

The Service of Memories

A beautiful bank of flowers handed in memory of departed members at one side of the platform, on Monday afternoon, in preparation for the Service of Memories, had been arranged by the Dominion Secretaries, and an atmosphere of calm assurance that those for whom the service was being held, were safe on the other side of life's troubles and sicknesses, and happy in the "calm of Paradise the Blest," seemed to be about us as we sang "Still, still with Thee." Miss Kirk, our President, read simply and beautifully, the story of Christiana's passing over the River to the Heavenly City, and grief was hushed as we felt that death was swallowed up in victory for those with whom we had worked so long.

The long list of names of those who had passed on during the year, was supplemented later, and their memory was kept in loving hearts. The complete list is given below. If by any chance, any name has been omitted, it will be given later if notice is sent to the Editor.

The length of the list causes anxiety. Are these vacant places in our ranks filling up? The call for new members has a greater urgency in the light of the knowledge that so many have gone on. They lived and worked for a great hope which they did not see brought to fulfilment. It is for us to seek what they sought. God speed us in the quest. And when we sang "For all the Saints" and saw in the light of a yet more perfect day, that countless host streaming in at the gates of pearl, almost we longed, to be among those of whom we had been thinking. But the word, where so much yet remains of work to do, claimed us; and, strengthened for the task, we turned straight to it again.

"These died in the Faith."

Auckland: Miss Fleming, Miss Jackson, Miss Widgley, Mrs. Kenten, Mrs. Rosser, Mrs. Sims, Mrs. Shore, Mrs. Woolley.

Northcote: Mrs. McKinnon, Miss Piper.

Mount Albert: Mrs. Moore, Miss Astley.

Devonport: Mrs. Sumner.

Mount Eden: Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Reid.

Titirangi: Mrs. Clark.

Takapuna: Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Lock.

Onehunga: Mrs. Ashe, Mrs. Parker.

Grey Lynn: Mrs. Hoare, Mrs. Scott.

Cambridge: Mrs. Joanna Martin.

Hawera: Mrs. Bone.

Aramoho: Mrs. Hallam, F.M., Mrs. Bish, Mrs. Grigg.

Wanganui East: Mrs. Hedges, Miss James.

Wanganui Central: Mrs. Collier, Mrs. Grinstead, Mrs. Heatley.

Levin: Mrs. McKain.

Napier: Mrs. McAlister, Mrs. Dale, Miss Pallott, Miss Pallott Jnr., Mr. Wilkinson, Hon. Member.

Waipawa: Miss Johnson.

Wellington Central: Mrs. Huffom.

Upper Hutt: Mrs. Braek.

Carterton: Mrs. Sayers, Miss Waterston.

Masterton: Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Miller.

Nelson: Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Rolleston, Mrs. E. Ward, Mrs. Williams.

Blenheim: Mrs. A. J. Mills, Mrs. A. W. Mills, F.M., Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Tooms, Mrs. Collie.

Christchurch: Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. Burns.

St. Albans: Mrs. Till.

Ashburton: Mrs. McLean, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Horrill, Mrs. Wake-
lin, Miss Watson, Mrs. Stoddard.

Waimate: Mrs. Dash, F.M., Mrs. Cameron.

Dunedin Central: Mrs. Downing, Miss Dick, Mrs. Sanders.

Linwood: Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Stokes.

Papenui: Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Bull, Mrs. Graham.

Riccarton: Mrs. Meharry, Mrs. Leth-
wick.

New Brighton: Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Pepperell, Mrs. Good.

North Brighton: Mrs. Felton, F.M.

North East Valley: Mrs. Green.

Oamaru: Miss M. Milligan, Miss A. Milligan, Mrs. Falconer, Mrs. Bridgeman, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Jones.

Invercargill Central: Mrs. Dobie, Mrs. W. A. Ott, Mrs. Pennington, Mrs. Gilmore, Miss McEwan, Miss Stables.

Invercargill North: Mrs. Hugh Brown.

Otautau: Mrs. Brown.

Winton: Mrs. McWilliam.

"Y" Union: Miss Matheson.



IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Green, N.E. Valley Union.

At the end of the year, Mrs. Green, another of our earnest Temperance workers answered the call to Higher Service. She had been an active worker for many years. As Letterwriter, Evangelistic Superintendent, and for the past few years, President, she was an efficient Officer whose place will be hard to fill. During a long and painful illness, borne with great Christian fortitude, she always had a cheery smile for anyone who had the privilege of visiting her. Her end was indeed Peace.

CHURCH PARADE

A fine number of delegates assembled at the appointed place on Convention Sunday and walked down Lower Symonds Street to the historic Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews, led by our Dominion Officers, our President, Miss Kirk, bearing our Banner. The minister of the Church, the Rev. David Pryor, received the banner at her hands before commencing the service.

There was something of a thrill in hearing that the seats in which we sat, the Bible in use in the pulpit, and the pulpit itself were the first used in the Church a hundred years ago. The Centenary services were announced, and are to be held in May. The sense of a "Cloud of Witness" made itself felt, and we were proud to be the guests of this Church which has made its impress on the life of the community for a century.

And what a fine Temperance sermon we heard. No timid, half apologetic utterance damped our enthusiasm. Rather we were spurred on to more sacrificial effort than ever before, and made to feel a fuller burden of responsibility in regard to our great objectives. Mrs. May McPherson sang two solos very beautifully.

Little White Ribboners—continued.

Letters to the eight-year-olds have value as theirs is an impressionable age, and the interest shown in them by the superintendent may have a lasting influence on them, especially if the value of the pledge and the dangers of alcohol are pointed out in a simple manner to them in an interesting letter.

A word about reports. Each district should appoint a C.R. Superintendent whose work it is to collect a report from each local C.R. Superintendent in her district, and forward all to the Dominion Superintendent as soon after the annual meetings as possible or before December 31st at latest. Where there is no District Superintendent all reports should be sent direct to the Dominion Superintendent. Banners are held for one year only and must be brought to Convention, or sent to Dominion Superintendent when the year expires.

I will conclude with the prayer that God's richest blessing will rest upon all L.W.R. workers during the coming year, and to all Unions I issue a slogan for 1947.

"Continuity in our Youth Work shall be our objective."

L. BREWER,
Dominion Supt.

BREWERS' USE OF GRAIN AND SUGAR

Sir,—We are being urged by our Government to make every sacrifice possible to save food to help feed the starving millions of Europe and Asia. The question that concerns many of us is this: "Are our Government and the British Government honest in their endeavour to prevent waste of food?" In Britain since the war be-

gan 4,200,000 tons of grain and 1,008,000lb. of sugar have gone to the breweries. Now we read that the British Government is making a paltry reduction of 15 per cent. in beer production. In New Zealand our drink bill has steadily increased, so that last year it was approximately £12,000,000. We have not heard so much as a whisper of a reduction in the production of beer and wine in New Zealand,

although the brewers and wine makers have been subjected to sugar rationing.

Surely it is a scandal that food should be wasted on alcoholic liquor, with its attendant evils, while millions are on the verge of starvation. Or do our Governments consider it more important that shareholders should continue to receive their dividends?—I am, etc., INASMUCH.

Waipukurau, May 14.