

THE Armenian women of Constantinople have addressed a letter of appeal to Lady Henry Somerset, calling on the women of England to aid them in their distress.

A STRIKE of doctors recently took place in a Parisian suburb, the cause being that a lady doctor was appointed by the Mayor to take charge of a dispensary with five male physicians.

WOMEN AND PHONOGRAPHY. — A lady nearly seventy years of age recently won Sir Isaac Pitman's Theory certificate. In Denmark four ladies are in the service of the Parliament as reporters. In Finland there are two lady Parliamentary reporters, and one in Norway. In Russia every newspaper is said to have its female staff of reporters.

TOLERANCE comes with age. I see no fault committed that I myself could not have committed at some time or other.—*Goethe*.

MR RAREY, the great horse-tamer, has told us that he has known an angry word raise the pulse of a horse ten beats in a minute. Think, then, how it must affect a child.—*Lubbock*.

WHEN it becomes a recognised thing to fit every girl as every boy to become a worker in the world . . . then will there dawn the birth of a new day, which will bring a new happiness, a new purity, and a new earnestness to men and women.—*Shafts*.

"TRU currage is the knowledge ov right, and the determination tew dew it. False currage is a willingness tew dew rong bekause others sa it is right."

"CHILDREN," says Ruskin, "should have their times of being off duty, like soldiers."

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## Union and Temperance News

INVERCARGILL.—The annual meeting was held on February 4th, when the annual reports were read, and the retiring officers re-elected as follows:—President, Mrs Jones; Secretary, Miss Twemlow; Treasurer, Mrs Service. Vice-Presidents and Superintendents were also elected, and a new member was enrolled.

BLENHEIM.—At the annual meeting the report and balance-sheet were submitted. From the former we learn that during the year a piano has been purchased for use in the rooms. Three lectures in aid of the funds have been kindly given by Mr Buick, M.H.R. During the winter months Saturday evening socials were held, and were well attended. The Union called a public meeting to discuss the Licensing Amendment Bill, and from this meeting a debating society sprang into existence. Three Drawing-room meetings and a Temperance picnic have been held, and

were well patronised. Temperance literature has been distributed by Mrs Brewer and others.

Miss Jackson, who helped us so much, having resigned, Mrs Penny was appointed in her place as custodian of the rooms, and to her careful management we are deeply indebted for the advances made lately. At present her place is held by Mrs Wheeler.

The following ladies have been elected to office for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs A. Litchfield; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Grace, Fee, McKenzie, Logan, and Penny; Treasurer, Mrs Griffen; Secretaries, Mesdames Rose and Douglas; Superintendent of Literature, Mrs Brewer; Reporter, Mrs Kerr.

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## Wellington Convention Reports.

### LYTTELTON.

We have still about our usual number of members, namely 21. Our literature department is always very successful under its superintendent, Mrs Bell, who gives a great deal of time to it. Mrs Webb, our Maori Work Superintendent, has been very energetic and painstaking in her department, books having been obtained from various sources and taken to the Maoris. If other Unions only knew how much they were appreciated I am sure they would do something of the same kind.

Our "Seamen's Rest" has been our chief work all through the year. It has been a great success, only it has required several special efforts to be made to raise sufficient funds. The Harbour Board now see that the Institution is greatly needed, and have decided to take it over in connection with their Sailors' Home.

We have twelve temperance meetings during the year, and the other three meetings in the month are devoted to evangelistic work.

### FEILDING.

Owing to a combination of uncontrollable circumstances our branch of the Union has not been carried on successfully during the last year, and consequently no correct report can really be made out. The Band of Hope department, conducted by Mrs J. C. Thompson, has done good work, the membership roll showing one hundred and eighty-two members, with an average attendance at the monthly meetings of about forty. The Union took an active part in arranging for the great Easter Temperance demonstration. Good work has also been done in the regular distribution of the "Prohibitionist." The Temperance Hall has been engaged for another year, and it is hoped that the meetings will be held more regularly, so that a better record may be forthcoming next year.