

OBSERVE THE NOON-TIDE HOUR.

"Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will prevail to make;
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take,
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower.
We kneel when all around us seems to lower,
We rise, and all the distant and the near
Stand out in sunny outline, brave and clear.
We kneel how weak; we rise how full of power;
Why therefore should we do ourselves this wrong
Or others, that we are not always strong;
That we are ever overborne with care,
That we should ever weak or helpless be,
Anxious or troubled when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee."

—Archbishop Trench.

WHITE RIBBON REPORT AND BALANCE-SHEET, 1926.

The year was one of quiet and steady work. The circulation in December, 1926, was 4633, an increase of 137 for the year.

Some districts have worked well; others have evidently made little effort. Wellington District holds pride of place with 93 new subscribers. Of these, Wellington Central gained 17. Palmerston North, Christchurch, and Riccarton each gained 16 new subscribers. Forty-one Unions gained no new subscribers. Our thanks are due to our Organisers, Miss Bradshaw sending 49 new names, and Miss C. M. McLay 27.

On several occasions the "White Ribbon" was enlarged to 20 pages, and the Convention number was 24 pages. More blocks have been used. Yet our credit balance on the year's working shows a slight increase.

A paper was sent to every Union to be read on White Ribbon Day. Two circular letters have been sent to every Union, and one to the District Conventions. To every Union also was sent a list of subscriptions unpaid at the end of the year.

Our heartiest thanks are accorded to our Agents for their unselfish efforts; to our printers for kindness, courtesy and help; to our Auditor, Mr B. J. Lynneberg. A special word of thanks is due to Mrs Judson, our Assistant Editor, for her untiring help throughout the year.

With hope and courage we face the New Year, trusting it will be the best ever.

NELLIE PERYMAN, Editor.

Balance-Sheet for Year ending December 31st, 1926.**RECEIPTS.**

	£	s.	d.
Balance in Hand 31/12/25....	46	9	7
Subscriptions and Sales	641	18	2
Advertisements	76	10	0
Grant from N.Z. Fund			
(Telephone)	5	0	0
	£769	17	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing for			
1926	464	16	4
Postages	135	7	4
Blocks	14	15	2
Wrappers	23	11	4
Stationery	11	5	6
Telephone	5	12	6
Salary Business Manager	20	0	0
Travelling Expenses	2	9	4
Bank Charges	0	14	6
Clerical Assistance	26	0	0
Prizes for Y.P. Puzzlers	2	14	1
Balance in Hand, 31/12/26....	62	11	8
	£769	17	9

NELLIE PERYMAN,
Business Manager.

The Books and Vouchers in connection with this Balance-Sheet have been duly examined and found correct.

BIRGER LYNNEBERG, R.A.
Ngaio, May 6th, 1927.

KANSAS VIEWS ON PROHIBITION AFTER 45 YEARS EXPERIENCE.

1. No repeal or modification is needed, wanted or considered.
2. Ease of enforcement grows with enforcement.
3. Officials and private citizens are agreed that prohibition is the State's best business asset.
4. Many crimes that are common in communities that tolerate liquor are absent from Kansas.
5. Kansas children grow to maturity without the taint of intoxicating liquors.

6. Accruing benefits of prohibition have made law enforcement easier from year to year.

7. An awakened public conscience has aided Kansas in reducing the number of prohibitory violations each year.

8. Convictions of violators are easier now than at any time in the past, due to the years of proof that intoxicating liquor is a commercial and social detriment to any community.

9. Many undesirable influences that attend liquor were banished from the State when liquor was banished.

10. Liquor sales are not even permitted in Kansas on doctors' prescriptions. Liquor is an outlaw in Kansas.

11. Kansas is 44 years removed from the thought of ever returning to the days of the saloon.

12. Kansas children of to-day never saw and never will see a saloon in Kansas.

With the passing of the saloon has come another blessing. New appetites for liquor are not created. No traditional acceptance of the use of liquor survives. The social and even the medical uses of liquor are passing out of the Kansas consciousness. It is going out of the life of the people as completely as the bow and arrow and the belief in witches have gone out.—"The Victory Message."

THE TEMPERANCE LIGHTHOUSE.

(Tune: Let the Lower Lights be Burning.)

Brightly from the temperance lighthouse

Shines a light, a wondrous light;
It is guiding our great country

Out of darkness, out of night.

Chorus:

Shine afar, O torch of temperance,
Guide us through these changing days;

To the glorious future waiting,
With thy wondrous beaming rays.

May our prayers arise to heaven,
That thy light may grow so bright;
That the world will catch its gleaming
And the wrong will turn to right.
—From New York Y.P.B. Song Book.