

Life moves on. We must move with it; in step with all the great ones who have hallowed the work they did by their untiring, unselfish service, always so unstintingly given in the movement. To-day's workers are of the finest minds in the world, they are some of its choicest souls. This teeming age does not lack in high-minded men and women who looking "through Eastern windows," see that all the land is light.

We, too, would keep the vision of a drink-free world ever before us, and with the opening year bend our efforts afresh to the task of making our dream an actuality.

With every good wish for 1926.—
Yours sincerely,

GUY HAYLER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments, exclusive of apititation fees, have been received since the date of last report:

New Zealand Fund.

North East Valley £5; Hawera and Riccarton £1 10s each; Sawyer's Bay £1 1s; Aramoho, Carterton, Epsom, Nelson "Y," Nelson L.T.L., and New Plymouth £1 each, Sawyer's Bay "Y" 10s.

Organising Fund.

North East Valley £11 8s; New Plymouth £10 4s; New Brighton £7 19s; South Invercargill £7 4s; Carterton £7; Petone £5; Riccarton £4 13s; Stratford £4 6s; Rakaia £3 6s; Hawera £3; Gisborne £2 15s 6d; Mayfield £2 12s 6d; Devonport £2 11s; Martinborough £2 8s; Johnsonville and Otahuhu £1 17s 6d each; Aramoho £1 16s; Richmond £1 14s; Sawyer's Bay and Sefton £1 10s each; Wakapua-ka £1 8s 6d; Eden £1; Waihi 16s 6d; Cheviot (additional) 3s 6d.

World's Missionary Fund.

Waipawa 6s 11d; Gisborne 5s.

Franchise Day Fund.

Gisborne £1; Waipawa 6s 11d.

Maori Fund.

Waipawa 6s 11d.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

The W.C.T.U. of Cape Province held its 36th Annual Convention at Cape Town, September 26th-October 2nd, under the Presidency of Mrs Geard, Port Elizabeth. Sixty-seven delegates were in attendance, representing an adult membership of 2,785. The business sessions were held in the University Hall of the South African College. The total income of the local Unions was £2,476, with an expenditure of £2 041 0s 9d.

Three Red Letter Days are observed during the year, viz., Willard Day in February, when a collection is taken for Provincial Organisation; Mackenzie Red Letter Day, which is observed on or near the birthday of Mrs Mackenzie, the first President of the South African W.C.T.U. when the collection is devoted to the National Organisation Fund, and "June" Red Letter Day, when special efforts are made to increase the membership, and also the number of subscribers to "The White Ribbon," the official organ of the W.C.T.U. in the country. This paper is published monthly in Port Elizabeth, with a circulation of 2055. The Headquarters Office and Literature Depot is also in Port Elizabeth, under the charge of Mrs Beresford, 67 Havelock Street, who reported that about 700 visitors had called during the past year. Several hundred adult and junior members, scattered throughout the country where no Unions exist, are also kept in touch with by correspondence and literature. Life and Memorial Membership is obtained by the payment of £10 towards the Organisation Fund. The "Mackay" Fund is a sum of £100, which is invested, and the interest used to provide prizes in the Scientific Essay Competition, in which there were 85 competitors this year. In connection with the Local Option Fund, there is a fixed deposit of £500 in the bank, to be drawn upon when the time arrives for a special campaign in favour of this measure, which has been defeated in Parliament by only a small majority for several years. The Women's Enfranchisement Bill has also made steady progress year after year, but at present a deadlock prevails, owing to the new Government's decided objection to give the vote to native women on the same terms as men, and the failure of the Labour

party to keep their election promises in this respect.

Work in 22 departments was reported on. As South Africa is a wine-producing country, every effort is being made to increase the use and sale of raisins and grape juice, so that the wine farmers may have other avenues for the disposal of their productions. This work has been attended with great success, and promises to grow rapidly. Press work is very generally undertaken, and a banner presented to the individual or Union with the best record. This year Miss Stapleton headed the list with 34,599 words, followed closely by a Y Union, with only 330 words less. The W.C.T.U. native Unions have hitherto been directly affiliated with the World's W.C.T.U., holding separate Conventions. They have recently suffered an irreparable loss by the death of their President, Mrs Stuart, and the advisability of the Provincial W.C.T.U. assuming the responsibility of this work was introduced at Convention.

One of the visitors to Convention was Sister Bessie McFarlane, of New Zealand, who was warmly welcomed. Sister Bessie thanked the Cape Town White Ribboners for the kindness she had received from them during her enforced stay in their midst, owing to the strike among the crew of the Ballarat.

During Convention, Miss Solomon, the President of the South African W.C.T.U., and recently elected Vice-President of the World's Union, returned from the Edinburgh Convention, and received a loving welcome from her fellow-workers. At a well-attended public meeting she gave an outline of the proceedings at Edinburgh, and also at Geneva, where she had attended an International Temperance Conference as the representative of the South African Temperance Alliance.

During the Convention a luncheon was provided for the delegates in an adjoining hall. The morning teas were served by the Unions of the Cape Peninsula, and the afternoon teas by various Women's Associations in and around the city.

Among the social functions was a Mayoral Reception in the Town Hall, and an "At Home" to the delegates by the Peninsula Unions. On Saturday afternoon the delegates were conveyed round the Mountain Drive by a fleet of privately owned motor cars. On their