

Mrs Cole, Cashmere, Christchurch. Price, 7d for the set of four. Application should be made immediately.

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THE ANTI-TOTALISATOR PETITION.—Mrs Macalister, N.Z. Superintendent of the Anti-Gambling Department, asks us to call the attention of the Unions to the "necessity of gathering in the forms as soon as signed, and holding them in readiness until they receive intimation in the columns of the WHITE RIBBON as to when to send them." Those who have not paid for their forms are also reminded that Mrs Macalister will be glad to receive payment, so as to meet expenses.

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SERMONS AGAINST GAMBLING.—It is most desirable that the Unions should use their influence with the clergy of the various churches, so that, within the next few weeks, sermons on the evils of gambling may be preached from every pulpit in the Colony. The Sunday-schools, too, should not be overlooked in the matter of addresses. The young men and maidens are in immediate danger of being led into the vice, and need a warning word; those of tenderer years may carry, child-fashion, the message to their homes, and there preach to parents and friends.

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THE CHRISTCHURCH JUVENILE BAZAAR—CIGARS AND RAFFLES.—It was a happy idea to enlist the sympathy and service of the school children in the interests of Nurse Maude's Consumptive Camps, and the promoters of the huge bazaar must be gratified at the handsome sum realised. Two regrettable features in connection with the bazaar, however, call for comment. First, there was a stall for the sale of cigars and cigarettes. This, in face of the facts that youths under fifteen are by law forbidden to smoke, and that the intimate connection between smoking and impaired physique is now thoroughly proven, was at once sadly and ludicrously out of place in a juvenile bazaar run in the interests of a health crusade. Second, in connection with some of the stalls raffles were held. What defence can be put forth for thus familiarising young folk with gambling?

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FROM SICKNESS TO HEALTH.—The many friends throughout the colony of

Mrs Blackwell, of Kaiapoi, have been deeply grieved to hear of the serious state of her health during the past few weeks. There is now, we are glad to say, a slight improvement, and Mrs Soulby, the Secretary of the Kaiapoi Union requests us to ask for prayer from all White Ribboners that the invalid may be fully restored.

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GENEROUS WANGANUI.—The Wanganui Union is evidently alive to both its own responsibility for expenses incurred by direction of Convention in connection with the W.C.T.U. Bay at the International Exhibition, and also the immense educational value of the exhibit. If the other Unions are proportionately generous, the minds of those ladies who are giving so much time to the preparation of the Bay will, with regard to finances, be set quite at rest.

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"LOST, STOLEN, OR STRAYED!"—(Under the foregoing heading the Superintendent of Educational Meetings writes):—Several Educational papers, the property of the N.Z. Union, among others being "Work Among Young People," "Alcohol and the Heart," "Our Genesis," etc., etc. Anyone returning the same to Miss Powell, c/o Mr Denton, Wanganui, will be rewarded by the consciousness of a long-forgotten duty performed at last. Secretaries, please turn out drawers and boxes in search of above. The Superintendent takes this opportunity of informing all whom it may concern that there being only two copies of Miss Alice Webb's paper on "Narcotics," and fifteen applications for the same, some patience will have to be exercised. She will be obliged if those in possession of the said copies will copy the paper and pass it on at once, forwarding to her their own copy as soon as finished with.

### Our Illustration.

We have pleasure in presenting our readers this month with the portrait of Miss E. L. Moody Bell, our N.Z. Recording Secretary. Although a comparatively recent arrival in the colony, Miss Moody Bell is quite at home in W.C.T.U. work, as for eight years she was President of the local branch of the British Women's Temperance Association in Cheltenham, England (the B.W.T.A., in England, corresponds

to the W.C.T.U. in other lands). Of the Methodist Church in Cheltenham Miss Moody Bell was a member, and for many years an active worker. She is, we believe, a fully accredited lay preacher. At the present time Miss Moody Bell holds the responsible office of Secretary and Deaconess of the Y.W.C.A., Dunedin.

### The N.Z. W.C.T.U. at the International Exhibition.

The Unions throughout the Colony will be interested to know that, in response to the request of the W.C.T.U. Exhibition Committee, photographs of some of the world's prominent workers in the interests of Temperance and Woman's Suffrage are beginning to arrive. They have come from England, the United States, Canada, France, Italy, Buenos Ayres, Germany, and India, and many other representative pictures are expected. Through Sir John Hall's kindly intervention, the last Women's Franchise petition, with 31,000 names appended, which was presented to Parliament in 1893, has been lent to the Committee by the Speaker of the House of Representatives for display in our bay, and an enlarged photograph of Sir John will be placed near the petition which he presented thirteen years ago with so much effect. Close to that petition, also, will be a picture of the late Mr Alfred Saunders, who from first to last was one of our most chivalrous suffrage champions.

Physiological charts have been sent for to demonstrate the effects of alcohol upon the body; also charts showing the difference between a woman's form hygienically clothed, and one that has been deformed by fashions generally and corsets particularly. Comparative tables of different foods, with their percentage of nourishing qualities, will be in evidence, also statistical maps, and charts showing the sums spent in alcohol, education, bread, books, boots and shoes, etc., etc. Special books and pamphlets are ordered and leaflets are being printed, on various subjects connected with our Union. It has been suggested that we should have a flag to represent every country in the world which has a branch of the W.C.T.U. established therein, and the Committee hopes that this can be managed.