

it, then, and may success crown your efforts."

Apart from the consideration of what the Parliament may actually achieve, and this promises to be eminently well worth while, the educational value will be immense. The rigid procedure to be followed, in full accord with Parliamentary tradition, should of itself be beneficial to women in running the organisations which have elected them as their representatives. And the volume of information to be available on matters of vital interest to everyone, which will be the business of the Ministers to produce, will form a fine equipment for the members whose aim it will be to influence general public opinion, with the State Parliament as the final goal of effort in the direction of securing those things so urgently felt to be needed.

A souvenir number of "Dawn," the monthly periodical of the "Women's Service Guilds" of W.A., gives full reports of the Parliament, and is procurable from:—The Editor, "Dawn," 1st Floor, Cecil Buildings, Sherwood Court, Perth, W.A. The price is 6d.

May the brightest hopes and expectations of the Parliament be realised in the time of their first members.



## NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

### Some Remits for Annual Conference From Wanganui

1. That the Minister in charge of Cinema be asked that a positive indication be given to parents that certain pictures are definitely suitable for juvenile audiences; and that a "Recommended as particularly suitable for children" certificate be attached.

2. That in criminal cases in the Supreme Court when juveniles are called upon to give evidence damaging to their own reputation, such evidence be not published.

3. That the pensions and allowances to civilian widows be put on a level with those of war widows.

4. That the amount of allowable earnings of widows be doubled, the position to be reviewed periodically. (Note: Owing to fluctuations in cost of living, it is thought necessary that the position be reviewed from time to time.)

5. That in view of the desperate need in many countries for all kinds of cereals, N.C.W. protests against the scandalous waste of barley in the brewing of beer, and asks the Government that rationing of beer be imposed as in Great Britain.

### From Manawatu

That as business firms, offices, factories, etc., are required to observe the forty-hour week and the Saturday holiday, the Government be asked that there be no differentiation made in the case of hotels; that bars be closed on Saturday, and not open for more than forty hours per week.

## OUR DEPARTMENTS SCHOOL OF METHODS

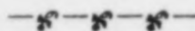
The Auckland District W.C.T.U. held a School of Methods on July 8th. Mrs. Hugh Kasper presided, and welcomed officers, superintendents and members from various Unions.

The morning session opened with Devotions, most of those present taking part.

Mrs. J. Williams gave a reading and a talk on Public Speaking and Leadership. The combined Departments of Social and Moral Hygiene, and Health and Nutrition, were studied and discussed. The Dominion Superintendent, Mrs. R. Mountjoy, had written a paper on "Health and Nutrition," which was read by Miss Appleby. The District Superintendent, Mrs. J. T. Holmes, also gave a paper, and an article was read from a booklet written by the World's Superintendent on the subject.

The School adjourned at noon and resumed at 1 p.m. The combined Departments of Good Fellowship and Flower and Philanthropic were dealt with; and Mrs. Kasper read a paper on the work of the Department. The membership Department was also studied and a letter drawn up to send to Unions was also read. An address on reporting was given by Miss Appleby, and was very helpful. The Methods Superintendent gave a talk on Parliamentary procedure and duties of officers.

Bright singing and flowers helped to make a happy and profitable School.



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### For July:

Otahuhu: New members, 4; by transfer, 1.

Mt. Eden: New members, 2.



## NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "WHITE RIBBON"

### From 10th July to 10th August, 1946

Onehunga, 1; Gonville, 1; Wanganui East, 1; Hastings, 1; Christchurch, 3; Spreydon, 1; Canterbury District, 4; North Brighton, 1; Oxford, 4; Port Chalmers, 1; Gore, 2.

Total, 20. Total number from 1st February, 120.



## DONATIONS TO WHITE RIBBON DAY FUND

The following donations to the above fund are gratefully acknowledged:—

Reefton, 10/-; Cambridge, 13/-; Timaru, 10/-; Nelson, £1; Kaikorai, 5/-; Hawera, 7/6; Papanui, 7/6; Christchurch, £3; Te Awamutu, £1; Feilding, £1/1/6; Gore, 10/-. Total, £9/4/6.

Total donations, £27/3/6.

## LETTER FROM A NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATE

June 11th, 1946.

Dear Madam,

I have often felt grateful that I have had the privilege of being a delegate to the N.C.W. To meet regularly and work with women of other organisations widens one's horizon, broadens one's views, and enlarges the range of one's sympathies.

When we work just in our own organisation we are apt to think that we are working harder than others in the Master's vineyard, and are more keen than they for the advancement of His Kingdom. This is far from being the truth.

I came away from the N.C.W. meeting yesterday feeling that every woman there was keen on doing her best for "God, Home and Humanity," though I was the only W.C.T.U. member there.

The subject of sport was discussed. It was considered very good in its place, but that too much time was given to it over the radio. One member, a Catholic, said she thought there was far too much racing news over the air, and that it was not good for the rising generation to hear so much about horses, etc. Others thought it unwise to take a negative attitude. The racing news was broadcast because there was a demand for it. If women wanted more time over the radio, they should take a positive attitude—they should demand it. This would perhaps exclude other things not so desirable.

The next subject discussed was the exploitation of the female form in advertisements. Pictures of women wearing brassieres were referred to, advertisements of a N.Z.-made corset, "Try the uplift"; also "B.O." advertisements. All present expressed their disgust, and said they were lowering to the dignity and honour of womanhood. It was resolved to send the following remit to headquarters: "That this Branch condemn the growing practice of exploiting the female form by advertisement for commercial purposes."

Then certain periodicals were mentioned as being even worse than these advertisements.

Some, with an attractive cover, and an attractive name. Who would not wish to have a good laugh?

I have not seen these personally, but other W.C.T.U. members may have. Would that there might be a stricter censorship over these things.

Well, Madam Editor, perhaps my letter is long enough. I am sure all W.C.T.U. women would agree with these views expressed by women of widely different organisations.

Yours sincerely,

A MEMBER OF N.C.W. AND ALSO OF W.C.T.U.