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NOTES FROM EDITOR'S DESK.

The Ponsonby Union has sent a protest to the Post Office re the placing of advertisements for Dewar's whisky on booklets for stamps. The Secretary has sent the usual stereotyped reply that "the representations have been noted for consideration when fresh booklets are being prepared."

It would be well to follow up this lead. Why should they who buy these booklets and bring them into their homes be compelled, upon the front cover to see "All 'sports' drink Dewar's Imperial whisky." This office never buys stamps in booklet form, and never will while the Government advertises such lies upon their cover. It is a well-known fact that sports, or even those training for sports, never touch whisky. The universal testimony of coaches for cricket, football, and all kinds of "sport" is that while in training drinking and smoking are forbidden. Why then should the Government issue a pamphlet telling our young people such a falsehood. The way to the town of Mansoul is largely through Eye Gate, and here is an enemy enter-

ing that gate. It is alright to increase postal revenue by advertising on booklets; it is all wrong to allow advertisers to make false statements. White Ribboners, "Watch."

"Eternal vigilance is the price of safety."

PROHIBITION IN U.S.A.

The wets are making things lively in U.S.A. They have evidently abandoned the hope of persuading the citizens of U.S.A. that Prohibition is a failure, and are now endeavouring to convince other countries of the fact. If they could get United States citizens to think Prohibition a failure, they could easily repeal the 18th Amendment. But they are not attempting to do that. They know they have no hope there.

The latest move in the game is to state that the Prohibition law is not enforced. Over 400 newspapers, "wet," in sympathy, are conducting a poll on modification of the Enforcement Code. These papers show a ratio of 75 to 1 in favour of modification; but they are very careful not to state the ratio of their vote as against the total number of people in the U.S.A. If they gave us this we would know the truth, viz., that Prohibitionists will not participate in this newspaper unofficial balloting, but will use their ballot in the official votes taken. Hence they vote for a "dry" Congress and a "dry" President.

Very much publicity has been given to the report of the survey of the Federal Council of the Churches. Now, this report was made by a small sub-committee, and given to the Press before the whole committee considered it. The press took certain parts from it, and interjected headlines. The report was intended to stir the church people to realise that the liquor interests are not yet dead, and intend to undermine in a subtle way the public sentiment, which is now for Prohibition. The "wet" press never cabled us the last part of the report, which declared that the Church stands for law observance, and must be keen not to allow violations of the law.

Dr. Cadman, President of the Federal Council of the Churches, has finally called a halt to the "wets" using the report of the Council to further their plans to break down the law.

Miss Anna A. Gordon, our World President, writes as follows:—

"We hope you are not unduly disturbed by a report just given publicly by Dr. Empringham, of the Episcopal Church, in which he claims that the

Church Temperance Society of this denomination favours modification of our Prohibition law, to allow light wines and beer.

"Dr. Empringham's statement is quite generally disclaimed by the Episcopal bishops and clergy. Yesterday, Bishop William T. Manning, in his sermon at the Church of St. John the Divine, in Chicago, repudiated Dr. Empringham's statement. He said 'The Temperance Society does not speak for the Episcopal Churches of either the nation or the diocese of New York.' He added: 'This Society has no official authorisation, and no right whatever to speak in the name of the Episcopal Church. For some years past the Church has scarcely been aware of the existence of this Society. The mind of the House of Bishops on the subject of Prohibition was expressed at the General Convention in New Orleans last October by the adoption of a resolution which welcomed the renewed efforts of the Government of the United States to enforce strictly and impartially the Prohibition laws.' Bishop Manning made an earnest appeal for Prohibition enforcement, and expressed the belief that the country would never repeal the 18th Amendment or the Volstead Act."

OURSELVES.

We hope all our members will read the "White Ribbon" report in this issue, and see the need of earnest effort in this department of our work. Convention decided that "White Ribbon" Day is to be kept on June 15, or as near that date as possible, and have appointed a day in November as Maori Day. Will all Unions endeavour to give an afternoon meeting to the "White Ribbon," and have suggestions on how to increase its circulation and its usefulness? We hope to be able to visit some of the Unions on that day. We must grow or we will die.

PUBLIC MEETING.

"PACIFIC RELATIONS."

(By Professor Condliffe.)

Mrs Taylor, who occupied the chair, briefly pointed out in introducing the speaker, that the question of International Relations has been one of our departments of work under the title of Peace and Arbitration.

Miss Jennings sang a couple of delightful songs as a prelude to the lecture.