

President's Message

Dear Friends,—

As the holiday season is approaching it is surely a good time to ask ourselves if there is anything more we can give, either material gifts, the gifts of service or the gift of prayer?

All these gifts have been showered upon us as the months of 1947 have sped along; have we repaid, with interest?

Even in the holiday season there are many opportunities for our work. There are some good, new leaflets in the Literature Department. How would it be if each one of us took a dozen for distribution between November 1st and December 31st?

We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that a great many people, mostly young, and some of them very young, will be strongly tempted to take their first alcoholic drink during the Christmas and New Year festivities. If you and I can dissuade even one from taking that first taste we shall not have spent our time in vain.

"Ask in faith, nothing wavering" (James 1:6).

With cordial greetings,

Yours sincerely,

C. E. KIRK.

else, GOOD. With all my heart I am prepared to support any officers elected.

Believe me,

Yours for service,

C. E. KIRK.

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FROM THE YOUTH DIRECTOR

I would very much like to hear from the branches of the W.C.T.U. which have not yet replied. I hope these branches understand that I am not trying to tell them what to do, but rather to help them for the future.

J. CHAMBERS.

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FOR UNION REPORTERS

All Union reports sent in for the December "White Ribbon" will be published if received before November 15th.

THE EDITOR.

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DOMINION OFFICERS' REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hastings, 1 new member; Wanganui, 3 new members; North Brighton, 3 new members; Opawa, 1 new member; Nelson, 2 new members; Dargaville, 3 new members; Waimate, 2 new members; Tauranga, 2 new members. TOTAL: 17 New Members.

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DOMINION TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts to September 30th, 1947.

N.Z. Fund: South Dunedin, 12/-; Mt. Eden, 10/-; Feilding, 12/-; North-East Valley, £2; Nelson, £5.

N.Z. Headquarters Fund: Whangarei, £2/2/-; Te Awamutu, £5; Kaikorai (Mrs. McKenzie), 10/-; Fencourt, 10/-; Blenheim, £5; New Brighton, £1/8/-; Kaiapoi, £10.

Organising and Educational Fund: Wellington, £1; Mt. Albert, £2/10/-; Te Awamutu, £2/6/6; Levin, £2; Birkenhead, £2/2/-; Blenheim, £3/8/-; Kaiapoi, £1; Port Halmers, £1/14/6; St. Alban's, £2/2/-.

Maori Fund: Te Awamutu, £1; Wanganui East, 1/6; Blenheim, 12/-; Levin, 10/-; Tinwald, 14/-; Kaiapoi, £1; Eltham, 10/-; Feilding, 17/9.

Franchise Day Collections: Ashburton, 14/-; Dannevirke, 11/3; Wanganui East, 10/-; North-East Valley, 6/-; Reefton, 10/-; Warkworth, 8/-; Auckland, 6/-; Napier, 11/2.

World's Missionary Fund: Mt. Eden, 5/6; Blenheim, 5/-.

Mission to Seamen: Te Awamutu, £2. Caravan Fund: Personal donations, Christchurch, £3/6/6; Birkenhead, £1; Mt. Albert, £2/2/-.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.

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FROM BROOKLYN

"It is true that there is a great deal of profit in the sale of liquor, but I would remind honourable members that the profit made out of the sale of liquor is profit made out of the souls of one's fellow-men."—General Botha.

"No man ever sold liquor with God's permission."—De Witt Talmage.

THE MASTERTON BILL

The news of the withdrawal from the Masterton Trust Control Bill, of the clause relating to the sale of liquor in restaurants and tearooms has given great cause for thankfulness. Undoubtedly the emphatic protests sent from so many of our Unions, and from other quarters also, have had their effect. That the ratio of population to the number of hotels that may be established in a given area has been reduced from 1,000 to 500 for one hotel is, more or less counter-balanced by the liberty to protest given to local residents. No hotel is to be erected in close proximity to a school, church, or hospital; any twenty residents may, by protesting, prevent the building of any hotel in their particular area.

The statement made by the Minister that no definite legislation on the Royal Commission's recommendations will take place before next year; and that a referendum would be taken on any major issue is welcome news. Time will thus be available for the marshalling of our forces and the preparation for a defensive campaign. It behoves every W.C.T.U. member, and friend of Temperance, to become acquainted with the viewpoint of our adversaries, as well as to be armed with our own ammunition.

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MRS. HICKSON AGAIN

My Dear Winnie,—

You do seem to have had a bad time with that flu. It does seem awful that people have to go through it every now and then. They are saying that the doctors can give you some stuff now that clears it all away in no time. That's all right, but when you know that, give it time, it'll clear itself up, you don't feel like getting the doctor. Anyhow, they're so busy, some way they don't seem to want to come like they used to.

But if you feel like a bit of a rest, just you up and come here. It would do us both good to get together. Just drop a card to say when you'll be here.

John had a man here yesterday doing some work on the shed. He said he'd had flu, and he took a big dose of whiskey and went to bed and slept all night. He hadn't got over it very quickly because it had been an extra bad attack. John began telling him that if he'd not had that whiskey he'd very likely have been much quicker in getting about again, and I left it to him as I had to get the dinner.

When you come, and be sure you do, I'll tell you all about our Convention. It was really good this time.

Look after yourself. Love from

MEG.

Important Announcements

NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERS

Nominations for Dominion Officers have been received by me as follows:—

President: Miss C. E. Kirk, J.P.

Vice-President: Mrs. J. Hiatt.

Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. H. N. Toomer.

Recording Secretary: Mrs. V. Underhill.

Assistant Treasurer: Miss J. Atkinson.

No nomination has been received for the position of Treasurer.

Mrs. J. Hiatt who was nominated for President and Miss Kirk for Vice-President, withdrew these nominations owing to ill-health of Mrs. Hiatt, and were re-nominated for the above position. I regret that there was not time to advise the Union concerned in regard to the change.

R. M. UNDERHILL,

Rec. Secretary.

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Dear Editor,—

May I ask for space to make a personal explanation to those Unions who were so kind as to wish to nominate me for a further term of office, and to whom I wrote declining their offer. At the time I understood that Mrs. Hiatt was nominated and that fact, together with private difficulties, made it seem best for me to refuse. Most unfortunately Mrs. Hiatt now finds that, for health reasons, she is unable to stand and so, at the eleventh hour (nominations close tomorrow) I have accepted nomination. If you have selected someone