherwise not conducive to the welfare of the community and to work for their improvement; (3) work of any kind, social or educational, which will promote the welfare of the children. I would lay special stress upon this, because, as is now generally admitted, the training of the children, who will become the citizens

of the future, is one of the most important factors in the building up of the civic life of the future.

This would seem to cover a very wide area, and indeed everything which tends to improve and elevate the conditions of social and civic life comes under the head of Good Citizenship; but there are many other departments in the Union working in the same direction, as, for example, Moral Hygiene, Legal and Parliamentary, Cradle Roll, and many others; and I have usually defined the work of this department as taking in everything of this nature which is not covered by any other. The first of these three lines of work is the one that has been most generally regarded as the special work of this department. It is certainly an important work, though in reality rather the means to an end than the end itself; for if civic and municipal affairs are to be rightly managed, it is important that they should be in the hands of the most suitable individuals, and one of the first duties of citizens is to do everything possible to ensure that this shall be the case. It should be the business of every local Superintendent of this department to ascertain the date of any election that is coming on, and the names of candidates likely to come forward, whether for Parliament, City Council, School Committee, Licensing Committee, or any other local body; and then to arouse as much interest as possible amongst women electors, and to work along lines that seem best and most feasible, to secure that the women's support should be given to those most likely to keep in view the best interests of the community; having also due regard for the best possible representation of women upon all bodies to which they are eligible. Public meetings may be arranged for this purpose, or Home Meetings have been found very successful, and private work amongst individuals will often do perhaps more than anything else. With regard to the two other lines of work mentioned, it is not easy to put forward any definite programme. The most that can be done is to bring forward a few suggestions, work being taken up by any Union, according to the conditions and requirements of the particular locality. In the U.S.A. report in the "World's White Ribbon Bulletin" for March is the following paragraph:—"The

W.C.T.U. has placed hundreds of pictures of Frances Willard and other temperance leaders in schools and libraries; furnished teachers with copies of temperance papers; worked for public parks and playgrounds; decreased the sale of bad postal cards; secured the elimination of liquor advertisements from many leading papers and magazines; and has done away with many improper shows, and replaced them with moral uplifting ones." To this might be added such work as endeavouring to ensure purity of food and sanitary conditions of its sale, proper ventilation and healthful conditions generally in the schools, cleanliness in the streets and other public places, and any other similar points that may suggest themselves, drawing the attention of the authorities to anything not satisfactory in these matters. All this comes within the scope of our department, and plenty of such work is usually to be found by any who are willing to undertake it. There is one thing I would specially mention, which every Union might with advantage pay some attention to, and that is the character of the films shown at the picture theatres, and also the exhibition of objectionable posters on hoardings and other places, more especially in reference to their effect upon children. Much has already been done in this matter, through the work of the censor, but much still remains to be done in the way of making picture shows an educational medium, and eliminating everything which tends to produce an unhealthy state of mind in young people. One reason for specially mentioning this is that a letter was recently sent by the Minister for Internal Affairs to City Councils, asking for their co-operation in the suppression of such objectionable posters, so that it would seem a fitting time to take action. I would suggest that every Union should appoint one or two of its members to take this in hand, and report everything of an objectionable nature that might be exhibited. There are many other lines of work that might be taken up under this department, but I trust these few suggestions may be sufficient to show something of its scope, and may be a help to some of our Unions who wish to take up its work.

MARION JUDSON,

N.Z. Superintendent.

IN THE FIELD.

In Auckland, Mrs Dicken kindly housed my belongings, as well as their owner, for an odd night or two coming and going. I arrived there on July 31, and the next morning, at 9 o'clock, started for Leigh. I believe the trip was a calm one, but when you go to sea in a cockle-shell, what can you expect? We called in at Kauwau—Sir George Grey's late residence, and a most romantic spot—and upon leaving there got tossed some, as our American friends say, but, unlike the "three celebrated wise men of Gotham who went to sea in a tub," my tale is longer. Arrived at Leigh, I was told I was to go on to Pakiri to visit a Union of whose existence I was just aware, but had no clue to its locality. The trip was accomplished in a waggon over a hill, which entailed a straight-up climb of a mile and a half. My charioteer asked me where I was going to stay, and I could only reply, "I don't know anything about it; I'm just a sack of potatoes, and you can dump me down wherever you like." He "liked" to take me to the Secretary, Mrs Gozer, and this proved to be according to arrangement. The ordinary meeting should have been held the next afternoon, but the day was very stormy, and as it was postponed until the evening, in consequence of a funeral in the afternoon, the attendance was small. Next day (Friday) a White Ribbon brother yoked up his team, and the seven miles back again was negotiated, again in a waggon on account of the mud. Leigh Executive met that evening, and the ordinary meeting took place the next afternoon, when I found the friends knew practically nothing of our work. A public meeting was held on the Monday night, and was fairly well attended, both on that occasion and at Pakiri resolutions backing up the Efficiency Board in their demand for a referendum on National Prohibition being carried unanimously, and forwarded to Mr Massey and the member for the district.

My home in Leigh was in a most charming spot, the residence of Mrs D. Matheson. It is situated in a little cove, reached from the steamer wharf by a row of about five minutes in an open boat. The surrounding cliffs are bush-clad to the water's edge. On

a calm, moonlight night the little sea trip is ideal, but none of us enjoyed it on the night of the meeting, when the waves were high, but as a slip had occurred on the cliff track—usually accessible, except at high tide—we had no choice.

On the Wednesday occurred, according to the proverbial "oldest inhabitant," the biggest storm in sixty years, and we spent the forenoon wandering from window to window, while Mr and Mrs Matheson were out trying to save their timber, which was off on a voyage of discovery. The boundary fence was knocked down by the impact of huge logs (some of them thirty feet in length), the garden submerged, and by 11.30 the sea was at both front and back doors. Then the tide turned, and before night the wind dropped somewhat. I was due to leave by the steamer on Thursday, and proceed to Whangarei the following night, but no steamer appeared, on account of the storm, and it was Sunday afternoon before I embarked for Auckland. Had a smooth passage, and the following night boarded the Manaia at 10 p.m., arriving at Whangarei next morning, where I was kindly entertained by Mrs Harrison.

Here the weather was exceedingly kind to us—warm, and for the most part dry. Several home meetings were held in the suburbs, at each of which members were obtained, and on August 24th a special meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, when eight members were initiated, several more recruits being unable to attend.

The talk on "Girls and Their Lovers" was given to a crowded audience immediately after my arrival, about a hundred being present. A number of girls raised their hands in token of a wish for a "Purity" talk, and on the Sunday afternoon about fifty gathered in the Presbyterian Church.

The Union had for some time been wishful to start a Y Branch, and a meeting was called for the Monday night, but so few came that organising was out of the question. However, we had a chat over the matter, also as to the formation of a Loyal Temperance Legion, and it was left with the White Ribboners present to talk up with the Sunday Schools and

Bible Classes, and ascertain if anything could be done.

The Hikurangi Branch has been in low water for some time, a number of members having left on account of there being very little work in the mine. I offered to go and work them up, but the members had lost heart, and thought it would be useless. However, I went up for a meeting, when three or four members attended and two non-members, both of whom expressed themselves as willing—even eager—to join, and were duly initiated. This so encouraged the members that they were then anxious for a more extended visit, and all arrangements were made for this, but ultimately, owing to the number of patriotic meetings that week, the matter was left over for the present.

M. S. POWELL.

Miss Powell's address: C/o Miss Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby, Auckland.

DOCTORS OUT AGAINST ALCOHOL.

The American Medical Association, representing a membership of 80,000 of the ablest physicians and surgeons of the United States, passed the following resolution:—"Whereas we believe that the use of alcohol is detrimental to the human economy, and whereas its use in therapeutics as a tonic or stimulant or for food, has no scientific value, therefore be it resolved: That the American Medical Association is opposed to the use of alcohol as a beverage; and be it further resolved, That the use of alcohol as a therapeutic agent should be further discouraged.

"Now, when we are up against serious things, when the verities are being revealed, the New Advocates of Temperance have discovered what we taught long ago. We cannot win with drink for drink, and the best are incompatible. The world's tragedy and the world's need have led great folk to see what drink really is and does. What Temperance people have long and truly taught, war is publicly demonstrating, shouting it from the housetops. Men cannot be best in body, brain, or soul with alcohol. Alcohol wipes out the best bit! The keen edge of muscle and nerve, the fine impulsive processes of thought, and those highest powers whereby all communicate with and become part of the divine and the highest."—Captain Arthur Evans, M.S. (a distinguished surgeon serving at the Front).

THE APPEAL FOR COMFORTS FOR MINE-SWEEPERS AND TOR- PEDOED CREWS.

My Dear Sisters,—Just a further word re the above. Our Unions are shaping well indeed in this worthy cause, and I am much encouraged; but not many parcels have come to me from Unions just yet. I am expecting, however, a large number very soon. The cash donations are coming in well so far.

I am therefore confidently looking forward to the combined work of our Unions being a complete success. Nevertheless, there requires to be much work done and sent on before packing time in October.

A complete record of all money and goods sent from each Union will appear in the "White Ribbon."

Will each Union sending goods please enclose the approximate cash value of the comforts they send?—Yours, in White Ribbon bonds,

BESSIE NIMMO,

Dominion Supt. for Seamen.

THE MERCHANTMAN.

(A Timely Reminder of the Empire's heavy debt.)

Whither away, whither away, Oh! merchantman in blue?

For cold, cold are the seas to-day, and wreckage wide they strew.

The good ship Nancy's blown to bits, the trawler Ella's missing,

The Elmtree's gone, and o'er the Prince the bitter waves are hissing.

So keep on shore and go not forth, Oh! merchantman in blue,

For foe and fire, and cold and wave, they also threaten you.

But I must go, but I must go, and cross the seas to-day,

And take the stuffs and fetch the food to keep the wolf away.

To-night you'll sleep so warmly, but my bed may haply be,

Somewhere with rock for pillow, and for coverlet the sea.

Oh! surely I've no wish to die, but England must be fed,

And I'd sooner brave the danger than skulk on shore instead.

But know you, know you, merchantman, brave merchantman in blue, But three days since upon the sea they found a ghastly crew,

Nine men dead in an open boat adrift upon the waves,
See what befalls the merchantman who mine and German braves.

Now with your piteous stories I pray prevent me not,

Poor Dick and Bill and Jack and Bert, ah, me! I knew the lot;

And faith! they met an ugly death, ere cast up on the coast,

But they'll maybe meet their Maker with stouter hearts than most.

So tho' the Nancy's blown to bits, the trawler Ella's missing,

The Elmtree gone, and o'er the Prince the bitter waves are hissing,

We'll sail to-day in biting winds, and leave the warmth o' land,

And may the good Lord keep us in the hollow of His hand.

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And silent-streaming tears,
With mingled hopes and fears,
To earth we yield our dead;
The Saints, with clearer sight,
Do cry in glad accord,—
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Is risen, is risen,—
Is risen in the glory of the Lord."
John Oxenham.

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WELLINGTON, SEPT. 18, 1917.

1893—1917.

It is 24 years this month since the women of New Zealand had conferred upon them the right to vote. Have they used that vote for the betterment of their native land? We publish below a list of laws passed since 1893, which show that gradually laws are being passed which are of benefit to all, but particularly to women and children. But there is much still to be done. We have not yet banished the liquor trade from our Dominion. Better protection is needed for our girlhood. Women are awake to the necessity of this. In America a procurer was sentenced to 19 years' imprisonment; in Dunedin lately a man, characterised as a "procurer of the worst type," got 11 months. This scandalous sentence raised a storm of protest from one end of the Dominion to the other. There has also been strong agitation to secure the appointment of women police, and to ensure that the man who commits a

criminal offence against a little girl shall be detained for life, preferably on a farm colony. These things have yet to be won, as well as many other improvements in existing laws. Every woman should educate herself upon these questions, should organise with other women desiring the same reforms, and then should agitate, and keep on agitating, till her end is gained. We believe the surest way to secure better protection for girls and better environment for our children to grow up in is to secure the election of women to Parliament. And the first reform we should press for is an amendment to the Electoral Act, which will not only allow women to elect, but to be elected to the Legislature.

**WHAT NEW ZEALAND WOMEN
HAVE GAINED SINCE 1893.**

The following is a list of humanitarian Acts which have been passed since women have had the right to vote:—

1. Infant Life Protection Act (to prevent baby farming).

2. Act to regulate the adoption of children.

3. Industrial Schools Amendment Act (providing for better classification and general methods).

4. Illegitimacy Amendment Act (whereby a child born out of wedlock may claim a share of the father's property after his death, the claim to be settled by the Court; and also providing that where parents are willing, the child may be registered in the name of the father as well as of the mother).

5. Legitimation Act provides that when the parents marry, any child born before such marriage shall be entitled to all the rights of a child born in wedlock, including inheritance of property.

6. Widow's Pension Act grants small pensions to a widow (or the wife of an incurably insane man), who has a child or children born in New Zealand.

7. Divorce and Matrimonial Causes Act. (Enacts equal standard of morality. Divorce granted for adultery; wilful desertion for 5 years; for habitual drunkenness; for failure to support wife; if either person is in-

sane and unlikely to recover; or if either person has received sentence of at least seven years' imprisonment for attempt on the life of the other.

8. Summary Legal Separation Act gives protection to working women against worthless husbands.

9. An Act enabling women to receive compensation for slander without proving special damage.

10. Testator's Family Maintenance Act compels testator to provide for his wife and family according to his means.

11. Destitute Person's Act (1910) provides for registration of child born out of wedlock, in its father's name, where paternity is proved, and for the power to claim against the estate of either parent for the maintenance of such child. This Act also allows the imprisonment of any man not providing for his wife and children. Deserting husbands are brought back at the expense of the State.

12. The Destitute Person's Amendment Act (1915) provides that an officer of the Court shall be appointed to receive and to recover monies due under a maintenance order.

13. Married Women's Property Act.

14. National Provident Fund Act enables persons, on paying a small sum weekly, to secure an annuity at 60 years of age, the annuity varying from ten shillings to two pounds a week, according to payments made. It also grants assistance to widows, and parents on the birth of a child.

15. Old Age Pensions Act. (Both sexes treated alike.)

16. State Maternity Hospitals Act. Provides skilled medical attendance and trained nursing at moderate cost.

17. Aged and Infirm Persons' Protection Act. Provides that when any person is unable, by means of age, disease, illness, physical or mental infirmity, excessive use of alcoholic liquors or drugs, to manage his own affairs, a protection order may be made over the whole or any part of his estate.

18. Crimes Amendment Act provides for indeterminate sentences and reformatory treatment by modern methods.

19. First Offenders' Probation Act. Under this Act first offenders may, at the discretion of the Magistrates, be placed upon probation instead of being sent to gaol.

20. Juvenile Courts established. Young persons under 16 years of age are dealt with in these Courts.

21. Juvenile Smoking Suppression Act. Sale of tobacco and cigarettes to children under 15 prohibited.

22. Age of consent raised from 14 to 16 years, and other amendments made in Criminal Code.

23. Repeal of C.D. Acts (1910).

24. Temperance Instruction given in State Schools.

25. Technical Schools established, giving equality of opportunity to both sexes.

26. Shop Assistants' Act safeguards the interests and health of female shop assistants, and better the conditions under which they work.

27. Factory Act Amendment recognises principle of equal pay for equal work, fixes minimum wage, and limits hours of work.

28. Workers' Compensation Act. Made applicable to all women workers, including domestic servants.

29. Municipal Franchise extended to women.

30. Women made eligible for election to Municipal Councils; the Mayor of a city; Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards; Education Boards and School Committees.

31. Amendment of Education Act provides for the election of four women on the National Council of Education, which advises Education Department.

32. Female Law Practitioners' Act admits women to the practice of the law.

33. Licensing Act Amendment Act gradually abolishes barmaids, makes 10 o'clock closing universal, does away with bottle licenses and the locker system, prohibits sale of liquor for consumption off premises to persons under 21 years of age, gives electors the right to vote on Dominion Prohibition.

Women doctors are appointed as Medical Inspectors of Schools. A Woman is appointed Assistant Inspector of Hospitals. Women official visitors are appointed for the women's gaol and other State and State-inspected institutions.

The fund for the payment of Plunket nurses (Royal Society for the Promotion of the Health of Women and Children) is subsidised by the State.

STRENGTH OF THE NATION MOVEMENT.

MRS LEE-COWIE, ORGANISER.

"Be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed." When God said "Let there be light, there was light." When our God speaks through a million human hearts and voices, and bids the Liquor Traffic depart, it shall be done. We have had a month of much journeying, many meetings, and great blessing. Since Convention we have had 1260 names handed in for membership. These include young people and honorary members. Our finances stand at: Receipts from all sources, £99 14s 6d; Expenses, £151 19s. These figures do not include 6000 "Defeats," 100,000 "The Cry of the Mothers," 10,000 "Women's Hour," and 10,000 "The Call to Arms." I found it impossible to keep tally of the quantities of these sold or given away, so have decided to pay for the whole out of my own pocket, and use them in every possible way, to keep the temperance sentiment stirred up. The first two Manifestos are included in above expenditure, and were sent post free to every Branch in New Zealand. Now we should be glad if Branches, when ordering the later literature, would remember they are 10d per 100, post free. Scatter them broadcast, spare nothing, for the great day is near. It is likely the whole Dominion will be awakened soon for a great poll. God grant the victory.

Dear Sisters,—Before this appears in print Parliament will, in all probability, have dealt with the question of early closing. Whatever that decision is, our Unions cannot accept it as final, for our goal is complete prohibition, and, now that we have the recommendations of the Efficiency Board to support us, we can go forward with greater hope than ever before. Every White Ribboner has doubtless read the splendid finding of the Efficiency Board, and has thanked God that our annual Convention was led to decide on a straight-out campaign for prohibition. When we made that decision we had not the least doubt that we were right, and we have even less doubt now, but there is one thing which some of us

seem to overlook, and that is that this fight is ours; we entered upon it, and we must maintain it. In Mrs Lee-Cowie we have a splendid leader, but she cannot do everything. She is giving her time, her energies, her best thought to the work, and it surely is not too much to ask that our Unions shall help with the financial part of the fight. Up to the end of August only five Unions had forwarded donations. Will our sisters please bear this matter in mind, and send help quickly.—Yours in White Ribbon Bonds,

C. HENDERSON,
Hon. Corresponding Secretary.

A NIGHT IN LONDON.

WITH OUR NEW ZEALAND BOYS.

(From a special reporter, London,
May 18th).

A few days ago a soldier from New Zealand came to London for the first time, and while resting his kit by the wayside, was approached by a smartly-attired lady with an enquiry as to whether she might help to direct him. As they waited for the right omnibus to appear, the fair one spoke interestingly of London, assured the newcomer that she and her sisters never lost an opportunity of doing something for soldiers, and, when the waiting had become monotonous, suggested that if he would come up to such and such a corner she would put him on another bus. Though somewhat unresponsive, the man from the "Long White Cloud" had evidently been thinking rather deeply, for with a stamp of foot, he declared, "No, I'll not go with you, I've been warned about London." As a matter of fact, the lady was a member of a distinguished family of society entertainers, but the soldier was not to know that. With a rare touch of humour, Miss Eva Moore told the joke against herself by way of an encore while assisting at a concert in the hall of the Shakespeare Hut, the Y.M.C.A. headquarters for New Zealand soldiers. The boys roared at the joke.

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L.T.L. Reports.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

This Legion was organised on April 23. Mrs Remington, Superintendent, when sixteen signed the pledge.

Sept. 2. Initiation service. Officers elected: Pres., Nellie Ames; Sec., Dolly Smith; Treas., John Brown; Librarian, Harold Baker. The children were told of the solemn nature of the pledge they had taken, and urged to ask help from God in keeping it.

A model report from our youngest reporter:—

Manaia, September 4th, 1917.

Dear Editor,—Will you please put the following notes of an L.T.L. meeting in your paper:—

A well-attended meeting of the L.T.L. was held in Manaia, 29th August, 1917. An interesting address was given by Mrs Blamires, of Hawera. Good recitations were given by several junior members. The meeting closed with the National Anthem and the Benediction.

My Superintendent requested me to ask this of you. My Legion is in a flourishing state, having a roll number of 87, and rising every time by four or five.—Yours truly,

CHARLES HEWLETT,

Secretary Manaia L.T.L.

Dear Charles,—We are so pleased to hear from you, and hope many more young reporters will send us equally brief and interesting reports.—Ed. "W.R."

COMMUNAL KITCHENS.

Communal kitchens are being opened in London. They provide cheap and appetising meals. In one week some 18 different kinds of food were served, and each at the cost of 2d per dish. Customers bring their own plates and cans. One day the menu was: Soup, 2d; meat pasties, 2d; tapioca pudding and golden syrup, 2d. The kitchens are expected to be self-supporting.

Y's Reports.

AUCKLAND.

Aug. 18. A very enjoyable social in the Piccadilly Tea Rooms. Mr M. Greville acted as M.C. for the evening. The room was filled with some 250 young people from the different church societies. The President, Miss Alice Parkinson, in welcoming the guests, explained that our first aim was to secure prohibition of the liquor traffic. It was their hope to conduct all their meetings along Parliamentary lines, and so train themselves that they would be a power in the future. Vocal solos were rendered by the Misses Wheeler, George, Scott, and Mr A. Hall; recitation and pianoforte solo by the Misses Spedding and Laws. Miss Elsie Stevens, President of the Avondale Branch, spoke on behalf of her Union. Mrs Cook, President of the District Union, and Mrs Smeeton spoke a few words of appreciation and encouragement. A vote of thanks was extended to the members and all who had contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

Aug. 27. A largely increased attendance, and very deep interest taken in the work. We gained 17 new members, making a total of 68. Decided to hold a special business meeting next week, as there is much business to be dealt with. Mesdames Cook, Smeeton, and Millar gave very inspiring talks, and I feel sure what they said will prove very helpful to us all.

WANGANUI.

July 30. An open social. About 40 present, and two new members initiated. The Rev. Werran gave a splendid address on "National Service," which was much appreciated by all. Other items were: Duet, Misses Lipper; recitation, Miss Brown; solo, Miss Jones; recitation, Miss Genge; solo, Miss Smith. After supper, games followed.

Aug. 27. The President in the chair, 31 present. Seven members were initiated, and we hope that at next meeting a great many more of those who signed at Mrs Lee-Cowie's meetings will be present to be initiated. A branch is being opened at Aramoho to-morrow night.

ARAMOHO.

Aug. 23. A Y branch, organised in the Methodist Schoolroom by Mrs Upton, Vice-President of Wanganui

W.C.T.U., assisted by Mrs E. Smith. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Bathgate; Sec., M. Christie; Treas., E. Gilmour. Sixteen present, 12 signing the pledge. Arranged for meeting on second Monday in month.

PORT CHALMERS.

Aug. 20. The usual monthly meeting was held in the Currie Street Hall, and took the form of a social evening. Several items were rendered by the different members, and all took part in the games and competitions. After an enjoyable evening, supper was handed round, and six new members enrolled.

WELLINGTON.

August. In response to invitations, a number of young women assembled in Constable Street Rooms. A short concert programme was given, and an address by Mrs Napier. As a result of the meeting, a Y branch was organised, with a membership of 12, Mrs Mowlem being elected Superintendent. Supper was provided, and the Y branch begins work in earnest on the 13th.

COMPENSATION.

Four saloon-keepers in Nebraska, who supplied a man with drink, and caused him to acquire an appetite for the same, have been compelled by the Court to pay his wife £2000 in lieu of the maintenance which her husband failed to provide for her. This is the kind of compensation the "White Ribbon" believes in.

They never fail who die
In a great cause: the block may soak
their gore.
Their heads may sodden in the sun;
their limbs
Be strung to city gates and castle
walls;—
But still their spirit walks abroad.
though years
Elapse, and others share as dark a
doom,
They but augment the deep and
sweeping thoughts
Which overpower all others, and con-
duct
The world at last to freedom.

—Byron.

News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

TIMARU.

Aug. 28. Correspondence from Hon. G. W. Russell, Rev. Dawson, and Mrs Lee-Cowie. Mrs Clay appointed delegate to District Convention. Vote of condolence to Mrs Thyne. Vote of appreciation of action of Town Council rescinding resolution allowing sea bathing on Saturdays. Report of hospital visitors received. Seamen's Rest reported 93 visitors had made 193 visits. Votes of appreciation of Efficiency Board's report.

N.E. VALLEY.

August. Rev. Nelson gave a most helpful address, his subject being "Our Name." Attendance large. Retiring collection of £2 for benefit of mine-sweepers.

ASHBURTON.

Aug. 7. Mrs Watson presided, attendance large. In response to an appeal from Mrs Nimmo, decided to assist mine-sweepers. Our member wrote saying he was in favour of appointment of women police, and had brought the subject under notice of Ministers. Decided to thank him for his efforts. Mrs Don, N.Z. President, was warmly welcomed, and expressed her thanks. Mesdames Miller and W. J. Brown elected delegates to Provincial Convention. Arrangements for Convention discussed. Six new members enrolled.

ORMONDVILLE.

Aug. 8. A meeting held in the Methodist Church, Mrs Smaile presiding. Correspondence was received from the New Zealand Secretary of the W.C.T.U., and from Miss Olsen, congratulating the Branch on their re-organisation. Decided to ask Mrs Venables to address the Branch in September.

WHANGAREI.

Aug. Two drawing-room meetings held in connection with the visit of Miss Powell; new members and "White Ribbon" subscribers gained at each. A largely attended meeting held, addressed by Miss Powell; 16 members added to our roll. Miss Powell gave her talk on "Girls and Their Lovers" to a large and appreciative audience. On Sunday Miss Powell gave a talk on "Purity." We were organised by Miss Powell eleven years ago, and were glad to welcome her on her first return visit.

Sept. Mrs Whalley presided, 12

present. Decided to organise an L.T.L. Reported that goods were coming steadily in for the mine-sweepers.

EDENDALE.

Sept. 6. Mrs J. Field presided. Mrs Field and Mrs Findlay reported having collected £23 2s 6d, also some woollen garments, for mine-sweepers. At the request of the Union, the local ministers preached a sermon on the book "Defeat," and Mrs Cowie's poem, "The Cry of the Mothers," was recited at the Methodist Church. Nine new members and two "White Ribbon" subscribers reported for the quarter.

DEVONPORT.

July. Reported that 13 draw sheets, 8 operation cloths, 54 diet cloths, 6 pillow slips, 4 bottle covers, 4 body bandages, 30 triangular bandages, 34 rolls narrow bandages, 1 pair bed sox donated to Red Cross. Miss Weymouth spoke on L.T.L. work, and is to come again and give a demonstration. Lady of 84 joined as honorary member.

Aug. Social afternoon. Mrs Cook gave an inspiring address. Four new members. Resolved to send contributions to mine-sweepers.

OXFORD.

Aug. 29. President in the chair. Resolutions of sympathy to bereaved members. Mrs C. Fritt appointed delegate to Provincial Convention. Decided to invite Provincial Convention for 1918. Decided to forward £1 to Maori Fund. Decided to spend 30s on wool, the Y branch to make it into garments for mine-sweepers. Decided to offer prizes for temperance essays to all local schools. An address on "Education and Religion" was given by Rev. Rankin, and was much appreciated. Reported that £23 had been forwarded to those injured in the late London air raid. Next meeting to be held in the evening, and members to bring husbands and friends.

HAMILTON.

A resolution was passed unanimously urging all Temperance bodies to organise immediately and unite in holding large public meetings in every town throughout New Zealand to protest against the action of the Government in practically ignoring the recommendation of the Efficiency Board re total prohibition of the liquor traffic and the present treatment of our petition for 6 o'clock closing.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

Aug. 7. Mrs Baird presided, attendance 14. Mrs Macalister gave an interesting account of the Initiative and Referendum, and showed how much the United States owed to this Act having formed a part of the Statutes. Decided to ask delegates to the Reform Council to urge that body to set up a committee to make this proposed reform widely known. President reported that St. Helen's

Home was expected to open the first week in September. A letter was read from Mrs Nimmo, Wellington, asking Union members to help the mine-sweepers. The Union voted £5, to be spent in buying heavy undergarments, and members subscribed 25s. Also £5 was donated to the Fighting Fund in the "Outlook."

GREYTOWN.

July 31. Meeting at Mrs Anker's, President in the chair. Members requested to send in names of those going to Convention at Feilding, also if requiring hospitality. All resolutions to be sent in not later than August 28th. One visitor present. Afternoon tea provided by hostess.

Aug. 28. Mrs Whincop presided. Two visitors present. Resolved that letters be sent to the Prime Minister and local member for assistance in procuring 6 o'clock closing of all hotel bars. Three members of sub-centres were chosen to be elected at Wellington, September 5th, indicating vote in writing to Miss Sybil Nathan, Hon. Secretary, Wellington.

NAPIER.

July 12. A drawing-room meeting held at the residence of Mrs Jenkins, attendance good.

July 4. Mrs Venables presided over good attendance. Votes of sympathy passed to Mrs Dodds and Mrs Cobb, Palmerston North. Message of thanks received from the Mayoress for splendid box of clothing collected by our Union for mine-sweepers' children.

July 18. T. E. Taylor celebrated. Mr J. Oldham gave a most inspiring address on the life of the late Mr T. E. Taylor, and Mrs Peach and Miss Cocking gave musical programme.

July 19. Fortnightly meeting, attendance fair. Mr Massey, Premier, wrote acknowledging local Union's request urging the amendment of the law for the protection of women and children. Decided to appeal through the papers and by letters for warm garments for mine-sweepers. Vote of thanks passed to the member for district for his endeavour to have women police appointed. Decided to advertise all meetings in the "Hawke's Bay Observer." A vote of thanks passed to the Editor of that organ for concessions of printing rates to the W.C.T.U. locally. Six new subscribers secured for the "White Ribbon."

HENDERSON.

June 11. Our Union again took charge of Soldiers' Club, and members in charge spent an enjoyable day.

July. Unanimously decided that each member provide a warm woollen garment for the mine-sweepers, to be forwarded on to headquarters. Our meetings are well attended, and interest maintained.

WAIPIKURAU.

Aug. 13. Greetings received from Ngaruawahia Union, and ours sent them in return. Decided to collect

parcel of warm clothing for mine-sweepers. Resolution passed at Convention for distribution amongst schoolmasters. Decided to send copy to our local schoolmaster. Mrs Nicholson's resignation as "White Ribbon" Agent was received with regret, and Mrs Mercer appointed. Cup of tea was handed round.

LOWER HUTT.

Aug. 7. The President, Mrs Balfour, in the chair. Decided that Mrs Hayes represent the Union at the Provincial Convention, and several matters were discussed to be brought before Convention. A circular was read from the Superintendent for Work Among Seamen, appealing for warm clothing for the mine-sweepers. Decided to collect, and Mrs Shearer was appointed superintendent. Arrangements were made for meetings for 24th and 25th August, when Mrs Lee-Cowie will address mothers on Friday afternoon, and a public meeting on Saturday evening. Books have been purchased for the library and, Mrs Turner was appointed librarian.

WANGANUI EAST.

Aug. 31. The Anglican School-room was filled by the members and their friends. Mrs Duxfield presided. Correspondence from the Premier re six o'clock closing resolution; stated that legislation would be brought down in the House during the present session dealing with the liquor question. Sixteen new members were initiated, and 19 new names were added to the Cradle Roll. The members briefly discussed a paper by Miss A. Morrison on "The Fitness of Women for the Franchise," read by Mrs Duxfield. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the Union members. Songs were rendered most acceptably by Miss Bowater, Mrs Dowsett, and Miss Elsie Andrew. The following articles were donated to mine-sweepers:—29 pairs sox, 2 Balaclavas, 2 chest protectors, 4 scarves, 2 pairs gloves, 1 pair mits, 3 singlets, 1 pair underpants, and £1 6s 6d in donations. As the time for receiving donations has been extended to the end of September, the Secretary will be pleased to receive further parcels from those who have not yet helped in this worthy object. It is expected that Miss Cruickshank, M.A., M.Sc., Principal of the Girls' College, will address the next monthly meeting, so a good attendance is requested.

NELSON.

Aug. 14. Mrs Watson presided. One new member initiated. Appeal from Mrs Nimmo read on behalf of the mine-sweepers. Resolved to make a special appeal to the members and the general public. Decided that Miss Weymouth's visit be postponed till after Convention next year, in order that she may be free to finish her work in Auckland amongst the Y's and L.T.L. Decided that Franchise Day be celebrated at next Union

meeting, Mrs Graham to give an address on the Initiative and the Referendum, the collection to be for the N.Z. Organising Fund. £5 voted for 6 o'clock closing campaign expenses, £3 from the Union funds, the remainder to be collected. Resolved to hold a District Convention on the second Tuesday and Wednesday in November; small committee appointed to arrange details. Decided that the Annual Sale of Work should take place towards the end of October; at a subsequent meeting the day was fixed for October 17th. Two Good Citizenship meetings have been held, the subject under consideration being the terms of a world-charter at the close of the war, based on a pamphlet by Paul Otter.

BLENHEIM.

Aug. 1. Mrs Litchfield presided, 15 present. Letter received asking our help on behalf of the British mine-sweepers. Proposed that our Union spend £6 in buying woollen garments. Decided also to advertise in papers asking contributions from the public. Decided to ask Mrs Lee-Cowie to visit Blenheim during October.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

July 14. As a W.C.T.U. is debarred from guessing competitions, raffles, etc., the sum of £83 was a satisfactory sum from straight-out selling on the Patriotic Mart Day.

Aug. 3. Mrs Lee-Cowie's mission extended over five days. Seven new members were added to Fitzroy Union, and 13 to New Plymouth. A weekly prayer meeting is held every Friday at 3 p.m. in the Lodge Room, and is now very much better attended than at first.

July 25. White Ribbon Day was held at the home of the President. A good collection was taken for Maori work. Mrs Cocker was appointed superintendent for collecting garments for the mine-sweepers and shipwrecked sailors.

GISBORNE.

Aug. 28. Treasurer's Day, many subs. being paid, 24 present. Miss East reported £19 in money, besides several articles, in response to the appeal on behalf of mine-sweepers. £3 6s was passed to be paid to Organising Fund. Agreed to send a resolution to the Government upholding the Efficiency Board's work. Fifty copies of "Defeat" to be ordered for distribution. A monthly copy of the "White Ribbon" to be paid for by the Union, to be placed on the Gisborne Library table.

HAWERA.

Aug. 30. Miss Maunder presided, and 23 ladies were present. Mrs Bone reported that £58 had been raised for the mine-sweepers. Decided that Franchise Day be celebrated on the last Thursday in September, and that afternoon tea be provided. Twelve new members were initiated.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Aug. 17. White Ribbon Day and a gift social, to provide funds for a stall at the Spring Show, was an unqualified success. The programme consisted of songs and recitations, after which afternoon tea was handed round.

Aug. 27. Special meeting to discuss the matter of our Union establishing a hostel in Palmerston North for soldiers' next of kin. A Board of Management was formed, consisting of 24 of our members, and they are working quite hard to try and get things in good working order.

PAHIATUA.

Aug. 23. Mrs Neal (President) in the chair. Decided to arrange an afternoon and evening meeting for Mrs Lee-Cowie. Mrs Captain Huston, a member from Ashburton, welcomed, and three members initiated. In response to a letter from the President, a reply was received from Mr G. Harold Smith, M.P., signifying his intention to support the appointment of women police when the measure comes before the House. A beloved member, Nurse Wilton, has passed away, after a serious operation. Several other members have been called upon to suffer affliction during the last few months. Future meetings will begin at 2.30 p.m., the first half-hour to be devoted to prayer.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Aug. 17. A well-attended meeting, Mrs McDonald presiding. Much satisfaction expressed at the report of the Efficiency Board on the liquor trade. A mother enquired could nothing be done to prevent rum ration being served to boys, who had not previously taken it, after a route march. In supporting a resolution in favour of 6 o'clock closing, reference was made to the disgraceful riot of Saturday night last, and the hope expressed that the Government would realise that the open bar is a menace to law and order. Mesdames Ritson and McDonald delegates to Provincial Convention.

Aug. 30. An At Home at the residence of Mrs McGowan. Mrs S. Evans presided, and Mrs Narier gave an account of our work in Edinburgh, and urged strict economy in dress and food. Votes of thanks to speaker and hostess.

CAMBRIDGE.

Aug. 7. Good attendance, Mrs James presiding. Decided to advertise in local papers for donations for mine-sweepers. Decided to donate £1 to Prohibition campaign, also to circulate "Defeat" and copies of Mrs Cowie's poem.

Sept. 4. Meeting opened with a prayer meeting. Resolved: "That this meeting respectfully urges the Government, in view of the increasing strain upon the moral, physical, and financial powers of the nation, to carry into effect the reasonable recommendations of the National Effi-

ciency Board in reference to the licensed liquor trade." Resolved that we express our great appreciation of the Government's action in setting apart for a national day of prayer October 7th, and also in the appeal made to ministers of religion to use their influence in connection with the war loan. Decided to print the above resolutions in the local papers. Decided to purchase 5s worth of purity books.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Sept. Mrs Lee-Cowie's visit a great success. Her open-air meeting was a great success; a fine crowd listened most attentively. At her Sunday afternoon Bible Class Rally over 200 came out on the side of Temperance. The Unions here both benefited by new members and collections, and literature sales were also splendid.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Aug. 9. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided. Resolved: "That the Christchurch Branch of the W.C.T.U. protests most emphatically against the inadequacy of the sentence recently passed by the Dunedin Magistrate upon the man Ebzery. The Union places on record its sense of indignation with the feeble state of the law dealing with such offences. That a procurer should apparently be liable at most to a sentence of 12 months only is, in the judgment of the W.C.T.U., nothing short of a legal scandal. In view of the unutterable wrong procurers inflict upon their victims and the shameful issue of venereal diseases in those allured through the machinations of the procurer, the Union urges the Government to increase the penalty, and make it, at least, equivalent to the penalties attached to the comparatively innocuous crimes of forgery, arson, and assault. The Union protests most vigorously against such a man as Ebzery being permitted to contaminate the King's uniform, and the King's soldiers, by enlistment, even though eligible for the ballot." Forwarded to Hon J. Hanan, Minister for Justice.

Aug. 22. Miss Roberts presided. Attendance good. Small deputation to wait upon Mayor re women's meeting. Mesdames Drenner and Paterson delegates to Provincial Convention. Following resolutions were passed:—

"The Christchurch Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union records its appreciation of the work of the National Efficiency Board, more especially with regard to its recommendations concerning the liquor traffic, such recommendations being in accord with true patriotism, common-sense, and a fitting estimate of the importance of the physical well-being of our people. The Union earnestly hopes the Board will reconsider its decision regarding resignation, hold-

ing the country has need of the valuable services of the Board in this time of sore stress." To be forwarded to Chairman of Board.

"The Christchurch Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union heartily supports the recommendations of the National Efficiency Board in respect to the liquor traffic, and earnestly urges the National Government to give immediate effect to the same. The members of the Union ask this in the name of true patriotism, and of the physical well-being of the nation. In view of the widely and often expressed desire of the people of New Zealand for drastic measures of reform in connection with the liquor traffic, the Union can but marvel at the Government's feeble and pusillanimous attitude towards this giant evil, inimical to the highest and best interests of the community, whether considered from a moral, physical, or financial aspect." To be forwarded to Mr Massey and Sir Joseph Ward.

TAURANGA.

Aug. 29. Ten members present, Mrs Chappell presiding. Mrs Turner reported a very successful start with the L.T.L. Mrs Ridley heartily thanked for her effort in connection with Cradle Roll. Decided that Mrs Turner arrange for delegate to Provincial Convention. Parcels for mine-sweepers to be left with Mrs Petchell.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Sept. Meeting held in Constable Street Rooms, over which Mrs Evans, M.A., presided. Letters of condolence and sympathy were sent to several members whose relatives were killed and wounded. The subject of Mrs Evans' address was "Good Citizenship," which was thoroughly appreciated by all present. The Mothers' Thought Guild pamphlet was read, and several present wished to become members. One new member was initiated.

GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

July 31. Decided to hold a special conversazione for members, and to invite young ladies to attend, in order to consider question of re-starting Greymouth Band of Hope and a "Y" branch. Resolved to help mine-sweepers' clothing effort, print appeal in papers, etc.

Aug. 13. Conversazione duly held, enjoyable and successful. Monthly prayer meeting next day.

Aug. 28. Mrs Gaskin presiding. Sister Bell reported a special gathering of girls and sub-committee, when a "Y" branch was organised, the pledge being signed by intending members. Band of Hope to be held same evening as "Y," at an earlier hour. Various parcels for mine-sweepers received. Decided to co-operate with newly organised No-License League re 6 o'clock closing.

Resolution re early closing passed; copies sent to League, to Prime Minister, M.P., etc. Members desired also to write individually.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

No meeting in July, owing to absence of President.

Aug. 9. Good attendance. Two new subscribers to "White Ribbon." The President gave an address on women's work in other centres.

Sept. Mrs Judson's circular to headmasters was read and discussed. The President gave an address on the "Teaching of Sex Hygiene in Infancy, Childhood, and Youth." In regard to appeal from N.Z. Alliance, it was agreed to co-operate with A.T.R.C.

LEIGH, AUCKLAND.

At the suggestion of Mrs Cowie when visiting the district some weeks ago, a number of ladies agreed to form a branch of the W.C.T.U., and on August 4th the Dominion Organiser was present, and the members were duly initiated. The officers are: Pres., Miss C. A. Matheson; Sec., Miss E. Matheson; Treas., Miss A. Matheson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames D. Matheson and J. C. Wyatt; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss J. Wyatt; and "White Ribbon" Correspondent, Mrs L. Wyatt. A public meeting was arranged for August 6th, to take the form of a social, with an address by Miss Powell.

ONEHUNGA.

This Branch was opened nearly three years ago, but during the early part of this year the interest and attendance seemed to flag. Last July Miss Weymouth (Organising Secretary) spent two days in Onehunga trying to get new members, and at the July meeting reported having gained eleven new members, and the Branch was reorganised.

Aug. An evening meeting. Miss Weymouth spoke on the work of the W.C.T.U., by request. A good attendance gave cause for encouragement. Decided to help in the appeal on behalf of the mine-sweepers. A pianoforte solo was rendered and a duet sung during the evening.

OTAMATEA.

I tuano he mitini mate roopu wahine karaitiana Otamatea i roto ite whare o Karaka Paikea ite tahi o nga haora ite ahiahi. Kakarakiata E. Karaka Paikea ka himenetia 23 onga himene a iwhakamutu ano eta kite inoi. Ite onga o Sept. Ka whakapuaretia te whare ite Perehitini monga take. Take tuatahi koohi marama. Take tuarua he mihi nate Perehitini kitetahi o matou tuakana mema kia Tuhi K. Paikea irunga i tona puoritanga kua pahure ake nei a tae ahi o mihi ate roopu wahine katoa. Kingi hoa tae atu kinga taitamariki tane wahine atu hoki o ihui mai neikitenei roopu tanga a matou. Kaati ra kote take e tureiti nei nga

repoata i tenei roopu kei nui onga raruraru e paana kite Perehitini tae atu hoki kite tahi onga mema mete hekeretaki irunga ite raruraru mate. Kaati nei mate atua Katoa tatou e manaki. Kaati me mihi ano ahau te hakeretari. Kite peeke hou iwhakaturia nei e nga mema tuakana. Kia repeka paeranganui ite wa e taima hae ana ahau i toku mate amete mihi ano hoki otoku ngakau irunga ito ratou kaha ite whakahaere ita matou taonga ite wa engaro ana ahau tia matou houhuitanga. Kaati e whakautua tenei mitini kite inoi.

PAHI.

I huihui te mitingi ate roopu Karaitiana o Pahi ite 18 o Akurata kite whare o te matou Perehitini; orehetina Hemana. Nato matou kau matua ne Paratene. Hemana i whakapare te mitingi himene 23 Ka mutu ka tu to Perehinitini Kawhaka a mihi kiona hoa o te roopu ahu atu kite roopu. Kau matau menga a taitama riki menga mema ho ou turu mai ite nei ra kite nei noho angai, kote kupu nui i roto ite nei huihui nga kote tuma a nako mete u. Kite pupuri inga tika anga o te whakapono Karaitiana. Ko tenei kia ora mai a no koutou ete roopu wahine, tane, tamariki hoki mehemea he take ta koutou metu mai kuru nga katu ko ngaro g Manukau. Kia ora to matou Perehitini mete roopu wahine me ngakau matua toku tua kehewha. Ka pai ake noku kinga mihi a teke rehitini. E mihi nei kia tatou ite mea katahi ano ahau kauru mai kite nei noho anga e noho nei koutou keite tanei nohi anga keiti tumana ako to nga kau kati kotaku take ete Perehitini mehui to nui tatou inga marama katoa. Kia ora katu kote peeke ko Rihipeti Waiti. Kia ora tona tau Perehitini mewau wha Ka mihi mai kia matou keite tu manako tonu, tenga kau kite pupuri ia tatou tikanga mai ote timitanga tae mai ana kite nei wahi kati not eeke ate nei onga mema itu ake nei kei te Paitau ta ke kati ra ma tatou whiriwhiri roto anga ra ite kaha tonu ote tu puhi kati. Kia ora ghai ano Katu koheretina wikiriwhi kei tewha mihi tonu ahau kia tatou kua huihui mai nei kite tatou nohoanga e pupuri nei tatou kinga mahi ote whakapono. Ka raiti ana kati teu tonu tenga kou kite pupuri inga tikanga a katoa. Kia ora ano tatou katu katoa nga mema Kawhaka pai katu te Perehitini. Kawhakamutua te mitingi ka himene 78 kinga weteriana. Kai ake ake amene.

When I am dead, if men can say "He helped the world upon its way"; If they can say—if they but can—"He did his best; he played the man; His way was straight; his soul was clean; His failings not unkind, nor mean; He loved his fellow-men, and tried To help them," I'll be satisfied.

HOME MEETINGS.

Morrinsville.—A letter-writer has been appointed.

Invercargill.—Meeting of mothers held every Thursday at the residence of Mrs Hunter. Meets its scattered members at the Summer Show, but will appoint a letter-writer.

Takapuna.—Drawing-room meeting at Mrs Weston's. Attendance, 21. Address by Mrs Saunders.

Nelson.—Letter-writer has been appointed.

Wellington Central.—June, at Thorndon: New members, 5. At Methodist Guild: New members, 4. At Mrs Napier's meeting: new members, 4. At Brooklyn: 5 new members. Total, 18 new members for Wellington Central.

Wanganui East.—July 12, at Mrs Larking's residence: Attendance, 14; new members, 5; letters written, 1.

Wakapuaka (Sub-Nelson).—July 12, at Mrs Dobson's: Attendance, 8; new members, 2; new subscribers "W.R.," 2; collection White Ribbon Day, 10s.

Waipukurau.—July 10, at Mrs Nicholson's: Attendance, 16; new members, 1; Maori Organising Fund, 8s. At Mrs Stace's: Attendance, 26; new members, 3; new subscribers "W.R.," 4; collection Organising Fund, 11s 6d.

Dear Sisters,—In reply to many enquiries for names of backblock members, I may say here that all that I know of has been attended to. I suggest that appointed letter-writers keep in touch with members belonging to their own Union who for any reason are prevented from attending the meetings.

I will give you an extract from a letter received this morning from the Morrinsville Branch:—"Mrs Brown has been ill, and unable to be present at our meetings during the winter. Mrs Campbell also is in the hospital to undergo an operation. So our letter-writer has some work to do."

This over and above writing a kindly note to those women who are members living miles out in the country on the farms, the bad roads making it impossible to keep in touch with the efforts of the Union.

Will the letter-writers please make a point of acting on this suggestion?—Yours faithfully,

E. M. GARROWAY.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Our old friend, Miss Powell, heads the list this month with 10 new subscribers. Birkenhead, 6; Ngaere, Christchurch, Ashburton, and Auckland, 3; Temuka and Edendale, 2; Wanganui East, Timaru, Greytown, and Palmerston North, 1.

GIRLS' SECONDARY EDUCATION.

The question of the reform of girls' secondary education was deemed so important that it was discussed at length by the Congress of the French Suffrage Unions, and the following resolutions were passed, after much consideration:—

"The Congress of the U.F.S.F., considering that in the matter of education, the question of principle should be placed first and without any ambiguity, but that we are forced to take account of practical necessities and the possibilities of realisation, expresses the hope that in all methods of teaching a uniform culture should be assured to boys and girls, with a minimum of specialisation for either."

"That until the necessary reforms can be carried out in boys' education, the preparation for the baccalaureat should be officially established in State schools, with the same conditions for both sexes."

Ice does not take the heat out of alcohol.

Ashburton, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Barin Square Schoolroom: Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 37; Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Asst. Sec., Miss A. C. Watson, 84, Cameron St.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Hill, Willowby; Asst. Treas., Mrs J. H. Dent, Wills St.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2 p.m. Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompaier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princeps St. Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompaier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Nelson, Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.: Pres., Mrs A. Jackson; Sec., Mrs D. P. Sinclair, Box 27; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, first Tuesday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs E. James; Sec., Mrs A. Wallace, Weld Street; Treas., Mrs C. H. Ryecroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs Reeves; "W.R." Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.

Christchurch District, Rooms, Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs I. McCombs, 26, Tui Street, Fendalton; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Dav, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. D. Martin, 572 Gloucester Street; Treas., Mrs Patterson, Latimer Square; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Williams, 21, Philip St., Linwood.

Dannevirke, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. F. Knight, Tahoraiti; Sec., Mrs Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett, The Manse.

Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 72, Heriot Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs Macartney, 156, Eglinton Road, Mornington; Rec. Sec., Miss Roseveare, Castle Street; Supt. White Ribbon, Mrs Anderson, 82, Duke St.; Treas., Miss Reid, Bishopscourt, Roslyn.

Devonport, Second Thursday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Cranch, Cameron St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Budd, Elliot and Sheppard; Sec., Mrs A. Little, 81 Church St.; Treas., and Supt. W.R., Miss Le Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lilliwail.

Feilding, 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., St. Paul's Hall; Pres., Miss Moore, c/o Mr. W. H. Bain, Feilding; Rec. Sec., Miss Jordan, c/o Mr. H. Feild; Cor. Sec., Mrs. C. J. Thompson, Denbigh Street; Treas., Mrs. Williamson, The Hill; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Burnley, Railway Box, Mrs Shearer.

Gisborne District, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Rd.; Sec., Mrs F. S. Malcolm, Gladstone Rd.; Treas., Mrs F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Rd.

Greymouth District, last Tuesday at 3 p.m., in Sailor's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Sweetman, White Ribbon Agent, Mrs T. Brown; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Perry.

Greytown, Last Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in Presbyterian Sunday School. President, Mrs Whincop, Gasworks; Secretary, also Acting-Treasurer, protom., Mrs Banks, Humphreys St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cox, 241 Main Street.

Hamilton District, first Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, Clandlands; Sec., Mrs W. Auld; Treas., Mrs Jenkins, Clandlands.

Hastings, 2nd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Hall, p.m.; Pres., Mrs Moore, Stortford; Sec., Mrs F. C. Griffiths, Market St.; Treas., Mrs Martindale, Market St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cameron; Vice-Pres., Mrs Clapham; Asst. Sec., Mrs Boyle, Lyndon Road.

Hawera meets in Wesley Hall, Regent Street, on the last Thursday, at 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs Bone, Live's Av.; Vice Pres., Miss Maunders; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff, Turuturu Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Peacock, c/o Mrs Taylor, South Rd.; Treas., Mrs Best, Milmoie St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Tonks, Campbell St.

Henderson, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Gilberd, "Homeview"; Vice-Pres., Mrs Platt, Gt. North Rd.; Mrs Williams, Gt. North Rd.; Sec., Mrs McKay, Gt. North Rd.; Treas., Mrs Paltridge, Rathgar Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Platt, Gt. North Road.

Invercargill District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Allen's Hall; Pres., Mrs James Baird; Vice-Pres., Mrs J. McKenzie, Mrs C. H. Macalister, Mrs H. Lee-Cowie and Mrs Garrett; Rec. Sec., Mrs Frank Lilliecrap, Earn St.; Cor. Sec., Sis. Moody Bell; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs James Hunter, 110, Don St.

Invercargill South. Meets every second Tuesday, in Amethyst Hall, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pasley, Centre St., Georgetown; Sec., Mrs Parkin, 50 Bowmont St.; Treas., Miss Pyle, Amethyst Hall, Bowmont St.; Press Cor., Mrs Smart, Ettrick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Sullivan, 19, Canon St.; Cradle Roll Supts., Mrs Cooper, Oteramika Road, and Mrs Bruce Wallace, Ythan St., Appleby.

Kalapoi W.C.T.U. Assembly Rooms. Union meets last Wednesday in the month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Brighting; Sec., Miss Blackwell, "The Willows"; Treas., Mrs T. G. Blackwell; W.R. Supt., Mrs Ward.

Lower Hutt, first Tuesday, Church of Christ, Queen St., at 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Ballantyne, Belmont Rd.; Sec., Mrs Chittenden, Bridge Street; Treas., Mrs Frethey, Main Rd.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Brunswick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Burn, Aglionby Street.

Lytelton, 1st Wednesday, Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Wilson; Sec., Mrs Bromley; Treas., Mrs Clark; "W.R." Agent, Miss Elsie Clark, "Waratah," W. Lytelton.

Manaiia, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs T. Tait; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Prakinson and Hunt; Treas., Miss York; Sec., Miss Craig; Cradle Roll, Miss Ricketts; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Hunt.

Masterion, 1st Tuesday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Devonport; Sec., Mrs M. Flanagan, 4 Cole Street; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Ross, High Street.

Matakana, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Church, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Witten, Tawharanui; Vice-Pres., Mrs A. Roke; Sec., Mrs E. Roke; Treas., Mrs Melville; Cradle Roll, Mrs Eytan; "W.R." Agent, Miss Tindall.

Mosgiel Meets in Presbyterian Hall, 2nd Wednesday at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pinfold; Sec., Mrs Eccersall; Treas., Mrs E. Wilson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Morton.

Napier District, 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday, Willard Institute, Carlyle St., 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashridge Rd.; Sec., Mrs A. Chelley, Macdonald St.; Treas., Mrs Clare, Morris St.; Asst. Treas., Mrs Mens; Vice-Pres., Mrs Dodds; Home Meetings, Mrs Jenkins, Hastings St.; Cradle Roll and Flower Mission, Mrs J. Walker, Nelson Cres.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens, Nelson Cres.

Ngaruawahia, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church; Pres., Mrs G. Densem; Vice-Pres., Mrs L. Bycroft and Mrs Vincent; Sec., Mrs Kendall; Treasurer, Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs W. Bycroft.

New Brighton, 3rd Thursday in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hall, 36 Wainui St., New Brighton; Secretary, Mrs W. Smith, 344 Wainoni Rd.; Christchurch; Treas., Mrs Nicholas, Brooke St., Bexley, N.B.; Evangelistic Supt., Miss Tait, Bexley, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Langley, Park Rd., New Brighton.

New Plymouth District, first Friday, 2.30 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres., Mrs Allan Douglas, Pandarves Street; Sec., Mrs Griffin, 40, Buller Street; Treas., and W.R. Agent, Miss Taunt, Victoria Rd.

Normanby, Second Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall; Pres., Mrs Scott, Rural Delivery, Normanby; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs J. T. Saunders, Turu Turu Rd., Hawera; Treas., Mrs Lynn; Cradle Roll, Miss Clement; White Ribbon, Mrs Dickson.

Norwood, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Speight; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fountain; Sec., Miss A. E. Olsen, "Willow Park"; Treas., Mrs S. Fredericksen; "W.R." Agent, Miss Olsen, "Willow Park."

North East Valley, fourth Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4, Pine Hill Ter.; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45, Selwyn Rd.; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 48, Frame St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs Wright, 78, Main Road.

Nelson District, Second Tuesday, Temperance Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Miss Atkinson, Fairfield; Sec., Mrs Knapp, Alfred St.; Treas., Mrs A. Brown, Weka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford, Mount St.

Opetiki, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jas Thompson; Sec., Mrs T. Fleming; Treas. and Supt. "W.R." Mrs Holman, Otara; Supt. L.T.L., Mrs Goodall; Cradle Roll, Mrs Evans.

Oxford, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall; Pres., Mrs G. Kyde, Cooper's Creek; Sec., Mrs T. Gainsford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, Sr., and Mrs Clark; Evangelistic, Mrs D. Hawke; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Comyns.

Pakiri, 1st Thursday, Pakiri Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Rendie; Vice Pres., Mrs Wyatt; Sec., Mrs Gozar; Treas., Miss Dyer; W.R. Agent, Mrs Witton

Palmerston N. District, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Crabb, 51, College St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, 46 Ferguson St.; Treas., Mrs Clausen, Cook St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

Petone, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney St., 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Rowse, Udy St.; Vice-Pres., Miss Kirk, Mesdames Corner and McPherson; Sec., Mrs Burd, 87 Cuba St.; Treas., Mrs Donoghue; Cradle Roll, Mrs Barrow; Flower Mission, Mrs McPherson; Home Meetings, Mrs Ashby; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Wilson; Literature Mrs James.

Ponsonby, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Queen's Hall, Paget St.; Pres. Mrs J. Fountain; Vice-Pres Mrs C. I. Harris, Mrs C. R. Vickers, and Miss Caley; Sec., Mrs Plummer, Coronation Rd., Epsom; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Plummer; Treas., Mrs M. A. Bailey, Ponsonby.

Pukekohe, Methodist Church, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Vant, Beresford St.; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Wilson; Rec. Sec., Miss Usher; Cor. Sec., Mrs Haslem, East St.; Treas., Mrs Wilson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Stevenson; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mee.

Sheffield, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Road Board Office; Pres., Mrs McIlraith, Annat; Sec., Mrs Pettit, Kirwee; Treas., Mrs W. Kennedy, Annat.

Stratford, 1st Wednesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., ; Vice-Pres., Mrs White and Mrs Phillips; Sec., Mrs J. McAlister; Treas., Mrs Birdsall.

Takapuna, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Takapuna Methodist, and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs Fullames, East Coast Rd.; Sec., Mrs Carter, Lake Town Rd.; Treas., Miss Rushbrook, Milford.

Tauranga, Meets in Wesley Hall, on last Wednesday, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs F. R. Christian, 5rd Avenue, Sec., Mrs J. Neal, 11th Avenue. Treas., Mrs J. B. Chappell, Cameron Rd., Cradle Roll, Mrs C. E. Ridley, 2nd Avenue, L.T.L., Mrs A. Turner, Devonport Rd., W.R. Supt., Mrs Wall Norris.

Timaru District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Arcade Pres., Mrs Rule, North St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Pres., Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Miss Evans, Victoria St.; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Brooker, 11, Mere Mere St.

Tuakau, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Hunter; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Madill, Lee, Long and Graham; Sec., Mrs C. Bycroft; Treas., Mrs Goldsmith; Supt. Band of Hope, Miss Worthington; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Burns; White Ribbon Supt., Miss Dwer.

Waimate, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 3 o'clock; President, Mrs W. Stewart; Secretary, Mrs Geo. Dash, P.O. Box 27; Treasurer, Mrs S. J. Hitchens, "Te Rangī, Mill Rd.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs G. H. Graham, Rhodes St.

Waipawa, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.; Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs H. McLean, Waverley St; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bott and Harding; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, 73ae St.; Treas., Miss Johnson, Rose St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs S. Bott.

Wanganui East meets last Friday at 2.30 p.m. in Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Duxfield; Mahoney Street.; Vice Pres., Mesdames Blair, and Andrew; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Andrew, Mackay St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Dowsett, Nixon St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Melvin, Young St.

Wanganui District, 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs H. Smith, 88 Liverpool St.; Sec., J. Upton, 165, Victoria Av.; Treas., Mrs Siddells, Guyton Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Bott, Wicksteed Street; "W.R." Supt., Mrs W. R. Grant, Harrison Place.

Warkworth, last Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Schoolroom, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs Attwood; Sec., Mrs Hamilton; Treas., Mrs Cox; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Jones; Press Reporter, Mrs Tiplady.

Winchmore, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Frost; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Prebble, and Mrs McIlroy; Sec., Miss Shearer, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs Moore; White Ribbon Agent Mrs Glassey.

Wellington District, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Houlder, 108 Wallace St.; Sec., Mrs Dennett, 27 North Terrace, Kelburn; Treas., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St.

Girls' Association Rooms, Constable St., Newtown. Evening Classes and Socials. All girls invited.

Wellington Central, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis St.; Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Wadestown; Cor. Sec., Miss Helyer, Tonk's Gv; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. H. Smith, 77 Austin St.; Treas. Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Port, Austin St.

Waipukurau, 2nd Monday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mrs Harding Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Sowry; Sec., Mrs H. French, Main St.; Treas., Mrs Robinson; Organist, Miss Moffat.

Woodville, meets 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m., in Ormond St. Hall; Pres., Mrs Perkins, Ross St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Jackson; Sec., Mrs Thompson, Fox Street; Treas., Mrs Hancock, Fox St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Cole; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Thompson, Fox St.