

ESSAY COMPETITION.

The special attention of all readers of the "White Ribbon" is asked for the following paragraph, that all may do what they can to encourage teachers and parents to take an interest in this competition, which cannot fail to be of benefit to the schools and individual children who may take part in it, by turning their thoughts to the question of what true heroism is, and how it may best be exercised in their own lives. It is hoped that many of the New Zealand schools will enter for the competition, and that the interest of the children generally will be awakened.

A WORLD HERO PRIZE COMPETITION

has been organised by the National Council for Prevention of War (for particulars, write 532 Seventeenth Street, North-West, Washington, D.C.), offering 1200 dollars to school children all over the world for short essays on the twelve figures in human history deemed most worthy of remembrance as the world's greatest heroes, giving due consideration to (1) nobility of character, 2) fearless and self-sacrificing devotion to a great cause, (3) constructive power for humanity of a permanent character. The competition closes on May 18, 1926.

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Who are the Twelve Greatest World Heroes? Clement M. Biddle, of New

York, has offered 1200 dollars in prizes to the school pupils of the world for their judgment on the answer to the above question, founders of religion whom their followers revere as divine, and the names of persons still living being excepted. Essays not exceeding 200 words are invited on such heroes; and each school entering the competition is invited to submit a list of twelve names with one essay by a pupil on each of the names selected. Essays must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee of Award, Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, Maine, U.S.A., on or before World Goodwill Day, May 18, 1926.

Frederick J. Libby, Executive Secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War (U.S.A.) urges that the British Peace Forces should take up the matter and encourage the consideration in as many schools as possible of that which constitutes the Greatest heroism. The promoters suggest that true heroism should include "constructive work for humanity of a permanent character," nobility of mind and character, and the possession of a great devotion in which self and fear are lost, and which sweeps its possessors to heights which human beings otherwise never attain.

The darkest night that ever fell on the earth never put out the stars.—George Eliot.

1926 CONVENTION.

Dear Sisters,

Once again, may I remind you of the importance of sending word both to Christchurch and to myself about the delegates that are appointed. No doubt, some have not yet been chosen, but as soon as they are, please send me their names. The following Unions have already sent, either names of delegates, or application for proxy:—Petone, Nelson District, Auckland, Invercargill Y's., Ashburton, Auckland, Y.P., Dunedin, Balclutha, Auckland District, Master-ton, Southland District, Greytown, Timaru, Feilding. I am sorry that two different addresses have been appearing for me in the White Ribbon; 52 Russel Terrace is the right one, but the Island Bay address will also find me without fail or delay.

With best wishes for a helpful Convention.

Yours in W.R. bonds,

KATE M. EVANS,

Rec. Sec.

DEATH.

BOWMAN.—On December 31st, 1925, at her residence, "Goxhill," 176 Peter Street, Ashburton, Clara (Pally), the dearly beloved wife of George Bowman, and sister of the Butterick family, "Bainton," Wakanui.



MAORI UNION. ORGANISED AT FRANKTON. MRS FULLJAMES, SEATED IN CENTRE, WITH SISTER NICHOLLS STANDING BEHIND.