

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Year ending 31st December, 1948

Expenditure

	£	s.	d.
Printing and Publishing	609	3	2
Stationery	24	3	1
Postages, Telegrams and Tolls	14	14	1½
Prizes, Y.P. Supplement Painting Competition	2	10	0
Typewriter repairs, two machines	3	18	9
Sundries	2	5	9
Honorarium and Social Security Charges	26	17	6
Bank Charges	14	0	
	£684	6	4½

Receipts

	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions and Sales	564	16	2
Advertisements	65	1	2
White Ribbon Day Fund	37	11	3
Donations	1	16	0
	£669	4	7
Excess Expenditure over Income, 31st December, 1948	15	1	9½
	£684	6	4½

BALANCE SHEET

31st December, 1948

Liabilities

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Accumulated Fund at 31/12/47	64	4	8½			
Plus Amount outstanding, Editor's Petty Cash, 31/12/48	10	10				
				64	15	6½
Less Excess * Expenditure year ending 31st December, 1948	15	1	9½			
	£49	13	9			

Assets

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cash in hand	1	13	5			
Cash at Bank of N.Z.	13	10	4			
				15	3	9
Typewriter	10	0	0			
Desk and Pigeonholes	9	10	0			
Desk, Editor	15	0	0			
	£49	13	9			

Audited and found correct.

G. A. N. FREEMAN.

7th February, 1949.

At the Public Reception

Mrs. Hiatt's Address

The W.C.T.U. exists because it believes that the drink traffic is one of the greatest evils which curses our country today. We are convinced that the political power of the liquor traffic, coupled with the drinking habits of thousands of our people is one of the greatest hindrances to the establishing of national righteousness. The recent licensing legislation passed by our Government is a convincing demonstration of the political power of the liquor traffic to which I will refer later, but I wish to remind you that Britain's drink bill is 678 million pounds—£49,000,000 profit, for whom?—the brewers, and New Zealand's fifteen million. The N.Z. Government's share of that colossal sum is somewhere in the vicinity of four million pounds. What a price to pay for all the devastating damage done to homes, to characters and to the destruction of the foundations of our civilisation. What are the foundations of our civilisation? Are they not truth, righteousness and justice? Then the question for us to answer is, what are we doing to help in our country's affairs along lines of righteousness, truth and justice, in order to prevent the destruction of the foundations which are our very life? It has been thought that public life is not the place for the Christian, but the devil may have his say in politics. It is only as we fight for the right and for the maintenance of standards and principles acknowledged to be good and for the welfare of the community, that we can keep our national life on a high moral and Christian plane. The Christian Church must buckle on all its armour and go forth to fight like David of old. The Goliaths in all their wicked forms are boldly strutting up and down our land, demoralising and enslaving our people, young and old, and blatantly shouting defiance at the forces of righteousness, truth and justice. It seems to me sometimes that the tragic contrast of our day is the splendid efficiency of evil, and the pathetic impotence of goodness. We have allowed the cursed liquor traffic to so expand as to become a national menace, bringing misery and ruin upon thousands of women and children apart from the men weakened and enslaved in its toils. It is one of the great contributing factors to hospital admissions and is one of the major causes of our fairly high rate of mental defectives. It is safe to say that were this evil traffic to be eliminated from N.Z., crime in its worst phases would be greatly reduced. When I think of these things I remember David. He looked impotent enough when he faced the armour-clad Goliath, but, with God he was victor. The W.C.T.U. may appear to many to be impotent, but we have on the armour of God, and we fear no foe as we stand in the name of God for truth, righteousness

and justice, the very foundations of our country's civilisation. We are glad to be in this fight against all the Goliaths which the devil can muster. In reading an English magazine entitled "Workers Onward," I read this: "Last year, 1947, Rt. Hon. Herbert Morrison, M.P., when addressing the Licensed Victuallers and Barsellers' Protection Society at their annual dinner at Blackheath, 'expressed the hope that Parliament and the Government and the Licensed Trade would be able to live together in peace, friendship, and co-operation as long as possible.'" We in this country do have Women and Children's Protection Societies, and I firmly believe that these would be unnecessary but for "drink." What the Licensed Victuallers and Barsellers wish to be protected from is surely the W.C.T.U. and other Temperance folk. So take courage W.C.T.U. members and keep up a fusillade of shots at the Liquor Trade. The expressed hope that the Government and the Licensed Trade would live together in peace, friendship and co-operation is enlightening. Do you think that the same hope is in the hearts of our Parliamentarians and brewers? If so, then our fight must include the Government, because the Government has power to suppress the Trade instead of as at present giving it more power to continue its destructive devastating work. Six o'clock closing in jeopardy. Six versus ten. May God give us vision and backbone to pray and work to retain 6 o'clock. New South Wales and noticeably the W.C.T.U. of N.S.W., carried 6 o'clock in face of strong opposition. They prayed, and worked and watched, and sat all night in the House on the deciding night. Their very presence was a deterrent to those who were in favour of 10 o'clock closing. As you know a vote will be taken on off course betting at the same time. Every W.C.T.U. member and every friend of Temperance must be opposed to off course betting. May God help us to oppose with all our strength these wicked provisions for more drinking facilities and more betting facilities. To open up the King Country question and give the opportunity of voting in the Drink is iniquitous. The acting Prime Minister says "that as the Maoris fought so bravely in the war they should have equal rights with the Pakehas." No thought of breaking a solemn covenant, no thought of the destruction drink brings to the Maori race, but every thought for the brewers' interests. Our primary task is to teach at every opportunity and in every suitable place the evil of "Drink." This is the most effective way to attack even governments. I was interested to notice that another M.P. in England,