

AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

WORK AMONG SEAMEN

22 Alma Street,
Nelson.

Will all Superintendents, or Secretaries, please send their reports to me as soon as possible after their Annual Meetings, so as to enable me to report on all work done throughout the Dominion?

M. F. GARDINER,
Dom. Supt.

LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENT

Dear Branch Secretaries,—

If your Branch has done any work in my Department during the year, will you please see that it is reported to me before December 15th? If your Branch has no Superintendent in this Department, please attend to the matter yourself.

At the same time, please send me any resolutions your branch wishes to send to Convention.

Be sure that this information is sent to me before December 15th, so that Branches may study the resolutions before Convention.

Yours sincerely,

C. HENDERSON,
Legal and Parliamentary Supt.

BANDS OF HOPE

How are all the Bands of Hope functioning this year? Who is to win the membership Banner?

Be sure to report—report fully, and in time. Make a point of purging your roll, marking off any who have not attended during the year, and stating in your report the number of **Pledged** members. Give as much detail as you can regarding the year's work—entries for Scientific Exams, results of same, studying done, etc.

Reports of newly-formed Bands are of special interest. Please send your reports by the end of November to—

MISS V. A. JAMIESON,
57 Layard Street,
Invercargill.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

Dear Sisters,—

Will you please send to me, not later than the 20th of December, reports of any work done in the Methods Department? Please answer this questionnaire:—

1.—Have you formed a Study Group, had talks on the Aims and Objects of the W.C.T.U., the duties of officers, or the New Zealand Constitution?

2.—Have you formed or introduced any new methods this year?

3.—Have you held a School of Methods, or trained any members for office?

4.—Are you carrying out any of the work of the "Five-fold Plan"?

With the answers to these, please send an account of any other work done in this department.

With warm greetings,

AMY KASPER,

Dom. Superintendent,
Methods Department.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY AUCKLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

1.—That we consider it should be made compulsory for all vehicles carrying school children to and from school, to be clearly marked both back and front with the words, "School Bus."

2.—That all traffic should be compelled by law to slow down to five miles per hour when passing a stationary "School bus."

3.—That we are of the opinion that a penalty should be attached to the breaking of the by-law re drinking on railway trains.

4.—That we view with alarm the pernicious sex literature being imported into our country, and desire the Government to prohibit this importation as it affects the social, and moral living of the younger citizens of New Zealand.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM TALKS AND ADDRESSES

NELSON DISTRICT CONVENTION

Mrs. Underhill, guest-speaker at the Nelson District Convention, in the course of her address, told of how Frances Willard had a vision of the whole world as a "White Ribbon" army, and gave up a well-paid position to devote her life to the cause of Temperance. Today there was a challenge to the women of New Zealand to rid the country of the liquor evil, and the W.C.T.U. had accepted it, "till death or victory."

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION

Miss Kirk, Dominion President, in the opening devotions of the South Auckland Convention, stressed the fact that our organisation had never lacked a Leader. Our Leader was Christ, and all we could do was to be sure of having sub-leaders. If we could realise that the Leadership was always there, we should not be so afraid of being the sub-leaders, and the work would prosper more abundantly.

EDITOR'S LETTER-BOX

Dear Editor,—

In this month's "White Ribbon," there is an article headed "Challenged to a Debate," by Miss C. H. McLay. This article is very interesting and very well written.

In it, Miss McLay states that the quantity of water Jesus made into wine was 120 to 130 gallons. I would be very interested to know how Miss McLay is able to quote the quantity.

Then, Miss McLay refers to the two kinds of wine in the Bible. The one, she says is the pure blood of the grape, and the other, fermented liquor.

Can Miss McLay state the references to prove this? I would very much like to know where the references to this are to be found in the Bible.

I am positive Jesus never drank intoxicating liquor, or made it for other people to drink.

Yours truly,

PROHIBITIONIST.

"Prohibitionist" is referred to John 2, verse 16, marginal note in Schofield, which says 1 firkin is equal to about 9 gallons. The verse says:—"There were set six water-pots of stone . . . containing two or three firkins apiece." It is therefore probable that the quantity of wine made was 120 to 160 gallons.

A very helpful paper, "The Wines of Scripture," prepared and written by Mrs. Lee-Cowie for the W.C.T.U. is obtainable from W.C.T.U. Headquarters, 46 Brougham Street, Wellington, price 2d., which gives references in full.

C. M. McLAY.

Dear Editor,—

I was interested in the article on the Franchise in the September "White Ribbon," and heartily agree with you that women should receive equal pay for equal work. However, since I have to "live out a languid, monotonous existence in the home," I would like to protest against such a description of the life lived by many folk, who, either to help others, or as wives and mothers, must stay "in the home." Don't you think it is time the responsible people of our society realised that Home-making is equal to any work a woman may take up? As long as women apologise for their highest privilege as members of society, we can hardly expect young people to take up house-keeping as a life-work.

Sincerely yours,

SADIE HAYMAN.

OVERSEAS LETTERS FROM NIUE ISLAND

Dear Miss Kirk,—

Please thank the kind donor of this lovely organ, through the "White Ribbon." The gift is a magnificent work of art. We are singing to it every Sunday. We cannot thank the giver sufficiently for the costly gift.

We are very sad indeed at the loss of our dear friend, Mrs. Peryman. Please accept our sincere and deep sympathy. We have lost two of our best friends in Mrs. Howlem and Mrs. Peryman. But, even though we regret it, it is the only way to Eternal Life. It is only a short time till we see them again. We can only think of their good work.

We will be visiting New Zealand in November. We hope to see some of you kind folk.

With best wishes from your Niuean sisters,

MALAMA VAIOLA HEAD.

P.S.—Very many thanks for the "Y" papers and the "W.R." Some of the children coloured the pictures. I feel like sending some of them for the New Zealand children to see.

M.V.H.