

ONLY ONE WAY TO CONTRACT ALCOHOLISM

Considerable emphasis is being laid just now upon the fact that alcoholism is a disease to be treated as any other malady which afflicts the human body and mind. The alcoholic, it is said, "is a sick person who should be treated as such, to be loved back to health." With this we are in agreement. In fact, there can be no disputing the fact that the person who is sick from overdoses of alcohol is really sick. Moreover, such a one should be accorded all the loving consideration and assistance due to a person who was born to be a child of God. But there is a very grave danger in this attitude towards the chronic drinker, a danger which may easily result in increased alcoholism.

Titus Frazee, secretary of the California Temperance Federation, Inc., very aptly remarked not long ago: "Alcoholism is a disease. That is perfectly true. But no one ever contracts the disease who does not drink alcohol."

An attractive young woman stood in prisoner's row in the Saint Louis city court the other day, pleading with the Judge that she might be sent to the penal farm. She was an alcoholic. "I can't stop drinking while I am allowed to remain free," she told the magistrate, and at her own request he sentenced her to 30 days in the workhouse.

Very evidently she was one of those who "should not drink." But no bartender, social hostess, liquor dealer, or advertisement told her as she took her first drink that she was "one of those." Instead, she was encouraged to drink by social custom, by expensive and artistic advertising, and by those who called themselves her friends. She is a dreadfully sick person today. But she never would have been so if she never had tasted alcohol.

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LINES WITH A HINT

Some abstainers begin
Frequenting the Inn.
One young fellow starts
For the sake of the darts.
Another one goes
To play dominoes,
And soon are aware
They're not wanted there,
As they always steer clear
Of the ale and the beer.
Unwelcome to come
Ignoring the rum.
Dark looks they may face,
Or broad hints, in their place.
Oh, for a Temperance Club,
Instead of the local pub!

—John S. Sutherland, Inverness, in
"Scottish Women's Temperance News."

—From "Cobbers."

Bulletin of Union News

NORTHLAND DISTRICT

Wellsford, May 25: Mrs. Fordyce presided in the absence of the President, and also took Devotions. Mrs. Moore, President of the Warkworth Union, presented a very interesting report of the Dominion Convention.

June 22: Very good attendance presided over by Mrs. Singleton. Devotions led by Mrs. Fordyce. Pledge and Temperance Fact. Report on the newly organised Cradle Roll Department showed that 26 names were on the Roll during the month. "Y.P. Supplements" have been distributed to three Sunday Schools. Splendid collection of vegetables brought for the Maori Girls' Hostel in Auckland. Decided to organise a combined Temperance Social evening, with a speaker from the N.Z. Alliance. "White Ribbon" Day observed and collection taken. Two new subscribers.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Executive Meeting, July 5: Mrs. F. W. Mountjoy, District President, in the chair. Good attendance. Devotions led by Miss Grigg. Mrs. Mountjoy elected as representative of the district for the N.Z. Alliance Annual Conference. Several invitations received from local Unions to their Anniversary celebrations. Reports received from representative to the Empire Cancer Campaign Society's meeting and from the Ellen Melville and Pioneer Women's Memorial Committee and Mrs. Mountjoy reported on the function organised by the Salvation Army for the members of the N.C.W. to visit the Army's various Homes and Institutions in Auckland, which she and other W.C.T.U. members had attended. Mrs. Mountjoy also reported on the monthly meeting of the N.C.W. Preliminary arrangements made for Annual District Convention to be held in September.

Kohi-St. Heliers, June 17: Meeting held at the home of Mrs. Lediard. Mrs. Pearson, Evangelistic Superintendent, spoke on "Love" from John 4. As a Temperance Fact Mrs. Lediard read Mrs. Kasper's article in the "W.R." Mrs. Read conducted the meeting. "White Ribbon Day" was observed. A pleasant discussion on smoking and drinking among the young people took place. Mrs. Lediard was thanked for the use of her home.

Warkworth, July 9: Mrs. R. Moore presided over a fair attendance. Roll call answered by thought on "Hope." Temperance Fact and "thought for the month" given. Mrs. Bartle read a paper on "Sabbath Observance." Much thought-provoking discussion followed, members determining to give example, precept and thought to the command "Remember the Sabbath Day."

Remuera, June 28: Mrs. Kasper presided and led Devotions, which included the singing of some choruses. Pledge and Temperance Fact. "White Ribbon Day" observed by members reading extracts from various back numbers. 10/- voted for "W.R. Day" fund. Benediction.

Ponsonby, May 20: The President, Mrs. R. A. Joiner presided. Devotions being led by Mrs. Christopher, who spoke on "The Potter and the Clay." Temperance Fact given by Miss Runciman. Mrs. Major Mahaffie (S.A.) gave an address on "Keys," first reading a poem called "The Keys of Tomorrow" and following on about other keys. Pledge and Benediction.

June 17: President in the chair, Mrs. Christopher leading Devotions on "The Woman of Samaria." Mrs. Kasper as speaker was accorded a very warm welcome, giving an account of her travels last year, for which she was accorded warm thanks. Pledge and Benediction. £1/17/6 raised for Children of China through medium of CORSO.

SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Tauranga, July 6: Excellent attendance. Devotions led by Mrs. Bensley, subject being the comfort and assurance that come from belief in the certainty of the fulfilment of Christ's promises. Reports on Band of Hope, National Council of Women, and Pan-Pacific Association meetings. Report on Dominion Officers'

meeting given by President. Names handed in for scheme of Mutual Help for Women. Good "Bring and Buy." Two new members initiated.

Waihi, July 8: Very good attendance of members and visitors. Mrs. H. Clark presided and led Devotions. The speaker was Mrs. Christian, District Vice-President, and she gave an outline of work in progress in the Dominion, reporting on a recently-held Officers' Meeting (Dominion). Much interest being taken in Band of Hope recently started and well attended. Enjoyable duet sang. Afternoon tea and closing Prayer.

Te Kuiti Maori Union, July 9: Meeting held at the Maori Pa, eight being present. Letter of apology for absence and resignation from the secretaryship received from the Secretary, illness in the family causing this step. Sister Nicholls agreed to act as Secretary for the meeting. Discussion on Headquarters donation, £1 forwarded to Dominion Treasurer.

Fehcourt, July 1: Miss Rickard, President, in the chair. Miss O. Clark led Devotions. Clothes handed in for a parcel for CORSO. Tins of fat also brought to send to a Temperance Union in England. President reported on a visit paid to Ward 18 of the Waikato Hospital by herself and Mrs. Clark, where they distributed biscuits to the patients. Temperance Fact, Benediction and afternoon tea.

TARANAKI DISTRICT

New Plymouth, "White Ribbon Day": Mrs. Tuffery led Devotions. Miss McLeod welcomed back. Terrible cost of Liquor Traffic shown in Temperance Fact. Mrs. Stewart spoke on "Home and Family" week. Our part in this to be "Posters" and these were displayed. President's letter in "W.R." read and Mrs. Black rendered solos. Good competition held on the letters of the words "White Ribbon." A splendid padded suit made by Mrs. Wood for a Chinese child was exhibited. Members reminded of Seamen's Rest Mart in August and asked to make articles for sale. Benediction.

WANGANUI DISTRICT

Wanganui East, June 10: A very successful social afternoon was held, about 60 members and friends being present. New members were secured and a very profitable programme was well received. A stall under the guidance of Mrs. Walker and Miss Jarvis brought in about £9/5/- towards the funds. Mrs. Day presided and afternoon tea was served.

Wanganui Central, June 3: Mrs. Wilson took the chair and led Devotions. A motion of sympathy was passed for Mrs. Duxfield, our President, at the passing of her sister Mrs. Gill. Nine members present. A welcome was given to Miss Wadsworth after her long absence. Miss Kendal spoke on the "White Ribbon."

July 1: Mrs. Duxfield led Devotions and took the chair. Nine members present. Rev. Martin spoke on remembrance of several men who were fighters against the liquor traffic.

HAWKE'S BAY DISTRICT

Dannevirke, June meeting: Splendid attendance in spite of wintry conditions. President in the chair. Temperance examinations dealt with, also poster and essay competitions. Reference made to an article in "The Outlook" on the subject, "Is Gambling Excessive?" Appeal made for literature for the Seamen's Rest at New Plymouth. A letter of commendation to be sent to the Borough Council for their action in making additions to the by-laws relative to drinking in the domains. The Rev. Mr. Dickens gave an address for which he was heartily thanked. Tea hostesses Mesdames Wallace and Middleton and Miss Thompson. Good offering for "White Ribbon" funds taken up.

MANAWATU DISTRICT

Feilding, July 7: Mrs. Tremaine presided. Mrs. Taylor led Devotions and spoke on the "Bonds of Fellowship." Three visitors from the Palmerston North Union warmly welcomed. They took over the meeting and entertained with recitations and talks. Thanks were extended to them. A letter of thanks