

The White Ribbon

For God, and Home, and Humanity.

Thought for the Month.

"How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
To rust unburnished, not to shine in use."

—Tennyson.

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OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

**Address Given by Mrs. J. Long,
Auckland President, at
District Convention**

(Slightly abridged)

As we take a look at the world today we feel eager to remould it according to a new pattern upon a new foundation. But, can we build upon any other foundation than that which has been laid, even Jesus Christ, our Lord? Not if we expect lasting peace and love between men and nations.

Let us never forget the fact that God still sits upon the throne. We can still hear that still, small voice saying to us: "O fear not, nor be dismayed; for I am thy God, and will give thee aid."

We have that great power to strengthen us in the hour of need. We have seen many times that—
"God stands within the shadows
Keeping watch above His own."



MRS. J. W. LONG, Auckland District President, Matron Maori Girls' Hostel, Parnell.

Britain; the retreat from Dunkirk, and in the Battle of North Africa.

For the past six years, we have passed through experiences such as the world has never known. Our hearts have been saddened with reports of things which have taken place in many parts. To all who have suffered the loss of loved ones, we extend our deepest sympathy; and pray the God of all comfort to be with them.

In our small part of the Empire we have been spared many sorrows, great anxiety, and much suffering. We raise our song of praise and thanksgiving as we recall the mercies and blessings so graciously bestowed upon us.

Victory has been gained over our outside enemies, but what about our inside enemy, Alcohol, the greatest enemy of mankind?

For the past sixty years, Christian women have never ceased in the fight to prohibit and abolish that which poisons and robs people of their health and wealth; and today we remember those of our comrades who began this work in New Zealand long ago.

Let us take courage and determine to go forward from the example set us by our pioneer sisters. Their faith in God, their zeal and earnest endeavour laid the foundation of our great organisation in New Zealand, and today the influence of the Women's Christian Temperance Union is felt throughout the Dominion, and in many other countries in the world.

It is to Christian women and Church members we appeal. Ours is essentially a women's organisation and we need the support of all. Recently when we desired to offer praise and prayer in thankfulness to God, every fibre in our bodies must have been strained by the scenes witnessed and read about in our newspapers; drink being the cause of our Youth's downfall.

Our Responsibility to Youth

Shall we sacrifice our young people to be overthrown by this great curse, alcohol? Have we mothers borne and brought up our sons to become slaves