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CORRECTION.

Will all Secretaries of Unions please make three alterations in the Official List of Officers, appearing in Convention Number of White Ribbon and in Hand-Book.

Gore: Treasurer, Mrs McAskill.

Waikato District: Treasurer, Mrs E. G. Davey, London Street, Hamilton.

Paparoa:

Pres., Mrs Josiah Hames; Sec., Mrs Birtles; Treas., Miss Stella Hames. Membership, 18.

Owing to Printer's errors in the Hand-Book, the membership figures for a number of Unions are incomplete. The correct numbers are as follows:—

Taranaki District:

Hawera, 82; Inglewood, 32;
Manaia, 19; New Plymouth, 214;
Stratford, 78; Waitara, 38.

North Canterbury:

Lincoln-Springston, 20; Brighton, 94; North Brighton, 23; Opawa-Woolston, 25; Oxford, 40; Papanui, 32.

South Canterbury:

Pleasant Point, 46.

Otago:

N.E. Valley, 152.

Southland:

South Invercargill, 100.

The White Ribbon.

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WELLINGTON, JUNE 18, 1927.

OUR PETITION.

Once more the W.C.T.U. has been at its old game—canvassing for signatures for Petition. Splendid work of a two-fold kind. Educative to workers—brings them in touch with public sentiment in their district. Helpful for service. Lets us know where women are lonely and needing help which we can give.

We have marvelled at the courage and devotion of our workers; we have grieved for our shirkers—what they have missed of the joy of service.

RENEWAL OF HOTEL LICENSES.

We note that in several places the Police have been complaining that bookmakers do business at hotels. This is not to be wondered at. A trade which is the greatest law-breaker in the world, will quite naturally assist law-breakers.

In Dunedin, the Bench instructed publicans to discourage women with children coming into licensed premises.

Why not discourage father also, from spending his wages on licensed premises?

INTOXICATED BUT NOT DRUNK.

A Police Sergeant put the matter tersely in a court case lately. A man was up for being drunk in charge of a car. He admitted taking several drinks, but said he was not drunk. Several witnesses testified that he could walk alright. The police said he was unfit to have charge of a car, and the sergeant summed up. I say he was intoxicated, but I don't swear he was drunk. Intoxicated! poisoned! The sergeant has scientific opinion

on his side. Long before a man has reached the staggering stage of drunkenness his brain is poisoned, and he is quite unfit to be in charge of a motor car in a crowded thoroughfare. We wish the Courts would furnish a correct record of the number of cases of accidents happening when neither party has touched alcoholic drink. We think it would prove an interesting, if not a lengthy document.

"NEW ZEALAND MADE."

Preference League.

A League with the above name has been formed with the object of encouraging the purchase of New Zealand made goods. Hon George Fowlds is its President, and its Headquarters are Empire Buildings, Swanson Street, Auckland.

The objects of the League are to benefit our industries by encouraging people to purchase New Zealand products. They urge increased production, so that employment may be created. They point out that New Zealand has the raw material, it has the labour, and if there is an increased demand for home goods, we can easily become a self-supporting country.

They are also out to encourage scientific research to develop our natural resources, and to urge New Zealand workers to make New Zealand goods known by the excellence of their workmanship.

GREAT BRITAIN'S LIQUOR BILL.

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Expenditure for Alcoholic Drinks in 1923	307,500,000
Interest on National Debt.	307,000,000
Taxes Collected in 1923-24	162,000,000
Approximate Expenditure for Empire Defence	132,000,000
Approximate Expenditure for Education	89,000,000
War Pensions	75,000,000
Poor Relief	48,000,000
Old-Age Pensions	24,000,000