

ABSTRACT OF CONSTITUTION OF THE WORLD LEAGUE AGAINST ALCOHOLISM.

The following are the leading features of the World League Against Alcoholism, referred to in another part of this issue of the "White Ribbon." It was formed recently in America with the object of attaining, by education and legislation, the total suppression of alcoholism throughout the world. Alcoholism is defined as the "poisoning of body, germ-plasm, mind, conduct, and society, produced by the consumption of alcoholic beverages." The League declines to connect itself with any political party as such, and pledges itself to observe strict neutrality on all questions of public policy not concerned with the traffic in alcoholic beverages. The organisations in harmony with the above object, and national in their scope, are entitled to membership, the original members being those whose representatives are signatories to this constitution, when their action has been duly ratified by the proper authorities; and similar organisations may be invited to join by a three-fourths vote of the General Council, after due notice has been given. Individuals may also be admitted as associate members.

Officers of the League are Four Joint Presidents, a Vice-President for each country represented in the membership of the League, a Treasurer, and a General Secretary, each chosen for three years by the General Council on the nomination of the Permanent International Committee. The General Council is composed of three members from each organisation holding membership in the League, with additional members elected by the Council, not more in number than one-third of the total membership of the Council.

The Permanent International Committee consists of (1) the officers, (2) one member from each organisation holding membership in the League, elected for three years, (3) additional members elected by the Permanent International Committee, not exceeding in number one-third of the total membership of the Committee.

The Executive Committee consists of the Presidents, Treasurer, and General Secretary, with other members, not less than 7 nor more than 15, elected annually by the Permanent International Committee.

The necessary finances are raised by assessments fixed by mutual agreement between the Permanent International Committee and each member of the League. Any additional money for special demands to be raised by the Permanent International Committee.

Ordinary Conventions will be held once in three years, time and place to be fixed beforehand by Permanent International Committee, special Conventions to be called by a two-thirds vote.

Amendments to the Constitution are to be recommended by a two-thirds vote of the Permanent International Committee, and passed by a similar vote at a regular meeting of the General Council.

There are 14 organisations that are original members, representing the following countries:—England, Scotland, Ireland, United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, France, Denmark, Switzerland, Mexico, and Japan.

The four Joint Presidents are Dr. R. Hercof (Switzerland), Right Hon. Leif Jones (England), Dr. Howard H. Russell (United States), and Hon. Emile Vandervelde (Belgium). The Treasurer is Mr Miles Vokes (Canada) and the General Secretary Mr Ernest H. Cherrington (United States). New Zealand is represented by Rev. R. S. Gray (a Vice-President) and Rev. John Dawson (member of the General Council and of the Permanent International Committee).

THE BOY WHO FORGETS.

I love him, the boy who forgets!
Does it seem such a queer thing to say?

Can't help it; he's one of my pets;
Delightful at work or at play.
I'd trust him with all that I own,
And know neither worries nor frets;
But the secret of this lies alone
In the things that the laddie forgets.

He always forgets to pay back
The boy who has done him an ill;
Forgets that a grudge he owes Jack,
And smiles at him pleasantly still.
He always forgets 'tis his turn
To choose what the others shall play;

Forgets about others to learn
The gossiping things that "they say."

He forgets to look sulky and cross
When things are not going his way;
Forgets someone's gain is his loss;
Forgets, in his worktime, his play.
This is why I must take his part;
Why I say he is one of my pets;
I repeat it with all of my heart:
I love him for what he forgets.

—St. Nicholas.

OPEN LETTER TO UNIONS.

RE TYPE-WRITTEN REPORTS OF CONVENTION.

Dear Sisters,—In addition to the copies of above report supplied to Delegates and Proxies, copies were posted to 40 Unions not represented at Convention. Evidently in some cases the reports miscarried, or possibly the Unions having suspended operations, there was no officer to take delivery from the Post Office. Replies were received from a fair number—17—and of these a good many expressed approval of the scheme. A few, however, thought the Convention number of the "White Ribbon" served all purposes. Six Unions did not have any copies sent to them, for the supply ran short, and by the time I could have arranged for copies to be borrowed for their use, it seemed hardly worth while. To these Unions I offer a sincere apology. From the Balance-sheet below it will be seen that the N.Z. Treasury benefited to the amount of £1 1s 4d.

Balance-Sheet.

	£	s.	d.
Received from Delegates' Proxies and Unions	8	8	0
	£8	8	0
	£	s.	d.
Typing	7	0	0
Postage, etc.	0	6	8
Balance paid in to N.Z. Treasury	1	1	4
	£8	8	0

Yours in W.R. bonds,

KATE M. EVANS.

FAITH AND COURAGE.

You have faith to look with fearless eyes
Beyond the tragedy of a world of strife,
And trust that out of night and death shall rise
The dawn of ampler life.
Rejoice, whatever anguish rend your heart,
That God has given you, for a price less dower,
To live in these great times and have your part
In Freedom's crowning hour.

That you may tell your sons who see the light
High in the heaven, their heritage to take:
"I saw the powers of darkness put to flight!
I saw the morning break!"