

President's Message

Dear Friends,

Will you allow me to stress the fact that we are fast approaching the time when we must make momentous decisions in regard to the conduct of our Unions. I speak especially of the matter of nominations for official positions that will be vacant in our Local, District and Dominion Unions before many months are past.

The points to be borne in mind are, I think, chiefly these: Earnest prayer that those who are suitable may be willing to accept nomination; that they may already have, or be willing to acquire, the necessary qualifications; that we may find Presidents who feel the absolute necessity for ending the liquor trade; that we may find Secretaries and Treasurers who take their work very seriously, who attend to letters and returns **at once**, not weeks after they **should** have been dealt with; that all officers are out of office at the annual meeting and that if we nominate a fresh person we are not "putting anyone out." Don't let us ever forget that those who have held office care about the Union and will surely not allow any personal feeling to affect the work should someone else be elected.

We all feel that the Union work is "For God," therefore, we are willing, nay, anxious that it shall be as perfectly carried out as possible.

Will you carefully consider the following points, for the preparation of which we are indebted to Mrs. Mountjoy, as forming a resolution of protest from Dominion Officers:—

1. Urging reforms which were proved to be beneficial during the war period by means of legislation, especially—
2. Restriction in advertising.
3. Prohibiting drink on trains and other public conveyances.
4. Prohibition of the removal of liquor from licensed premises during closing hours.
5. Prohibiting the sale of wine without a magistrate's licence.
6. Creating an offence of keeping liquor for sale by an unlicensed person in a licensed district.
7. Arrest and search without warrant for selling or exposing liquor for sale by an unlicensed person.

And so, as we face many duties, some of them difficult, let us pray the prayer of Robert Louis Stevenson: "Help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces: let cheerfulness abound with industry." May God bless us, everyone, and may we have no other desires than to serve Him and honour the King.

Your sincere friend,

C. E. KIRK.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominations are called for Dominion Officers for 1948-49.

These should be in the hands of the undersigned by OCTOBER 10th in order that publication may be made in the NOVEMBER "W.R." Nominations for Dominion Superintendents will also be accepted.

R. M. UNDERHILL,

Recording Secretary.

Maori Girls' Hostel

The much-appreciated half-crown subscriptions and other small donations have built up a fund of £45 to help with necessary repairs and painting. Subscriptions may be sent to Mrs. Long, 9 Cleveland Road, Parnell, or to Miss C. M. McLay, 115 Bassett Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2.

Strayed

A W.C.T.U. Hymnal with music, belonging to Miss C. M. McLay, with her name inside. Probably left at a meeting, or lent. Its return would be welcomed.

Address: 115 Bassett Road, Remuera, Auckland, S.E.2.

District Conventions

Auckland—September 21st to 24th: Auckland.

South Auckland—September 17th and 18th: Tauranga.

North and South Canterbury—September 16th, 17th and 18th: Temuka.

Wanganui—September 24th.

For Reporters

District Convention Reports

The editor cannot undertake to include Convention addresses in the reports, but will be glad to have them for use as opportunity arises in future issues. All reports must, please, be limited to one column of our space.

THIS IS IMPORTANT.

Union Reports

Some reporters still omit the NAME of the UNION, and the DATE of the meeting, causing much waste of time for the editor. Please assist by including these details.

No Union's reports will be published in two consecutive issues; but all reports sent will appear in due course.

Back Numbers of "W.R."

July, September and October issues, 1944, are wanted. Please notify the editor.

TEMPERANCE FACTS

Given at Brooklyn:

"Professor Hare, of Pennsylvania, submitted 17 kinds of beer to scientific tests, and his opinion is that 'the nutritive value of beer is so small that a whole barrel contains no more actual nutriment than a loaf of bread.'"

Given at Takapuna:

"Dr. Chas. Hill, of B.M.A., says: 'Alcohol is one of the worst health problems we have to face today.'"

REPORTS FROM DOMINION OFFICERS

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS TO JULY 31st, 1947

N.Z. Fund (General Fund): Oamaru £1; Masterton £1; Wellington £2/2/-; St. Albans 10/-; Oxford £2/2/-.

N.Z. Headquarters Fund: Hawera £2; Rangiora 18/-; Dargaville 10/-; Ponsonby £2/14/-.

Organising and Educational Fund: Wanganui East 7/6; New Brighton £1 10/-; Ashburton £5.

Maori Fund: Warkworth 11/-; Auckland 10/-; St. Albans 10/-; Christchurch Central, "Y" branch, 14/-.

World's Missionary Fund: Upper Hutt 10/-; Mosgiel 5/-; Hawera 10/-.

Caravan Fund: Personal donations, Christchurch, £6/11/-; Maungatoto, 5/-.

Treasurers are reminded that payments to the Organising and Educational Funds are now due.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.

August 11th, 1947.

Membership Report

	New Members.
Dargaville	5
Reefton	2
Hastings	14
Invercargill Central	1
Christchurch	3
North Brighton	1
Wellington Central	1
Donnelly's Crossing	3
Auckland	3
Transfers	3
Total	33

C. TOOMER,
Corresponding Sec.

List of New Subscribers to the "White Ribbon"

From 11th July to 12th August, 1947: Mt. Eden 2; Remuera 3; Tauranga 1; Hamilton 1; Cambridge 1; Levin 3; Wairoa 1; Brooklyn 9; Blenheim 4; Riccarton 2; Papanui 1; Oamaru 2; Invercargill 1; Maori Dept. 5. Total 36. Total number from 1st January, 142.

Donations to "White Ribbon" Day Fund

We acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—

Opotiki 15/-; Johnsonville 12/-; Brooklyn 12/6; Papanui 7/6; Kaikorai 5/-; Karori 7/6; Riccarton 10/-; Whangarei 10/-; Tauranga £1/7/-; Levin 8/-; Linwood 10/-; Christchurch £3 3/-; Mosgiel 5/-; Shirley-Richmond 9/6. Total £10/2/-.

Correction in previous list, Hawera, 7/6.

Total donations to "W.R." Day Fund, as at 12th August, 1947, £20/6/10.

A. D. GRIGG,
Business Manager.