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We are very sorry to say that Mrs Bendley is not able to accept nomination as Dominion Treasurer, but has fully decided to retire from office.

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Pres.: Mrs T. E. Taylor.
Cor. Sec.: Miss Henderson, B.A.
Rec. Sec.: Mrs Evans, M.A.
Treas.: Mrs Bendley.

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WELLINGTON, DECEMBER 18, 1926.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,

Once again we come to the close of the year; it has been a very busy and a very full year in White Ribbon circles.

Our District and Local branches have done much good foundation work, largely in preparation for a

forward move on educational lines next year, when the distribution of literature and extensive meetings must be the order of the day.

Two and three Organisers have been busy both in the North and South Islands; a Maori Organiser is now on trial with Sister Nicholls. Your District Officers and New Zealand Officers have travelled and visited Unions all over the country, and Field Workers too have been helping, so that there are very few Unions anywhere who have not had a special visit some time this year.

We pray that all this may result in great spiritual uplift, and a fresh clear vision of the dignity and nobility of our Mission as a W.C.T.U.

No other body of women stands for and works for quite the same ideals as our founders set before us, or for the same splendid issues of Christian citizenship and Home life as those inscribed on our Standard and in our Constitution.

Now we go into recess for a few weeks. May we be able to use some of that resting-time in contemplation of the beauty and glorious liberty of our Master's commission to us, and of what He really wishes us to stand for in the Christian life of the Nation—Let us just "be still" and know that He is God, and let Him fill our very souls full of His Spirit, in readiness to shed it abroad on all around us, and so build up His Kingdom in the hearts of all whom we may touch.

May every White Ribboner have a happy and peaceful Xmas-tide. May the New Year bring to all visions of a world made perfect through Christ-like thoughts and actions falling in benediction on all created things.

ELIZABETH B. TAYLOR.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT.

Our American sisters have just inaugurated a department for Bible in Schools, of which Mrs Jean Buchanan Wylie is Superintendent.

Most excellent reasons are given for this work being taken up. The Bible is our standard of morals and should be employed in the training of our youth for the duties of citizenship. In every State there are laws based upon the Decalogue, surely the moral principles which underlie those laws should be taught. Many States provide for codes of moral training. The recog-

nised authoritative standard should be used in giving such training. The Bible is a book for nations as well as individuals. They point out that it is only lately that this pronounced opposition has arisen, that the Bible pronounces the doom of both intemperate individuals and liquor-cursed nations. There is no reason to exclude the Bible from our schools. It is not a sectarian book. It is the voice of God to men in every relation of life.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Will all officers, "White Ribbon" agents, and Unions kindly note that we are closing our books for 1926 about the middle of January? That will give time for subscriptions to be collected and new subscribers obtained. Has your Union done its part in getting new subscribers? If not, you have time now. Don't let us go to Convention as we did last year, with more than half our Unions defaulters, not taking enough interest in our educative work to gain even one new subscriber. The list for the earlier quarters published in October issue will show how each one stands, and enable defaulting Unions and Districts still to get their quota before the books are closed for the year.

Will Secretaries of Unions please see that the following information is supplied to our Business Manager:—(1) Number of subscribers on Union list, December, 1925; number of new subscribers gained during the year; (2) number of subscribers on the list, December, 1926.

Our Business Manager thanks all those who have helped so unselfishly during the year, and wishes workers and readers A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DON'T QUIT!

A winner never quits.
He shoots until he hits;
A quitter never has been known to win.
He quits about the time he should begin.

Don't quit!

Banks: "Is it right that your barber is not going to cut hair any longer?"

Jones: "Yes, he's still going to cut it shorter."