

Literature, Anti-Gambling, Legal and Parliamentary.

Correspondence.

Noontide Hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Roll Call, Minutes.

Reports of Departments:—Public Press, Young People, Sabbath Observance, Mothers' Meetings, Purity, with conversation and discussion.

Resolutions.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional, Roll Call, Minutes.

N.Z. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.

Resolutions.

Noontide Hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Garden Party.

SATURDAY EVENING.

Outdoor Meeting.

SUNDAY.

No-License Meeting at 8.15 p.m.

MONDAY MORNING.

Devotional, Roll Call Minutes.

Report of WHITE RIBBON and accounts.

Resolutions.

Noontide Hour.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Roll Call, Minutes.

Election of N.Z. Officers.

Invitations for next year.

MONDAY EVENING.

Paper by Mrs Page, "Women as Citizens."

TUESDAY MORNING.

Devotional, Roll Call, Minutes.

Consideration of "Constitution."

Appointments of Superintendents of Departments.

Further Resolutions (if any).

Noontide Hour.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Roll Call, Minutes.

Election of Representatives to N.Z. Alliance, and Women's National Council, etc.

Other business remaining.

E. L. MOODY-BELL,

N.Z. Recording Secretary.

HAMILTON W.C.T.U.

THE UNION meets on the First Thursday of the month in the Methodist School-room. Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, Kirikiriroa, Waikato; Sec., Mrs Fee, Parsonage, Hamilton; Assis. Sec. and Reporter to the Press, Mrs Maunder; Treas., Mrs Norris.

The W.C.T.U. at the Exhibition.

OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY.—A fascinating hour may be spent at the W.C.T.U. Bay studying the portraits ranged upon its walls of women and men who are or have been engaged in the work of uplifting humanity. Prominent among the pictures is that of the Countess of Aberdeen, President of the International Council of Women (with which the W.C.T.U. is affiliated), an organisation representing sixty millions of women, of divers nationalities but united in desire and work for Woman Suffrage, Purity, and the Abolition of War. Close by is the photograph of another present-day worker—a grand-niece, we understand, of Harriet Beecher Stowe—Charlotte Perkins Gilman, the fearless American writer and speaker. The photograph of Mrs Cadbury, the English philanthropist and worker in the Woman Movement, is not far away. The face of the late Mrs Cady Stanton, who worked so long and vigorously with Lucretia Mott and Susan B. Anthony, looks cheerily down; while higher still on another wall is the portrait of Mrs Priscilla Bright McLaren, who, in November last, at the age of ninety-two, passed into the clearer light of the Great Beyond.

Three bright little post cards attract attention. These have lately been received by our N.Z. President from the President of the Union of Japan, Mrs Kaji Yajima. They are a visible token of the spirit which has linked together in service for their fellows the Eastern and the Western, the dark skin and the white skin, the peeress and the peasant, the rich and the poor.

THE THOUSANDTH BABY.—The millionth visitor to the Exhibition has been duly honoured by the presentation of a watch; now arrangements are being made to give a prize to the thousandth baby entering the Children's Rest.

The Late Mrs Priscilla Bright McLaren.

The year 1906 is made memorable by the passing of yet another great woman, Mrs Priscilla Bright McLaren. At Edinburgh, on November 5th, within a few weeks of celebrating her ninety-second birthday, Mrs McLaren entered into the heritage of things unseen.

John Bright, Jacob Bright, Margaret Bright Lucas, and Priscilla Bright McLaren—these brothers and sisters are all stars in the firmament of justice and philanthropy. Mrs McLaren, the last survivor of the great and brilliant Quaker family, was, said the *Illustrated London News* "a true leader in thought, and yet womanly sweetness and charm incarnate." Sixty years ago she was actively working, and in company with Elizabeth Fry visited the prisoners in Newgate. But her great interest was in the Woman Suffrage movement, of which she was one of the leaders from the very first organisation of the demand for votes, forty years ago.

Three separate families of children paid her maternal care a debt of gratitude. When John Bright was left a widower, his sister Priscilla took charge of his children. Then she married the late Mr Duncan McLaren, for many years M.P. for Edinburgh, and so mothered his children, amongst whom are Lord McLaren, the Scotch Judge, and Dr. Agnes McLaren, and she in time became the mother of two sons—Sir Charles McLaren and Mr Walter McLaren—and one daughter. She had in Parliament at one time and another her husband, two brothers, two sons, a grandson and several nephews, and for over half a century was thus *correctly represented* in the House of Commons. She was an admirable public speaker, a brilliant letter-writer, and revered by all. The last vote that was taken on the Woman Suffrage question was secured by her eldest son, Sir Chas. McLaren, in 1904, when a resolution in favour of giving votes to women was passed by a majority of 114. Only two days before her death, Mrs McLaren, as President of the National Woman Suffrage Society, dictated a letter of sympathy and admiration to the nine suffragettes then in prison, adding "We feel sure that your efforts will bear fruit at an early date in the passing of that measure of pure justice for which many of us have now for nearly half a century by every constitutional means striven in vain."

"So to the calmly gathered thought
The innermost of life is taught,
The mystery, dimly understood,
That love of God is love of good;
That to be saved is only this—
Salvation from our selfishness."