

PROHIBITION DEPUTATION.

The Whangarei Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union were represented at a Prohibition deputation that waited upon Mr Mander, M.P. Mrs David W. Miller, who is also the Organiser of the Loyal Temperance Legion for Whangarei, submitted the following address:—

Honoured Sir,—

I am pleased to have the great privilege of expressing the strong feeling of the women of the W.C.T.U. and other citizens of this district.

We are not here as the feeble fanatical advocates of a scheme which is cranky and intolerant; but as devoted patriots. Many of us have given our husbands, sons, and brothers to fight for freedom on the battlefield, and we women look upon the prohibition movement as a progression of the patriotism which is keen to take a hand in the glorious reconstruction which is to follow in the wake of the war.

We have a great faith in New Zealand, and recognise that an unique opportunity is before us to be in the forefront of this inevitable wave of advanced legislation. We are zealous for the honour of this country, that she should be in the forefront of the battle for freedom from the admitted greatest enemy of mankind.

It is unnecessary to quote statistics impeaching alcohol, as its destructive and damnable work is now freely recognised. Perhaps the most powerful impeachment is in the fact that many under the tyranny of alcohol would welcome the complete destruction of their mightiest enemy. The plea of the petitioners is not for personal favours, nor for the unjust imposition of the will of a noisy and unrepresentative section of the people, but for the emphatic support of the principle that this country is rotten-ripe for a clean sweep of the wasteful and evil traffic.

We look to you, Sir, to give effect to this unselfish patriotic prohibition movement, and we have confidence in your sense of fairness, not to mention enthusiasm, for this disinterested measure, to make abundantly clear in Parliament that the people are enthusiastically behind this movement.

There are times when feeble support of a good and timely proposal is to be false to the highest, and to miss the psychological hour for advance;

and we respectfully and earnestly suggest that the present is one such golden opportunity to strike for reform.

An unrepresentative but selfishly organised minority are subtly working to continue their own profit-making at the expense of the people's sobriety and progress; but we look to you, as a gentleman, and our respected representative, to adequately interpret our will in the House.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT WELCOMES MRS K. PARKES.

Mrs Houlder presided over a well-attended meeting held in Constable Street Rooms, on the occasion of the reception given to Mrs Kington Parkes, who had done so much work in England before the war in the Suffrage cause.

Mrs Parkes showed how instantaneous was the response of the suffrage societies to the necessities of the war. The Women's Emergency Corps was in the field of action in London at once, organising the great output of women and girls from various trades affected by the war, and forming them up ready for the munition and other requirements.

In New Zealand, the speaker said, she was surprised to find that many people did not know that the vote had been granted in England to women over thirty years of age. The Bill did not fulfil all their demands, but the many suffrage societies agreed to it, as they wanted it to go through, but they would continue to educate women to use their vote.

Even in New Zealand she felt there was need of some society to follow legislation and see how it affected women, and urged all societies to be affiliated with the National Council of Women.

Mrs Evans, M.A., moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Parkes for her very interesting address.

Mrs Phillips sang two solos very artistically, and an enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close by afternoon tea being served.

The "White Ribbon" will be posted to any address on receipt of 2s 6d, payable to Mrs Poryman, Port Chalmers.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs C. W. McCulloch, legal adviser of the National W.C.T.U., is the first woman in the U.S.A. to be appointed a Master in Chancery. She was also the first woman Justice of the Peace in any State east of the Mississippi.

Japan requires a very high property qualification for suffrage in national elections, but the women who come up to it vote on the same terms as the men. There are three women in Tokio who have voted for years.

The Wesleyan College, Georgia, U.S.A., has conferred the degree of LL.D. on Mrs Mary Harris Armor. She has the distinction of being the only person, male or female, upon whom this conservative faculty of trustees have ever bestowed an honorary degree. At the same time, her youngest daughter, Miss Mattie Harris Armor, received her A.B. Degree, and graduated in painting.

The General Assembly of the Victorian Presbyterian Church has decreed that women shall have the church franchise, right of election to church bodies, and association with church sessions, for consultative purposes only.

Miss Sessions has been chosen as City Councillor for Gloucester, the first woman to take a seat in the Guildhall. She is a member of the B.W.T.A.

President Wilson has appointed Miss Katherine Sellers as Judge of the Juvenile Court of the District of Colorado.

At the Dutch Parliamentary elections there were 22 women candidates, representing 9 different parties.

Mrs J. W. Gale, Calgary, is the first woman Alderman of any city in Canada.

WOMEN IN PARLIAMENT.

We are pleased to note that the British House of Commons has followed up the granting of the Franchise to women by its logical issue, and by a large majority has affirmed that women are eligible for election as members of the House. Hurry up, New Zealand! or you will fail to get a place in this race, and will be ticketed as an "Also ran."