

Christchurch,

June 9th, 1926.

Dear "Y" Members,

I have just had a communication from Mrs Carver, World Superintendent of "Y" work, who asks if we have any "Y" members over 16 years of age who will join the International Correspondence Bureau, the object of which is to bring "Y" members throughout the world into touch with one another.

Here is a great opportunity for you, one that will mean not only service to your own branch, but service in the wider sphere of the world's work. We, in New Zealand, have much to learn from other countries, and they in turn can learn from us. This work, if heartily taken up, should be of inestimable benefit to our "Y" branches, for the letter received will, of course, be read at the general meetings, and thus all members will be brought into touch with "Y's." in other lands.

Now, while such a correspondence must add considerably to the interest of "Y" meetings, that will not be by any means the chief gain. Beyond this is the fact that the future peace of the world can only be assured by the people of the various countries getting to know and understand one another, and if you, young people, can make the smallest effort to that end, surely it will be worth while.

Please let me have the names and addresses of those willing to join, and at the same time give any particulars, such as age and occupation, that will enable correspondents to be suitably linked up.

Yours in loyal service,

CHRISTINA HENDERSON.

KANSAS.

Kansas has never taken a backward step since prohibition became her fixed policy nearly half a century ago. Illiteracy is to-day less than two per cent. It has on an average one automobile for every five inhabitants.

Thirteen distilleries in U.S.A., previously employing 1,000 men, now employ 4,000, making such commodities as industrial alcohol, flour, cane, syrup, corn oils, yeast, preserves, jellies, jams, and vinegar.—"Exchange."

June 12th, 1926.

Dear Young People,

Our Editor has asked for a few words of greeting to you from the National Officers, and I am glad to respond to the invitation, because it is to the young people we look to take up the work when we can no longer carry on. As we bid good-bye, one by one to tried and experienced veterans like Mr John Dawson or Mrs Johnson Wright, we should be well nigh hopeless if we did not recognise that you are bringing to the fight your youthful enthusiasm, and your consecrated powers of thought and action. Much lies ahead to be done; you alone can tackle the job and carry it through to a successful issue, and to do this you must "hitch your waggon to a star," aim at the highest and best you know, and take as the working principle of your daily and hourly living, the external fact that "God is working in us to will and to do of His good pleasure, therefore we cannot fail."

With loving greetings, I am—

Yours for service,

KATE M. EVANS, Rec. Sec.

"Absolute knowledge have I none,
But my aunt's washerwoman's sister's son

Heard a policeman on his beat
Say to a labourer on the street
That he had a letter just last week—
A letter which he did not seek—
From a Chinese merchant in Timbuctoo,

Who said his brother in Cuba knew
Of an Indian chief in a Texas town,
Who got dope from a circus clown,
That a man in Klondike had it straight,

From a guy in a South American state,

That a wild man over in Borneo
Was told by a woman, who claimed to know,

Of a well known swell society rake,
Whose mother-in-law will undertake
To prove that her husband's brother
Pete

Saw drunks daily on the street."

The hair- tonic consumers must be the fellows who used to boast that they could either drink or let it alone.

ALCOHOL! NOT A MEDICINE.

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 stimulant or as a food has no scientific basis,

IT IS THEREFORE 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 discouraged.

Resolution passed at Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association—the largest in the world—New York, June, 1917.

AMERICANS DRINK MILK.

Americans are consuming more milk than ever before, the federal department of agriculture announcing that the household consumption of milk was 212 quarts per person last year, compared with 200 quarts in 1922.

The Government will endure on the rock of law enforcement, or it will perish in the quicksands of lawlessness. Those who do not believe in our Government and the enforcement of our laws should go to a country which gives them their peculiar liberty.—"Hon. H.M. Daugherty, Attorney General of the U.S."

The old idea that alcohol is a stimulant dies very hard, but it must die, because medical men all over the world are assuring us that alcohol is the very opposite of a stimulant. In a recent address given to the American Chemical Society, Dr. Reid Hunt classed alcohol with Ether and Chloroform, as a depressant. He assured his hearers that science entirely supports the American people in their determination to abolish alcoholic beverages from their land. "People," he said, "have consumed 10 ounces of Chloroform and lived, or 7 ounces of Ether, but a straight dose of 5 ounces of alcohol puts a man to sleep for ever."