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## The White Ribbon.

For God and Home and Humanity.

WELLINGTON, FEBRUARY 18, 1926

### CONSISTENCY IS A JEWEL.

Once, years ago, driving along a  
country road, we saw a well-defined  
track just above us on the hillside. It  
ran beside us for miles, through cut-  
tings, over embankments, all grass  
grown and unused. Curiosity prompted  
the query, "Is that an old road?"  
"No," was the reply, "the railway was

meant to go there, but a change of  
Government induced a change of route."  
Upon enquiry we found that the aban-  
doned road had cost £10,000. We  
there and then conceived a great ad-  
miration for a people who could spend  
money so prodigally.

Lately, reading our papers, we have  
come to the conclusion that our Govern-  
ment still has "money to burn."

Else why spend huge sums to main-  
tain a Health Department to inspect  
school children and take every care of  
their health, and then, by licensing the  
greatest enemy to child life, make all  
this expenditure practically abortive.  
Why make such an outcry about the  
prevalence of goitre and the necessity of  
dosing healthy children with iodine to  
prevent it, and never make any provi-  
sion to guard these children from the  
deadly menace of alcoholism? Why?  
Just you think out this problem for  
yourself.

### UNTO THE SECOND GENERATION.

William Brady, M.D., in his series of  
articles on "The Ways of Health," pub-  
lished in the "Chicago Daily News,"  
says:—

"Alcoholism probably comes second in  
the list of causes of feeble-mindedness.  
Temperate, moderate, habitual, periodic  
or excessive indulgence in alcohol pre-  
disposes to mental defect in the off-  
spring. Social drinking acts as a  
trauma to the seed and puts the mark  
of degeneracy upon posterity. These  
are conclusions drawn by the experts  
who are qualified to know."

### BEFORE NATIONAL PROHIBITION.

At the annual meeting of the Ameri-  
can Medical Association, held in New  
York City, during the first week of  
June, 1917, the following resolutions on  
alcohol were passed:—

"Whereas, we believe that the use of  
alcohol as a beverage is detrimental to  
the human economy; and

"Whereas its use in therapeutics as a  
tonic, or a stimulant, or as a food has  
no scientific basis; therefore be it

"Resolved, that the American Medical  
Association opposes the use of alcohol as  
a beverage; and be it further

"Resolved, that the use of alcohol as  
a therapeutic agent should be discour-  
aged."

### ANIMAL WELFARE WEEK.

This was observed for the third time  
in this Dominion. Unfortunately, the  
date, October 25 to 31, was rather too  
near election.

Still the work was heartily taken up  
by teachers, preachers, and S.P.C.A. So-  
cieties. The Press generally cordially  
supported it, and several newspapers  
now run an Animal Column.

Mrs Bathgate, our Band of Mercy  
Superintendent, lent every possible help  
to the Organiser, Mr Forbes. A better  
spirit is growing up among the children  
to their animal friends. More thought  
is being shown. We trust this Wel-  
fare Week may continue to grow in  
popularity and to teach our young  
people the law of kindness.

The following is the balance-sheet:—

### ANIMAL WELFARE WEEK BALANCE-SHEET.

14th January, 1926.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	4	6	6
Oamaru Garden Party	7	0	0
S.P.C.A. Donations—			
Auckland	5	5	0
Otago	5	0	0
Napier	5	0	0
Feilding	5	0	0
Timaru	3	3	0
Wellington	3	3	0
Canterbury	2	2	0
Invercargill	2	2	0
Nelson	2	2	0
	32	17	0
Sundry Donations	5	13	4½
Sales of Literature, Sta- tionery, etc.	2	15	7
	£52	12	5½

### EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Printing and Stationery	12	13	6
6500 Blotters	8	15	0
Literature	10	3	0
Postages	7	13	2
Freight and Cartage on Par- cels	2	14	7
Wires and Exchange on Cheques	0	5	9
Balance on hand	10	7	5½
	£52	12	5½

Audited and found correct—

W. RENWICK.

January 8, 1926.