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LETTERS FROM BRITAIN

To express gratitude for parcels received, two letters from Britain were read at the November meeting of the Palmerston North Union. One was from Miss D. Staunton, (19c, Medway Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1.) Editor of the "White Ribbon," who said they would be meeting in a fortnight's time when the various packages would be given out. What a joyful surprise it would be to the members. Many of them were living alone in small flats or single rooms, and even greater than the pleasure of gifts would be the joy of their N.Z. comradeship expressed in so practical a way. Miss Staunton said she would willingly send on parcels to other parts of London if they were addressed to her. She had received one from Gisborne Union, which was going to East London children.

The second letter was from Mrs. Macfarlane, (Greystones, 16, Bruce Road, Glasgow, S.1.). It read:—

"I cannot express my gratitude to members of the W.C.T.U. in Palmerston North, for the lovely parcel. What a thrill I got on opening it and seeing the contents! What a lump in my throat, and my eyes were not too dry. I have distributed its contents and what joy it has given. The honey I put into small jars, and quite a number had some. The youngest recipient was a little boy of five, who had a cold, and you should have seen him when he got some on his bread, and was allowed to scrape the dish. It would have done you good. All the happy and grateful people send you their loving thanks and best wishes.

"I am the vice-president of the Glas-

President's Message

Dear Friends—

My very loving and hearty good wishes to you all. May 1947 be for all of us a year of much encouragement and many opportunities for service. It will, and of necessity must, be a year of steady, unflinching battle with all that threatens to dim, or to hold back, the well-being of our wonderful country.

1946 brought us both happiness and disappointment, but not enough of the latter to give us cause to feel "beaten" in our fight against "this king of evil," generally known as the "liquor trade." The results of the 1946 Liquor Poll cannot be regarded as other than a challenge to renew our efforts, to begin at once on our educational work.

Let us go to meet opportunities of service, not wait until they have almost passed and we have to run in an endeavour to catch their disappearing skirts. Remember the old saying, "One volunteer is worthy twenty pressed men."

We look toward our 1947 gathering in Auckland, in March, with high hope and expectation of the good that will arise from our suggestions and discussions. The chief thought of each delegate, and of the Union sending her, will be "What can I bring to Convention?"

The greatest gifts we can bring, are, I think, Faith (see Luke 18:1), Hope, Charity, or love (see 1 Cor. 13:13). So shall we have an understanding and sympathy with each other which cannot fail to help us through the work of the year.

May our Father so help us to strive to achieve that state of Divine goodness which shall make each one of us fit to carry out His purpose for us.

May I suggest that we carry these words in our hearts throughout this year:—"Be of good courage and He shall strengthen your heart."

Yours sincerely,

C. E. KIRK,

Dominion President.

gow District Union, and superintendent of the Young People's Branches of our great Association. I have three hundred girls on the roll, and all pledged abstainers. Do you have a Young People's Branch in New Zealand? Could one of the Leaders get in touch with me and exchange ideas?"

NOTES RE WORLD'S W.C.T.U. CONVENTION

The Seventeenth Convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held June 5th to 10th, 1947, in Convention Hall, Asbury Park, New Jersey, U.S.A. The Sixteenth Convention was held in Washington, D.C., in 1937, but on account of war conditions no convention could be held since. It is marvellous the way the W.C.T.U. has carried on in the midst of the tragedies of war and during these years correspondence has been maintained with thirty-one countries.

The National W.C.T.U. of the United States will be the hostess for the convention, with Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin as chairman.

Notwithstanding the difficulties in securing transportation at the present time, we have already heard from many countries that they will be represented by delegates. A large delegation from Canada is already planning to be present. England, Scotland, Ulster, Sweden, Egypt, Palestine, Iraq, India, Malaya, China, Australia and New Zealand have already notified us that delegates have been appointed.

Many other lands are also sending delegates.

The convention will open with an Evangelistic Meeting on the afternoon of June 5th, and in the evening a Get-Acquainted Meeting will give all an opportunity to meet the delegates from many lands. The convention will close on Tuesday night. Executive Committee Meetings will be held on June 4th and 11th. Details of the programme will be announced later.

While the W.C.T.U. Convention is a delegated body, visitors are welcome and all sessions are open to the public.

With memories of the great convention in Washington, we look forward to a record attendance.

ELLA A. BOOLE,
President.

DOMINION OFFICERS

Nominations Received

Nominations have been received for Dominion Officers for 1947 as follows:—

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