

President's Message



Dear Friends,—

Congratulations to those who have gained new members and new "White Ribbon" subscribers. Congratulations, too, to those who have honestly tried to gain new members and subscribers but who have not yet achieved their aim. Just keep on trying; you are doing good educational work even if it takes folk some time to go all the way with you.

Once long ago I heard the head of a Mission School asked what qualifications were needed by a teacher in such a school, and the reply was "Know your A B C and have eternal patience." That is just what we need in our work—to know our A B C—that is, know the facts about the liquor traffic, and then have eternal patience; just the patience God has with us.

Have you studied the Findings of the Royal Commission on Licensing? We should be well prepared with our reasons for objecting to Trust Control, to the extension of hours, to the extension of time between Polls. May I urge you to give good heed to information contained in the "White Ribbon" and also in the "Vanguard." You will find just about all you need in those two papers.

May we seek, and willingly accept, God's help and guidance in the difficult times ahead of us. Remember "He only wins who sides with God."

Your sincere friend,

C. E. KIRK, Dominion President.

It is with the deepest regret that we have to tell of the passing away, after a short illness, of Miss Elsie Andrews, of New Plymouth, our loyal Education Officer. We give to her sister, relatives and many friends our sincere sympathy in this time of sorrow, which we share.

"WITHIN THE VEIL"

Mrs. Metekingi, Te Kuiti Maori Union

The Te Kuiti Maori Union has lost by death another member, Mrs. Metekingi, who just joined the Branch at the beginning of this year. She was ever ready to help in any active work of the Union and attended the meetings while her health permitted. She has entered into rest and left a pleasant memory with those who were associated with her in temperance work.

Mrs. Mary Bogren, Brooklyn Union

The Brooklyn Union has sustained a great loss by the passing to Higher Service of Mrs. Mary Bogren. She was a very devoted member whose quiet friendliness endeared her to all. She was also a servant of Our Lord, and did many good deeds by stealth. Early in this year she was attacked by a very painful malady, and, though unable to attend her loved meetings, never failed to send words of encouragement and her usual contributions. Mrs. Bogren will long be remembered for her devotion to our cause and to the Brooklyn Union.

The funeral service was attended by the Prime Minister, members of Brooklyn and Central Unions, and representatives of the Central League of Mothers, Hospital Auxiliary, and Aro Street Methodist Guild, of which organisations she was an honoured member. The floral tributes were very beautiful.

"For those we love within the veil
Who once were comrades of our way,
We thank Thee Lord; for they have won
To cloudless day."

Death of Rev. R. C. Patchett, Te Kuiti

It is with the deepest sympathy that we record the passing of the Rev. R. C. Patchett, Methodist Minister at Te Kuiti. The Maori Union and also the Pakeha Union there will be much the poorer by this great and unexpected loss.

Mrs. Patchett, a daughter of the Rev. Hedley and Mrs. White, well-known to many of our members, has interested herself and the children of the Methodist Sunday School in the Band of Hope which has made a fine beginning at Te Kuiti. Loving prayers on her behalf and that of her children will rise from many hearts.

Mrs. Hannah Shearer, Karori Union

There passed away last month one of our oldest members in Mrs. Shearer of Karori at the age of 93.

Mrs. Shearer was a member of the Karori Union for nearly 20 years, but her interest in the work of the W.C.T.U. goes back much further than that.

She was always interested in the work among seamen, and had been present when the Timaru Sailors' Rest was opened.

Many beautifully knitted scarves were sent by her to Timaru each year over a long period, but of late years Mrs. Shearer turned her attention to knitting for the British Sailors' Society in Wellington, and she continued in this work to the end of her life.

AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENT

Calling all W.C.T. Unions

Be prepared, Branch Presidents. Watch the papers, and when the recommendation of the Licensing Commission on extension of hotel hours is to come before Parliament, send a protest to your local M.P.

There is a lot to be said for the old time method of "Snowballing," as surely a few will miss the waste-paper basket.

Something along these lines should be effective:—

"We, the — Branch of the W.C.T.U. protest against the recommendation of the Licensing Commission that hotel bars be open from 8 to 10 p.m., and feel strongly that such retrograde legislation being enacted would be detrimental to the public welfare.

"We trust that you will give the matter your earnest consideration.

"Yours faithfully,"

NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE WHITE RIBBON" FROM JUNE 15 TO AUGUST 12, 1948

Whangarei, 1; Warkworth, 1; Hamilton, 1; Hastings, 1; Dannevirke, 1; Wellington Central, 1; Palmerston North, 1; Springlands, 2; Canterbury District 4; Lawrence, 2. Total, 15. Total to date, 121.

DONATIONS TO "WHITE RIBBON" DAY FUND

We acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—

Te Kuiti (M.), £1; Hawera, 8/6; Wellington Central, 15/-; Dunedin Central, £1; Mosgiel, 7/6. Total, £3/11/-. Total to date, £22/18/4.

A. D. GRIGG, Business Manager.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

HAWKE'S BAY, September 15, at Napier.

SOUTH AUCKLAND: September 19 at Hamilton, Methodist Hall, London Street.

NORTH CANTERBURY: September 22 and 23 at Christchurch.

AUCKLAND: September 12 (Sunday), Church Parade; September 13 (Monday), Reception; September 14 (Tuesday), Convention Communion Service at Beresford St. Congregational Church at 9.30 a.m. 10 a.m. Opening of Convention in the Edinburgh St. Presbyterian Hall; September 15 (Wednesday), Convention, closing p.m., Church Parade in West Street Church of Christ, Reception at Edinburgh St. Hall at 2 p.m.

MARLBOROUGH: September 21 in St. Andrew's Hall, Blenheim. Guest speaker: Mrs. Tennent of Picton. Opening 10 a.m.

MANAWATU: September 22 in Methodist Hall, Grey Street, Feilding.