

## AMONG THE DEPARTMENTS

### MAORI DEPARTMENT

I shall be glad to receive reports of all work done in this Department by the Unions, before December 15.

With grateful thanks to all members who have in this sphere helped to promote the Cause of International Good Fellowship.

C. M. McLAY,  
Maori Superintendent.  
79, Haupapa Street, Rotorua.

### BACKBLOCKS, CAMPS AND INSTITUTIONS

Will all members of Unions who have done work in the above Department please reply promptly to the Questionnaire which they will receive shortly? I hope every Union is working in this Department this year, as recommended by the Findings at Convention.

ALICE MOYES.  
Dominion Superintendent.  
Weka Street, Nelson.

### GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND FLOWER AND PHILANTHROPIC DEPARTMENTS

I shall be glad to receive reports from District and Local Superintendents or Secretaries, of the work done in the above Departments, to enable me to prepare my report for the next Dominion Convention.

These reports will be prepared for the District Convention, so that much time could be saved and anxiety avoided by letting me have them when District Convention is over.

A. M. McLAY,  
Dominion Superintendent.  
79, Haupapa Street, Rotorua.

### WORK AMONG SEAMEN

Will all District Superintendents of "Work Among Seamen" please send their reports to me as soon as possible after reading this?

MARGARET GARDINER,  
Dominion Superintendent.  
421, Trafalgar St. South, Nelson.

### L.W.R. DEPARTMENT

The time has arrived for Unions to send their annual reports to their District Superintendents. They should contain the following data:

- Number on Roll (C.R.) at the beginning of the year.
- Number of new members during the year.
- Present number on C.R.
- Activities—homes visited, parties, literature distributed, and any other items of interest.
- Union membership. (This is to ensure correct grading for the banners.)

Will District Superintendents please forward these reports to me as soon as possible? If left till late in the year they are apt to be overlooked in the Christmas rush.

Where there is no District Super-

## EDITOR'S LETTER BOX

# THE PEACE CAMPAIGN

Dear Editor,—

It is refreshing and encouraging to read in the September "W.K." two whole columns advocating the claims of Peace and urging the N.Z.W.C.T.U. to join with Sweden and numerous other countries in an organised constructive Peace Campaign. It is high time the women of the world united to outlaw war. I believe they could if they would.

Personally I was greatly disappointed with the silence of the Peace Department of the N.Z. Union during the recent war, which resulted in even the "White Ribbon" being constrained to support the un-Christ-like methods of war. In this I am afraid it only followed the sad example of the Churches, which, in peace time, denounced war as **contrary to the spirit of the teaching of Jesus Christ**, but on the outbreak of war did not refrain from bowing the knee to the god of war and battles.

We sorely need to be reminded that Satan cannot cast out Satan, that evil can never be vanquished by evil methods. The method of war only adds tremendously to the total amount of sin and misery in the world. There is no short cut to the Kingdom of God; but we can further delay its coming on earth by our want of faith in the way of Jesus Christ, the way of forgiving love, the **only** way to vanquish evil. Love is the strongest thing in the world. "Love **never** faileth," though it may seem to for a time.

We often hear people say the teaching of Jesus is idealistic and unpractical in an unchristian world. I would challenge them to read carefully through the Gospels and they will probably be surprised to find how much of His

teaching could not be put into practice **in any but an unchristian world**. His teaching is the **only** practical way out of the present chaos of our world. Let us feed our hungry enemies, let us clothe them, let us cultivate friendships by correspondence with as many as possible. Masses of the people of Central Europe are hungering and aching for friendship, and their response to overtures of friendly letters is pathetically thrilling.

If any of your readers would like addresses of people in Central Europe to whom to write, and care to communicate with me (address given below) I could supply them in a very short time from lists which are being continually added to, of persons desiring pen friends.

I hope I have not seemed to write merely in a spirit of criticism, for my only desire is to contribute helpfully towards a Peace Campaign. Probably members of the great women's organisations would join in the effort if approached. And in all countries of the world are to be found members of the War Resisters' International, who would gladly co-operate.

The resolution put forward by Mrs. Akersson is an excellent one, and should appeal to women the world over. Let us support it in all sincerity, with all the means at our disposal, that our children and grandchildren may live in a world of love and brotherhood, knowing of war only as an obsolete horror of a dark age.

I am, etc.,

MARY L. WELLS.

Address: Mrs. Arnold Wells, "Mount Hope," Mapua, Nelson.

intendent, will the Local Superintendent please forward the report direct to me?

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Dominion L.W.R. Superintendent.  
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### AUCKLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL OF METHODS

On August 16 the School of Methods was held. At the morning session the Devotions were participated in by all present, Mrs. Kasper presiding. The work of the Evangelistic and Little White Ribboners' Departments was dealt with. Public Speaking and Correct Procedure were also studied.

In the afternoon an address on "Successful Secretaries" was given by Mrs. J. Williams, six Secretaries taking part in the discussion. The correct method of filling in Questionnaires for the Convention was explained. Mrs. Kasper gave an address on "The Winning of the Franchise by the Women of New Zealand and England."

### FOOD PARCELS

We are assured on all sides that the need for food parcels for Britain is as great as ever. Many Unions send them regularly and many Church and other organisations also carry on this work of mercy and friendship.

Unions are advised that fat and soap are among the prime necessities. Messages received tell of the difficulties in connection with the soap shortage.

It is a good plan to send to other Unions in England or Scotland. The contents are sure to be well distributed and to reach those who need them most. If no other addresses are known we give the following as being reliable:

Miss Dorothy Staunton, 19c, Medway Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1, and

Mrs. MacFarlane, Greystones, 16 Bruce Road, Glasgow.

It would be a fine thing if each Union could get one parcel away for Christmas.