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## THE CHRISTCHURCH CONVENTION.

During this, the Exhibition season, the City of the Plains has naturally been the chosen meeting-place of numberless Conferences and Conventions. None, however, should equal in importance and far-reaching effect the Convention of the W.C.T.U.; for were not a large proportion of the delegates mothers?—the most influential class of adults in the Colony—and could not their programme lawfully include any and every subject bearing on the spiritual or material well-being of the people?

In the cheerful, spacious, and tastefully decorated hall of the Caledonian Society did Convention assemble on the afternoon of February 13th, there to be welcomed by members of the local Union and friends, and entertained with speeches, music, and refreshments. Miss Roberts, the Christchurch President, occupied the chair, and first read an apology for absence, on account of sickness, from the Mayor, Sir John Hall, the veteran statesman who, in the House of Representatives, so ably championed the cause of woman's enfranchisement. The State was represented by the Hon. G. Fowlds, Minister of Education, who said he regarded the work of the Union as

**Part of the Educational System** of New Zealand. The Hon. G. J. Smith welcomed the delegates on behalf of the citizens of Christchurch. Bishop Julius voiced the welcome of his Church, and eulogised the thoroughness of the Union's work. The Rev. J. Mackenzie presented greetings from the Ministers' Association, while Mr. T. E. Taylor expressed the sympathy of the other Temperance organisations of Christchurch. Our then Treasurer, and now Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Dohrmann, M.A., was asked to

speak on behalf of the delegates, and at once evidenced the fact that wrestling with W.C.T.U. accounts had not transformed her into a mere calculating machine by responding in verse. (These verses will be found in a future issue.)

As had been anticipated, the attendance at



MRS. SPENCER,

BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE WHITE RIBBON.

Convention was a record one, forty-nine members answering the roll call. The days were hot, and the rattle of the electric cars, heard through even the double walls and doors, made one long for the rubber-tired cars of Mrs C. P. Gilman's forecast. But the

President kept her calmness and serenity through all and won high encomiums not only because of the wide outlook of her Presidential address, but also by reason of the loving tact and consideration with which she guided the whole proceedings. No weak gentleness, however, characterised our chief officer. Few will forget the decisive way in which she dealt with culprits—Unions that had not carried out the instructions of, or fulfilled promises made at, the Greymouth Convention. Each was made acquainted with the nature and extent of its deficiencies, and given to understand that it was expected to redeem its honour. Obedience to the dictates of Convention was impressed upon the delegates as an essential virtue.

The opportunity for educational work presented by such a gathering of women from town and country was not lost sight of. Miss Roberts, in an informing paper, brought before our notice "The Changing Attitude of the Medical Profession towards Alcohol." After hearing that paper and the discussion thereon surely no woman then present can find excuse for keeping alcohol in even her emergency medical cupboard. Mrs Page read a valuable paper on "Women as Citizens." Discussion followed, and resolutions were carried affirming the desirability of the adoption of such legislation and custom as will make

### The Woman and Mother a Potent Factor

in the civic world—the larger home into which her children must one day enter. At this same evening meeting Miss Roberts seized the opportunity to speak on behalf of wives whose marriage, instead of endowing them, as the marriage service puts it, with all their husband's goods, had really left them without a sixpence they could

legally call their own. The legal economic equality of husband and wife was, the speaker claimed, the only remedy for such sufferers, and the adoption of a resolution embodying this idea made patent the opinion of the meeting.

Arrangements had been made for a garden party on the Saturday afternoon, but welcome rain—so sorely needed by parched Canterbury—came in copious showers, and therefore in electric car or motor omnibus the delegates made their way to the Exhibition, and quite a large party were entertained at tea in one of the famous "Cherry" tea rooms. A long drive and entertainment at the home of one of our hospitable Kaiapoi members was the proposed programme for Wednesday. In place thereof the postponed garden party became the function for the day, and train or drag conveyed the delegates and friends to "Riverlaw" the charming grounds of the Hon. G. J. and Mrs Smith at Opawa. A few hours spent in friendly chat, amid brilliant flower beds or under shady trees, brought a Convention both useful and harmonious to a close.

## Abstract of the Minutes of the Twenty-second Annual Convention,

HELD IN CHRISTCHURCH, FEBRUARY 14TH TO  
20TH, 1907.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, Morning.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Powell. At 10 o'clock the roll was called, the following members responding:—

Mrs Cole, President; Miss Powell, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Moody-Bell, Recording Secretary; Mrs Dohrmann, M.A., Treasurer; Miss L. M. Smith, Editor "White Ribbon"; Miss Jessie Mackay, Associate Editor; Mrs Spencer, Business Manager "White Ribbon."

District Presidents—Mrs Dewar, Auckland; Mrs Oldham, Napier; Mrs Boxall, Wellington; Miss Roberts, Christchurch; Mrs Gaskin, Greymouth; Mrs W. R. Don, Dunedin.

District Secretaries—Miss Ambury, New Plymouth; Miss Tucker, Wanganui; Mrs Day and Miss W. Smith, Christchurch; Mrs Soulby, Kaiapoi; Mrs Griffen, Blenheim; Mrs Hansen, Greymouth; Mrs A. Mitchell, Invercargill.

District Treasurers—Mrs Hughes, Auckland; Mrs Seed, Christchurch.

Superintendents of Departments—Mrs Kirkland, Evangelistic; Miss Maunder, Scientific Temperance Instruction; Mrs McCarthy, Press; Mrs Darling, Mothers' Meetings; Mrs Sheppard, Legal and Parliamentary.

Delegates—Mrs Rodger, Waikari; Mrs Veats, Devonport; Mrs Hill, Ponsonby; Mrs Boase, Matapu; Mrs Whitcombe, Christchurch; Mrs Pearson, Dunedin; Mrs Lill, Ashburton; Mrs Targuise, Timaru;

Mrs Johnson, Port Chalmers; Mrs Evans, Kaiapoi; Miss Brechin, Wanganui; Mrs Freeman, Napier; Mrs Hatchwell, Lyttelton; Miss Dewar, Auckland; Mrs Somerville, Onehunga; Mrs Parkinson, Greymouth; Miss Wilkinson, Wellington.

Miss Sarah Smith, of Langley Mills, England, was made a visiting member of the Convention.

Reporters were appointed as follows:—Local papers, Mrs Dohrmann and Miss McCarthy; Press Association, Miss Powell; "White Ribbon," Miss L. M. Smith; "Vanguard," Miss Roberts; "Christian Worker," Mrs Hughes; English "White Ribbon," Miss S. Smith; Napier, Mrs Oldham; Marlborough, Mrs Griffen; Rangiora, Mrs Darling; Dunedin, Mrs Don; Hawera, Miss Maunder; New Plymouth, Miss Ambury; Wanganui, Miss Tucker; Waimate, Mrs Dohrmann; Ashburton, Mrs Lill; Southland, Mrs Mitchell; Palmerston North, Miss Maunder; Timaru, Mrs Wagstaff; Oamaru, Miss McCarthy; West Coast, Mrs Hansen; Nelson, Mrs Somerville; "Outlook," Mrs Oldham; Gore, Mrs Soulby; Masterton, Mrs Boxall and Miss Wilkinson.

Mesdames Seed and Day were appointed committee of courtesies.

Minutes of concluding session of Convention of 1906 were read and confirmed.

Greetings were received from Nelson and Port Chalmers branches, and from Mrs Blackwell (Kaiapoi), Mrs Crump (Nelson), and Miss Hughes (Victoria).

The lamented deaths of Mrs R. Dick and Miss Hancock (Dunedin), and Miss Dalrymple (Levin) were referred to.

Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to Sir John Hall, Mesdames Dady, Blackwell, Crump, Webb, and Miss Patterson.

The address of the President was read and adopted with many expressions of appreciation, a hearty vote of thanks being carried with acclamation.

Reports of Evangelistic and Home Meeting Departments were read and adopted.

### Afternoon.

Mrs Lill conducted the devotional exercises.

The roll was called, 44 members responding. Greetings were received from Mr. David Whyte (Auckland), and from Tariki branch.

The report of the Exhibition Bay Committee was presented by Mrs Day, Miss Roberts giving a sketch of the educational work carried on there, and proposing that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr. Cole and Miss Nellie Cole for their services in connection therewith. Carried unanimously. Mrs Seed presented the financial report of the Bay up to date showing that some of the Unions had not sent in their assessment. Resolved—"That the Christchurch Union be requested to continue the work on the understanding that they would be supported by the Unions throughout the colony. Miss Roberts was requested to draft a letter re the Bay, which Miss Maunder undertook to copy and forward to those branches which had not already contributed.

Rev. F. W. Isitt was cordially welcomed and spoke on the "Bare Majority," delivering a message from Mrs A. R. Atkinson.

Miss Roberts read a valuable paper upon "The Changing Attitude of the Medical Profession Towards Alcohol." An interesting discussion followed, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Roberts.

Greetings from Mrs Rose (Blenheim) were received.

Reports of Medal Contests and Hygiene and Food Reform were presented and adopted.

### MARCH 15th, Morning.

Mrs Kingston was appointed proxy for Tariki.

Correspondence from Mr Veats (Devonport), and the Matapu branch were read, cash contributions being enclosed towards the "White Ribbon."

Resolved—"That a hearty vote of thanks be given to Mrs Sheppard, for the loan of her valuable exhibit to the W.C.T.U. Bay—of likenesses of leaders in the International Women's Council, also for her able literary help in connection with educational placards and pamphlets.

The report of Unfermented Wine Department was read, an interesting discussion taking place. Mrs Oldham was requested to write to those firms supplying fruit-juices, asking them to advertise in the "White Ribbon."

Report of Work Among Seamen was read, interesting details being given verbally re the Sailors' Rests at Dunedin, Timaru, and Lyttelton. Mrs Hansen stated that the Greymouth District Union had decided to embark upon this work. Mrs Don mentioned the comfort-bags, pledge-cards, etc., supplied at the Dunedin Rest, and Miss Roberts exhibited Red-white-and-blue pledge cards for Bands of Hope, etc. Miss Powell read the report of Educational Meetings, and appealed for more papers to circulate. The hope was expressed that the valuable papers printed in the "White Ribbon" from time to time were read at a meeting of each Union. Above reports were adopted. After the noontide hour Miss Sarah Smith (England) gave a short address, referring to woman's suffrage at Home.

Resolved—"That votes of sympathy be written to Mrs Hunt (Christchurch) and to Mrs Newton and Miss Gordon upon the death of their mother."

### Afternoon.

Mrs Sheppard was called upon to read the Legal and Parliamentary report in connection with which it was resolved:—"That the Convention urge the Premier to introduce a Bill raising the age of protection to 21 years.

"That Convention desires again to enter a strong protest against the continued delay in the repeal of the C.D. Acts."

"That in the opinion of this Convention hospital accommodation should be provided for those suffering from venereal diseases who shall voluntarily present themselves for treatment."

"That this Convention draws attention to the horrors and evils of war, and expresses the earnest hope that all Christian Governments will resort to Arbitration as a means to settle differences between nations, and so avert war."

"That this Convention deplores the spirit of militarism sometimes inculcated in the young, and urges upon all parents the necessity of teaching their children the nobleness of adjusting quarrels by the exercise of reason, justice, and forbearance, rather than by force."

"That, in the opinion of this Convention, the time has come when all disabilities which at present hinder women from sitting as members of either of the Houses of Legislature, or from being elected or appointed to any public office, or position in the colony, should be removed; and that, with regard to all powers, rights, and duties of citizenship, absolute equality should be the law of the land."

"That this Convention of the N.Z. W.C.T.U. protests against the legalization of the Totalisator on the grounds: (1) that it gives Government sanction to a vice which is disastrous to social life; (2) that it is inconsistent with the numerous enactments against gambling in other forms; (3) that it derives public revenue from a practice which all wise governments have found it necessary to suppress; (4) that it has failed to decrease the number of bookmakers, whose illegal pursuit it was intended to abolish."

(1) "That this Convention is of opinion that in connection with all public institutions for the care of men, women, and children, popularly elected Boards of Control should be established, composed of men and women; (2) that this Convention is of opinion that provision should be made for all those men and women who are irresponsible through deficiency of sexual control, and for their own protection and that of the community, separate homes should be established for such men and women, where they could be detained and cared for mentally and physically. The Convention suggests that such homes should be in the country, where occupation in the open air, such as gardening, fruit growing, poultry and bee-keeping could easily be provided, and thus render the homes practically self-supporting, as well as being conducive to a healthy and happy existence of the inmates; (3) that this Convention, composed of delegates of the W.C.T. Unions, requests the Premier to introduce legislation during the coming session to give effect to the foregoing resolutions."

"That in the opinion of this Convention the time-limit now enforced where charges of criminal offences against girls are made should be entirely abolished."

"That in view of the hardships annually imposed upon many innocent children by the condition of illegitimacy, and the absolute uselessness as a deterrent from immorality of legal disabilities inflicted upon these children, it is high time that all such legal disqualifications were removed. That considering (a) the great mortality among illegitimate children; (b) the neglected condition of many

of them, helping, as they do, to swell the ranks of the criminal and diseased, the Convention proposes—1st, that parents should be obliged to contribute, according to their means, to the support of their children; 2nd, that failing the ability of their parents to contribute, the State should make proper provision for maintenance, supervision, and education of all such children; 3rd, that these children, where paternity is proved, should possess an equal legal status with those born in wedlock, and should be registered in the name of the father; 4th, that a public officer, who should be a woman, be appointed, whose duty it would be, before the birth of an illegitimate child, to discover paternity where possible, with a view to enforcing the proper maintenance of the child."

"That this Convention representing nearly 1500 New Zealand women, heartily thanks Mr. Kettle, S.M. of Auckland, for his recent outspoken utterances as to the responsibility of the illegitimate father (as well as mother) of the children born out of wedlock, as the Convention considers that the shielding of the father's name by society generally is injurious to the interests of public morality."

"That in the opinion of this Convention the teaching of Scientific Temperance in connection with physiology and hygiene in our schools is a necessity, in order that the injurious effects of alcohol, physically and morally on the development of the individual and of the race may be clearly understood by our children. This Convention therefore urges that Scientific Temperance Instruction be included in the examinations for teachers' certificates, and made a compulsory class subject in the schools."

"That in the opinion of this Convention the legal recognition of the economic equality of husband and wife is desirable for the attainment of justice, and for the furtherance of a truer marriage relationship."

"That the restrictions on women's time and labour contained in the Factory Acts are prejudicial to their economic interests, in not only lessening their chances of employment, but in helping to relegate them to the lower branches of the industries. This Convention therefore urges that all sex distinctions enforced in the Acts should be abolished."

"That this Convention is of opinion that in all cases where men and women are engaged in the same work, either in the employment of the Government or of private individuals, equal wages should be paid for equal work."

(a) "That all men and women entitled to exercise the Parliamentary franchise shall also be allowed to exercise the local franchise; (b) that it is desirable that women should occupy seats on all local bodies; (c) that effective provision should be made by local bodies for the undertaking and maintaining of all possible services, and also of reproductive works and industries."

"That this Convention urges upon the Government the necessity of introducing a Bill providing for the application of the

Initiative and Referendum on all questions of social importance."

"That this Convention urges the substitution of the Elective Executive for the present lop-sided system of Government by representatives of only one party, and believes that this change would largely help the public weal."

The Corresponding Secretary's report given by Miss Powell, was received with due appreciation, discussed and adopted.

The Anti-gambling report was read, and an interesting discussion followed, Mrs Hisiop (Dunedin) giving the results of her observations during a recent visit to Melbourne.

Mrs Hughes presented the Literature report and balance-sheet. Questions were asked and it was stated that with regard to literature boxes at railway stations application should be made to the traffic manager.

The reports having been adopted greetings were received from Mrs Harrison Lee and the session closed with the Benediction.

#### FEBRUARY 16th, Morning.

Mrs Kirkland conducted the devotional meeting.

Greeting (Gal. 6-9) was received from Mrs Webb.

Resolved—"That a message of appreciation and sympathy be sent to Mr. Edward Taylor, Addington."

Miss Maunder read the report of Scientific Temperance Instruction, the discussion upon this important department being postponed.

The financial statement was then read by the treasurer and adopted, a cordial vote of thanks being accorded to Mrs Dohrmann, M.A., for the excellent way in which she had carried out her duties. An offer of 20/-, given or collected during the year towards the N.Z. treasury, was made by Mesdames Kirkland, R. Evans, Harrison, Don, Dewar, Sheppard, Oldham, Boase, Mitchell, Darling, Griffen, Dohrmann, Lill, and Misses Roberts, Wilkinson, Maunder, McCarthy, and Powell. Mrs Soulbly mentioned that in their Union the members were each subscribing a penny per week.

On account of the wet weather the Garden Party was postponed until Wednesday, but the Convention arranged to adjourn to the Exhibition, and meet at the W.C.T.U. Bay before tea in the afternoon.

Miss Maunder's report was then discussed, and a deputation (consisting of Mrs Cole, Miss Roberts, Miss Maunder, Mrs Dohrmann, and Miss McCarthy) was appointed to wait upon the Hon. G. Fowlds, Minister of Education, with reference to the introduction of Scientific Temperance Instruction into our schools.

In connection with Mrs Dewar's report of Bible in Schools, a number of members emphasised the great importance of having Scriptural teaching for the children. It was pointed out that upon application to the various school committees permission would be given for having Bible-class instruction after school hours.

In the regretted absence of Mrs Webb, Superintendent of Purity Department, Mrs Cole read the report. Many Unions reported having held meetings addressed by Mr. R. H. W. Bligh, and much appreciation of his work generally was expressed.

Above reports having been adopted, announcements were made as to the Sunday evening meeting, and that of Monday evening.

#### FEBRUARY 18th, Morning.

The devotional meeting was conducted by Mrs Boxall. Mrs Wagstaff took her seat as proxy for Ormondville.

The "White Ribbon" financial statement was presented by the business manager, a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Spencer being carried with acclamation.

The noontide hour of prayer having been observed, a vote of thanks was accorded Miss L. M. Smith for the skill and courage with which she had carried out her editorial duties, also to Miss Jessie McKay for her admirable articles and able assistance to the editor.

The President impressed upon the delegates that whatever is decided upon by Convention is binding upon all the Unions in the colony, which are urged to send a delegate to assist in the discussions and in administration of W.C.T.U. business.

Mrs Spencer laid before the delegates a scheme in the interests of the "White Ribbon" accounts.

#### Afternoon.

The session was opened with singing and prayer by Mrs Oldham.

The N.Z. Treasurer reported a donation of £2 2s from a well-known Canterbury farmer as a thank-offering for the rain.

The further discussion of the "White Ribbon" was adjourned until Tuesday morning.

Correspondence was read from Mrs Harrison Lee, Mrs Napier, Miss Anna Gordon (U.S.A.), and Colyton branch.

Miss McCarthy presented her report upon Influencing the Press. Resolved—"That in future the title of this department be 'The Press.'"

Resolved—"That a committee consisting of Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Cole, Miss Roberts, and Miss McCarthy be appointed to prepare a statement as to the duties of all local and New Zealand officers, etc., under the head of bye-laws."

Reports were then presented as follows:—Work Among Young People (Band of Hope, Cradle Roll, etc). Mention was made of the fact that Miss Sarah Smith, of England, was willing to visit branches and organise Y Unions. Maori Work—Reference was made to Miss Stirling, a worker among the natives. Mothers' Meetings—It was suggested that the Cradle-roll might well be worked in connection with this Department, both organisations thereby benefiting. Narcotics—The President advised members to be on the alert, and to write to the Inspector of Police when the law forbidding smoking upon the part of boys under fifteen was not observed. The reports were then adopted.

Mrs Mitchell read a paper by Rev. A. Mitchell on "No-license in Invercargill"—the largest town in Australasia under No-license—which proved to be a testimony very encouraging to our workers.

#### The Napier Resolution,

of which notice of motion was given last year, was read by Mrs Oldham, and ran as follows:—"That no N.Z. officer retain her position for a longer period than five consecutive years, and that she be not eligible for re-election for two years from the date of such retirement." Lost by a large majority.

Resolved—"That this Convention affirms the right of the bare majority to rule in connection with all forms of liquor license.

#### FEBRUARY 19th, Morning.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs Lill.

Letters of sympathy were directed to be sent to Mrs McLeod, St. Albans Lane, and the family of Rev. J. and Mrs Orchard, both of whom had passed away during the year.

Resolved—"That a letter be sent to Mr. W. H. Judkins, of Melbourne, expressing our appreciation of the grand fight he is making in the interests of moral reform, and congratulating him upon the results already achieved.

"White Ribbon" Paper—A long discussion took place; the business manager particularly requested that notes re change of address reach her before the 8th of the month.

After the noontide hour of prayer the election of officers was proceeded with. Mrs Cole, being the only nominee for President, was declared duly elected. Mrs A. R. Atkinson was re-appointed Vice-President-at-Large.

Miss Alice Webb having declined nomination for the post of Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Dohrmann, M.A., was elected, and upon her nomination Miss Alice Webb was appointed Assistant Corresponding Secretary.

Recording Secretary—The nominations for Miss Moody-Bell and Miss Powell being almost equal, Miss Bell expressed a strong wish to retire in favour of Miss Powell, but Convention ruling that the names be balloted upon, Miss Powell was elected. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Miss Bell, much appreciation of the way in which she had performed her duties being expressed.

Miss McCarthy was then elected treasurer, and the session closed with the Doxology.

#### Afternoon.

Mrs Somerville led the opening exercises.

It was reported that the number of signatures obtained to the Anti-gambling petition lately presented to Parliament was close on 20,000.

"White Ribbon" business was further discussed. Various recommendations relating to the paper were handed for consideration to a sub-committee appointed to deal with the matter, and consisting of the President, Mesdames Spencer,

Sheppard, W. S. Smith, and Oldham, and Misses L. M. Smith and Roberts. The necessity of additional advertisements being urged, promises to do their best were received from Auckland, Napier, Wellington, New Plymouth, Ashburton, Greymouth, Timaru, Waimate, and Dunedin.

A letter, with greeting, was received from Mrs A. R. Atkinson.

Miss L. M. Smith was re-appointed editor of the "White Ribbon," with Miss Jessie McKay as associate editor, and Mrs Spencer as business manager.

Superintendents of Departments were appointed as follows:—Evangelistic, Mrs Kirkland; Home Meetings, Miss Moody Bell; Purity, Mrs Webb; Educational Meetings, Miss Powell; Sabbath Observance, Mrs W. T. Lill; Work Among Young People, Mrs Spence; Medal Contests, Mrs Evans; Scientific Temperance Instruction, Miss Maunder; Unfermented Wine, Mrs Gaskin; Hygiene, Mrs W. S. Smith; Press, Mrs A. Mitchell; Mothers' Meetings, Mrs Kirkland; Bible-in-Schools, Mrs Dewar; Narcotics, Miss Alice Webb; Work Among Seamen, Mrs Whitby; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs E. C. Somerville; Literature, Mrs Hughes; Anti-gambling, Mrs Macalister; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Sheppard.

Resolved—"That Mrs Macalister be requested to circulate an Anti-gambling petition throughout the Unions this year."

Re Dr. Frederick Bell—The President was desired to write to the local papers.

Resolved—(1) "That this Convention tenders to the Hon. Jas. Carroll its hearty thanks for his action in declining to allow alcohol to be used at the tangi of Tohu."

(2) "That this Convention expresses its pleasure at the refutation by Dr. Pomare of the statement that he applied for permission to use liquor at the tangi of Tohu."

(3) "That this Convention of enfranchised women tender to their sisters in Great Britain their deep sympathy with, and appreciation of, their heroic struggles for the political freedom and rights which the women of New Zealand enjoy. The Convention expresses the conviction that the persecution which they are suffering and the sacrifices which they are making will speedily result in the triumphant success of their cause."

(4) "That this Convention strongly protests against the lax administration of the licensing laws in No-license districts, and begs to call the attention of the Minister of Justice to the need of more vigilance on the part of the police."

(5) "That this Convention expresses its gratification that the predicted failure of the Christchurch Exhibition owing to the absence of all liquor licenses has proved utterly false. The Convention considers the splendid orderliness and sobriety of the great crowds which have attended the Exhibition, and the general success of the undertaking, are a standing object lesson of the value of No-license.

(6) "The Convention tenders to the Christchurch Licensing Committee its hearty thanks for and deep appreciation

of their action in refusing all licenses to the Exhibition, and for closing licensed bars at 10 p.m., such action being in the very best interests of the community."

Invitations for the Convention of 1908 were received from Kaiapoi, Wellington, Auckland, and Invercargill, that of Auckland being accepted with thanks.

The Convention decided that Mrs Lill's scheme as to the equalization of delegates' expenses be considered at the next Convention.

Resolved—(a) "That this Convention strongly protests against Sir Joseph Ward's latest proposal to devote funds obtained through the totalisator to benevolent and charitable purposes. The Convention considers the application of money obtained through legalised vice most pernicious in principle."

(b) "That grants of 5/- each be made to Superintendents of departments."

(c) "That £10 for 1906, and £10 for this year (1907) be handed by the New Zealand Treasurer to the "White Ribbon" in payment for Convention numbers."

#### FEBRUARY 20th, Morning.

Miss Maunder led the Convention in prayer.

The Treasurer was called upon to state the condition of funds up to date.

Resolved—"That accounts be paid from the balance of £16 at present in the N.Z. treasury.

The following notices of motion (re amendments to the Constitution) were sent in for next Convention:—

"That the Convention may appoint a Vice-President-at-Large to sit upon the N.Z. Executive."—M. S. Powell.

"That it is desirable that the position of the N.Z. officers should be held for only five consecutive years, and that the same officer should not be eligible for re-election to that particular office for two years."—Phæbe Seed.

Mrs A. R. Atkinson was appointed representative on the Executive of the N.Z. Alliance.

The President emphasized the duty of the local branches to advertise their meetings in the columns of the "White Ribbon."

The Secretary was instructed to write to Miss Minchin, Feilding.

Miss Sarah Smith was asked to state her method of organising branches desiring a visit from her being requested to communicate with Miss Powell, who will organise her plan of travelling. Greetings from the Convention were sent by Miss Smith to the B.W.T.A.

Resolved—"That the Literature Department be occasionally allowed free space in the "White Ribbon."

"That a committee consisting of the President, Mrs Sheppard, Miss Roberts, and Miss McCarthy be appointed to arrange for the printing and publishing of a leaflet containing the N.Z. Constitution, list of World's and N.Z. officers, and other details, which the Committee may approve.

"That all matters relating to the

W.C.T.U. Bay at the Exhibition be left in the hands of the local committee."

Votes of thanks were passed to the hostesses who had so kindly entertained the members of the Convention, to the local Press, the vocalists and speakers at the public meetings, and to the Christchurch District Union.

Mrs Sheppard, in a felicitous speech, proposed a loving vote of thanks to Mrs Cole, which was carried by acclamation. Mrs Cole having suitably responded the Convention concluded with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again."

(Copied by M. S. Powell.)

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

My Dear Comrades,—

In coming before you for the first time as President of the N.Z. Union, I offer to you each my heartfelt thanks for the great honour conferred upon me, and the confidence placed in me. The responsibility of the position has weighed heavily but I have experienced every consideration from the New Zealand officers, and my Christchurch comrades have strengthened my hands by their kindly help and advice. For all this I would express my deepest gratitude. The work has been arduous, yet with improved health and strength I have been enabled to meet the demands made upon me. Owing to a large amount of correspondence having fallen to my share, and also to the local conditions having made it necessary for me to give up much time to work in Christchurch, I have not been able to visit many of the Unions. In the spring I met the members of the Ashburton, Timaru, and Dunedin Unions, and last April my first visit as N.Z. President was made to the Kaiapoi Union. I have been most happy in my work, and have realised how good our Heavenly Father is to those who call upon Him, and who look to Him for daily strength and guidance.

#### In Memoriam.

At the commencement of my address it is fitting that I should mention the passing of the Hon. R. J. Seddon, late Premier of the colony. In the midst of activities and of plans of work for the future, he was suddenly called away, his death coming as a great shock to the people of this land, which he loved so well. To his sorrowing wife and family your President, on behalf of the N.Z. Union, tendered a message of heartfelt sympathy. Two members of our Union in New Zealand—Mrs Dick and Miss Dalrymple—have also since last Convention passed beyond the veil. The Great Reaper has likewise been busy amongst many of the notable men and women of our day in other lands. First among these I would mention Sir Wilfred Lawson, that brave, bright spirit who stood as the leader for many years of that apparently forlorn hope, the band of men and women who in England clung through evil and good report to the great principle of Local Veto. We thank God that before he closed his eyes to this world's light he saw that principle receive

the affirmation of a large majority of the British House of Commons. Josephine Butler—at this name every woman's heart should throb with gratitude, for this noble spirit stood, in spite of fierce persecution and ridicule, for the abolition of all legalised vice. Her strenuous labours on behalf of the downtrodden and outcast, and her fearless advocacy of a "White Life for Two" will never be forgotten while our organisation exists. The Baroness Burdett Coutts, while not identified with our organisation, must be mentioned. She carried on for many years a great work for the amelioration of the distressed and the destitute. She dispensed with lavish hand the great wealth entrusted to her, and now, after a long and well-spent life, she has passed away mourned by thousands. No woman in the British Empire ever before exercised for so many years such an influence for good by the distribution of wealth.

Our sisters in the United States have lost through the past year four notable women, who have proved by their lives how much may be done by those who have courage and faith to sustain them in the fight against prejudice, apathy, and licensed evil. Susan B. Anthony and Mary Livermore—what stirring strenuous times their names bring to our remembrance! How they stood for the emancipation of woman from the disabilities under which she has been placed by long usage and prejudice, is an oft told tale. Is it not sad that two women of such towering intellect should in their own land be thought only worthy to rank with idiots, criminals, and lunatics? Both passed away without enjoying the right for which they spent themselves. But others have entered into their labours, and to-day, in Australia and New Zealand, the women are reaping the harvest which was sown by these earnest, large-hearted, big-brained pioneers. Mrs Elizabeth J. Thompson—is there one in this audience who does not know how this woman, laying aside the nervous shrinking from publicity which many true souls have to overcome, placed herself at the head of that noble band of women who went out to endeavour, by their prayers and supplications, to close the saloons, which were proving death-traps to the husbands and sons of their countrywomen? May we never forget that it was from these beginnings that our organisation sprang, and that we owe it to this small band of brave souls that we are a power in the world to-day. Truly, they did not "know to what these things might grow."

Mary H. Hunt, whose work for the young in the United States to-day is showing such wonderful results, has also passed to a life of larger activities. She laboured for twenty-five years for the introduction of scientific temperance teaching in the public schools of the United States, and succeeded in her efforts. 22,000,000 are to-day being taught the nature and effects of alcohol. What her work will ultimately mean to that country we cannot to-day judge, but we know that her efforts for the instruction

of the young in these truths is revolutionising the thought of the day on this question.

#### Premier Interviewed.

Soon after Sir Joseph Ward's return to the colony and his elevation to the Premiership your President and Miss Roberts waited upon him in Christchurch. On behalf of the Union he was congratulated upon his appointment to the leadership of the Government, and on the success of his efforts at the Postal Conference, held in Rome, to obtain the assistance of the various countries represented in suppressing the circulation through the post of gambling circulars. As a petition in favour of the abolition of the totalisator was being circulated by the Union throughout the colony the time was thought to be opportune for ascertaining from the Premier what was likely to be done during the coming session in that direction; also if the Government were disposed to do what had already been proposed in Australia, to suppress the publication of betting news and the results of Tattersall's sweeps. We received a non-committal answer, though we were informed that his colleagues would be consulted on the matter. Subsequent events proved that we were to be bitterly disappointed.

#### Abolition of the Totalisator.

This department has had special attention this year, and an effort has been made to impress our legislators with the fact, that the best element in the community is in favour of the suppression of the gambling machine. The work of circulating and obtaining signatures has been well taken up and carried out by our Unions. It has been calculated that 20,000 persons signed the petition, and in face of the fact that our plans were in the beginning upset by the sudden death of the late Premier, and in the end the work had to be done very hurriedly, I think we may congratulate ourselves on the results. But the answer to our petition in the House of Representatives was most disappointing. The Premier's Bill, though in many respects good, failed to satisfy at all those who desire to see the suppression of licensed gambling. Sir Joseph Ward's Bill simply provides for a heavier tax on the totalisator, which tax may be applied to the relief of the local Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards, thus making it almost impossible to induce ratepayers to look with disfavour on an evil which eases them of rates. Feeling assured that our Unions would not approve of such a provision in the Bill, your President wrote to the head of the Government to that effect. As the same Bill, or a similar one, is certain to be introduced into Parliament next session we think no time should be lost in preparing and circulating another petition on the same lines as the last. Much interest has been aroused throughout the colony on the question of the Abolition of the Totalisator. Newspaper editors, judges, the ministers of religion have been speaking and writing with no uncertain sound, being almost unanimous in denun-

ciation of such a source of evil and degradation. Our opponents, also, are at work, and petitions in favour of the totalisator are being largely signed at race meetings. Do not let us lose the ground we have gained, but with God's blessing continue the fight against a legalised vice which is helping to undermine the morality of the nation.

#### W.C.T.U. Exhibit.

The Convention last year approved of a suggestion made by the Christchurch branch, that the N.Z. Union should be represented at the International Exhibition, to be opened in Christchurch in November, 1906. To this end an appeal for funds was made to the branches of the Union throughout the colony, and the response has been met by most Unions, with promptitude and generosity. A committee was formed of several members of the Christchurch Union, whose duty it has been to carry on correspondence with all parts of the world, collect exhibits, arrange for space, and for the erecting, furnishing, and fitting up of the bay. This has entailed a large amount of work, but I may perhaps be allowed to say, that your President has enjoyed very much the opportunity presented for intercourse with our sisters in many lands. The letters received, full of kindness and cheer, the evidence given of hands always ready to aid where possible, and the kindly advice offered where needed, go to prove that the tie that binds our organisation together is not one of empty name alone. As the secretary will offer a detailed report, I need say no more, excepting that it is certain our presence at the N.Z. Exhibition will have a far-reaching effect, and will advertise our Union as it has not been advertised hitherto. The educational value of our exhibit is considerable, and our good fortune in securing Miss Roberts as attendant ensures that the work is being well done. The only place in the Exhibition where woman's work for humanity has received any recognition is at the W.C.T.U. bay, and for that reason the Union has included in its exhibits photographs of women who, while not members of our organisation, have done much for the furtherance of social reforms.

#### A Liquorless Exhibition.

When a proposal was made by the Exhibition Commissioners to override the decision of the Christchurch Licensing Committee by applying to Government for a permit to sell liquor at the Exhibition, a letter was drawn up by your President and forwarded to all Unions, embodying a resolution asking the Government not to interfere with the decision of the Christchurch Licensing Committee. Each Union was advised to pass such resolution and forward to the House of Representatives. As the Government declined to interfere with the decision of the Christchurch Licensing Committee, no further action was taken. When the Government's decision was made known the most doleful prophecies were indulged in to the effect that the Exhibition would be a dismal failure, and that it would be

as well to close it at once, for very few would wish to attend an Exhibition where liquor could not be procured. The person who has stayed away from the Exhibition because he could not obtain liquor has yet to be found. Seeing that during the three months the Exhibition has been open a million persons have visited it, it can scarcely be argued that the absence of liquor has been disastrous, except to those who expected to make money out of its sale. The effect of the absence of liquor has been seen in the absence of drunkenness and crime. Although dense crowds have often assembled in the Exhibition and its precincts order has always been in evidence, and as far as a constant visitor can judge, there is not much work, if any, for the large body of police who patrol the grounds. The success of the Exhibition from a liquorless point of view is not to be lost sight of by those who are advocating the total abolition of the liquor traffic in New Zealand. We have once more the privilege of testifying that absence of liquor means absence of crime, and increase of respectability and morality.

#### Sly-grog Selling in Ashburton.

While touching upon Liquor questions I may draw attention to recent happenings in Ashburton. The seeming sympathy of the magistrate with law-breakers in sly-grog selling cases, as evidenced by the difficulty in securing convictions, induced an appeal by petition to the Government, which was followed up by a personal appeal to the Premier, who said amongst other things "That in a No-license district sly-grog selling must be suppressed." The magistrate has since been relieved of his duties in Ashburton.

#### Bare Majority.

The No-License party have decided on a campaign in favour of the principle of the bare majority being used to decide the question of license or no license. For years past the principle would have been recognised if a sympathetic Government had been in office. Every reasonable man and woman admits the unfairness of the handicap under which the Temperance party is labouring at present, and even if it be only thought a question of expediency for the purpose of preventing any district from going back to license on a narrow majority, we have no right to the advantage on that score. Besides which no politician has the power to promise that the law will not be varied, so soon as it would be to the advantage of our opponents. Nor could we conscientiously oppose the change then. I would urge all our members to help in any endeavour made to remedy a wrong, under which we at the present time lose the victory for no license in most of the North Island electorates, beside many in the south.

#### Children's Rest.

As a Women's Union it was thought only fitting that we should make an effort to induce the Government to make some provision whereby the mothers who visited the Exhibition might be relieved of the care of their little ones while they them-

selves enjoyed without hindrance what might otherwise become a weariness to the flesh. An arrangement was come to whereby the Union undertook all responsibility for the care of the Children, and the Exhibition authorities all financial responsibility. This "Rest" has proved a great boon, and I would here thank the Premier and Commissioners who so kindly granted the request of the Union.

#### Domestic Science.

In this address, given before a gathering of women, it is fitting that attention should be called to a movement recently made to place the management of domestic affairs on a scientific basis. The proposal of Mr. J. Studholme that a lecturer on Domestic Science should be appointed at Canterbury College, has been recognised by the University Senate, and a degree in Domestic Science and Home Economics is to be established. I am persuaded that nothing so important for the well-being of the home and its inmates has been suggested for some time. Surely this recognition of the importance of the subject by the University of New Zealand should go far towards raising the standard of domestic work and domestic workers.

#### Neglected Children.

The recent disclosures made concerning the death of an infant in a licensed home, brings very forcibly before us the need of a home provided by the State for these unfortunate little ones. This Union for many years has advocated the building of cottage homes where such children may have the care of motherly women, where a home atmosphere could be cultivated, and the child receive loving attention, not because the foster-mother receives so much a week for its care, but because it is a sacred charge, to be trained in the best way, and under the best conditions possible to be a worthy citizen of the State. How long will the State wait before it enters upon this sorely needed work? Money thus spent would return the highest interest, for it would mean a saving to the taxpayer if these children can be so trained as to become good citizens. That such can be done the work of the late Dr. Barnardo gives proof. While we wait for this reform the Government is spending large sums in experimental farms, and in introducing to the colony special breeds of cattle and horses. May we not ask them to consider the question—"Is not a man better than a sheep?"

#### Parliamentary.

We are gratified to be able to congratulate ourselves, and all who are working in the interests of moral reform and clean administration, on the elevation to the Cabinet of the Hons. G. Fowlds and R. McNab. The appointment of these two men to Cabinet rank could not have been foreseen a year ago, when we were lamenting the defeat at the elections of several doughty champions of the rights of the people. We rejoice that two such friends to moral reform have been placed in the Government of the country. The recent appointment to the Upper House of the Hons. G. J. Smith, C. M. Luke, J.

Barr, and J. T. Paul is also very gratifying to those who have the best interests of New Zealand at heart. Though we may hold the view that the Upper House would be better ended than mended as a nominated Chamber, yet we cannot but be extremely pleased that the Reform Party in New Zealand has received at last some acknowledgment at the hands of the Government.

#### Temperance Sentiment in Other Lands.

While rejoicing that here in this colony Temperance sentiment is growing, we would praise our God for the advance all along the line, in other lands. Turning to America, the birthplace of prohibition, we gather from reliable authority that in contradistinction to all that has been said and written by the enemy, the cause is winning its way by leaps and bounds. At the present time, eighteen hundred square miles, or nearly one-half the United States, is under prohibition, either by local, county, or State legislation, and there is good reason to hope that in Oklahoma forty thousand square miles will be added to prohibition territory, when in a few months the people of that State shall declare in the Constitutional Convention, or by the votes of the people that their State shall be free from legalised saloons. Outside the States which have a prohibitory law, Georgia has 147 counties, 120 of which are dry, seventenths of Texas, a State having an area almost as large as Germany and Austria combined, is under local prohibition. In Oregon, at a recent local option poll, one-third of the counties raised the banner of prohibition. The leading liquor organs in the States of North America are growing alarmed at the spread of Anti-Liquor sentiment. One delivers itself in this wise:—"A wave of prohibition is sweeping over this country, from one end to the other, that threatens to engulf and carry to destruction the entire whisky enterprise." And so the good work goes on. The sentiment against the liquor trade is growing daily in the United States. "Our enemies themselves being the judges." Shall we not rejoice with our sisters of America in this glorious result, brought about largely, no doubt, by the unremitting labours of the members of the W.C.T.U.? From San Francisco comes one of the greatest object lessons of our time, where during those awful days succeeding earthquake and fire, the sale of alcoholic liquor was prohibited. The absence of crime and disorderliness under prohibition was in strong contrast to the conditions that prevailed when high license was reinstated. So awful were the results of the latter system that men and women went armed for their own protection against the desperadoes that thronged the city.

Turning to Europe, we find that during a late session of the British Parliament, by a majority vote, it was decided that the time had arrived for an alteration to be made in the Licensing Law, and it is hoped that some measure embodying the demands of the Temperance party in Great Britain may in the near future be granted to the people. We gather from

a copy of a letter relating to a most important matter affecting the well-being of all uncivilised races, "That President Roosevelt has renewed the proposal made in vain in 1901 to a former British Government—That Britain shall join America in submitting to other Powers a treaty that will aim to unite all civilised races, to protect all uncivilised races against all intoxicants and opium." We trust that this renewed appeal may not be made in vain to the British Parliament.

In Germany, France, and Italy scientific research is being carried on, and efforts are being made to educate young and old as to the evil effects of alcohol on the individual, and the race. Surely never before in the history of the world has so much attention been paid to the liquor problem, and we trust it means the handwriting on the wall that presages the downfall of this—the greatest enemy of the race.

In all the reforms referred to above our W.C.T.U. women are taking a part, and to-day the largest women's organisation in the world is uplifting the banner of Temperance in many lands, and telling out in various tongues the wonderful news that even here we may have a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

#### Work for Coming Year.

##### Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

—The time is ripe for our Union to endeavour to obtain some measure of instruction in this subject for the pupils in public schools. Why should we not during the coming year make a special effort in this direction. With the present Minister of Education at the head of the Department it should not be difficult to arrange. The young in our schools to-day are the coming voters, and what such instruction would mean to this land may be judged by the effects of such teaching in the United States to-day. As physiology is already taught in many schools, it would not be adding largely to the syllabus, as instruction in the effect of alcohol on the human body would naturally come under that heading. It will be advisable to request that the subject be made not a pass, but a compulsory class subject, and a beginning might be made by including it in the curriculum for teachers' examinations.

**Removal of Women's Disabilities.**—This also is a subject we might with advantage pay attention to at the present time. The Hon. R. McNab has ever been our very good friend in the House of Representatives, and has time after time brought in a Bill embodying our proposals. The present opportunity should not be lost, and I trust we shall make a great effort during the coming session to obtain some recognition of our claims. As a paper bearing on the subject is to be given before Convention, I forbear to say more at this time.

**Abolition of the Totalisator.**—As work also for the coming year, I have already intimated that the agitation in favour of the abolition of the totalisator should be continued.

While we in New Zealand are united in work and fellowship with our sisters in many lands, let each one ask herself if she is doing all she can to hasten the time when this land of ours shall be freed from the social evils that prevail when the weak may find no stone of stumbling in their path, when to the little ones there shall be no cause of offence, when all that is best in humanity shall have free room for its development. I trust that the unity of spirit and the bond of peace that comes from oneness of aim and purpose may be ours. Our intercourse with each other should give to us the broad-minded tolerance and the large-heartedness which is missed by those whose lives stop at their own doorstep, or whose leisure time is absorbed by social pleasures and frivolous gaiety. Many plead home ties as a reason for holding themselves aloof from this work. But to these we would say, that while a mother's duties commence at home, they do not end there. Her child's footsteps lead out, ultimately, into the world, and it is there also, our work must carry us, so that the world may be a better place in which the children may grow up. I pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon our deliberations, and that we may do everything with a single eye to His glory and the good of humanity.

## REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Dear Sisters,—In once more presenting my annual report, I am pleased, at the outset, to be able to sound a note of glad thanksgiving. For eleven years reports from all over the country have been passing through my hands, but never has the outlook appeared so encouraging. Speaking generally, secretaries report good attendance, and increased interest, and this in the year following a Local Option Poll, when there is naturally a reaction after the forced activity of election work, and a disposition to let things slide.

I remember hearing a prominent southern minister remark that in all organizations there was an ebb-tide following the inflow of interest with which things started off, and that if only people had the grit and the patience to hold on over this most trying period the tide would turn once more. We have had a colonial ebb-tide. Four or five years ago things looked dark, interest flagged, membership fell off, and one of our Temperance leaders told me he considered the W.C.T.U. had had its day, and was played out. That was the time of ebb-tide, but the inflow has now set in. The work of the Temperance party in this colony is consolidating, and White Ribbon work has obtained a firmer footing than ever before. For this our humble and hearty thanks ascend to the Great Captain who leads our hosts, and will lead us on to victory. Our membership now totals 1462.

Coming now to details, Wellington, though showing a slight decrease, still heads the membership list with 94. The Empire City will, however, have to look to its laurels, for Wanganui with 83, and Napier with 81, are running it close. Christchurch, our most up-to-date and go-ahead Union, easily distances all competitors in the matter of meetings, having held 24. The usual result—increased membership and interest, has followed. We are now waiting for some Union to report 47 meetings—a weekly one with a recess for Christmas and January, and then we shall see a progressive branch. Dunedin, always alive to the benefit of keeping the work before the public, has held five public meetings. Pledge-taking is a work of great importance, and too often neglected. New Plymouth reports 26 new pledges, and Bluff 16. Miss Willard used to say that the neglect of departmental work was a great source of weakness in our ranks. I am pleased to note that an increased number of Unions have appointed superintendents for various departments. Each of these takes far more interest in the work, because she feels that some special branch of it is committed to her care, and while not obliged herself to do all the work, she is expected to see that it is done and held responsible by her sisters. Napier has fully recognised the importance of this, and is working 12 departments, Gisborne and Invercargill following close with 11 each.

Auckland presents a record of healthy activity. An excellent work was done when the attention of the Inspector of Police was called to the laws prohibiting juvenile smoking and indecent post-cards. In both connections a number of prosecutions followed. Says Sam Jones: "When I throw a stone into a pack of dogs and one of 'em howls, I know somebody's hit," and as our district president was honoured with a caricature in the "Observer" we may safely conclude that some impression was produced upon the enemy. Whangarei, our baby branch, sends a splendid report, showing that it is all alive with interest in the work, a number of departments being taken up, and the membership now totalling 56. Napier has branched out in a new direction by starting a free reading-room, which is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and is much appreciated by the class for whom it was intended. New Plymouth still carries on its rest-room for women coming in from the country. A pleasing testimony to the way this is appreciated is furnished by the fact that the voluntary contributions placed in the box are sufficient to cover the cost of cleaning, etc. Prison work in New Plymouth was light last year, only two women having passed through the gaol. These were visited, and helped, also a number of distressed families assisted with re-made clothing, etc. Wanganui shows an ever-increasing interest in the meetings. A great deal of good relief work is done by this Union in a quiet way, a fact which has recently received public recognition in a leaderette in one of the local papers. Marton pos-

sesses a few faithful workers who go steadily on year after year. The L.T.L. shows a membership of 78. Wellington still cheers the sick and weary with its Hospital Band. The Newtown Girls' Association continues to do excellent work, the usual nightly attendance being between twenty and thirty. At Christmas a number of factories were visited, bunches of flowers with texts attached being given to the women and girls, and gratefully received. The peculiar function of our up-to-date Christchurch Union is to keep itself abreast of the times, and to be constantly seeking, by resolutions, protests, public meetings, etc., to educate public opinion and to purify and uplift our social and political life. Christchurch has held two district Conventions, one in the city, the other at Ashburton. I wonder that all district Unions do not follow this example, no better way can be found of enthusing the auxiliaries and reviving interest in the work. The highly successful luncheon-booth at the Show still absorbs a large proportion of its energies. The same annual effort is made in Auckland, while this year Blenheim also has joined the ranks of A. and P. caterers. For over twelve months the bay at the Exhibition has made large demands upon the time and energies of White Ribboners in the City of the Plains. A considerable amount of self-sacrifice has been demanded of them, and they have not been found wanting.

The thanks of the whole colony are due to Ashburton workers for crystallising public opinion into a petition signed by 634 inhabitants praying for the removal from the bench of the local Stipendiary Magistrate, who has since resigned. The Union has furnished a room which is thrown open each day during the dinner hour to girls in shops, factories, etc. Waimate, as well as Christchurch, held a meeting to protest against the legalisation of the totalisator. Hutt has purchased, and now paid for, a hall. Dunedin and Timaru find their chief occupation in conducting each a Sailors' Rest, the number of seamen having passed through these during the year being respectively 3462 and 1020. A number of smaller branches have made comfort-bags for the sailors, and very touching is the pleasure with which these are received. Lyttelton and Greymouth both visit the ships in port distributing literature, etc. The latter intends opening a Sailors' Rest. Maori work has been carried on by Blenheim, also by our Lyttelton workers, who gave a Christmas tree to the children of the pa. Invercargill still maintains the Victoria Home for friendless girls, last year twenty having been befriended. Board and lodging is given the girls, who assist in laundry work while residing there. They are kept until life and home return to them, helped to suitable situations and generally set upon their feet. Bluff still maintains its good record, the Band of Hope having now a membership of 44, and an average attendance of 100. Three Medal-Contests have been held, and a luncheon-booth conducted at the regatta. By a series of



brave efforts a section has been bought and paid for at a cost of £110, upon which is to be erected a building for the use of men and boys, and to act as a counter attraction to the hotel bar. Kaiapoi still runs its own coffee-rooms, which are so well managed as to be entirely self-supporting.

A vast amount of good work not here chronicled has been done, as I have striven rather to show the wide scope of the White Ribbon movement than the amount of work accomplished. Two or three small branches have disbanded. A number of other small branches are nobly holding up the standard; by-and-by these will rejoice that they stood by the White Ribbon movement in spite of much discouragement arising from small numbers, bad roads and lack of interest. Every year the fight will grow easier, for every year Temperance sentiment grows stronger and warmer, and when the tide turns they will "joy before Him with the joy of harvest." In the meantime, nothing will so tend to awaken interest as the undertaking of some definite work. The Cradle Roll is admirably adapted for country districts, which might also make comfort-bags for the sailors.

Mr. Bligh's visit has been very heartily made the best of by our branches throughout the country, and has done much good. In conclusion may I remind you that before we meet again in Convention we shall be fairly launched upon our year of triennial struggle. It is time, now, that we began our preparations and laid our plans. Each local option poll finds the enemy more alert, better organized, and putting up a more determined fight. And if we are to meet this we must not rely upon influences which will be brought to bear upon the public for the few months previous to the election. The process of education should be commenced without delay, and by home meetings, mothers' meetings, distribution of literature, etc., the foundations will be laid strong and deep for the superstructure to be reared next year. God grant that in every electorate here represented the top stone may be put on with shoutings of grace, grace unto it.

Yours in the tie that binds,

MARY S. POWELL.

**N.Z. TREASURER'S REPORT.**

The balance-sheet I present to-day compares fairly well with that of last year as far as receipts are concerned, but the credit balance I have to show is smaller owing to increased expenditure. A few small branches have sent in no contribution at all, while two have sent in theirs too late to appear in the sheet. I regret that, owing to ignorance of my duty, I sent out no printed balance-sheet forms, thereby causing local treasurers considerable inconvenience, and entailing on myself a great deal of extra correspondence. I have to report that the local treasuries are, with two exceptions, in a healthy condition, the moneys received totalling in round numbers £1400, expenditure £1100, and balance £300. This

includes balance-sheets for Dunedin Sailor's Rest, the Work Among Young People, and the expenses connected with the anti-gambling petition. Of the local Unions Christchurch easily leads with receipts £429, and is followed by Blenheim with £238, and Auckland with £158. In conclusion I would urge on the treasurer of each branch the necessity of collecting all dues in December, and forwarding capitation fees to the general treasurer in good time. Some Unions are without books of receipt forms. These are absolutely necessary for the satisfactory keeping of the accounts of both general and local treasurer, and are supplied to the Unions by me on receipt of 1/-.

E. DOHRMANN.

**REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.**

**ANTI-GAMBLING REPORT.**

The principal work done in this department during the past year has been the promoting and presenting of a petition to Parliament, praying that the Totalisator may be abolished. The work of obtaining signatures was taken up very heartily by the branches of the Union all over New Zealand. In many places the W.C.T.U. arranged for public meetings to arouse interest and sympathy with the movement. These did a great amount of good, and prepared the way for the canvassers for signatures. Most of the Unions have reported that the ministers of the different Protestant denominations kindly acceded to the request to preach upon the subject of Gambling. The Press also in most places was very enthusiastic and greatly helped on the movement.

Although the Totalisator Abolition Bill brought forward by Mr. Ell was defeated by the small majority of 6, the feeling against gambling is steadily growing stronger. On the 10th of September a large and influential deputation waited on the Premier in Wellington, for the purpose of urging on the Government the necessity of (1) The abolition of the Totalisator, (2) isolation of racecourses from telegraphic and telephonic communication, and (3) making the publication of betting news in the daily papers illegal. The Premier gave the deputation a sympathetic reception, and promised to have "the whole matter looked into with a view to have more restrictive legislation passed next session."

The 55 branches of the W.C.T.U. were supplied with forms and a letter of instructions, besides a great deal of extra correspondence, but I have only received answers from 34. The total number of signatures forwarded to Parliament was about 20,000. Forms were also sent to many places where there is no branch of the W.C.T.U., to the care of Ministers' Associations, and Christian Endeavour Societies, with the request that they would forward them according to instructions. It is impossible to report the work of each Union separately, but I am sure that as the result of the work of the W.C.T.U. as a whole, there has been a decided awakening during the past year,

and that public opinion against the Totalisator is daily growing stronger.

AGNES C. MACALISTER,  
Superintendent.

**PURITY.**

My report on Purity work will again be a brief one, as few Unions have sent any information—only Blenheim and Onehunga. Both report that literature has been distributed, and Onehunga has had a monthly class for girls. I feel sure that a great many of our Unions must have helped in Mr. Bligh's work, and I thought this would have made my report unusually interesting this year. In Ormondville our Union arranged a meeting for women and girls in the afternoon, and men and boys in the evening, and Mr. Bligh also addressed the elder boys in the school, was unable to be present at the women's meeting, on account of my sisters' serious illness, but there was a fair attendance, and much interest taken in Mr Bligh's address.

I have no doubt that when my report is discussed in Convention it will be found that many Unions have been doing good work in the cause of Purity, and that much interesting information will be elicited. I have a large stock of very useful literature, and I hope that those Unions which have found what a help it is to them in their work will induce others to get some for distribution.

MARIA WEBB,  
Superintendent.

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### LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY.

Owing to the want of more robust health on the part of the Superintendent, the work of this department has not been prosecuted as vigorously as could be desired.

In response to a request made through the "White Ribbon" that each Union should appoint a local Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent, the following names were received by the New Zealand Department:—Ormondville, Miss Webb; New Plymouth, Miss Douglas; Tairiki, Mrs Jamison; Studholme, Mrs Dohrmann; Ashburton, Mrs Lill; Whangarei, Mrs Hutchison; Wanganui, Mrs Varney; Kaiapoi, Miss Evans; Waipuku, Mrs Fenwick.

While these names are, so far, encouraging, it will be seen that a large majority of the Unions have made no provision for enabling Legal and Parliamentary work to be carried on effectively.

In this colony our Unions are Unions of citizens, and if no provision is made for united work, how can we expect to make the vote "For God, and Home, and Humanity" felt? Our Unions exist for work, and it is only by united effort that we can hope to attain the objects for which we are banded together. The Superintendent would like Convention to urge upon every Union the imperative duty of appointing an officer to correspond with the New Zealand Superintendent, and carry on the work in her own district.

During the year Mrs Macalister, the Anti-Gambling Superintendent, worked splendidly in promoting a petition for the abolition of the totalisator. The Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent afforded Mrs Macalister what assistance she could in the matter. The report of the Anti-Gambling department will afford full particulars in connection with this petition, but it may here be said that owing to the death of the late Premier, and other causes, no decisive action was taken by Parliament during last session.

Mrs Cole, our New Zealand President, with Miss Roberts, waited on the Premier, Sir J. G. Ward, as he passed through Christchurch, and urged him, on behalf of the New Zealand Union, to use his influence to bring about the abolition of the totalisator. Sir J. G. Ward expressed his entire sympathy with the wishes of the deputation, agreeing with the view that the gambling evil was a great and a growing one, and therefore a menace to the welfare of the State. He promised to introduce legislation which would check the evil. One method, however, which Sir Joseph has since proposed to adopt will not, in the opinion of this Department, prove a satisfactory one. He proposed to earmark the revenue received by Government from the use of the totalisator for charitable purposes. The proposition to derive benevolent funds from so vicious a source as gambling is as objectionable as a proposal to endow schools from the revenue from the drink traffic. Should an attempt be made to

give legislative effect to such a proposal the Unions must be prepared to combat it by every means in their power.

Since "No License" was carried in Ashburton, the friends of law and order in that electorate felt that they had grave cause to believe that the Resident Magistrate of the district was treating persons charged with the offence of sly-grog selling with such leniency as to bring the law into contempt. At the request of Mrs Lill, President of the Ashburton Union, this Department drafted a petition to the Premier, asking that the Magistrate might be removed, and that one might be appointed who would see the law enforced. Petition forms were prepared, and an energetic canvass by the Ashburton W.C.T.U. resulted in the securing of a gratifying number of signatures. The petition was presented by a deputation of Temperance workers to Sir J. G. Ward as he passed through Ashburton, and the Premier promised to give the matter his earnest attention. The law-abiding citizens of Ashburton have had the satisfaction of finding that the Resident Magistrate has recognised his position, and that any charges of sly-grog selling in future will be heard before magistrates who are determined to uphold the law.

Much remains to be done in connection with this Department in the direction of bringing about a fairer condition of things for the women who are now, and for the girls who shortly will be, citizens of this colony. The first thing to be done is to overcome the apathy of the women electors, and the Superintendent deeply regrets that she cannot give the energy required for so strenuous a task. But with the help of the members of the Union, and of the local superintendents, who, it is hoped, will be appointed, much may be done to remove the disabilities of women, and to make New Zealand in reality a land of free women as well as of free men. Were our women freed from the legal inequalities now imposed on them solely on account of their sex, it is reasonable to suppose that their power and influence in the State would be greatly enhanced, and that the reforms so dear to many of our hearts would be the more speedily gained.

K. W. SHEPPARD,

Superintendent.

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*The White Ribbon:*

FOR GOD AND HOME AND HUMANITY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1907.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

CONVENTION NEWS.—Convention news excludes all other matter this month, and yet a quantity of copy has to be held over until our next issue.

A MESSAGE FROM THE N.Z. PRESIDENT.—Mrs Cole asks us to express her great regret that the severe indisposition which seized her immediately after the garden party upset all her plans for

the further entertainment of those delegates to Convention, particularly, who came from a distance. She had hoped, after the strain and work of Convention were over, to meet them in friendly converse in her own home. The members of Convention will, we are sure, feel grateful to Mrs Cole for her kindly intention and will be glad to hear that she is now convalescent. Those who knew the work Mrs Cole had done were not surprised at the breakdown.

AN ABSENT SUPERINTENDENT.—For the first time since she joined the Union, nearly eleven years ago, Mrs Webb, of Ormondville, our N.Z. Superintendent of Purity, was unable to attend Convention. As individuals we missed our true hearted friend, and as a Convention we should have welcomed her honest criticism and ripe counsel.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION IN THE HOME.—During the course of the discussion on Scientific Temperance Instruction in Schools a wise suggestion was thrown out by our N.Z. President, viz., that in familiar conversation round the home table, members of the Union make their own children thoroughly acquainted with the nature and effect of alcohol. Children are wonderful preachers to their own generation, and if all White Ribboners would take the matter up we should soon have hundreds of juvenile temperance evangelists at work.

IN CASE OF ACCIDENT.—One most important fact was brought out in the course of the consideration of the paper on the Medical Profession and Alcohol. Strong medical evidence was quoted to the effect that in case of accident the *unwise* and *unsafe* thing to do is to give alcohol in any form. The chances of recovery under later medical treatment are immeasurably lessened when the sufferer has been first dosed with brandy or other so called stimulant.

THE UNION AND BIBLE-TEACHING IN SCHOOLS.—The report on Bible-teaching in Schools brought before the notice of Convention another open door. Opinions differ, even among members of our N.Z. Union, as to the wisdom of insisting on Bible instruction being

given by the teacher in the ordinary school course. But something might be done to remedy the lamentable ignorance of the world's greatest classic if each Union would see that in every school in its district some competent and tactful person or persons receive permission to hold classes for Bible instruction during stated hours.

FRUIT DRINKS VERSUS TEA.—Unlike some assemblies of the sterner sex, Convention did not indulge in the questionable habit of afternoon tea. During those hot afternoons, however, thoughtful friends ministered to natural thirst by placing on the tables a bountiful supply of freshly-made fruit drinks.

**Our Illustration.**

Subscribers to the WHITE RIBBON throughout the colony will, we are sure, be pleased to make the acquaintance, though the medium of her portrait, of Mrs Spencer, the able and energetic Business Manager of our paper.

**ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

MARSHALL H. HUDSON.—Your letter on The Marriage Age received. Most thinkers are now agreed that the children of immature parents are inferior mentally and physically. What the world most needs is thoughtful parentage—not haphazard physical unions. Control of the creative functions has been proved to be a splendid factor in strengthening character.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORT.**

**EVANGELISTIC.**

In response to circulars sent out, ten reports have come to hand. The failure of Unions to tabulate the work makes it impossible to give a correct idea of what has really been accomplished. The reports sent in, however, are all encouraging, and show that good work is being done. Evangelistic meetings are being conducted among young women, and in factories. Children's meetings have also received attention. Hospital visitation is carried on, and books are left for the patients. Bible teaching in public schools is given by some members; others conduct Bible studies and prayer and praise meetings. The aged and sick are visited and supplied with literature. Evangelistic addresses are given at the Sailors' Rests in Lyttelton, Dunedin, and Timaru, and through these addresses many have been born again. Gospel and Temperance literature has also been sent to the back-blocks by the Dunedin and Whangarei Unions.

M. H. KIRKLAND,  
Superintendent.

# Balance Sheet of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand

FOR YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31ST, 1907.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
Paying Members.	Names of Branch Unions.	Year.	N.Z. Capitation Fee.	World's Capitation Fee.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
			£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
1907		1906	2 7 0	0 7 10	TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF N.Z. Officers to Greymouth Convention, 1906—		
94—Wellington			0 8 0	—	President (Mrs Atkinson), from Wellington ...	4 1 0	
16— " (Hon Mem.)			0 16 6	0 2 9	Corresponding Secretary (Miss Powell) from Auckland ...	6 9 6	
33—Waimate ...			0 2 0	0 0 4	Recording Secretary (Miss Moody Bell) from Dunedin...	6 3 0	
4—Tapanui ...			1 0 0	0 3 4	Treasurer (Mrs Hill) from Napier ...	5 5 0	
40—Blenheim ...			0 4 6	0 0 6	Business Manager WHITE RIBBON (Miss L. M. Smith), from Christchurch	5 6 2	
9—Marton ...			1 4 0	0 4 0			30 4 8
48—Timaru ...			0 9 6	0 1 7	WORLD'S CAPITATION—		
19—Lyttelton ...			0 7 6	0 1 3	World's Capitation (or Affiliation Fee) to Canada ...		5 17 5
15—Ormondville ...			1 0 0	0 3 4	POSTAGE—		
40—Gisborne ...			0 8 6	0 1 5	Late President (Mrs Atkinson), from Mar. 1, 1905, to Mar. 20, 1906 ...	1 0 5	
17—Lower Hutt ...			0 8 0	0 1 4	President (Mrs Cole), to Jan. 23, 1907, for postage, telegrams and type-writing ...	1 9 6	
16—Ponsonby ...			0 8 0	0 1 4	Corresponding Secretary (Miss Powell), from Jan. 8 to Mar. 24, 1906 ...	0 8 7	
83—Wanganui...			2 1 6	0 6 11	Recording Secretary (Miss Moody Bell) also stationery ...	0 11 3	
30—Nelson ...			0 15 0	0 2 6	Late Treasurer (Mrs Hill), including P.O.O. ...	0 4 9	
21—South Dunedin			0 10 6	0 1 9			3 14 6
52—Auckland ...			1 6 0	0 4 4	PRINTING—		
19—Port Chalmers			0 9 6	0 1 7	1906—To Messrs Smith and Anthony, Ltd., for headed envelopes & paper	2 8 11	
12—Matapu ...			0 6 0	0 1 0	1907—To Advertising in WHITE RIBBON from Feb., 1906 to June, 1907...	3 10 0	
35—Rangiora ...			0 17 6	0 2 11	To Printing Circulars re Capitation Fees	0 2 6	
72—New Plymouth			1 16 0	0 6 0			1 5
15—Waihi ...			0 7 6	—	INCIDENTAL (SPECIAL)—		
12—Tariki ...	1907		0 6 0	0 1 0	Replaced to Organising Fund, as voted at Greymouth Convention ...	30 0 0	
18—Otautau ...			0 9 0	0 1 6	Sent towards Lady Henry Somerset's Bell ...	0 15 0	
15—Petone ...			0 7 6	0 1 3			30 15 0
12—Cambridge ...			0 6 0	0 1 0	INCIDENTAL—		
15—Levin ...			0 7 6	0 1 3	Advertising Meetings at Greymouth Convention ...	0 15 0	
12—Hastings ...			0 6 0	0 1 0	Advertisements for Sunday Services ...	0 7 6	
16—Waikari ...			0 8 0	0 1 4	To 12 Copies Convention Number WHITE RIBBON ...	0 3 0	
54—Invercargill			1 7 0	0 4 6	P.O.O. and Postage ...	0 0 7	
81—Napier ...			2 0 6	0 6 9	Booklets on W.C.T.U. Work ...	0 1 1	
22—Feilding ...			0 11 0	0 1 10	Exchange on Cheques ...	0 3 0	
13—Bluff ...			0 6 6	0 1 1			1 10 2
51—Kaiapoi ...			1 5 6	0 4 3	Balance outstanding ...		1 4 6
8—Waianiwa ...			0 4 0	0 0 8	Balance in P.O. Savings Bank ...		48 7 10
71—Dunedin ...			1 15 6	0 5 11			
73—Christchurch			1 16 6	0 6 1			
23—Onehunga ...			0 11 6	0 1 11			
7—Waitara ...			0 3 6	0 0 7			
48—Greymouth ...			1 4 0	0 4 0			
11—Stratford ...			0 5 6	0 0 11			
29—Masterton ...			0 14 6	0 2 5			
11—Reefton ...			0 5 6	0 0 11			
(Fees from Ashburton and Hamilton Unions were received late.)							
Late Capitation.							
17—Devonport		1906	0 8 6	0 1 5			
30—Whangarei (new branch)			0 15 0	0 2 6			
11—South Invercargill			0 5 6	0 0 11			
33—Waimate ...			0 16 6	0 2 9			
26—South Dunedin			0 13 0	0 2 2			
13—Matapu ...			0 6 6	0 1 1			
7—Waitara ...		1907	0 3 6	0 0 7			
30—Ashburton			0 15 0	0 2 6			
Donations.							
From Old Members at Rongotea			1 0 0				
" Professor Macmillan Brown			1 1 0				
" Mrs M. Studholme			2 2 0				
" Ven. Archdeacon Williams			5 0 0				
" Mr J. C. N. Grigg			1 1 0				
" "A Friend," Brunner			0 5 0				
				10 9 0			
SUMMARY.							
To Balance last year				67 14 2			
New Zealand Capitation				36 9 6			
World's Capitation				5 18 9			
Donations				10 9 0			
Proceeds Meeting to Aid Funds				2 5 6			
Receipts from Sunday Services, Greymouth				3 1 6			
Part Proceeds of Lecture by Miss Moody Bell				1 0 0			
Subscribed by a few friends to Lady Henry Somerset's Bell				0 15 0			
Incidental—Sale of Two Books of Receipt Forms				0 2 1			
				£127 15 6			

ORGANISING FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
Handed over from New Zealand Funds at Greymouth Convention	30 0 0	To Miss Powell for forming a New Local Union	1 4 6
Interest on previous amount	0 4 0	P.O.O., Registering Letter and Postage	0 4 0
		To Miss Cole for Bay in Exhibition	10 0 0
		P.O.O., Postage and Registration	18 12 3
			0 3 3
	<b>£30 4 0</b>		<b>£30 4 0</b>

No Capitation Fees have been received from the following branches:—Ngaire, Colyton, Gore, Whangarei, Otahuhu, Devonport.

Audited and found correct,

E. BANNERMAN, Auditor.

Waimate, Feb. 9th, 1907.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

LITERATURE REPORT.

If each Union could appoint a Superintendent for this work, much more could be accomplished. There is great need for more information in every branch of our work, and literature is a most valuable agent in supplying up-to-date facts and statements.

During the past year, literature of a varied kind has been circulated, and the supplies have been obtained from different sources, so we have no account of it in our financial statement.

Parcels of literature have been sent into the country places, or supplied to vessels, and to sailors in "comfort-bags," to reading rooms, waiting rooms, as well as placed in the boxes at railway stations. The Purity question has interested almost every Union, and literature on the subject has been bought and circulated more extensively than usual, this being supplied by Mr. Bligh, the White Cross agent, and our Purity Superintendent.

Temperance literature has not been much in demand during the year. Auckland has supplied boxes in the railway stations, sent literature into the country, circulated eight copies of the "White Ribbon" paper monthly, supplied Testaments and Temperance literature to sailors, and provided £2 worth of books as prizes for the Bible in Schools work.

Onehunga has circulated Anti-smoking literature among young men and boys, obtained recitations for young people, and circulated Purity literature among girls and boys.

New Plymouth has supplied the Rest room with Temperance literature, sent a parcel to bushmen, and distributed the publication "On the Line" to the railway men, by whom it is highly appreciated.

Literature has also been distributed in other ways by members and friends.

Waitara reports having given literature to vessels that have visited their port, and the "White Ribbon" paper is placed in the Public Reading Room.

Christchurch has done a great deal of work in selecting and procuring literature for the Exhibition Bay, both for sale, and distribution, as well as for exhibition on the walls of the Bay. Though the report of their labours may not occupy much space, we must all agree that they have done splendid work for our cause, for which we heartily congratulate them.

The Union has also sent literature to stations, and has supplied men working on the railway line.

Ponsonby.—The "White Ribbon" paper is supplied to those members who cannot subscribe for it. The Cradle Roll opens a field for the distribution of literature, which the visitor is supposed to leave for the mother's perusal.

Blenheim keeps literature before the public. The railway boxes are kept supplied, also a parcel has been sent out to the back-blocks.

Lyttelton supplies parcels of literature to vessels leaving the port. Tracts are given to seamen who visit the Rest on Sunday evenings. The "Union Signal" is taken by the Union, Maori leaflets, and other reading matter, has been distributed among the Maoris at Rapaki.

Wanganui keeps the town and Aramoho station boxes regularly supplied with literature, and has reason to think that it is appreciated.

Whangarei Union appointed two superintendents for the distribution of literature in the country districts round about Whangarei, also to sick people in the hospital.

Devonport has circulated literature regularly in the district, and sent parcels into country places.

Waikari has circulated Anti-gambling, Purity, and other literature, and also sent parcels into the country.

The Wellington Union supplies boxes at the railway station. The "White Ribbon" is distributed in the hospital, Nurses' Home, and the Home for the Aged and Needy, also books on Social Purity in factories in Wellington South, and to the girls who attend the W.C.T.U. Room.

Napier has a large undertaking in the Free Reading Room, also distributes literature in waiting room and other ways.

Ashburton has supplied the "White Ribbon" and Purity and other papers to the girls' dining-room.

Greymouth has distributed a good deal of reading matter during the year to the boats in port, railway station, etc., and for the greater part of the year a local Temperance paper has been circulated.

Nelson and other Unions have been active in similar ways. We know because of sending supplies, but a report of their work has not been received. The work of the department, however, is rather seriously handicapped by goods on hand in which money is locked up that ought to be circulating; one line, which is exceedingly good, and should be helpful in

our work, is just lying idle, there is no demand for them at all. We have a capital New Zealand story called "The Angel Isafrel," by the late G. M. Reed. It is highly interesting, and very good, the published price being 1/- each, but I can now supply them at 8d. per copy, and every Union ought certainly to keep a few circulating. In the interval between the Local Option Poll, people can read and think things over, and form an intelligent opinion, much better than when the stir and conflict of a Parliamentary election is also under discussion. So I would kindly urge all our Unions, and workers, to "sow beside all waters, for we know not which shall prosper, this or that, or whether both shall be alike good."

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	5	18	1
By sale of literature	3	1	6
	<b>£8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>

Expenditure.

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of goods	1	3	6
Postage	1	9	8
Balance in hand	6	6	5
	<b>£8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>

Goods in hand to the value of £12.

H. G. HUGHES.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

I am sorry that I cannot report any progress made in this branch of our work, though it is very satisfactory to learn that it is a matter engaging the attention of the leading nations of the world, and that in several countries the children are being taught in the schools the effects of alcohol on the human system. I have received but one report, from which I learn that the Waimate Band of Hope intended to have two addresses given on the subject. Learning from a speech by the Premier that it was intended shortly to revise the school syllabus, I wrote at once to the Minister for Education, and had replies from him and from Mr. Hogben, saying the matter would receive attention. I am glad to say that deputations have also approached the Minister urging the desirability of making Scientific Temperance a compulsory subject for teachers and scholars in the State Schools. Last year I bought graded lesson books to lay before the

teachers to show them what instruction we wanted, and received many favourable replies, and hoped to continue the work this year, but I had difficulty in getting back the books, and three out of eight are still missing, so that I have not a complete set. The Alliance has appointed two members to take up the work, and I hope their efforts will not be in vain. We have much to encourage us in the fact that the present Minister for Education is in sympathy with our movement.

J. E. MAUNDER,  
Superintendent.

### EDUCATIONAL.

I have much pleasure in reporting a most satisfactory increase of interest in this department. I have circulated educational papers amongst 26 Unions, besides sending copies of facts gleaned from the No-license districts to 17 Unions. Several branches held Educational meetings to receive the report of their delegates returned from Convention, and Waimate invited Dr. Barclay to speak upon the "Feeding of Infants."

Several of our district Unions have held Educational meetings, when no business is taken, and a special effort is made to induce outsiders to attend. I should like to urge upon our members the great importance of holding these meetings, they being much more attractive to women outside our ranks than our business meetings. Smaller branches have read the Educational papers at the ordinary meetings.

Every paper printed in the "White Ribbon" is used in this way. Each Union in the colony should read these at least once.

M. S. POWELL.

*Several Departmental Reports are necessarily held over until next issue.—Ed.*

The law of love is not the abrogation of the law of struggle: it represents a better way to fight.—*David Starr Jordan.*

### NEW ZEALAND OFFICERS FOR 1907.

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