

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR UNIONS

Please arrange for this to be read at your Next Meeting

1. DATE OF ISSUE OF "W.R."

In future the paper will be published on the **first** of the month.

2. REPORTS

All reports, articles and correspondence **MUST** be in the hands of the Editor by the **fifteenth** of the month. The earlier they are sent, the easier it is for them to be dealt with.

3. WHAT TO REPORT

No routine business, afternoon tea details, names of prize-winners, or matters of interest only to the Union concerned, should be included. Anything which may be helpful as to plans of work, addresses, or work being done in any department will be gladly welcomed. Space has become very valuable and must be carefully used.

4. REPORTS OF ANNUAL MEETINGS

It has not been possible to publish the names of superintendents. Only names of Union Officers could be included.

In some cases the reporter has sent a condensed copy of the Annual Report. While these have been very interesting, they could not be included. Probably these details have appeared already in the monthly reports. A "Special" report where the work is outstanding, would appear on the page kept for these, if it were sent in.

5. UNION ADVERTISEMENTS

These are handled entirely by Mrs. Grigg, our efficient business Manager. **It is not enough to have sent the list of names to the Editor.** They should be sent, with the payment necessary, to Mrs. Grigg, 1 Mallam Street, Karori, Wellington. The Editor handles **no money**. Much time and many stamps have been wasted during the past year because this has not been noted by officers of Unions. Make sure that your Union is not among those who ignore this announcement.

6. REMEMBER

All reports should be headed with the **Name of the Union** and the **Date of the Meeting**.

Now, dear reader, will you please read all this again? There is nothing against your cutting it out, and keeping it for reference if your memory is not quite reliable.

Readers' Views

RETIRING AGE FOR PRESIDENTS

To the Editor,
Dear Madam,

I think some more Branches of the W.C.T.U. would have closed down but for the old "die-hards" during the war years. There are so many women's organisations nowadays, in the Church and elsewhere. Capable women are doing special Church work, young women usually have young families and have no extra help. With all the various war efforts in addition to the already existing organisations, in smaller towns at any rate, there are not enough executive women to go round.

Even some who have been members of the "Y"s find it impossible to undertake further duties. As Mrs. Mercer implies, there may be some women over fifty-five who hold on to the position for prestige or some other per-

sonal reason, but there are many others who would gladly be relieved of responsibility. Some have even retired, and more than once, only to be forced back into harness to try to rebuild or just to keep going through difficult years, and help the general cause.

I may add: "We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it."

Yours sincerely,

"ONCE UNDER FIFTY-FIVE."

In support of her belief regarding the age at which women should retire from presidential duties, Mrs. Mercer says:—

"Consider the matter practically. A generation is accounted twenty-five years. By the time a woman is fifty, she should be ready to retire and leave her daughters—her own or 'daughters

of affection' whom she has trained, to carry on as leaders. To have her daughter sharing her interests, efficient in carrying on, is the best success a mother can hope for.

"At fifty, a physical point is reached. Even for those with perfect health and splendid vigour, after fifty comes the downward slope. Things are not so easy to do, one gradually becomes more easily tired. More important still, where leadership is concerned one begins to look backward instead of forward. Believe me, when one begins to realise a fund of reminiscences, and to dwell on the past instead of looking to the future, it is time to hand over the reins. Take, perhaps, a few years in doing it, but by fifty-five it should be done."

Yours, etc.,

K. MERCER.