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which are sent protests against raffles, art unions and gambling generally; **Sailors' Rests**, one in New Plymouth and one in Timaru, under the charge of the W.C.T.U. Members knit scarves, pullovers, socks, etc., and make "ditty-bags" to hold mending, writing paper and other small comforts for sailors. Through the **Legal and Parliamentary Department** legislation is watched, and resolutions are sent relating to anything detrimental to the well-being of society. **Literature** is published, suitable for distribution, proving from medical science the baneful effects of beverage alcohol. Some Unions run a Purity and Health Department. Others work for Bible in Schools, combining with it a Department called "Sabbath Observance." The Department of Backblocks, Camps and Institutions gives Unions the opportunity of sending temperance and other good literature to various distant camps, etc. Pictures are sent to mental hospitals by some Unions. The Evangelical Department is a very important part of the Christian Temperance Union. **Peace and Arbitration Department** work is directed towards the promotion of world peace and goodwill. One meeting a year is usually held in each Union for the discussion of international peace.

Much more could be said on the work of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. For instance, keen interest is shown in our Maori sisters, and Unions have been formed which are working well, in the King Country.

Wherever a need for reform exists the W.C.T.U. is ready to give its undivided support in the name of our Lord and for His glory.

## TEMPERANCE FACTS

### Given at Brooklyn:

"If we were to include in one list the deaths directly due to chronic as well as acute poisoning by alcohol, it would stand first of all poisons in order of frequency."—Dr. Winter Blythe, in "Poisons: Their Effect and Detection."

"Total abstinence from all alcoholic liquors is the greatest factor in success."—Don Bradman, International Cricketer.

Alcoholic advertising has been refused by American magazines which have a total circulation of nearly 44,000,000. In addition alcohol advertising has been refused by 180 daily newspapers and about 2,000 weekly newspapers.—From "Church and Community."

**Given at Takapuna:** "In the 18th century, England was described as a drunken country, and now the number of temperance workers are making themselves felt and are doing much to improve matters."

# PEACE CAMPAIGN

INAUGURATED BY VERA ROBERT AKERSSON,

Superintendent of the World's W.C.T.U. Department for Peace and Arbitration

A most interesting series of documents calls our attention to the great call issued to all the world by Mrs. Akersson of Sweden, to enter into an actual Peace Campaign. A supporting letter from the General Secretary of United Nations Associations, Mr. John A. F. Ennals, shows how completely Mrs. Akersson's project is approved by U.N.A.

Dr. Merrington, President of the U.N.A. of New Zealand, is urging that October 24 should be observed by the Churches as the day for prosecuting this campaign. It is very earnestly hoped that this will be done. As members of the W.C.T.U. whose officer has most courageously initiated the plan, it is incumbent on us to do all possible to make this day a success. It is suggested that Church Parades should be arranged for that Sunday. Ideas will present themselves as to ways and means of publicising and furthering the project. A formal offer of help might be made to Ministers' Associations. The sooner this is done the more likely it will be for the offer to be accepted and use made of it. The campaign should appeal to every woman, and our imagination is stirred at the prospect of adding our efforts to something really constructive in the cause of "Peace in our time," permanent and lasting because built on true foundations.

We present letters referred to above. Mrs. Akersson writes: "I have written to Mrs. Mackie and sent her a report of the present development of the Peace Campaign. . . . The W.C.T.U. of Australia, Canada, South Africa and Austria, have promised to try to bring about a general rousing in the cause of peace in their respective countries. Also in the United States and in England, several representatives of the W.C.T.U. are working for the same aim, and the World President of the W.W.C.T.U., Mrs. Nora Forrester-Paton, has undersigned the resolution. . . ."

The campaign has been very successful in the four northern countries of Europe. We have laid particular stress on mass meetings. The results are not quite clear yet, but we have had 200 meetings in Sweden, and at many of them 500-900 persons have been present, and have unanimously passed the resolution. . . .

We hope that in all other countries organisations which have joined the movement will do the same. We also heartily hope that the W.C.T.U. of New Zealand will try to bring about a rousing for peace all over your country, together with as many other organisations as possible, the Churches and men's organisations too.

Etc.,

VERA ROBERT AKERSSON."

The resolution runs as follows:—

"We ask as a realisation of the programme of the United Nations:

1. An agreement regarding Peace Terms which must be such as to prevent the making of a new war.

2. As soon as possible, reconstruction of the world founded on collaboration and confidence.

3. Respect of the rights of all peoples to freedom and independence.

4. Freedom of confession, thought and speech for every man.

5. Respect for treaties and declarations concluded, in the first place the Kellogg Pact, the Atlantic Charter, and the Statutes of the United Nations.

6. Obligatory arbitration of all international conflicts.

7. A new declaration of the human rights, including, besides freedom of confession, thought and speech, safety of person, life and property, all people's equality before the law, even chances to all of professional training, the right to gain one's living through work, and security from want.

8. International disarmament under strict supernational control.

9. A fair distribution of the raw materials of the earth.

10. An international jurisdiction, founded on righteousness, humanity and goodness.

11. Immediate measures to be taken, banning total war, atomic bombs, gas and bacteriological war.

12. Ultimately abolition of war altogether."

### Mr. Ennals letter:

"World Federation of United Nations Association, May 13, 1948.

Dear Mrs. Robert Akersson,—

Thank you for your encouraging and interesting letter concerning the development of your Peace Campaign. We are glad to know that it is developing well in Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden, and that plans have been made to start in Australia and South America.

I entirely agree with you in your wise emphasis on the importance of developing Peace work in many countries, and that is just what this Federation is doing.

We hope very much that you and your movement will co-operate with us in our campaign for Peace through the United Nations.

If there is any specific way in which we can help you in your good work, we should be glad if you would let us know.

With best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN A. F. ENNALS,

Secretary General."