

L.T.L. DEPARTMENT

Duties of Officers

President: Has charge of the meeting, guided by the Superintendent.

Vice-President: Assists the President, and takes the chair in his or her absence.

Secretary: Writes a correct account of each meeting, and attends to all letters and notices as directed by the meeting.

Assistant Secretary: Takes a correct rough account of the meeting for the Secretary to copy.

Devotional Superintendent: Leads or arranges for the Bible reading, hymns and prayers for each meeting. (The Superintendent can assist by writing prayers for the children to read.)

Mistress or Master of Courtesies: Introduces all visitors and new members to the Superintendent.

Temperance Fact Superintendent: Sees that a Temperance Fact is given at each meeting. (A good idea is to have a number of these written up into a booklet at once and kept up to date from the "White Ribbon," etc.)

Entertainment Superintendent: Arranges for an item at each meeting.

Room Steward: Sees that the room is arranged in proper order for the meeting, and left correctly after the meeting.

Librarian: Attends to the distributing and collecting of Hymn Books or any literature used during the meeting.

Roll Superintendent: Keeps a strict record of attendance of all members, reporting any sick to the Superintendent in charge.

Hobbies Superintendent: Delivers and collects paintings from the Supplements, and assists the Superintendent with any hobbies for the members.

(Some of these positions can be duplicated or made into committees according to the size of the meeting; e.g., Entertainment, Room Steward; Hobbies. A door-keeper would also be an advantage where meetings are held in a hall, and members arriving late disturb the opening devotions.)

Treasurer: Where money is handled. By giving each child a position, he or she is led to feel that each meeting must be attended and the duties carried out. Thus a greater interest is created in the meeting.

MRS. MOORE, Superintendent,
Kurahuna L.T.L.

ANTI-GAMBLING DEPARTMENT

From an address given by Mrs. Grinstead at Wanganui Union meeting:—

"Gambling is a transaction between two parties whereby the transfer of something of value is made dependent upon chance in such a way that the whole gain of one party equals the total loss of the other. Seeing that

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parcels for Britain: Those Unions wishing to carry out the suggestion made at Convention will be interested in the following list of foodstuffs which may be sent:—

Tinned Foods: Lamb and green peas, pork brawn, corned beef hash, Camp pie, luncheonette, cheese spread, jam and honey.

Also: Malted milk, cornflour, jellies, fat, soap, soup powders, cakes in properly sealed tins.

It is only permitted to send one parcel per month to any one person. Only two lbs. of any one commodity may be included in a parcel. Parcels may be up to 7 lbs. in weight. It is wise to weigh each article separately so that the parcel may be as near to the maximum weight allowed as possible. Weights given on tins are often not quite reliable, and it is annoying to have made up a parcel for posting that is too heavy.

Weights of parcels and cost of postage:

Old copies of "White Ribbon" are urgently sought by Mr. F. T. Tate, Matata, Bay of Plenty, for distribution among the Maori population of the district. If your "W.R." is lying idle after being read, please post it to him. Any other temperance literature will be welcome.

Handbooks for 1946 should be in the hands of all Union officers as soon as they are available. Have you ordered three copies for your Union? The cost is 1/3 per copy.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO AUCKLAND MEMBERS

**Mother's Day Service, Sunday,
May 12th, 2.30 p.m.**

Bi-Centenary Hall, Pitt Street.
Musical Items. Offering.

Miss Appleby will visit districts for organising work **if invited**. Requests should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Toomer, Monaca Road, Stoke, Nelson.

Miss Andrews will be available for Educational work during the year also, and early application should be made also to Mrs. Toomer.

all duties may be classified under the following headings, a man's duty to God, a man's duty to himself, a man's duty to his neighbours, a man's duty to society, we would affirm that gambling is a sin against God since it is the misuse of time, money and opportunity for which we are held responsible to God; a sin against self, since few vices so rapidly corrupt character, making men and women selfish and lazy, covetous and cruel; a sin against one's neighbour, since it is an effort to benefit at his expense; and a sin against society, since it inflicts numerous economic and social evils on the whole community."

BEER-DRINKING COMPETITIONS

A correspondent in a nearby East Coast town has sent particulars of a "beer-drinking" competition held in connection with a money-raising carnival for the funds of the Returned Soldiers' Association. Press cuttings accompany the letter, and the event held in one place is thus described: "It was a contest in speed, not in capacity, and took the form of relays between teams of six men. Two teams lined up, one either side of the table, with a glass of ambrosial liquid before each man. As the first man finished, the second commenced, and so on, the first team to finish entirely winning. Thirteen teams altogether entered. Unfortunately the Dairy Company, for some unexplained reason, did not compete."

Our correspondent also encloses a cutting of a letter published regarding the event. In it the question is asked: "Where is our civic pride? Has it dried up completely in the recent drought? What are our civic fathers dreaming about to permit such a method of raising funds for disabled soldiers and their families (or for any other purpose) as public beer-drinking competitions? The writer is a returned soldier, and as such is positively disgusted at such a method being countenanced by the R.S.A."

The writer goes on to state that this and similar actions of the R.S.A. have had the effect in his own case, and that of a much larger number than the Association realises, of causing the withdrawal of their support from the R.S.A. He adds: "We have not forgotten our stricken coppers; we are heart and soul in favour of raising funds for this particular purpose, but surely there is ample stimulus to give without including such a method as this."

When it is remembered that up and down the land, W.C.T.U. members have for many years assisted in the Poppy Day sales, one wonders whether we have not the right to enter our protest on behalf of those who are, like the above correspondent, keenly interested and anxious to help those who have suffered for their country in the last two wars, but who feel that they cannot condone such a proceeding by continuing to support the organisation responsible. It would seem that we have a definite case to present to the Association as a whole. That the local Dairy Company did not enter a team for the spectacle is not surprising. One realises that there is some self-respect which would utterly repudiate the whole thing among its members; and one can only wonder that any decent organisation could lend its name to it.

We are grateful to the writer of the newspaper cutting, who expressed the feelings of many of his fellow townsmen as well as of his wartime coppers.

In another part of the paper sent is an advertisement for a similar competition, which was held later.