

Departmental Work

SABBATH OBSERVANCE AND BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

Mrs. H. Paterson, Dominion Superintendent of the above departments, begs to thank all those Unions which have replied to her questionnaires on their activities.

BULLETIN

Just a little reminder to those who have forgotten to send in their payments for 1946. I am sorry for the irregularity of the sending of the "Bulletin"; but unforeseen circumstances prevented my receiving them. Now that the British agents have my address, they will be sent promptly. As many probably do not know that I am the agent, and have not my address, they will not have known where the subscriptions should be sent. Please send to this address:—

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NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

A Women's Biographical Society has been formed in Wellington, under the auspices of the Turnbull Library, to gather together and file data, records, diaries, etc., relating to Women's part in the colonisation of this Dominion. All information will be filed away at the Turnbull Library. Material required is that relating to women's activities in the fields of art, science, social welfare, health and hygiene, education, etc., in particular the names of all those women prominent in the above-mentioned movements and details and particulars of their lives. It is also intended to include a section devoted to the early settlers and women's part in the forming of homes during the very early days. What facilities they had, if any, what social life, in church or general community activities, and interesting information relating to the hardships of the early pioneers.

If you can help at all in this direction, or know of anyone who has such information, or any old family diaries or records, would you please communicate with Mr. Taylor, Librarian of the Turnbull Library, or Mrs. D. Jesson, 19 Upton Terrace, Wellington, N.Z., Secretary of the Biographical Society.

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at **Ashburton**: "Drink destroys Brain as well as Body. Nerves are made weak by alcoholic drinks. Once a man has taken a drink he is not responsible for his actions, for alcohol is a drug which dulls the brain."

—Leslie Cullerne.

THE MEMBER "SHIP" OF THE W.C.T.U.

There are ships that sail the ocean with rich merchandise in store;
There are ships that carry passengers to many a welcoming shore;
There are ships that seek adventure in the old lands and the new;
But the best ship is the Membership of the W.C.T.U.

It is bound for that far haven of land forever freed,
From King Alcohol's dominion, and the Liquor Traffic's greed;
For the port of Civic Righteousness and every mortal good—
Where Right is law and Law is right, in the Land of Brotherhood.

It is built of staunch Endeavour and of Purpose strong as steel—
Love and Truth and Faith triumphant, welded into hull and keel.
Though not always smooth the sailing, though not always calm the sea,
She rides the waves with never a doubt of her glorious destiny.

Many a ship sails many an ocean, seeking joy or gain—
But never a ship with a holier mission sailed the restless, bounding main.
'Tis a pleasure ship, a treasure ship, and a ship of service too.
O come aboard the Member "ship" of the W.C.T.U.
—Annie Durham Methvin, in "The Ohio Messenger."

HIGHLIGHTS

Onehunga reports a novel idea carried out during the year by the Devotional Superintendent of the Union, Miss Grigg. This was the taking of the initial letters of the Union's name, O N E H U N G A, and using one each time as the initial letter of the name of her subject. Some of the talks were on—O for Opportunity; N for Necessity; E for Efficiency; H for Humility; U for Unity; N for Nobility; G for Generosity; A for Activity.

WOMEN'S DIVISION FEBRUARY MEETING

The February meeting of the W.D. F.U. was held in the County Council Chambers, Mrs. J. Holmes presiding. Remits to be sent forward to the annual Dominion Conference were next considered.

That Government be urged to release more sugar for human consumption other than in beer, and that barley be diverted from brewing for use in feeding stock.—Carried.

—From "Waimate Advertiser."

BODY AND MIND DISCUSS THEIR OWNER

Mind (after one of his sprees): Well, here I am. He's sobered up. I'm on the job again.

Body: I missed you. It was not your fault; I want to make that plain.

Mind: I know. I don't like being fired; I like to hang around.

Body: You're surely needed around this place. Your judgment is sound.

Mind: But if my judgement is so sound, the "boss" ought not to say, "Sure, pals, I'll take another drink!" He loses me that way.

Body: Well you are strong and I am strong, but there must be some leak. However did we come to get a master who's so weak?

Mind: I wonder what he keeps me for? I'm surely not much use when he drinks whisky, gin or beer. I call that rank abuse.

Body: Yes, look at what it does to me; weakens my heart, my muscles, too. With whisky nothing works the way it is supposed to do!

Mind: That man who calls himself our "boss" must be a trifle dense. To harm his body and his mind makes very little sense. I've told him that I'm off the job when he is drinking whisky. He listens, but doesn't seem to care that it is risky. I've told him that he's dull and dense to feed me drinks like beer. I go to sleep or grow so dull that others call me queer.

Body: The morning after, I insist I always give him pain! Yet he who ought to use his mind shows very little brain!

Mind: You'd think he'd listen when I talk; he must be half a man!

Body: You'd think he'd heed the things I say. 'Twould lengthen his life span.

Mind: Perhaps the liquor makes him ill, too ill to know or care.

Body: Then what's the matter with the man? Is he "quite all there"?

Mind: I truly couldn't say, my friend, but I regret my fate, belonging to a man like he is, who won't co-operate.

—"The Union Signal."

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TEMPERANCE IN THE COMMONS

The annual meeting in Manchester of the United Kingdom Alliance is a useful yardstick for measuring temperance dimensions or advance. Mr. R. Wilson Black, J.P. president, took pleasure that there were twelve avowed abstainers in the present Government and that the new House of Commons afforded possibilities from the temperance point of view. He found decided relief in the passing of the late Government in which the vested interests of the drink trade were strongly entrenched. Mr. J. H. Hudson reported on a census of opinion of candidates in the general election. On the question of a "limited local option," which meant a district poll for the guidance of magistrates, favourable replies from those eventually elected were: Labour 143, Conservatives 20, Liberals 9, and Independents 2. Temperance, said Mr. Hudson, had 130 "plumpers" in the House of Commons.