

Exhibition is a colonial one, and that the question should be looked at from the colonial standpoint, not from that of merely one Licensing District. Granting, for the nonce, this position, what then? Taken as a whole, the people of the colony, by a substantial majority, at the last Licensing Poll, declared in favour of No-License. Looking, therefore, at the question both locally and colonially no other course was open to the Committee than to refuse a license.

### "Owe No Man Anything."

Mrs Spencer, the Business Manager, feels that many subscribers to THE WHITE RIBBON need a vigorous exhortation on the above quoted apostolic injunction. A very large number of subscriptions are unpaid—some for two or three years. "The rule is," Mrs Spencersays, "'payable in advance,' and these subscribers are keeping back the money that belongs to the printers. If this phase of the matter were pointed out to them, I feel sure that the majority would forward their subscriptions to date. Will you please help by an appeal in the paper—not too mild, for grace enough has been given now."

Will these tardy debtors take Mrs Spencer's words to heart and immediately remove reproach from their names.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

ANOTHER UNOWNED POSTAL NOTE.—The Business Manager asks us to announce the fact that she has received another postal note, without the sender's name. The envelope bears the Thames post mark, and the note is stamped "Paeroa." Will the sender please forward her name and address, so that the amount may be entered to her credit.

THE WHITE RIBBON FUND.—We are asked to acknowledge the receipt of contributions to the foregoing Fund, from Ashburton, Gisborne, Inglewood, Eltham, Onehunga, Hamilton, Waikari, Otautau and New Plymouth. Feilding and Masterton have each sent a second contribution.

THE ANTI-TOTALISATOR PETITION.—We are asked to notify the fact, that as soon as the petition forms are filled

up, each Union should forward them to Wellington, addressed to the member for its own electoral district. There should be no delay in the matter.

RESOLUTIONS *re* LIQUOR AT EXHIBITION.—The Unions and friends generally, throughout the Colony, have doubtless noted the fact that it is now unnecessary to forward (as asked by Mrs Cole) resolutions to Parliament anent the sale of alcohol at the Exhibition.

HELP FOR FREE READING ROOM.—Our Napier correspondent renews her request that some Canterbury friend will, after reading his or her copy of the *Lyttelton Times*, post it daily to the Free Reading Room, Napier. If so addressed no stamp is required. As will be seen from the Napier report, the Room is doing good work, in which it should be accounted a privilege to help.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Miss Moody Bell, our N.Z. Recording Secretary, has received a letter from "10 Downing street," acknowledging the receipt, by the Prime Minister of England, of the resolution forwarded to him by direction of the Greymouth Convention on the subject of the Opium Traffic; also one from the office of the N.Z. Minister of Justice, acknowledging the receipt of a series of resolutions passed by Convention.

MRS LEAVITT.—A further letter has been received from Mrs Leavitt, in response to that sent to her by direction of the Greymouth Convention. In it she remarks, "It appears that the heads which were wise enough to win enfranchisement have been wise enough to make no blunder since you have had the power in your hands. . . . You have caused me great joy in my old age by telling me that you believe I helped on the good work. When we can look up to God and say, 'I have done the best I could, forgive what Thou seest amiss,' that is the best thing, whether our efforts are successful, whether they are noticed or acknowledged, or not; but it is very uplifting to the ageing soul, past all active service, to receive such an abundant, ungrudging tribute."

A LADY DOCTOR.—Dr. Alice Moorhouse has been appointed to take charge of the State Maternity Home shortly to be opened in Christchurch,

TOWN MILK SUPPLY.—In the course of an address given under the auspices of the Christchurch City Council, Mr J. A. Kinsella, Dairy Commissioner, stated that in Napier and Wanganui the bulk of the town milk supply is pasteurised and delivered in sealed bottles, but that in all the other towns and cities the old haphazard and objectionable method of delivering from exposed milk cans is followed.

Mr Kinsella strongly recommended pasteurisation as a temporary expedient for averting or minimising the danger arising from dirt and disease, but pointed out that with proper inspection of animals, clean milking, efficient straining, cooling, and bottling, such treatment would be unnecessary and the milk in its natural state would keep perfectly sweet.

The quality of the milk supply is essentially a woman's question, and as the matter can be effectively dealt with only by the municipalities, another instance is afforded of the great need for the presence of women on city and borough councils.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Enquirer."—(1) There is no form in use for the transferring of a member from one Union to another. Transference is effected simply by a kindly note from the President of the Union the member is leaving; (2) When a member who has already paid her annual subscription is transferred to another Union she, of course, does not pay again that year, but should show her receipt when she presents her letter of commendation.

"Mrs N. A. D."—Your letter received. A woman's paper is surely THE place where questions that bear on the very life of the race may be discussed. Neither Revelation nor the cause of purity have aught to fear from the findings of science. All are in truest harmony. Happily, there is now a movement in the direction of giving to our school children instruction in the principles and laws which govern all life, from the plant to the human. When every boy and girl is so taught the standard of morality will be immeasurably higher than at present.