

"another meeting?" If that is how we feel it is high time we were on our knees asking God's guidance as to what we should do about it. Some say, "Oh, I cannot speak or lead in anything; I only dust and give out a few books." In short, they are rather disgruntled about the Martha jobs and feel inclined to give up. DON'T. It was clearly brought home to me recently that although Martha did not see as much of Jesus as she might have done, yet to her were spoken some of the most comforting, and at the same time, most glorious words spoken by Christ while He was on earth—"I am the resurrection and the life." Almost all of us have been thankful for that assurance, and we heard through Martha. Let us get on with the books and the duster; Christ has a word for you and me.

Our usefulness must include a very active and prayerful watchfulness, otherwise we may lose some of those things for which our Union, as fought so many years. The liquor trade is ever on the lookout for ways to entrap human beings, particularly the younger members of the community, into drinking habits, to get our young housekeepers drinking in their homes as well as out of them. In the Canadian "White Ribbon" we read that Ralph T. Kettering, Secretary of the American Brewers' Association, in an article published in the *Brewers' Journal*, June 15th, 1937, said these terrible things among others: "The time is at hand to begin a concentrated campaign to sell beer to the housewife. . . . Why not enlist the brewers of the nation to place beer in its rightful place, alongside bread and other foodstuffs, in the pantry and in the homes? . . . Once we have convinced the housewife that beer is both a temperance beverage and a foodstuff we have placed beer, its brewers and distributors, in a solid firm position to combat its unfair attackers and constantly growing unfair regulations. . . . Why not go to the very heart of the problem in enlisting the housewife on our side, and, through her, the family and the on-coming generation." That is as much of this lying propaganda as I feel able to lay my tongue to at the moment, but *watch out!* what the trade begins to do in one place it will soon begin to do in another. We must diligently pursue our educational work. It may not be very long before we are faced with the threat of wine shops; we must be prepared for any approach toward greater facilities for the consumption of beverage alcohol. Never for a moment must we forget that the Devil is never short of workers. Wouldn't you wonder that so many people are willing to do this evil work of encouraging people to drink when they can only receive such poor pay. Do they ever test the coins they receive as wages?

To be prepared we must help to educate each other; we all know what our goal is, but do we pass on to each other all the facts we learn that will help pave the way to that goal. Preparedness is the proper result of watchfulness. In our usefulness we must employ some of what are called the minor virtues—

such as kindness, tolerance, sympathy, cheerfulness, etc. Just how far-reaching the effect of, or how much value the constant practice of, these virtues may be, it is impossible to tell, especially in relation to World Peace.

Our usefulness can be materially helped by giving assistance to each other in the matter of public speaking—when we know of a woman who is suitable and willing to serve on school committee, hospital board, city council, etc., we must stand by, giving moral and any other kind of support we are able. It has been said that most, if not all, men who achieved greatness did so, largely because some woman, wife, mother, sister, or friend, gave them much help and, no doubt, discreetly administered, advice. If you read the lives of great men you will see that that is correct. Well, as it is evident that husbands and other male members of the community generally will not, or perhaps cannot, help the women as the women can help the men, it is therefore for you and me to act as "a good wife should" towards those who have the ability to qualify for public life.

Don't be deterred by those who raise the old cry, "a woman's place is her home; she should be looking after her children." Of course she should, but the folk who raise this cry forget that even a very average woman can, and does, do more than one thing at a time and because she cares for the children and home she must take her part in framing the conditions which will, to

a large extent govern the lives of her family. A woman has a more flexible mind and can take a longer view than the average man, most of whom have a one-track mind.

As from day to day we increasingly realise the meaning of our motto, "For God, Home and Humanity," so shall we increasingly value the great opportunities for expressing the Strength, Beauty and Usefulness of our Union, opportunities which, if rightly used, cannot help but reveal "The glory of the Lord." John Hay puts the case thus—

Saith the Lord, "Vengeance is mine;  
I will repay," saith the Lord.  
Ours be the anger divine,  
Lit by the flash of His word.

How shall His vengeance be done?  
How, when His purpose is clear?  
Must He come down from His throne?  
Hath He no instruments here?

Sleep not in imbecile trust,  
Waiting for God to begin,  
While growing strong in the dust,  
Rests the bruised serpent of sin.

Right and wrong—both cannot live  
Dear-grappled. Which shall we see?  
Strike! Only Justice can give  
Safety to all that shall be.

Shame to stand paltering thus,  
Tricked by the balancing odds;  
Strike! God is waiting for us!  
Strike! for the vengeance is God's.

### Welcome to Delegates—continued.

spent, on the 1944 figures would give all New Zealanders free travel on the railways for almost one year, or free tram travel for five years, or free telegrams, telephones, and postage for almost two years.

"That alcoholic drinking makes for inefficiency is fully known by the Trade itself is clearly shown by an advertisement which appeared recently for a "Barman, who must be a total abstainer." A bootmaker, or a butcher, or a baker, who advertised for a salesman who would never use the wares he sold had yet to be heard of."

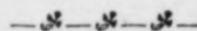
Speaking of the USES of beverage alcohol, Miss Kirk said, "There are practically none. It is scarcely used medicinally at all, it is useless as an aid to clear thinking, and also as an aid to straight walking or driving."

We had heard the thrilling music bidding us to "Fling wide the gates." How could we fling wide the gates when we deliberately wedge them with the Trade which does more damage than any other one organization? "Do we want better conditions, better homes, and more of them, less time lost in industry? And over and above these, and greater, is the need of health and happiness for little children. Do we want these? Do we?" So ended a telling and searching address.

## OUR DEPARTMENTS MAORI DEPARTMENT

### "Rangimarie" Maori "Y" Branch Scattered Members

A request is made by Miss C. M. McLay for addresses of members of the Rangimarie "Y" Branch who have left the district so that touch may be kept with them. If any reader can help in this they will be doing real service.



## THE LADY WITH THE BELL

Nobly she did her duty;  
Never once did she shirk  
The "ping" for the too lengthy speaker;  
Even when that was Miss Kirk.  
And Miss Kirk congratulated her on  
her impartiality, too.



## THE EXTRA

'Tis not the duty of the day,  
The race you ought to run,  
But just the thing you needn't do  
That earns the great "well done."  
The willingness for love to go  
Beyond the single mile.  
The measure pressed and running o'er  
That makes the Master smile.