

I have now resigned the office of Dominion Organiser, which (with the exception of some months devoted to No-License work prior to each triennial poll) I have held for close on fifteen years. Such a life involves many hardships, but, like every state in life, has many compensations, not the least being the warm friendships formed, which will last all through life and on into eternity. I much regret that my duties as Principal of the Maori Girls' School prevent my attendance at the Convention, but I shall be with my comrades in spirit, shall meet them at the throne of Grace, and shall always be glad to help forward our White Ribbon work as far as lies in my power.—Yours for World-wide Prohibition,

MARY S. POWELL.

OTAGO ORGANISER'S REPORT.

Put First Things First.

"Peace on Earth."
"Glory to God."
"Brotherhood of Man."
"Fatherhood of God."

Beloved Comrades,—When you asked me to take Otago and Southland to organise last Convention, I accepted the honour with pleasure. None of us could foresee the severe winter we were to face, and the terrible pestilence that was to try us. I had three months of very happy and successful service, and then was stricken down with pleurisy. The Gates of Heaven were very near, but God spared me to "live, and love, and labour" a little longer, and in February of this year I went to Central Otago, and on the West Coast and other parts of New Zealand, holding missions on behalf of the N.Z. Alliance. I am thankful to say my health was restored as by a miracle, and I was able to take two and three meetings a day right up to the day of the poll.

In addition, I had the pleasure of training Miss Waterman, Miss Battersby, and Miss Earnshaw for the work. Miss Waterman married one of our best Invercargill workers in December. Miss Battersby was ill with influenza, but helped well with petition and other work; while Miss Earnshaw is now at Palmerston North.

The unusual developments of the past year prevented much regularity in our procedure, but I should suggest the Committee on Subjects for Training should meet and outline a course for each month's study.

In the three months' organising I gained 986 members. Of these, 751 are Somerset members, and the fees, amounting to £94 8s 8d, have been paid in to our Dominion Treasurer. The others have been linked on to nearest Branches.

Eighty-two "White Ribbon" subscribers have been gained, and their fees paid direct to Mrs Peryman,

while others have paid through their local Unions.

The receipts from meetings and donations came to £65 3s 6d.

The expenditure for printing, travelling, accommodation, postage, telegrams, etc., came to £67 13s 6d. I have been happy to clear the small deficiency of £2 10s, so that the £94 8s 8d is clear gain to our Treasury. I have also given £60 to a page in the "Outlook," and kept it supplied with items of interest for nine months.

I again wish to state clearly and plainly, for the benefit of the outside world, that I have given the whole of my time and strength to the mission work, the training of young workers, and all the multitudinous duties of a World's Missionary and Dominion Organiser without desiring or receiving one penny of remuneration.

It is a joy to give all, and get the rich reward of our beloved Master.

In conclusion, I would lovingly urge every member to press on and take the world for our Jesus.

"He lives and loves and cares,
Nothing this truth can dim,
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to Him."

BESSIE LEE-COWIE.

April, 1919.

REPORT OF Y ORGANISER.

(Mrs Napier.)

Ashburton was reorganised after a period of over eight years; 27 new members joined. A sum of money was collected for Hutment Fund; £1 sent to Nurse Chappell for work amongst girls. Good service rendered in canvassing for signatures for Referendum petition. Unfortunately, the epidemic put a stop to much useful work in progress of being done.

Feilding.—After five attempts, a branch was started on November 11th with 15 members. Owing to influenza epidemic, it was impossible to do any actual work in connection with this Branch.

Hawera has now a membership of 43. Meetings have been well attended, helpful papers have been read, and addresses given. Mrs Bone has been specially mentioned for her untiring energy. Many signatures were obtained for Referendum petition, and many names put on the roll.

A Y Branch was formed at Invercargill on July 8th, 1918, by Misses Waterman and Weymouth. At present the membership is 141 and 14 honorary members. The opening social was attended by 200 guests; it was a great success. A second was held a month later, taking the form of a Gift evening in aid of the Parcel Fund for our soldiers at the Front. Altogether six meetings have been held, and five Executive meetings, at which interesting and instructive addresses have

been given. A number of the members promised to help at the Annual Show. Many willing workers canvassed for names asking Parliament for Referendum on Prohibition.

I visited Hastings, when a Y Branch was formed, with 15 members. There is not much to report, owing to difficulty of meeting and influenza epidemic. Hastings hopes for better start next year.

Oxford reports a Bazaar for Red Triangle Fund, which raised £128. Great difficulty is found in getting officials to take up work, and the epidemic stopped all work for the time being.

Palmerston finds difficulty in getting girls to attend regularly. Many attend technical classes, etc. In response to a request from me that an effort be made to raise funds for comforts for our prisoners of war in Germany, they held a social and mysterious supper, at which they raised over £20. They sent a donation of £10 to Mrs Nimmo for prisoners of war. The physical culture class held during winter was a great success, due to the energy and ability of our instructor.

Wanganui reports good work done during the year. At beginning of the year Miss Weymouth visited this Union. She was most anxious that they should send a delegate to Convention in Timaru. They raised money for expenses from a few sympathisers, and their representative brought back a very fine and interesting report of the proceedings. On two occasions they visited Jubilee Home, and gave musical items, which were much appreciated. On July 1 I visited this Branch, and on Sunday, 22nd, addressed a combined meeting of the Bible Classes. The hall was crowded. On Tuesday they gave me a social, and I again addressed them. A Sale of Work enabled them to send £5 to the prisoners of war in Germany, and 30s to the No-License League. It has left a balance of £2 10s towards the expenses of next year's Convention. Several of the members did very good work in canvassing for signatures to the petition for Referendum. Seven new members joined, and three were transferred to other Unions. A report of each meeting is sent to the local papers.

Aramo, near Wanganui, has a membership of 52, with three honorary members, and an average attendance of 21. Increase of membership for the year, 40. Held 12 ordinary meetings and three successful socials. Official visits were paid them by Miss Powell, Miss Weymouth, and myself, and were much appreciated. Reports have been sent to local papers and "White Ribbon." Subscribers to "White Ribbon," nine, an increase of three for the year. Cradle Roll, 26 babies; 24 visits paid, 18 birthday cards sent. Suitable literature sent to railway station and Jubilee Home. Distribution of flowers and many visits to the sick have been paid, and many letters of sympathy to the be-