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THE BACKWARD LOOK.

Is it wise to look behind? Opinions vary. The Great Apostle bids his favourite church "Forgetting the things that are behind, to press forward." The poet sings:

"Forward be our watchword,
Seek the things before us,
Not a look behind."

Though it may be unwise to look behind into the shadows of our past failures, and let them discourage us, still a wise general, after a campaign, carefully estimates his losses, looks for the reason for his failures, and turns his face to the future with a knowledge gained from the past which will make victory in the future more certain.

Our Dominion Union can look back and record a year of steady progress. Our District Unions have functioned more fully this year, District Conventions have been inspiring and helpful, and District Executives have helped to keep District officers in touch with smaller Unions, and to give help and encouragement to their local officers.

Along these lines future success lies. District officers in close touch with Dominion officers, so that all plans formed by Dominion Executive can be passed on to them, they in their turn being responsible for educative work in every local Union.

We have often wondered whether our members fully appreciate the self-sacrificing labours of our Organisers. This year we have been very fortunate in having Miss Bradshaw and Miss McLay at work since Convention, and for the last four months Miss Burls has

been working in the Nelson and Marlborough districts, breaking much new ground and forming new Unions at Ngatimoti, Takaka, Collingwood, Kaitake, and Havelock.

Miss McLay, after a good deal of time spent in Waikato District, lately visited Opotiki and Bay of Plenty Districts. Owing to the homesteads being so scattered, it was not possible to organise Branches and arrange regular meetings.



WELLINGTON DISTRICT OFFICERS.
Miss Oates, Mrs Evans, Mrs Anderson,
Miss Kirk.

But both at Taneatua and Whakatane "White Ribbon" Agents were appointed, 22 new subscribers gained, and old subscriptions renewed. Mrs Keith, Goulstone Road, is Whakatane, and Mrs F. Yeomans Taneatua agent.

One most encouraging feature of the work this year has been the large number of subscriptions renewed in these scattered districts. Miss Bradshaw, both in Wairarapa and Manawatu Districts, visited all subscribers, and only

three failed to renew. This work should go on increasing in scattered places. Where women cannot be got together for educative meetings our paper keeps them in touch with all our many activities.

The following letter from the Wellington District President will be of interest to all, and the photos of organising party and President's car were taken by Mrs Pepperell and kindly sent on to us:—

Dear White Ribboners,—

Towards the end of October we were fortunate enough to have a visit from one of our Dominion Organisers, Miss Bradshaw.

Miss Bradshaw spent a week or more with the Carterton Union, when I was privileged to drive her, the President, Mrs Every, and Mrs Pepperill to Longbush to a meeting in the schoolroom.

After our Organiser had ably explained the aims and objects of the W.C.T.U., we were entertained with a very dainty afternoon tea, provided by the Longbush ladies. Several present became members of our Union, and others subscribers to the "White Ribbon."

The following Tuesday Miss Bradshaw came to Greytown and addressed the members at our usual monthly meeting, and remained with us until the District Executive meeting at Carterton on November 3rd and 4th.

She also gave the address at a very pleasant home meeting held at Miss Haigh's. Seven new "White Ribbon" subscribers and several new members were gained for the local Union as a result of her visit.

Miss Bradshaw was the guest of Mrs H. Morrison, "Glenmorven," and while