

this conquer." Still, like Paul, we can sing:

"In the cross of Christ I glory
Towering o'er the wrecks of time,
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime."

For all time the Cross stands as the symbol of sacrifice to the utmost. It is the most perfect expression of the divinest love. The Divine Master voluntarily took up the cross. "No man taketh My life from Me; I lay it down of Myself; I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up." And as we are animated by the Spirit of the Cross, so shall we conquer, and our conquest be for the good of humanity.

On that fateful day in August, 1914, when the die was cast, knowing well the nature of the task and the odds against us, we entered upon this struggle, not for self, but for others. And because the Spirit of the Cross, the spirit of sacrifice animated us in those dark days, a modern miracle was wrought, and "French's contemptible army" held at bay the Hunnish hordes, expecting an easy victory. The thin, alas! too thin, red line barred the way to Calais and Paris, and in spite of overwhelming odds, held the trenches and taught the Kaiser at Mons and the Marne the lesson learnt by Napoleon at Waterloo—"that God is not always upon the side of Les gros bataillons."

May not only the flag of the Cross accompany our armies, but may the Spirit of the Cross follow them, and may we exhibit this Spirit in our dealings with weaker nations till they shall say, "Their God shall be my God."

"No! we fought with a definite object,

And it's this—and we want it made plain—

That it's God, and not any devil,

That's to rule in the world again."

WOMAN'S HOUR.

(Charlotte Perkins Gilman.)

Not for herself! Though sweet the
air of freedom;
Not for herself! Though dear the
new-born power;
But for the Child who needs a nobler
Mother,
For the Whole People needing One
Another,
Comes Woman to her Hour.

—"Woman's Journal."

N.Z. TRAVELLING SECRETARY.

REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 5th, 1918.

Travelled through Clinton, Ashley Downs, Waiwera, and Wairuna. Formed branch of Union at Balclutha on September 9th; membership 30. Addressed Presbyterian Young Women's Bible Class on the work of Union. Left Balclutha on the 11th, called at Lovell's Flat to interview Mrs Grant, (then) Hon. Secretary for Somerset members; secured 15s 6d membership fees, and attended to other business, after which I travelled to Milton and Milburn, and arranged to commence work throughout the district.

Thanks to Messrs Rennie, Dabinett, and Hayon, who motored me to Milburn, Clarendon, Tokoiti, Clerksville, Money More, and North Branch, I was able to secure £67 11s, also four "White Ribbon" subscribers. Arranged to form a branch at a later date, if advisable. Arrived in Dunedin on the 19th.

Returned to Dunedin on the 30th, and arranged to visit Milton on October 3rd, Mrs Coghill having arranged for a meeting to be held in the Town Hall, in order that I might explain the origin and work of the Union. Mrs Coghill presided over a very enthusiastic meeting. As a result it was unanimously decided that a Branch be formed. Everyone donned the white bow. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Coghill; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Featherston, Grant, Allan, and Sister Agnes; Recording Secretary, Miss McGuigan; Treasurer, Mrs Rennie; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Currie. Other officers to be elected at next meeting. Decided to hold meetings the first Wednesday in each month, at 2.30 p.m. An effort to be made by President and Secretary to secure the use of Council Chambers or some other public room.

The membership now stands at 50, including 16 Somerset members from Lovell's Flat, which I secured on a previous visit; "White Ribbon" subscribers, 12; total number of members for the month, about 47, and "White Ribbon" subscribers 18. Please see N.Z. Treasurer's report for month's financial statement. Saturday, September 5th, purchased the necessary books to rule and fill in all particulars for each officer. May I strongly advise authorised officers,

when forming branches, to personally attend to the latter, as it is quite impossible for new officers, knowing little or nothing about our work, to be successful if this is not done; also, it will save Organising Secretaries who come after, much time and trouble, trying to straighten out things.

The newly-formed Branches at Balclutha and Milton are specially blessed with capable officers, who are most anxious to become well informed on the many departments of work taken up by our Union, that they may be thoroughly efficient.

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"SHUT UP THE LIQUOR BARS, AND YOU SHUT UP THE PRISONS."

The W.C.T.U. has always stood for Prohibition, and the principle that a great proportion of the crime committed is caused by drink.



A practical result of the good work of the Control Board of England and Wales has been shutting up of the prisons, shown in the map accompanying (kindly lent by the authorities of the Salvation Army), "The more drink sold, the more crime." During the war the public-houses have been shut up for the greater part of the day. At the beginning of the war, there were in our prisons 16,727 men and women. To-day there are about 9000. And all the prisons and prison buildings shown on this map have been shut up!