

President's Message



Dear Friends,—

May I again remind you of the motto of the "King's Daughters": "Look up, not down; look forward, not backward. Look out, not in, AND lend a hand." Look up to God for help and guidance. Look forward to the banishment of this terribly evil thing, alcohol. Look out beyond your own interests and see the need for ridding the country of this evil, and then with the help of God LEND A HAND. It would not be too much if you lent both hands.

Just at the moment will you try to lend a hand by interesting children in the forthcoming Essay and Poster Competitions? Most of us know some children; have we told them about the Competitions and how interesting they are? There are special notes prepared by the Examination Superintendent which are available to all entrants. If you have none to hand write to Mrs. Toomer, Songer Street, Stoke, Nelson, for copies. Be sure and tell her how many you want.

With very good wishes for your happiness in the use of your hands toward the Victory that God has promised to those who "keep the Faith."

Your sincere friend,

C. E. KIRK,

Dominion President.

"WITHIN THE VEIL"

MRS. OLIVER SUTTON, NELSON UNION

On the morning of June 23, 1948, the "Home Call" came to Mrs. Oliver Sutton, Hill Street, Richmond, Nelson.

Mrs. Sutton, née May Constance Tunnicliff, was born at Upper Wakefield on October 9, 1876, her ancestors being some of the first pioneers of that district. She was married in Foxhill Methodist Church on December 2, 1896. She leaves her husband and two daughters and three sons to mourn the departure of a loving wife and mother. In her 13 years of partial disability she was a patient sufferer. Previously, she had been an active Church and Sunday School worker. At the early age of eight, she signed the Band of Hope Pledge and followed up the Temperance Cause all her life. She was a W.C.T.U. member for over 30 years, and one of the Richmond Foundation members. Our President, Miss Dyson, made a wreath of white flowers with a white ribbon bow, which was placed on the coffin in the most prominent place. This was specially cherished by her husband, as it would have been by herself, for it was "For God, Home and Humanity" that she served.

MRS. MAHURI TAWHANA, TE KUITI UNION

The Maori Union at Te Kuiti has suffered a great loss in the recent passing of Mrs. Mahuri Tawhana. Her interest and loving desire for our members to carry on were an inspiration. Her strong, brave, independent character made an impact on all who knew her personally. She was fearless and regardless of the cost when speaking of evil. Kindly in giving advice, she was known and respected by everyone. The influence of her life on the general public was shown by the people who came to her funeral service to pay their last tribute, when ministers of all denominations took part.

Ma Ihua Koi hei manaaki, Maana koe hei tiaki.

Ma Ihua e mea kia ara ake te mara-matanga o ma

Kanohi ki runga kia koe, Maana ano etuku iho te rangimarija

Kia Koe aiane i Ake ake Amene.

MRS. LILY CRAWFORD, LOWER HUTT UNION

On July 12 Mrs. Lily Crawford, a stalwart of the Lower Hutt Union for 20 years, was called to Higher Service.

During the past 10 years, as Secretary, her ideals, her interest and her practical help in the work amongst the young people, together with her loyalty and devotion have helped in

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Hymn 115: "How firm a Foundation, ye saints of the Lord."

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians Ch. 3, verses 1-7.

A Lesson on Prayer

"There was in a city a judge. . . . There was a widow." Luke 18, 2:3.

Our Saviour used common circumstances to teach uncommon lessons. A harsh judge and a needy widow furnish the characters for a lesson on prayer. How many times we have missed the blessing because we have given a feeble knock at the door of Mercy and then, like mischievous children, have run away. The Lord teaches us a lesson in Faith, for He tells us not only to knock, but to keep on knocking.

Afflictions

1 Thess. 3:3.

"The storm of affliction may become a very hurricane, but it can never blow hard enough to move the 'soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose.'"

"While God may not send directly every one of our afflictions, yet He has appointed us to meet them. And the realisation of the fact that not a single affliction is foreign to His loving interest or beyond His loving care stabilises our wavering souls like nothing else."

—"The Presbyterian."

NOONTIDE PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father, we ask Thee to help and encourage the officers and members of the W.C.T.U. and every organisation throughout the world which seeks to build up Thy work. May the members be inspired to come forward to organise Youth Movements. So many of us have been bent upon selfish ends that we could not stop to think and work for the Young People of our lands. Oh, Lord, give us a vision of Thee and help us to have the courage to take up this work. We pray Thee to fit us for it.—Amen.

no small manner to strengthen our Union.

Faced with failing health and the knowledge that her span of life upon this earth was limited, her confident faith and unfailing courage were an inspiration and challenge to us all.

It was a great joy to our members when a few months ago a small group was able to visit her and our President pinned on her "Long Service" Badge as a token of our esteem.

To her husband and daughters we offer our sincere sympathy, and pray that the happy memories of their loved one will bring comfort and consolation.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."