

# “THE WHITE RIBBON”

## Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending December 31, 1947

Following on an increase in the cost of production, the subscription was, in April, 1947, raised to 3/6 per annum. The Unions responded very well to this increase in the subscriptions, but we did not receive sufficient, in subscriptions and donations, to completely cover the year's working costs, and had to draw on the surplus from former years, to meet our payments.

New Subscribers totalled 192, a decrease of nine on the previous year. We have written off 170. Of this number 37 have received the call to their Eternal Home, 17 have been written off as not paid up, four have left their addresses and are untraceable, and 112 have cancelled their subscription for various reasons. Of those written off as “unpaid” may I say that accounts have been sent to them for their subscriptions, several times, but no replies have been received.

Of the new subscribers the numbers in the different districts are:

### South Island

Marlborough	11
Nelson	8
North Canterbury	39
South Canterbury	2
Otago	20
	84

### North Island

North Auckland	7
Auckland	16
South Auckland	19
Taranaki	5
Hawke's Bay	9
Wanganui	5
Manawatu	13
Wellington	34
	108

The union with the largest number of new subscribers is **Brooklyn**, with 27. This union wins the Banner for 1947.

The “White Ribbon” Vase has been won by Riccarton, for 1947, with 138 subscribers.

The Banner for Unions with under 20 members, having the largest increase in new subscribers, on a percentage basis, is Te Kuiti (European), with 37½ per cent. gain.

**Beacons.**—The number of “Beacons” sent out each month rose to 525, an increase of 142. This has followed the work of our Organiser among the Maori people.

**Y.P. Supplements.**—We now have 140 orders for monthly copies of our young people's paper. The total issue for the year came to 73,025 copies, and all these were disposed of. This is an increase of 9,765 copies over the previous year. This is a splendid effort towards giving Temperance Education to our children, a work which should be undertaken by every union.

Once again I would like to thank the principals and staff of Messrs. Wright and Carman, Limited, for their helpfulness and co-operation in print-

ing and issuing our paper. Also to express our sympathy in the loss of Mr. R. A. Wright, their senior partner, who for so many years has been one of the supporters and upholders of the temperance cause in this country.

To our auditor, Mr. G. A. N. Freeman, too, I would like to offer my grateful thanks for his kindness in checking and overseeing the book-keeping.

And I would like specially to ask you to express, by acclamation, your thanks to those ladies and gentlemen who each month undertake the work of addressing the wrappers for your papers, and so do for us an important part of the “White Ribbon” work.

May our paper, through a much wider and larger circulation during this coming year, reach out still further towards those who as yet are ignorant of the ravages of the liquor traffic in this land.

A. D. GRIGG.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Year ending December, 31, 1947

### Expenditure

	£	s.	d.
Printing and publishing	608	5	4
Stationery	31	16	11
Postages, telegrams, and tolls	15	1	1½
Prizes, Y.P. Supplement competition	1	2	6
Convention expenses	11	1	0
Honorarium and Social Secretary charges	26	17	6
Sundries	1	4	2
Bank charges	0	14	0
	£696	2	5½

## CONVENTION REMITS

(Remits were printed in full in February Number.)

The following remits were deleted, Nos. 8 and 11.

No. 2 was altered to read: “That this Convention views with alarm the pernicious sex literature being imported, and also published in New Zealand, and desires the Government to prohibit the importation and also the publication in New Zealand of this type of literature, as, in its opinion, the social and moral well-being of the younger citizens are adversely affected by it.”

No. 13. The Resolution adopted at the World Convention was substituted for this: “Being gravely concerned at the continued wastage of grain and sugar in the manufacture of intoxicants, especially at this time when millions of people are in dire need of food, we pledge ourselves through our National Unions in all countries to protest against such wastage, and to urge our Governments to discontinue the use of food materials for any kind of intoxicating drink.”

No. 16. The last phrase of this was altered to read, “And urges that in the interests of common morality the granting of Art Union permits shall be abolished.”

No. 10, dealing with the holding of Convention bi-annually, was lost.

## Receipts

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions and sales	571	14	0
Advertisements	61	19	4
White Ribbon Day Fund	39	5	9
Donations	1	4	1
	£674	3	6

Excess Expenditure over income, year ending December 31, 1947	21	18	11½
	£696	2	5½

## BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1947

### Liabilities

	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund at 31/12/46	86	3	8
Less Excess Expenditure year ending 31/12/47	21	18	11½
	£64	4	8½

### Assets

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand	3	0	7½			
Cash at Bank of New Zealand	26	14	1			
				29	14	8½
Typewriter				10	0	0
Desk and Pigeonholes				9	10	0
Desk				15	0	0
				64	4	8½

Audited and found correct.

G. A. N. FREEMAN.

February 2, 1948.

All the rest, some in amended form, were carried.

An additional Resolution suggested by Mrs. Emery, of the Te Kuiti Maori Union, was “That we urge upon the Government the appointment of specialist teachers in all schools for the teaching of the Maori language, arts, crafts, genealogy, and traditional history.”

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

### MARLBOROUGH

Women from all Churches gathered in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blenheim, on Friday, February 13, to join in the keeping of the Women's World Day of Prayer. The programme, arranged by members of the International Day of Prayer Committee in the United States was used. This was divided into sections, the following ladies acting as leaders: Morning — Mesdames N. Forbes, Bayley, Taylor, and Miss E. Tarrant; afternoon—Mesdames Kirkham, Kearse, Julian, and Bythell. Scripture readings were taken according to the programme, in the morning by Mrs. Underhill, and in the afternoon by Mrs. Hale. Hymns as set out on the programme were used, with Mrs. W. D. Pike at the organ. Attendance at both sessions was good.