

President's Message

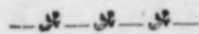
Dear Friends,—

"And it came to pass, that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto the people all the words of the Lord their God, for which the Lord their God had sent him to them." There only remain about three weeks between now and the Poll. So soon, as far as the 1946 licensing poll is concerned, the time to speak the "words of the Lord" in condemnation of this evil trade will be past. Have you and I spoken **all** the words we **ought** to have spoken? Is there still some message, some knowledge, of this dreadful thing that we should make known to some other person? It is necessary that we keep three lamps burning brightly—Faith, Prayer and Perseverance. If you have not already lit them, NOW is the time to light up. If you have allowed them to become a little dim, trim and polish them in the light of God's promise of victory to those who fight faithfully. We look forward to the time when there will be no legalised sale of beverage alcohol in this beautiful land. Although it may take some time to banish illegal sales, it will be much easier to cope with them if there is no "legal" wall for evil traders to hide behind. So, away with the wall.

Those there were who thought that the walls of Jericho would never fall, but they did. Those there are who think that the wall of the legalised sale of beverage alcohol will never fall, but IT WILL, for God is marching on.

Affectionate greetings to you all from
Yours in service,

C. E. KIRK.



NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE WHITE RIBBON"

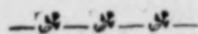
From 16th September to 10th October, 1946.

Otahuhu, 1; Karori, 1; Upper Hutt, 1; Christchurch, 3; Woolston, 1. Total 7.

Total number from 1st February to 10th September, 1946: 150.

Will all unions please note that the list of new subscribers will close on 31st December next, instead of 31st January, 1947? **We want more subscribers, and we want them now!**

A. D. GRIGG.



"Be content with your lot, but always fitting yourself for something better and something higher. Do not despise what you are. Be satisfied—for the time—not grumbling and finding fault."—Lord Strathcona.

SPECIAL REPORTS

OXFORD'S THIRTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY PARTY

A very pleasant gathering of members and friends was held in the Oxford Coronation Hall on Thursday evening, September 26th, in honour of the thirty-fifth birthday of the local W.C.T.U. A good fire, and abundance of beautiful flowers, gave a festive air. After the opening prayer, a programme of vocal and elocutionary items was much appreciated. The Rev. J. D. Jensen gave a most interesting address dealing mostly with the report recently presented by the Licensing Commission and urged that the utmost opposition should be made to some of the proposals, notably, that proposing the issue of licenses to restaurants. The Rev. T. Weston (Ministers' Association) and others spoke briefly, offering congratulations and good wishes for the future work of the Union. Supper was served, including a handsome Birthday Cake. Votes of thanks were passed to the speaker and those who had taken part in the programme, also to Mrs. Dally, maker of the cake. The evening closed with the singing of the Doxology.

WELLINGTON FAREWELL AND PRESENTATION

At its Executive meeting on September 30th, Wellington Union reluctantly bade farewell to their Treasurer, Mrs. Gardiner, who is going to live in Nelson. The President, Miss Brooks, on behalf of members, gave Mrs. Gardiner a book as a slight remembrance of the Union's love and thanks for faithful service.

Mrs. Gardiner also held the office of District Treasurer, and at the same meeting the District Officers expressed their appreciation of her work, and regret at her departure. Notice of the Treasurer's transfer had been short, and the arrangement of a presentation had been difficult. This took the form of a handsome pink-toned shoulder spray, pinned on by the District President, Miss Kirk.

Speaking as a Dominion Officer, Mrs. Grigg said that Mrs. Gardiner's move to Nelson might well help the Work among Seamen, of which Department she is Dominion Superintendent. Personal contact with the head of this important work might well stimulate Nelson's interest and activity in this sphere. Mrs. Gardiner replied most suitably.

At the September meeting opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Mrs. Ross, whose help to the Union in so many ways is always so untiringly and cheerfully given. More especially was her assistance invaluable during the move from Constable Street to Headquarters, so that members felt they would like to show their loving appreciation. The gift was a leather week-end bag, with which Mrs. Ross expressed herself as delighted.

DARGAVILLE—OPEN FORUM ON LICENSING REFORM

At the Community Centre at Dargaville a discussion took place recently on Licensing Reform, and the report of the Royal Commission.

Sister May Viney, Maori Welfare Officer in Dargaville, gave an address on "Drink Among the Maori People." In closing, she quoted a Remit passed by the Maori workers of the Methodist Church of New Zealand on "Temperance Education." "Conference recommends that leaflets should be prepared in the Maori and English languages, these to be distributed among the young people. That we approach those in authority, on Education on Temperance, to provide the necessary material for this type of work. It recognises the importance of Temperance Education for all our people, and feels very keenly for a more vigorous application of it among our Maori people. Conference further declares that all our agents should always recognise the significance of their high calling, and always set the highest example in the interests and welfare of the people, and God's kingdom."

This Remit is quoted in full by the Dargaville correspondent as being a matter of interest to those working among the Maori people.

SOCIAL AFTERNOON: HASTINGS UNION

The Hastings Union held a Social afternoon in the Methodist Hall, which was beautifully decorated with spring flowers by Mrs. A. Pitt. Mrs. Hickmott presided over a splendid gathering. A "Bring-and-Buy" stall and sale of work, under the care of Mesdames Hagerston and Osborn, did brisk business, the proceeds being for Union funds.

Mrs. Martin sang solos and Mrs. Collins gave elocutionary items. Mrs. Twiner gave pianoforte solos, and Mrs. Price also sang.

Afternoon tea was handed round and the Social Committee was in charge. The President closed a very happy afternoon with prayer.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE: BROOKLYN UNION

During the years since its inception, the Brooklyn Union has lost fifteen members by death. At their meeting in September, a special period was taken for the remembering of these comrades. Sincere tributes and appreciation of their life and work for the Church, and the Temperance Cause, were paid by Mesdames Brewer, Pickering, Dudley, Cracknell and Pearce. Lovely posies of flowers (several with forget-me-nots), were presented for each departed member. These were taken later to Central Park Hospital by the President, Mrs. Brewer, accompanied by Miss Appleby. The hymn, "For All the Saints," was sung to conclude the service.