

within the last three years been raised for patriotic purposes, for the second time the annual missionary contributions of almost every denomination show a substantial increase, proves that money is available, and available for Christian work.

Palmerston North has just successfully launched a splendid enterprise, and what Palmerston North can do Wellington can do, and in this case assistance would be given by every branch. Miss McCarthy has had some such scheme in her mind for some time, but she is looking for bequests. I am not fond of "waiting for dead women's shoes," nor anxious for any respectable funerals; I would rather see my comrades live to enjoy the fruits of their labours.—I am, etc.,
M. S. POWELL, Dom. Organiser.

DIRECT LEGISLATION.

Proposal that the W.C.T.U. send a delegate to America, also that Miss Rankin be invited over from America.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—As the Initiative, or Direct Legislation, has been such an aid to getting No-License in Canada and America, I beg to suggest that the W.C.T.U. send a delegate to America to enquire into the workings of the Initiative and Referendum in the 21 States of America where it is law. The delegate could arrange with Miss Rankin, the only lady Senator of America, to visit New Zealand and Australia. Miss Rankin's address is c/o the Senate, Washington, D.C., America.

Miss Rankin records that first they got the Initiative and Referendum, which enabled them to get the Women's Suffrage, then Prohibition followed.

Our League is trying to get Mr Judson King, the leader of the Initiative and Referendum League in America, to visit New Zealand.

In closing, I beg to state that if the New South Wales Prohibition Party can send a delegate to America to pick up ideas, surely progressive New Zealand can do the same.

The steamer fare from America to New Zealand is £40 return. I beg to remain, yours truly,

G. C. STEWART,

Hon. Secretary Initiative and Referendum League.

Box 4, Te Aro, Wellington,
Nov. 3rd, 1917.

P.S.—The Initiative and Referendum, known now by the modern name Direct Legislation, means:

1. That all questions like Prohibition, etc., are carried by a bare majority.

2. The State does the advertising of Prohibition or any question submitted.

3. Questions once carried, like the Prohibition question, are not voted upon triennially, as they are not recurring.

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Upon your cherished fame—
On every pleasant thing—
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Into your basket—Write!
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Upon His scourging rod—
Write on your inmost heart,
Write upon every part—
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