

a mind to work." All the people, not just the gifted few, but the plain, ordinary crowd, like you and me!

If we shared that mind, surely we could 'build Jerusalem.'

Our prophets have had the vision, God has sent it repeatedly, in forms to touch us all.

He has given us leaders, we acknowledge them thankfully to-day.

But what about us?

Have we 'a mind to work?'

If we have, be sure we shall win, not merely the signpost of this election, but this generation.

If we have a mind to work, and stick to it every day, like the Boy Scout's good deed, our daily deed for our cause, working at it.

### WHEN WE WERE YOUNG.

How often do we hear this said by parents. "I'm sure my mother must have been perfect as a girl," said one daughter. A young man asked his mother: "Were you ever young, Mother?" "Well, yes," replied his mother "I suppose I was." "Well, I'm sure Pa never was," asserted the youth, whose feelings had been wounded.

We think that elderly people must have short memories, they don't mean to tell untruths. But, every generation we read books written wondering what the young people are coming to. Fifty years ago, earnest preachers condemned buggy riding, now they tell us the motor is responsible for a terrible amount of evil among the young, and we suppose the preacher of the next generation will condemn the flying machine.

Times have altered, ways of living have changed, but we believe human nature remains the same as ever.

I was very pleased to read lately from U.S.A., some fine tribute to their young people from those who mix with them and know them. The principal of one of Washington's large public schools addressing the W.C.T.U. of that District, voiced the conviction that "less than 2 per cent. of our young people are doing the wrong thing."

We are told that prohibition is ruining the young people of U.S.A., and making them law breakers. A correspondent from the States writes thus to us: "There is a lot of talk

about conditions being bad, and many believe what they hear. I've taken up domicile in Government hotels to see how the girls think and talk and act, and I haven't seen one thing objectionable with 2,000 young women sent here for Government work. They are away from home, and I fail to see any suggestion of drinking or tolerating it. At the tables we have no reserved space, so have different ones at each meal, and the conversations have been most earnest and of a high type."

Another letter says: "Nobody says prohibition is an absolute success any more than the laws against murder—but it is a million times better than the wets wish it to be.—I seldom see an intoxicated man—and I used to see them by the dozens. There is so much talk about the young people—it is getting to be part of the course in high schools, that the senior classes visit Washington, and literally thousands come at a time—and have been in a constant stream since March. The manager of a large hotel says that he caters exclusively to school groups these months, and though the head house-keeper and maids have been ordered to look out for flasks left in rooms (and they'd leave them if they used them) they have never found one. He has dealt with the schools for the last 6 or 8 years—pioneer in the school tour catering. The young people are being slandered. Mrs Tilton says: 'It takes many, many flasks to equal one saloon.'"

## Y REPORTS.

### CAMBRIDGE.

July 27th. Inaugural meeting. Miss McLay presided and gave a graphic account of the origin of the W.C.T.U., then a talk on the objects and workings of the "Y" section. Decided to form a Union, and ten members were enrolled and elected their officers. August 2nd.—Miss McLay was again present with several Hamilton friends including the District President, who gave us some advice and a talk on drink and gambling. Miss McLay spoke about the "Wines of the Bible," and gave the invitation to new members. Five young people were enrolled. We believe there is a bright future before our Union.

### HASTINGS.

August. Miss Beale presided, good attendance; opened with a hearty "Community sing" followed by a "Mock Court" conducted by the male members caused great amusement. Supper was served by Miss List. An opportunity was given to say farewell to Mr J. List, and old and enthusiastic member, who is on transfer to Blenheim, closed a very happy evening. (Blenheim Y's will greet Mr List (Ed. W.R.)

### HAMILTON EAST.

The first meeting of this Branch was held on the 31st July, and took the form of a

"Favourite Hymn" evening. A number of members wrote very interesting papers, and favourite hymns were sung. Miss C. M. McLay, Organiser, gave an address on "Wines of the Bible," which proved very helpful to us. Our President, Miss C. Day, presented Miss McLay with a bouquet of violets. 13 new members were initiated. After the meeting, supper was served.

### INVERCARGILL.

July. The meeting was opened by the President, Miss Dawson, and the Scripture Reading was given by Mrs James, Superintendent. Mrs Challis was then introduced, and gave a most instructive address on First Aid, and a hearty vote of thanks given to her.

### TOTARA VALLEY.

June. 31 present; President in the chair, and welcomed Mrs Boag and friends from Pleasant Point. Mrs Boag, District President, gave a most interesting address on W.C.T.U. work, and made us feel quite part of the great organisation. Items were given by Misses Battersby and Bishop, Mrs Smith, Rev. Mr Falconer, and Messrs Seaton and Salmond. Supper was served.

July. At the residence of Mrs Smith, Hazelburn. Over thirty present. After business was finished, an enjoyable time was spent with a "Question Box." Many and varied were the questions asked, and the answers given. After supper, a game or two finished up a very bright and encouraging gathering. Three new members joined up.

### NEW BRIGHTON.

July 9. Well attended; Mrs F. Mitchell presided. Decided to send a letter of congratulations to the newly-formed "Y." Branch at Rangiora. A very fine address by Mrs W. J. Williams was much appreciated by the young people; a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker. Four new members were initiated.

### NORTH BRIGHTON.

As a result of a resolution passed by the North Brighton Union at its July meeting, a promising "Y." Branch with twenty-eight members has been formed in North Brighton. Mrs Leaver, Vice-President of the Adult Union, and her daughter Irene, proved charming hostesses at a social evening, where about thirty young people were invited to meet the officers of the North Brighton Union, and the President of the Brighton Union. The laughter and chatter, the gay banter and fun of the young folk, proved a happy introduction to an evening big with future possibilities for service in the White Ribbon Army. Miss Beatrice Harband explained the meaning of a "Y." Branch, described its activities, and stressed its value to the youth of the Dominion as an educative factor in preparing them to take their place as future citizens and Prohibition voters. Mrs Hall spoke of the part the young people could take in a No More War Campaign. When an appeal was made to join the proposed Branch, every boy and girl present rose with a wonderful show of spontaneity, and some one began to sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The initiation service followed, the pledges were signed, and another twenty eight white bows proclaimed their silent challenge to the drink traffic, as they gleamed conspicuously white on the dark coats of the boys, and on the gaily coloured frocks of the girls. Then the new branch settled down to business, and elected Mrs Eames, the mother of three small girls, their president, Miss Isabel Thompson, Secretary, and Mr. Gus. Florance, a High School boy, treasurer.

## PROHIBITION AND INCOME TAX.

The Prohibition law of the United States is better enforced than is the law against theft, murder or adultery, according to the most reliable witnesses. Many of these same witnesses say, also, that Prohibition is better enforced than is the law re the income tax.