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EN ROUTE WITH THE EDITOR.

On Wednesday, December 10th, our Editor left Dunedin for Otautau. The run to Invercargill was pleasant, and as the express is now running, was made in fairly good time. The Southern City was en fete, the occasion being the A. and P. Show. As the train was delayed two hours we had ample time to visit the Show. Miss Seed, President of the Y Branch met us at the station, and off we went with the crowd to the Show Grounds. The rain was coming down merrily, and the streets had a fine coating of slush. The Invercargill White Ribboners were there in force, conducting tea and rest rooms. The Garrison Hall, a very large and roomy building was divided into three parts, at one end was the tea room, one half presided over by the Central Union, and the other by the Y. Branch. The centre of the hall was occupied with exhibits of ham, bacon and butter; the other end was fitted up as a Rest Room by the South Invercargill Union. Here were couches and chairs for tired mothers, rows of baskets fitted up as cradles, each with a sleeping babe in it. Milk and hot water were supplied, and if a bottle was broken the mother could purchase another. Upon a table was found every requisite for a baby's toilet. A large frame was filled with sand, and inside it many children were amusing themselves with buckets and spades. Needles, cotton and pins could be had if wanted to repair damages. Altogether this room was a paradise to the children, and a real comfort and help to the mothers.

The station presented a busy scene from 5 p.m., as train after train was loaded up and despatched. Soon we joined the Nightcaps train, and about 8 p.m. was welcomed on the Otautau platform by Mrs Brown, President of the Union, and conducted to the hospitable home of Mrs Harrington.

Thursday was a fine day, the Union held its annual meeting at 3 p.m. There was a good attendance, and after the business was concluded, our Editor spoke a few words of cheer and

encouragement. A cup of tea and social chat closed a pleasant afternoon. In the evening a temperance meeting was held in the Town Hall, presided over by Mr Fisher, and addressed by the Editor. The boys of the drum and fife band played outside the hall, and were heartily thanked for their fine music. We wish our Otautau sisters a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and may next year bring us a Dry Dominion.

THE MOURNERS.

(J. A. Montague, in "Atlanta Georgian.")
A loan shark sat on his empty safe,
He was down to his utmost dime,
And he gazed across at a vacant cafe
(Let it stand, for we need the rhyme),
And he dropped three tears on his shirt front (which,
For a loan shark, is going some);
And he wailed, "Alas, I was good and rich
In the days of the Demon Rum.
"He used to harr ythe boys in here,
At the end of each perfect day,
And stood around with a jovial leer,
While I garnered their weekly pay:
But they've cancelled the good old gin-mill's lease,
And emptied its shining shelves.
And all of the lads I used to fleece
Are spending their coin themselves."

A jailer stood in his empty jug,
And puffed at a cheap cigar,
As he gazed at a hungry croton bug
That crawled up an iron bar.
"Dear me," he said, with a choking sob,
"This business is on the bum:
I shudder for fear I shall lose my job
Since they whip-sawed the Demon Rum."

"He used to serve as my puller-in,
And, my, how the business grew!
He would stand around with a kindly grin
Whilst the cell-house doors clanged to;
But since he was canned in Washington,
My trade is so nearly dead
That they're going to pull the building down
And put up a school, instead."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since last report (capitation fees not included):—

NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Auckland and Wellington Districts, £20 each; Greymouth, New Plymouth and Wanganui, £1 each; Miss A. F. Webb, £1; Turakina, 10s. Total, £8 10s.

WILLARD DAY COLLECTIONS WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Auckland and Wellington Districts, £1 each; Waimate, 15s; Greymouth, 11s. Total, £3 6s.

FRANCHISE DAY COLLECTIONS.

Feilding, £1 4s; Waimate, 15s. Total, £1 19s.

ORGANISING FUND.

Wellington District £5 12s; New Plymouth, £5 11s; Wanganui, £5 8s; Wellington Central, £4 1s; Dunedin, £4; Auckland, £3; Eltham, 19s; Port Chalmers, 15s; Turakina and Wanganui Y, 10s each. Total, £30 6s. Expenditure for same period, £59 13s 2d.

Fund for Expenses of N.Z. President as Delegate to World's Convention.

Napier, £10; Auckland, £7; Wanganui, £5; Auckland Y, Gore, Masterton, Onehunga, and Waimate, £2 each; Port Chalmers and Whangarei, £1 10s each; Balclutha and Henderson, £1 5s each; Rakaia, £1 3s; Dannevirke, Eltham, Grey Lynn, Greymouth, Marton, Milton, and Woodville, £1 each. Total, £45 13s.

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Auckland, 11th December, 1919.

PERSONAL.

Our Dominion President, Mrs Don, is going Home to represent New Zealand at the World's Convention. We are sure all White Ribboners will rejoice to know we are to be so worthily represented, and will join us in wishing our loved President a pleasant journey and a safe return to "God's Own Country." We all hope that the trip may prove very beneficial to Mrs Don, and that she may return quite restored in health.