

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.**MORAL AND SOCIAL HYGIENE.**

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—Before this letter is in print every District Union will have received copies of the pamphlet issued by the Health Department especially for women, entitled, "Social Diseases," by Dr. Platts-Mills.

It is important that this pamphlet, which is free, should be widely read, and any Union who has not already received a copy should apply to me at once. Those Unions who can undertake to circulate large numbers should apply direct to the Department for the number they require. It will be wise to ask the local M.P. to support the request.

This is a department that every Union can work, at least in circulating literature. I hope to hear from every Branch, giving an account of work done, and the name of the local Superintendent.

All Unions that intend holding public meetings, large or small, can have copies of Miss Roberts' fine paper, "A National Peril," for free distribution (postage, 1½d per dozen).—I am, yours in W.R. bonds,

MARY McCARTHY,

Supt. Moral and Social Hygiene.

COST OF LIVING.

We do not profess to be an expert on this question, but there is one thing we wish our Premier would tell us. Why do we have to pay 1s 8d per lb. for butter? We note that dairy companies are making huge profits on their year's working. There is no shipping difficulty to increase its cost. We want to know why poor mothers have to pay such a huge price for butter and the money wrung from them go to pile up profits for wealthy companies.

WHAT N.Z. WOMEN HAVE GAINED SINCE 1893.

Reprints of this article may be had from Mrs Houlder, 108, Wallace Street, Wellington, at a cost of 3d per doz., or 1s 9d per 100.

FOR OUR BOYS.

Mrs Bolt, a Wanganui White Ribboner, received a letter from a White Ribbon sister in South Africa, telling her how she had seen Mrs Bolt's son when the New Zealand troops were at the Cape. Also incidentally she told much of the work our women are doing for the colonial troops passing through on their way to the seat of war. The writer tells how the work began by letters sent out to the boys.

It has been suggested that many New Zealand White Ribboners might like to give their boys a similar letter. We print below the letter (and if any member would like some copies they can get them by applying to Mrs Houlder, 108, Wallace Street, Wellington.

Dear Men,—

In whatever town or village you enter you will see some women wearing a small white bow. If you are in need of a friend, or would like a message or anything sent home to your mother or a loved one, ask anyone you see wearing the white bow. We are your friends, and will be glad to do anything for you.

We pray for you; we pray for the loved ones you have left at home.

Please pass this note round your company, and when you meet any of our members, mention it to them. It will help us; it will help you.—Your sincere friend,

MEMBER OF (name of town)
W.C.T.U.

PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

At the recent annual National Council of the British Women's Temperance Association, held in London, the following resolution was passed by a standing vote. The Council was attended by no less than 731 "registered delegates," despite the war conditions and expenses of travel from all parts, and there were only four dissentients to the motion, as put thus: "This Council declares, on behalf of the National B.W.T.A., its conviction that as soon as Great Britain and her Allies have terminated this war, by a peace which shall re-establish the civilisation of the world on a safe and permanent foundation, the nations that have fought for the cause of free-

dom, justice, and international righteousness, should concentrate their most determined religious and political energies on checking the spread of the 'military spirit,' with all its attendant evils: big armaments, international rivalry, and ever recurring bloodshed; and this Council dedicates itself to the task of helping forward all national efforts which shall have for their goal the realisation, as the vital, compelling, practical basis of all statecraft, of the Gospel truth of the Brotherhood of Man."

IN MEMORIAM.

Mrs Spence, once our Cradle Roll Superintendent, has passed to higher service.

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, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princeps St. Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompallier 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. Rycroft; 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. Day, 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, 3 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, 3 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, Bishops-court, 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, 31 Church St.; Treas., and Supt. "W.R.", Miss Le Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lillwall.

Fitzroy, last Friday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs A. Hayward, 884, Devon Street, Fitzroy; Sec., Mrs L. Gray, 638, Devon Street East, New Plymouth; Treas., Miss Tolme, Chilman St., Fitzroy; "W.R." Agent, Mrs J. Kibby, Clemow St., Fitzroy.