

## FINDINGS OF THE WOMEN'S STATUS COMMITTEE, U.N.A.

### ON COMMERCIALISED PROSTITUTION AND VENEREAL DISEASE

The following resolution is so directly in line with the W.C.T.U.'s long-declared policy regarding the subject, that we publish it with great satisfaction. It was framed at Lake Success in January of this year.

#### "Resolution on Commercialised Prostitution and Venereal Disease."

The Commission considered a draft resolution on venereal disease. The subject matter within the terms of reference of the Social Commission and the World Health Organisation, it was decided to include it as an Annex of the present report for transmission to these bodies.

Whereas

Commercialised prostitution and State regulation of prostitution is a violation of human rights and is contrary to the principles of the United Nations and brings the greatest dishonour, degradation, and humiliation upon women;

Whereas

It is known that in many countries powerful and wealthy interests are involved in commercialised vice and in the traffic in women, and oppose all efforts to eradicate this social evil;

Whereas

The existence of brothels provides a market for women and therefore encourages traffic in women, which is contrary to international conventions;

Whereas

Registered brothels and registered prostitutes create a false sense of security from infection from venereal disease; and

Whereas

The best informed opinion today is that the evils of prostitution and venereal disease should be dealt with by social workers and doctors and that the most effective preventive of venereal disease is free and secret treatment of venereal disease accompanied by suitable education;

Therefore

The Commission on the Status of Women requests the Economic and Social Council to forward this resolution to the Social Commission and the World Health Organisation for their information.

## WHEN I HAVE TIME

When I have time, so many things I'll  
do,  
To make life happier and more fair  
For those whose lives are crowded now  
with care,  
I'll help to lift them from their low  
despair,  
When I have time.

When I have time, the friend I love  
so well  
Shall know no more the weary toiling  
days;  
I'll lead his feet in pleasant paths  
always  
And cheer his heart with words of  
sweetest praise,  
When I have time.

When you have time! The friend you  
hold so dear  
May be beyond the reach of all your  
sweet intent,  
May never know that you so kindly  
meant  
To fill his life with bright content,  
When you had time.

Now is the time! Speed friend, no  
longer wait,  
To scatter loving smiles and words of  
cheer  
To those around whose lives are now  
so drear;  
They may not need you in that far-  
off year,  
Now is the time.

—Author unknown.

## COMPARISON: FOOD AND ALCOHOL

That alcohol is not a food, but a  
poison, may be detected from the fol-  
lowing comparisons:

Food is essential to growth;  
Alcohol tends to stunt growth.  
Food is essential to the repair of the  
body;  
Alcohol is useless for repair of the  
body.

Food provides muscular power;  
Alcohol decreases muscular power.  
Food provides nerve energy;  
Alcohol deadens nerve centres.

Food maintains warmth in the body;  
Alcohol dissipates heat of the body.  
Food aids physical endurance;  
Alcohol markedly lessens endurance.

Food aids resistance to disease;  
Alcohol lowers resistance to disease.  
Food does not deaden higher brain  
centres;  
Alcohol inhibits conscience, will-power,  
judgment.

Food can be stored in the body;  
Alcohol cannot be stored in the body.  
Food is not habit-forming;  
Alcohol is a habit-forming narcotic  
drug.

—By F. L. Furry, M.D., in The  
Union Signal.

## Bulletin of Union News

### NORTHLAND DISTRICT

**Te Kopuru, August:** Mrs. H. O. Bickers pre-  
sided and led Devotions. Temperance Fact.  
Pan-Pacific Conference literature discussed.  
Substantial prize money donated by two  
members for prizes for school children sitting  
for the Temperance Examinations. Letter of  
sympathy to be sent to Mrs. H. H. Cole in the  
loss of her mother, Mrs. Poole of Hawera, aged  
93, who was President of a W.C.T.U. in 1911.  
An article by Victoria Grigg, M.A., on John  
Wesley and his attitude to intemperance and  
the conversion of drunkards was read.

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Executive Meeting, September 6:** Meeting in  
the Temperance Room, Queen Street. District  
President, Mrs. Mountjoy, presided over a good  
attendance. Devotions were led by Miss H.  
Grigg. Mrs. J. W. Long reported that she  
had sent the letter and a beautiful spray of  
flowers to Miss Helen Keller on the eve of  
her departure from Auckland for Australia.  
The President of the Northcote Union, Miss  
Weigall, reported that one of their members,  
Mrs. Allely, had sent a copy of an article  
which had appeared in the "White Ribbon" on  
the occasion of Princess Elizabeth's marriage,  
to Her Majesty the Queen, and had recently  
received a reply from Miss Jean Rankin, Lady  
in Waiting, saying that Her Majesty had read  
the article with much pleasure, and thanking  
her for sending it. District Convention  
arrangements were finalised. Maori Girls'  
Hostel report given by Mrs. J. W. Long, and  
N.C.W. report by Mrs. Mountjoy, who also  
announced that the N.C.W. Annual Conference  
would be held in Auckland during the month.

**Warkworth, August 12:** Mrs. R. Moore pre-  
siding; good attendance of members and visi-  
tors. After the Devotional period, Mrs. Rowe  
gave the Thought for the Month, and Mrs.  
Hope the Temperance Fact. The Roll Call on  
"Faith" brought forth many uplifting thoughts.  
Following the general business, the President  
introduced Miss E. U. Beny, organiser for the  
British and Foreign Bible Society, who, by a  
series of beautiful posters, held the attention  
and touched the hearts of all. Several mem-  
bers volunteered as collectors for B.F.B.S.  
Afternoon tea and fellowship closed a happy  
hour.

**Remuera, August 27:** Mrs. Kasper presiding.  
Devotions led by Mesdames Mackey and Laird.  
Temperance Fact given by Mrs. Gané. Pledge.  
Discussed District Convention and appointment  
of delegate. Pianoforte solo was given by Mrs.  
Cardwell and a recitation by Miss French,  
both ladies being heartily thanked. Choruses  
were sung. Meeting took the form of a "Pay-  
up Social." Benediction.

**Ponsonby, August 19:** Mrs. R. Joiner, Presi-  
dent, in the chair. Devotions led by Mrs. B.  
Christopher. The speaker was Mrs. F. W.  
Mountjoy, District President, and she gave a  
most interesting and enlightening account of  
the N.Z. Alliance Annual Meeting. The Presi-  
dent thanked Mrs. Mountjoy for her splendid  
report, and the meeting closed in the usual  
way.

**Wellsford, August meeting:** Excellent attend-  
ance presided over by Mrs. Singleton, Presi-  
dent. Devotions conducted by the Rev. R. E.  
Fordyce. Temperance Fact given. Union one  
year old, so special Birthday Social Afternoon  
held and enjoyed by all. Guest speaker,  
Captain Smith of the Salvation Army, who  
gave a stirring address, much appreciated.  
Duet by Mesdames Fordyce and L. Bennett,  
and solo by Mrs. Yates. Competitions also  
held. Tea hostesses, Mesdames Fordyce and  
Thompson. Prettily iced birthday cake with  
its one candle, was made by Mrs. Phillips,  
and served at the conclusion of afternoon tea.  
Benediction.

**Onehunga, Sept. 2:** Meeting held at Waitangi  
Methodist Church with the ladies there, was  
arranged instead of the usual Home Meeting,  
under the Presidency of Mrs. Mountjoy. Pro-  
gramme of Devotions, Temperance Fact and  
recitations by Mrs. Hatton, followed by a  
bright, interesting address by Mrs. Mountjoy,  
who told concisely the aims and objects of the  
W.C.T.U., describing the Maori Girls' Hostel,  
and other activities, illustrating with stories  
and anecdotes.

### SOUTH AUCKLAND DISTRICT

**Thames, August 4:** Small attendance. Sub-  
ject, "Alcohol from a medical standpoint."  
Several members contributed readings on