

SUPERINTENDENS' LETTERS.

NOTABLE DAYS.

Ngaere, July 2, 1919.

All Unions should endeavour to celebrate in some fitting manner 27th July, the day set apart in honour of the late Mr T. E. Taylor, that great and good man, who did so much for the Temperance cause in New Zealand and for political and social reform.

We recall the words of the Rev. L. M. Isitt as he stood at the open grave of his friend: "The one lesson we are going to learn from Mr Taylor's life is that we must struggle on. Amidst all difficulties we must struggle for Christ-likeness in word, thought, and spirit. I want to say to those who are Mr Taylor's comrades in arms, his co-workers in the great cause that was of all causes dearest to him, not because he was narrow enough to believe that there was no greater, but because he was so clear-sighted, he recognised that Temperance Reform would pave the way for every reform we wish to see accomplished—to those comrades I wish to say that if there is a man or woman among them timid enough of soul to bury in the grave before us one ray of hope, or one grain of confidence, let them step down out of the ranks until they learn a nobler courage.

"T. E. Taylor was a great man, but our cause is greater than any man, and because God has taken him from us, it does not mean that the inspiration of his life is not still with us. If we catch his spirit, the collective enthusiasm of the greater number will be more effective than that of one man. Are we, with an example like his to follow, going to despair? Here we consecrate ourselves afresh for the struggle. We vow to our Lord and Master that we will work as we have never worked before, and we will pray and plead as we have never prayed and pleaded, until the hope of the life of our brother and comrade is consummated, and the people of New Zealand are freed for ever from the degrading influence of strong drink."

July 27th: T. E. Taylor Day. Collection for object to be decided by each Union. Observe Red Letter Days. Hold social meetings. Speak brightly of the work and workers. Gain members. Report.

A. C. JONES, Dom. Supt.

MAORI DEPARTMENT.

Dear Sisters,—I hope that all Unions have remembered that the collection for this department of W.C.T.U. work is authorised to be taken up in June. May I suggest to those Unions who have not already done so, the need for keeping in touch with our Maori sisters, and helping to build up a strong fund for that purpose?

I hope to be able to report a definite forward movement in this department. —Yours in Union Service,

N. F. WALKER,
N.Z. Supt. Maori Dept.

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Gisborne.

MILITARY HOSPITAL WORK.

There is still need for work among our returned men who are in the Military Hospitals.

There is a great want of literature amongst the men detained in the V.D. camps at Featherston. Will any of our readers who have books or magazines to spare kindly forward same to Mrs Whincop, Greytown, who will see that they are given to the men through the Chaplain-in-Charge.

FLORENCE WHINCOP,

Supt. M.H.W.

MORAL AND SOCIAL HYGIENE.

BALANCE-SHEET.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Credit Balance, 1918 ...	...	6	9 2
Sales Books ...	...	5	6 9
Leaflets, Pamphlets ...	...	2	5 11
	£14	1	10

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Vir Publishing Co. ...	...	3	9 9
Do. ...	...	0	7 9
National W.C.T.U. ...	...	2	0 6
W. Suffrage Federation ...	...	0	9 6
Brit. M. and S.H. Society ...	...	0	12 6
ChCh M. and S.H. Society ...	...	1	0 8
W.F.A., Sydney—			
Per Mr S. Stewart ...	...	2	16 6
Per Mrs Collison ...	...	0	10 1
Grant Dominion Library ...	...	2	0 6
Postage ...	...	0	12 1
Balance ...	...	0	2 9
	£14	1	10

M. McCARTHY, Superintendent.

Examined and found correct.

EILEEN PATTISON.

(The above balance-sheet reached us too late for insertion in the Convention number.—Editor "W.R.")

TOWN PLANNING CONFERENCE.

This Conference met in Wellington. It was a very large Conference, brimful of interest the whole week of sitting. Mrs W. R. Don read a paper prepared by Mrs Jessie Field, of Nelson, who favoured the establishment of public recreation grounds as public peace memorials, the funds to be provided by the local bodies, with perhaps State and private help.

Mrs T. E. Taylor spoke of matters of interest to women and children. It was not realised as it should be how difficult it was for any woman to do what was expected of her as a wife and mother under modern conditions. The community itself, if it valued its existence, must come to the assistance of the mother. In the discussion on this paper, one energetic lady rose to deplore the "spoon feeding" that women just now were asking for. "A good range, a galvanised iron tub in from of it to bath her children in, such as one's mother had before us, and what more could one want?" Needless to say, most of the women present had other views on the waste of time and energy in filling and emptying a tub when hot water can be procured so easily in the bath-rooms of to-day.

Among the many committees set up was one which consists of all the women delegates to the Conference, who are to consider women's and children's welfare in relation to town-planning. Mrs Corliss, President of the W.N.R., was appointed convener, and the matter was discussed at a meeting held after the day's session. A sub-committee of six, with Mrs Baume as Chairwoman, was appointed. Most of those present felt that the subject was so big and far-reaching that it might well occupy a whole Conference itself.

WOMEN ON SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

Gisborne.—Mesdames Walker, Church, and Hooper, all members of the W.C.T.U.

North-East Valley.—Mrs Begg (4th year), Mrs Pear (2nd year), Mrs Wright. All three ladies are officers in our Union.

Wakanui.—Mrs Begg (2nd year).

Auckland.—Mrs D'Arcy Hamilton and Mrs Swan (a daughter of Mrs Dewar, one of the first White Ribboners in this Dominion).

Mt. Eden Auckland).—Mrs Muller.