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TEMPERANCE ACTIVITY IN
THE CHURCHES

After a period during which it almost seemed as though the Churches had decided to leave Temperance work to those who would undertake it if they felt like so doing, there is tremendous encouragement in hearing of a very definite re-awakening to responsibility in many Churches and in different countries. How it could be otherwise, in the face of the present situation which is fraught with the gravest danger to the Church life of the future, we cannot imagine. The awakening was bound to come sooner or later. Only those who **would** not see were blind to the certain consequences of ignoring this threat to every good influence the Church could wield. If W.C.T.U. members, through their Church contacts, can assist in stimulating interest in the subject, it is most earnestly to be hoped that they will seize any opportunity that offers itself. During the recent electoral campaign, surprise was expressed by many of our workers in different places, at the readiness with which Church organisations responded to their expressed willingness to address meetings on the subject. That willingness is not only evident during cam-

paign periods, but is there at any time if the right approach can be made.

In any case, it is grand to read that U.S.A. Methodists are planning a great Temperance Advance. Every member is being called upon to sign commitments to Total Abstinence. Every Conference in the U.S.A. sent a representative to a great Board of Temperance Conference in Chicago; a group of religious educators, chosen and headed by the Rev. Dr. John Q. Schisler, of the Board of Education, and editors of Church publications, formed this conference, which will be an historic mark, in that it is the first occasion in which every General Board of Methodism has co-operated in an organised Temperance movement.

In our own land, the very energetic and well-organised action of the Temperance Committee of the Presbyterian Church calls for comment. A questionnaire sent out under authority of the General Synod to all sections of the Church, and expected to be returned by the end of July, is a searching enquiry into the many aspects of the Temperance question as they affect members individually, and also as they affect the attitude towards the matter on the part of the whole Church. An article on the temptations of drinking that young people have to face is to be prepared by the Rev. S. W. Webber, for the Youth Number of the "Outlook." The "Brains Trust" on the Liquor question held at Dunedin Presbyterian Women's Fellowship, was an outstanding effort to bring the facts, regarding our New Zealand position to the ears of a large number who might otherwise have remained in ignorance.

The Baptist Church of New Zealand has also taken a clear line in a special issue of "Contact," the Baptist Young Men's Bible Class Magazine, which appeared late last year. Six times the usual number were printed for this issue, and it was twice its usual size. It was a notable contribution to the available information for young people, and shows that this Church has the liquor question very much at heart.

For all these signs of vitality in the places where it will have opportunity to increase, all Temperance workers of every creed will give thanks and rejoice. It behoves us particularly to do all we can to fan the flame till its heat is changed to work.

WITHIN THE VEIL

ELLEN SOPHIA DEARLOVE,
NAPIER UNION

Another link with the old bush pioneers of the Pahiatua district was severed when Ellen Sophia Dearlove passed away at Napier, aged 94 years. Nearly 70 years ago Mrs. Dearlove came out from England to join her husband who had preceded her, and had taken up a farm in the Pahiatua bush. For many long years, with the true pioneering spirit, they toiled at the job of making a farm out of the primeval bush. When this was accomplished they retired to Hastings, and lived there for some years before moving to Napier about 35 years ago. Mrs. Dearlove and her late husband were staunch supporters of the Methodist Church all their lives. It was during their early days in Napier that they played a large part in the prohibition campaigns of those times. They were chiefly instrumental in raising the funds that built the Willard Hall in Napier for the W.C.T.U. Mrs. Dearlove was buried in the Hastings cemetery with her husband, who predeceased her 22 years ago. The Rev. W. G. Henderson officiated at the graveside.—J.H.O.

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TEMPERANCE FACTS GIVEN
AT UNION MEETINGS

Dunnevirke:

When the great Canadian physician, Sir William Osler, was asked by a student, "Is it true that alcohol makes people able to do things better?" he replied, "No, it just makes them less ashamed of doing them badly."

Dargaville:

"The future belongs to the child. The three great enemies of child life are Ignorance, Poverty and Alcohol—and the greatest of these is Alcohol."—Sir Donald McLean, K.B.E., P.C.

For a Laugh:

"There are two sides to every question," said an interjector at a Temperance meeting. "Yes," said the speaker, "but it makes a mighty big difference to the fly which side he chooses."

80% of the cases of V.D. are due to the influence of alcohol. Alcohol and V.D. go hand in hand, there is no doubt about that.—Dr. Arthur Evans, F.R.C.S.

"Do you know? One pint of milk costing 3d. has greater food value than twelve pints of stout, costing 8/-? Each pint of stout contains one ounce of alcohol—a Narcotic Drug."