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SECURITY OF TENURE.

A deputation waited upon the Prime Minister recently. They were concerned with the question of encouraging our tourist trade. They stressed the fact that good hostels and ample accommodation should be provided for tourists.

Then Mr P. Coyle informed the Minister that licensed houses would increase their accommodation if they had greater security of tenure.

Mr A. L. Hunt then interposed with the remark that the deputation did not agree with Mr Coyle, who was speaking "on his own."

We may be lacking in intelligence, but we fail to see why security of

tenure for selling alcoholic liquors should make for increased accommodation for travellers. The triennial poll will not affect bedrooms and dining rooms. Mine hosts can build accommodation for housing and catering for travellers, and have absolute security of tenure. Triennial polls may threaten the bar, but the catering and sleeping accommodation are never threatened.

A licensed bar is not a necessity for good accommodation, as witness the palatial hotels in the U.S.A. Very many travellers find the bar a detriment, and prefer private hotels. It is frequently remarked in Carterton that commercial travellers come there daily to do business, but return to "dry" Masterton to spend the night. They scorn the delights of the licensed houses in the town they are working, and return to their quiet quarters in the "barless" hotels of a No-License town. Mr Coyle will have to make out a better case for security of tenure, if he wishes to get the law altered.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Sisters,—

The Convention, just held in Auckland, appointed me New Zealand Superintendent for Anti-Gambling, and I take this opportunity of appealing to all Unions to give more time to this serious department of our work.

The growing craze for gambling—not only on horses, but through the medium of Art Unions—has been a menace for some time, and I trust that now we are to see the last of all Art Unions, that we shall not have such a plague again.

Might I appeal to all Unions who have not a local Superintendent to appoint one as soon as possible.

Unions who are working this department, will they please keep it before their members, always looking out for extra permits that may be added to the already long list of racing days.

Remember that the New Zealand Superintendent cannot do much unless all the Unions help.

Mrs Lill, late Superintendent, has sent me a parcel of leaflets on Anti-Gambling, which makes a good paper for a meeting. I trust that Unions will send to me for them, or any other in-

formation they may need, and I hope to be able to help them at all times.

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

MARGARET PIRRETT.

Superintendent of Anti-Gambling.

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A WHITE RIBBONER IN ENGLAND.

Mrs Kasper, Secretary of the Auckland District Union, has returned from a visit to the Old Land. At the request of our Editor, she has contributed an account of her visit to Miss Slack, Secretary of the World's W.C.T.U., which we are sure will be of interest to our readers. Mrs Kasper writes:—

"I visited Mrs Slack in the beautiful home at Golder's Green, London. She has a charming English garden, in which she entertained Mrs Shepherd, Mr Kasper, and myself. She showed us over the house, and I was indeed thrilled when I stood in the room where Miss Slack does all the writing for the World's W.C.T.U. Miss Slack is a charming hostess. She showed us all the beautiful curios and souvenirs that had been presented to her from all over the world. Miss Slack has written a most interesting book on her travels, and she asked me if I would bring it before the notice of the New Zealand sisters. I have read it, and it is wonderful. I carried my autograph album with me, and asked Miss Slack to write a message in it, that I could pass on to the White Ribbon sisters in New Zealand, and this is the message:

"Do your best, trust God in all things, and the best will come to you."

(Signed) AGNES SLACK,

Golder's Green, London."

"Miss Slack is intensely interested in our work in New Zealand. She said she would love to pay us a visit. I have heard Miss Slack speak on several occasions, and at the National Executive Conference, which opened with a large public meeting on the 28th of September last year, at Oxford, she spoke on Prohibition, and I have never heard any speaker handle the subject better. Mrs Slack is a very powerful speaker. Miss Queenie Shepherd is closely connected with Miss Slack in the W.C.T.U. work, and is one of the foremost workers in the young people's work at Home."