

nevertheless, still a sound principle that he who gets drunk does so to his own peril and must pay for his remissness when he is sober. The popular excuse is invalid that a drunkard or partially inebriated man never intended to do the harm that he accomplishes. It is nevertheless still advanced in extenuation of the evil accomplished. Too often attention is concentrated upon the wrongdoer: the victim is forgotten. It is claimed when suppression of publication of names is requested that the accused will lose his employment or will be deprived of the use of his car which will reduce his ability to earn his living. These are matters which responsible people think of before they indulge themselves and irresponsible people will only be deterred from their remissness by having severe penalties imposed upon them.

The time has already arrived when the responsibilities of road users to themselves, to the passengers and to others must be recognised in their fullness and treated with the seriousness which they merit. The Commissioner of Transport deserves to be supported in his desire to make the roads safe for everyone.

THE CHRISTIAN'S SCIENTIFIC APPROACH TO THE LIQUOR PROBLEM

We present this summary of 10 ways in which science comes to the aid of the Christian temperance worker.

1. Science does away with the ignorance of which many Christians are guilty. It discourages exaggeration, over-statement and unbalanced opinion. It throttles wild and fantastic schemes.

2. Science analyses the alcohol problem, singling out those areas where it must call in the man of God for consultation and guidance.

3. Science provides a court of finality, from which there is no appeal; neither law nor human opinion can change the court's pronouncement of what is intoxicating after science has rendered its just verdict.

4. Science furnishes accuracy of information which, when appearing in the armor of a righteous cause, becomes invincible.

5. Science challenges the Christian to assert his proper reaction to the fact which it reveals, and calls on forces outside of itself to undertake that which it confesses it cannot do.

6. Science provides a means of expression, a new language, whereby one may appeal to the modern man.

7. Science provides a fellowship of like-minded devotees of the truth, who by their agreement resist false theories of tradition, and advocate only the attested facts.

8. Science equips us with the mental

Dominion Officers' Meeting

June 30 and July 1, 1948

In very beautiful weather, the Dominion Officers assembled at Headquarters on June 30, at 1.30 p.m. One flew, two came by water and one by train, the rest being "on the spot."

Miss Kirk, Dominion President, led the opening Devotions, her subject being the comfort that comes from knowing that "He will show us the way we must go, and the thing we must do," and that His strength and presence will be with us.

Then a great deal of business was begun. It took many hours of careful discussion and nothing was lightly undertaken. Special matters of interest were the position regarding the Headquarters Secretary it is hoped we may have secured ere long. Various steps were agreed upon as the means of finding a suitable lady for this work. If the housing problem were solved, probably this one would also be solved. No one can come to Wellington without knowing where she is to live, so the difficulty is increased for us.

Literature was an interesting subject. The article which appeared in the June issue of the "White Ribbon" on "Nationalisation of the Drink Trade" by Mr. Cecil Heath, B.A., President of the United Kingdom Alliance, and the husband of our World Secretary, has been prepared as a pamphlet and arrangements were made for it to be put into the hands of all the Ministers in the Dominion. Other plans for leaflets in preparation for next year's poll and referendum, with the probable 6 o'clock closing issue to be voted upon, were made. It is strongly felt that the constant use of leaflets has a value well worth the small trouble of distributing them. The idea of each member undertaking to "place" five of these after each monthly meeting is good. Five are no trouble to anyone, but if they are done by every member, every month, real results are likely to follow.

"**Alcoholics Anonymous**" was introduced by correspondence and it was agreed that its work and results should be the subject of articles in the "White Ribbon." An officer was

and practical equipment to do a specific task—it equips personality.

9. Science confirms today what the Christians have always held with respect to the evils of alcohol—it is of no good to the body, internally, which supports the validity of accepted Christian standards.

10. Science explores the field of activity and makes the boundaries of definite means of approach—it classifies the objectives of consideration.

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furnishing the Dominion Library with a copy of an exhaustive study of the organisation, which would arrive within a few months. This would be available for all members who wished to know fuller details of what appears to be a genuine solution for many drink victims of their terrible problem.

A little complaint was heard coming all the way from Auckland. This was that the "Bulletin" subscriptions are not always paid up and that the agent, Mrs. Cook, finds herself out of pocket on this account. We had better all check up on this and make sure that we are not among the forgetters. It is so easy to let a little matter slip.

Finance: Our newly appointed treasurer, true to the tradition that a good treasurer must really "treasure" the money entrusted to her, reminded us that the New Zealand Fund, from which so much has to be done, showed the necessity for this to be assisted by all Unions, according to their ability. It was pointed out that some Unions which do not send delegates to Convention and who do not hear the appeal made there, are apt to overlook the need for their help in this regard. The small contributions add up to considerable sums, but they should come from all Unions.

Pledge Cards and Badges for Bands of Hope and L.T.L.'s were discussed, and it is hoped that these will be on hand shortly.

"**Beacon**": It was suggested that "The Beacon" might be put into the hands of B.L.C. Class members. The cost is small, 6/- per hundred, not quite 1d. each. "Teen-agers" might thus be reached and influenced.

Organiser's Report: Good news from Miss C. M. McLay, Dominion Organiser, was received. The Maori and Pakeha Unions formed in co-operation with Sister Nicholls in the King Country were progressing well. Another Union had been formed with the assistance of Mrs. Josephs, President of the Te Kuiti Maori Union, and interest was spreading.

Many other matters were touched upon. Perhaps one of the most interesting was the date of Dominion Convention. The visit of Their Majesties and Princess Margaret will make it necessary to hold Convention probably earlier than usual, because of the difficulties of travel and accommodation. It was left for the Corresponding Secretary to make enquiries of the South Canterbury Executive as to suitable dates for them.

N.C.W. Remits were discussed so that Miss Kirk, our Dominion Representative, might know the attitude of the Officers and receive some guidance regarding voting on them. Most of them were left to her own discretion.

The meetings closed at 5.10 p.m. on the 1st with the repeating of The Lord's Prayer and the Benediction.