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ly necessary that these should be visited three or four times a year, if they are to keep going. Several district Presidents have this year visited all their auxiliaries, at their own expense, but other good workers have neither the time nor the money to do this. The latter difficulty might be to some extent overcome if more attention were paid to securing gentlemen as honorary members—a promising field altogether neglected in some quarters. Some of the Auckland Auxiliaries are almost cut off from help, not only by distance, but also by the infrequency of the steamer service. In less isolated places too, the reduction in the number of trains is a difficulty.

On the whole, our work is on a thoroughly sound basis, some Unions succeeding beyond all expectation, and throwing out tendrils in all directions in a way most refreshing to behold. Even in some of the smaller Branches, where most of the local patriotic work falls upon our women, this is the case. The appeal for the mine-sweepers has proved a real boon to many, winning for them the sympathy of a section of the public previously indifferent.

The great difficulty all over the country is the lack of suitable officers, practically all women with any pretensions to leadership being so engaged with Red Cross and other patriotic work as to be quite unable to take on any further responsibilities. This has prevented the formation of new Branches, as in my view, it is much wiser to plant a few White Ribbon papers as seed for a harvest in the future, than to organise a Branch, which is likely very shortly to collapse.

Ormondville, where for several years our Organisation has not been represented, was re-organised under the efficient leadership of our stalwart worker, Miss Alice Webb, and less than three weeks ago I formed a Branch at Ryal Bush, 10 miles from Invercargill. Here again the difficulty of leadership cropped up, but as the District Union is going to mother the baby Branch, no doubt it will go on all right. Last week I spent several days at Anderson's Bay, Dunedin, where a very strong temperance sentiment exists. Quite fifty per cent. of the ladies called upon most willingly joined the White Ribbon Army, though I fear they are mostly too much engaged to become active workers, neither has any leader appeared, so far, but more work must be put into it after Convention.

I have travelled over five thousand miles by rail and coach, taken sev-

eral sea-trips, enrolled 147 new members, and secured just a hundred "White Ribbon" subscribers; made a few real friends, had some humorous experiences, as well as very sad ones, and conclude the year with many thanks to the kind friends who have so generously entertained me, and loving gratitude to Our Father Who has stood by me through all the ups and downs of life.

Yours for God, Home and Humanity,

MARY S. POWELL,
Dominion Organiser.

"THE STRENGTH OF THE NATION MOVEMENT."

B. Lee-Cowie, Organiser.

"Your iniquities have separated between you and God."

"Oh Israel thou hast destroyed thyself, but in Me is thy help."

Dear President and Comrades,—

When you sent me forth on the great campaign last year to call the people to prayer and power, we all knew that God alone could help us.

The people were so hard, so indifferent, or so absorbed in other branches of patriotic work that our great cause seemed pushed out.

However, we began by publishing our 1st Manifesto, letters to churches and to organisations, and getting the whole Dominion organised for distribution of our leaflets, and other things.

Next we got our Manifesto into 17 of the leading newspapers of the country, and were honoured by leaders, articles, and comments.

Ministers read our Manifesto from their pulpits, Temperance bodies made it part of their programme, and everywhere a deep interest began to be awakened. We spent £128 8s during the first month, and organised from north to south, beginning at Pakiri, that noble little Union that has done so remarkably well in its short existence of 11 months.

In due time came the 2nd Manifesto, which was a "Call to Prayer." Then came the third, and also two poems—"The Cry of the Mothers to the Brewers," and the "Woman's Hour."

We were first in the field with an issue of "Defeat," by Arthur Mee, and sold over 6,000 in a short time; clearing the whole cost of publication, by its rapid sale. We also tried to increase the sale of our own "White Ribbon." Last of all in the literature line, we sold hundreds of an excellent issue of cartoons, published by the Alliance, and a few copies of "The Fiddlers."

Splendid meetings were held in town and country, attended by thousands of people.

Nearly 2000 names were given in of people willing to join our W.C.T.U., or our Prayer Bands. "The Outlook" (the Presbyterian paper) helped us most nobly, while other religious papers cheered us, and encouraged us in every possible way.

I interviewed Sir James Allen, the Mayors of different cities, and Members of Parliament, and others, besides giving evidence to the Efficiency Board.

Our members worked most loyally in the distribution of the Manifestos and leaflets, and have also given of their money to speed the day of Prohibition.

Printing and advertising have so increased in cost, I have been debarred from doing all I should like to have done, but I think you will agree that a vast amount of work was done for the year, at the moderate cost of £177.

The Officers of the Union were able to meet me in Conference in Wellington in June, and we were also in that famous six o'clock march to Parliament, and heard the presentation of the case in the House.

The half promise of the Premier and Sir Joseph Ward to give us a Referendum on the bare majority before the end of the year, did not reach fulfilment, but had all the temperance forces united in one great praying host, we could have gone against the liquor mountain, and said, "Be thou removed, and it should have been done." Let us this year with deep, strong courage, and unyielding faith go forward saying: "In the name of our God we set up our banners," and "Through God we shall do valiantly."

Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Donations from Unions ...	38	16	0
Private Donations ...	25	0	0
Sales ...	3	2	10
Collections (Balance after deducting local exes.) ...	82	15	0
	149	13	10
Expenditure ...	177	0	0
Debit Balance ...	£27	6	2

The article, "Maiden Tribute of Modern Mars," and the returned soldier's letter have been printed in pamphlet form, and may be had from Mrs Houlder at 3s per 100.