

indicated for all women prisoners, especially as the latest reformatory methods are not as far developed at present for them as in the case of men prisoners (as in the Invercargill Reformatory for young men, for instance). If the W.C.T.U. representative visitor were officially recognised by the Justice Department, helpful lectures could be arranged from time to time in conjunction with the lady superintendent, and it seems to me very desirable that more homely talks should be given on the evils of drink, evil companionship, and other sources of temptation outside, by suitable women speakers—in fact, anything devised whereby there may be given an impulse to a stronger, better life.

SISTER MOODY BELL.

Runanga,
Greymouth.

LINES WRITTEN BY MRS FULTON.

First President of the Dunedin Union.

In a little Scotch kitchen, not far from
the sea,
Some children were busy, as merry
could be;
Of course there was with them abundance
of life,
This all must expect in a houseful of
boys.

One lad, more sedate than the rest it
would seem,
Stood watching minutely the tea-
kettle steam,
But soon his wise musings were
brought to an end
By some words that were spoken,
"Life's moments don't spend."

Jamie turned to his mother, and said
in reply:
"I am thinking most deeply, and
wondering why
Men do not wake up, and observe with
surprise
That a giant unnoticed here slumber-
ing lies."

"His power is so mighty that men will
soon tell
How his genius will mill-wheels and
engines propel;
His labours, so constant, will ease
toilers' lot."
Don't forget the discoverer, 'his name
is James Watt.'

From water, that bountiful gift of the
Lord,
Came forth this great giant, for so
long ignored;
He makes known his presence when
tightly compressed,
And blows his own trumpet while
doing his best.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR EXAMINATION OF ORGANISERS.

SYLLABUS.

The following shall be the subjects
for examination:—

Section I.

- I. English. Equivalent to and on the lines of the Public Service Entrance Examination.
- II. Constitution, By-laws, and Departments of Work of the N.Z. W.C.T.U.
- III. "Alcohol and the Human Body" (by Horsley and Sturge).
- IV. History and Present Position of the Prohibition Movement in New Zealand.
- V. Voice Production and Elocution (Elementary Course). Text Books: Canon Fleming's "Art of Effective Public Speaking" or Peartwee's "Elocution."

Section II.

- I. Civics: Text Book to be given later.
- II. Rules of Debate and Parliamentary Procedure.
- III. Economic Aspect of Drink Question:
 - (a) "The Revenue and the Liquor Traffic" (by A. R. Atkinson).
 - (b) Alcohol and National Efficiency.
 - (c) Alcohol and the Social Evil.
- IV. General knowledge of progress of Prohibition in other lands, and more detailed knowledge of position in Australasia.
- V. Voice Production and Elocution (More Advanced Course). Text Books: As for Section I.

Regulations.

- I. Candidates must have passed the Sixth Standard, or an equivalent examination, and may sit for the first section any time after the completion of six months' training.
- II. Candidates who have passed the Matriculation or the Public Service Entrance Examination will not be required to pass in English, and may take the remaining subjects of Section I. after three months' training.
- III. After passing Section I., candidates must complete a further six months' training before sitting for Section II.

The Committee would suggest that after passing the Second Section, candidates should be allowed to specialise, and for that purpose a further

syllabus should be drawn up to include "L.T.L. and Y. Work and Organisation," Purity and Moral Education.

MENTAL HOSPITALS.

Minister's Office,
Mental Hospitals Department,
Wellington, 31st August, 1918.

Dear Madam,—

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th instant with reference to the question of special institutions for mild or temporary cases of mental derangement.

I beg to assure you that this matter has received my careful consideration, and nothing but want of funds caused by the war has prevented the establishment of one or more institutions on the lines suggested by your Union.

I have pleasure in informing you that I have now given instructions to the Mental Hospitals Department to endeavour to secure the lease of a suitable building in either Christchurch or Wellington where cases of the class to which you specially refer may be dealt with. As you know, I have long held the view that there ought to be a place prior to entrance to mental hospitals, where persons who are temporarily deranged can be nursed back to mental health, and I hope now to evolve a scheme by which one or more of these places can be established at small expense, in order that it may be thoroughly tested.

Thanking your Union for its support.—Yours faithfully,

G. W. RUSSELL,
Minister in Charge of Mental
Hospitals.

Miss C. Henderson,
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