President's Message



Dear Friends,-

Which way are you looking? Along God's road, toward certain victory in our fight against the Liquor Traffic, or are you allowing yourself to look along the Doubter's road that will make your efforts so much less effective than they ought to be? A fact that we should strive to make plain is that there is no neutral ground in this fight. If we do not work with God to banish evil, by default we are working against Him. As long as we live we are heart and soul in the fight to banish beverage alcohol. That being the case, we can never support State Control, Trust Control, or any other method of sale; two of the chief reasons against the sale through any channel whatsoever being, 1-That Alcohol will still be a poison, under whatever conditions it is sold; and 2-That it is the cause of more damage to human life and happiness than any other known factor.

Let your hearts be filled with God's love and pity, and your minds with God's knowledge. Unfurl your banners, and go forward to victory with firm steps and cheerful faces.

Very cordial greetings from

C. E. KIRK.

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"You gave on the way a pleasant smile And thought no more about it;

It cheered a life that was sad the while, That might have been wrecked with-

And so for the single smile and the fruitage fair,

You'll reap a crown, some time, some

Southern California "White Ribbon."

WORLD CONVENTION **DELEGATES**

It is a cause for much thankfulness that our dear sister, Mrs. Hugh Kasper has returned from the World Convention safely and in much better health than when she departed on the strenuous but delightful excursion. We all rejoice in her return, and welcome her with true affection to her own

land again.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Mackie has not been so fortunate. An attack of illness, probably attributable to the great heat, which she felt considerably, has resulted in medical advice that she must not undertake the return journey for some time. Rest and quiet will do their work, and we are glad to note that Mrs. Mackie is not debarred from quiet outings, and is able to attend church services and even to speak in public on occasions. She asks for our continued prayers on her behalf. She will spend Christmas in America.

Important Announcements

WELLINGTON DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Dominion Convention

Will delegates requiring hospitality at Dominion Convention to be held in Wellington next year, please send word as soon as possible to

MRS. C. G. JOHNSON 2 Shirley Road, Karori, Wellington, W.3.

The sooner the better, please, because of accommodation difficulties. All names of delegates are also asked for.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Misses McLay, Maori Organiser and Dominion Organiser respectively, have removed to Rotorua, and their address is now-79 Haupapa Street, Rotorua.

PARCELS TO BRITAIN

It will probably be of interest to W.C.T.U. members to know that food parcels to Britain may be sent free of cost if sent through the Red Cross. They would then be distributed to the most necessitous cases by the Food Allocation Centre, London. Hackett, Postmaster-General, said in the House that "unaddressed food parcels for despatch in bulk to the Food Allocation Centre, London, may be forwarded without prepayment of freight, to the Joint Council of the Red Cross and St. John in Welling-ton, and to the Red Cross at any other of the three main centres. The Red Cross arranges despatch in bulk, and such gift parcels are distributed in

Great Britain by the Ministry of Food to the most necessitous cases. method of despatch has the advantage of conserving shipping space, and at the same time, ensures equitable distribution amongst those whose need is greatest. All freight and packing charges up to the stage of shipment, are borne by the New Zealand Government, and the actual sea freight is borne by the United Kingdom Govern-

-C. JAMIESON.

MEN AND WOMEN OF "J"

Members are asked to forward good novels, "Wild West" ones also, magazines, Church and Temperance periodicals, to the men, girls and women, of the "J" Force in Japan. They may be sent to known individuals, to those who speak over the air, to chaplains, or to the Station Libraries. A suggestion is also added that Temperance Clippings might be used. They can be pasted on fly leaves, etc.

PEACE AND ARBITRATION REPORTS

The Dominion Superintendent, Mrs. Mackie, whose health has suffered as the result of heat whilst she has been in the U.S.A., asks that Union reports on Peace and Arbitration should be sent to her at the following address:—c/o Mrs. Lee Cowie, 1311 North Mentor Avenue, Pasadena, California, U.S.A., where she expects to remain till after Christmas. These reports should be sent as soon as possible after the District Conventions to be prepared for Dominion Convention.

REPORTS FROM DOMINION **OFFICERS**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Whangarei, 5 new members; Pukekohe, 5 new members; Onehunga, 3 new members, 2 rejoined; Levin, 2 new members; Masterton, 4 new members; Blenheim, 3 new members; Wellsford, 10 new members. Total, 34 new members.

> C. TOOMER, Cor. Secretary.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO THE "WHITE RIBBON"

13th August to 11th September, 1947 New Plymouth, 2; Inglewood, 1; Brooklyn, 5. Total 8.

Total number from 1st January, 1947-150.

DONATIONS TO WHITE RIBBON DAY FUND

The following donations are gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Flower, 5/-; Mt. Eden, 10/-; Dunedin Central, £1. Total, £1/15/-.

Total amount to date, £22/1/10.

A. D. GRIGG. Business Manager.