

in the Orient. It has been a joy to have her with us in Evanston for a few days en route. She will spend two or three months in Manila, going thence to her new foreign field, Malaysia and Ceylon.

The W.C.T.U. of Scotland has invited Miss Mary Campbell to organise in India, under the Catherine Forrester Paton Fund, for W.C.T.U. missionary work in India. Miss Campbell plans to sail for India in the autumn.

Miss Hardynia K. Norville, in South America, is achieving remarkable victories for our cause.

Your American comrades, dear friend, now feel the same sorrow that for the past three years has been smiting the hearts and homes of White Ribboners in many lands, bound together by the sacred tie of the white ribbon. Our hearts go out to all in very close, tender sympathy. The comfort of God upholds us. We feel a just pride in those who are making a supreme sacrifice for sacred principles. We at home each and every one belong to the vast civilian army "back of the lines" helping sustain the noble, heroic fighters in the trenches. With prayerful good wishes.—Affectionately,

ANNA A. GORDON.

WHITE RIBBON HUTMENT FUND.

Dear Sisters,—You will by this time know I was appointed at Convention Treasurer of our "White Ribbon Hutment Fund."

I hope that each one of you are doing all you possibly can to help raise the amount of £1000 for such a worthy object. You will all be pleased to know I have received from Mr F. L. D. Ferriman, of Ashburton, who is the first Dominion hon. life member, a splendid donation of £100, and 10s from one of our Dunedin sisters. Such a grand beginning should inspire each one of us to strive with all our might to achieve the objective that has been set before us. Funds may be collected by concerts or in any other way thought desirable.

Collecting cards can be obtained on application to me.

Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

W. B. YOUNG,

National Treasurer W.R. Hutment Fund.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE—AT LAST.

Rejoicings at the victory of the cause of Woman Suffrage in Britain are not loud, but deep. The war cloud hangs too heavy for jubilation to be possible to thinking minds. As might be expected, the spiritual aspect of the question has come to the fore. On February 9th, the Saturday following the passage of the Bill into law, the Church League for Woman Suffrage (Established Church) held very striking services of thanksgiving and dedication in St. Martin's in the Fields, the great church which dominates Trafalgar Square, London. At these services, conducted by the Bishops of Stepney, Willesden, and others, special commemoration was made of those, and the list was a long one, who have suffered unto death in the cause. On February 10th a similar service was held by the Free Church League for Woman Suffrage in the even better known City Temple, London, where Miss Maude Royden, assistant minister, preached on "the great cloud of witnesses." The audience, which filled the large building to overflowing, included many men in khaki. On Sunday, February 17, High Mass was performed in the magnificent Catholic Cathedral by leave of the Archbishop of Westminster, for "the intention" of the cause. At the close of this service, the members of the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society, reinforced by many members of other Societies, walked in procession to the shrine of Joan of Arc and laid a wreath in her honour. At all these services, the Dominions Overseas were officially represented by members of the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union.

A number of public meetings, at which the future work of the great Women's Suffrage Societies will be discussed, are shortly to take place. The most important of these, in which all the Societies, including the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union, will take part, will be held in the great Queen's Hall, London, on March 13. The veteran suffrage leader, Mrs Fawcett, will preside, and members of Parliament who have been instrumental in passing the measure into law are announced as speakers.

Many schemes for the organisation of women as voters have been under consideration for months past, and quietly, under the surface, as it were, a vast amount of work in preparation

for the coming social reconstruction, has already been done. The tone of hope, the firm belief in the uprising which is at hand, which characterises all these gatherings, augurs well for the entry of women into the political sphere, and the calmness and quiet which marks every woman's assembly is a very remarkable feature at this moment of deep unrest in our nation's life.

(Sgd.) HARRIET C. NEWCOMB,
Hon. Sec. British Dominions
Woman Suffrage Union.

OUR STATE SCHOOLS.

For some time there has been deep dissatisfaction in educational circles on the state of our schools. The teachers have had to undertake a campaign to get justice for the starved schools. They have asked local bodies for their co-operation. They also approached our Union at Palmerston North, an account of which appears below:—

Deputation was received from the N.Z. Educational Institute. Mr Campbell explained that the campaign inaugurated by the Executive of the Institute was animated by the very highest spirit of citizenship. The object of this campaign was to urge upon the authorities the necessity of certain reforms in education, especially primary education. He read several statements telling of overcrowding, lack of cleanliness, and insanitary conditions.

The following motion was put by Mr Campbell:—"That in view of the strenuous year, and reorganisation that must assuredly follow the declaration of peace, this branch of the W.C.T.U. strongly urges Cabinet to at once overhaul the school system, particularly with reference to the size of classes, schools, and playgrounds, and the status of teachers, in order that it may be properly equipped and fully ready to discharge efficiently its important part in the development of the nation."

Mrs Kendrick, Miss Powell, Mrs Hodder, Mrs Cobb, and Mrs Doull all spoke to the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting thanked the deputation most heartily.

Go to the Police Court to see the finished product of the liquor traffic.