

love translated into deeds. Love showing itself by denying oneself to send food and comfort to the suffering.

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### DRY HUMOUR.

Many of the American journals commented in their usual witty manner on the Prohibition victory in their States. We print a few of them:—

"Not all to-day's moaning is limited to the harbour bars."—"Newark News."

"U.S.A. means U Stay Arid."—"Detroit News."

"How do the drys 'celebrate'?—"Brooklyn Eagle."

"All States ratifying after Nebraska are extra drys."—"New York Sun."

"This generation may miss the booze; the next will wonder what it was."—"Baltimore American."

"The shipwrecked sailor of the future may not be so keen about reaching dry land."—"Brooklyn Eagle."

"According to the liquor men, it is unconstitutional to change the constitution."—"Louisville Post."

"It is going to take hard work for some people to take to soft drinking."—"Memphis Commercial Appeal."

"Certainly it must be that this country is under a dry noon. But, ah, there's the moonshine."—"Baltimore Sun."

"The distillers might turn some of their plants into orphans' homes. They are responsible for lots of them."—"Philadelphia Inquirer."

"Just think of the footnotes that will be necessary to make most of Bobby Burns's verse intelligible to coming generations."—"Manchester Union."

"Enough State legislators have responded to the poetic appeal of the Prohibitionists: Drink to me only with thine ays."—"New York Evening Sun."

"The clove business shows signs of panic."—"Chicago Daily News."

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT W.C.T.U. CONVENTION.

The District Convention was held in the Headquarters, on Wednesday, November 12th. Morning session opened at 10 o'clock. There was a large number present. Mrs Cook presided, and spoke a few words of welcome to the delegates. Mrs Reuben Bailey conducted the Devotional Meeting, and gave a most inspiring address on Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple.

Reports were received from the following Unions: Auckland, Ponsonby, Birkenhead, Takapuna, Avondale, Henderson, Eden, Waibi, Tauranga, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Papatoetoe, City "Y," Eden "Y." The work had been principally in connection with the Prohibition Campaign. Educational meetings had been held, and good cradle roll work done. Some Unions had supplied meals on polling day. The "Y" Branches had linked up with the Young People's Movement. The reports were all of a helpful and encouraging nature. A new "Y" had been formed during the year at Eden and also at Henderson by Mrs Pirret (Dominion Supt.) Quite a number of White Ribboners had been elected to school committees during the year.

Mrs H. Brown, new "Y" Supt., spoke a few words in connection with the "Y" work.

A helpful discussion on the work of the Unions brought the morning session to a close. Letters of sympathy were sent to Mesdames Thorpe and Holdsworth in their illness, also to Mrs Yorkney on the death of her son.

Afternoon session, 2 o'clock.

Mrs Kinmont gave an inspiring address at the devotional meeting, urging all to go forward—no slackers.

Solos were rendered by Mrs Anstice and Miss Rimmer.

Afternoon tea was dispensed.

Miss Melville, President of National Council of Women, then addressed the meeting on "Women and Politics." In the course of her remarks she said it was a well known fact that the W.C.T.U. was the pioneer movement in New Zealand for political reform. They had organised the campaign to petition Parliament for the franchise, and had always kept to the fore questions affecting women and children. Women have to obey the laws of the country, and there was no law which did not affect women, therefore it was the logical right of women to help to make the laws. The view point of

women differed from that of men, therefore the two view points should be directly represented.

A large number of women listened to Miss Melville with interest and enthusiasm, and accorded her a hearty vote of thanks.

Miss Melville is standing for Parliament in the Grey Lynn election. She is a solicitor in our city, and has held a seat in the City Council with much credit for several years past.

The evening session opened at 7.30 under the auspices of the "Y" Branch. Miss Sussex took the chair. Mrs H. Brown spoke a few words urging the girls to put earnestness and enthusiasm into their work, and to enter into the inheritance which the pioneers of the W.C.T.U. movement in the Dominion had left for them. Mrs Brown then read an article dealing with the benefits of Prohibition in British Columbia after two years' trial, showing improved business, happier home life, and a decrease in crime in the community.

Mrs Hewett gave an interesting talk on incidents connected with her personal work among the Maoris. Two solos were rendered by Miss Cranch. A paper on the "Art of Seeing the Beautiful" was read by Miss Vincent, President Eden "Y." Mrs Cook, District President, spoke a few words of encouragement to the young women on the power of prayer.

The Convention was then brought to a conclusion by singing the Consecration Hymn and the Benediction.

### HABIT.

What is a habit? 'Tis a fettering chain  
That binds the struggling spirit to the earth;  
A hampering weight that clogs aspiring worth,  
And makes the brightest visions all in vain.

A blighting pall whose midnight depths detain,  
And quench each glowing fervour at its birth;  
A serpent coil within whose monstrous girth  
Is crushed each noblest impulse of the brain.

What is a habit? 'Tis a silver thread  
That links the soul in possibilities;  
A magic stone that turns the baser lead  
Of evil bent to golden tendency;  
A precious stepping stone from low to high;  
A Jacob's ladder stretching to the sky.