

## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR SISTERS,

It will be remembered Convention decided that all contributions on the September Red Letter Day should be given to the New Zealand Treasury. Miss McCartney's appeal makes this doubly binding on our members to do their utmost to make the celebrations financially successful.—ED. W.R.

### INTERNATIONAL TEMPERANCE BUREAU, Lausanne (Suisse.)

MRS. COLE,

N.Z. President W.C.T.U.

Dear Madam,—We thank you very much for the contribution of your Union to our funds. We feel greatly honoured that countries which, like yours, are so far ahead from us in the struggle are ready to help us in the fight. We thank you also for the interesting documents you sent us, and shall be very thankful if you will send what appears to you of general use.

In some weeks we shall begin with the publication of short notices on the world's temperance movement for the daily press and we shall take care that the press of New Zealand be not forgotten.

Yours faithfully,

DR. R. HERCOT.

P.S.—I am glad to announce you that we have on last Sunday had our first prohibition victory on the Continent. With 236,000 ayes against 135,000 noes have the Swiss electors voted the prohibition of the "absinthe" liquor (wormwood).

Receipts for August, New Zealand Treasury:—Ormondville Union, per Miss Webb, £1; Miss Cole, balance from Exhibition bay, £1.

The New Zealand Treasury is empty. Will the Unions remember this on Red Letter Day?

The N.Z. Treasurer congratulates Tangoio (New Maori Union) on being the first to send in the 1909 capitation for twelve members.

MARY MCCARTHY,  
N.Z. Treasurer.

ORMONDVILLE,  
Sept. 4th, 1908.

DEAR SISTERS,

As we are drawing near the end of the year, I wish to call your attention to the question of our Annual Reports. I shall be sending out the printed forms next month, and beg all secretaries to notice that the *printed forms* are to be returned

direct to me, as soon as they are filled in. The additional accounts of work done by each Union are to be sent to the District Secretary, and she will include them all in one District Report to be sent in by her to me.

I am sure that all Unions would find it better to hold their annual meeting in November instead of December. Last year numbers of reports were held back because so few came to the December meeting that the names of new officers could not be given, such officers not being elected in some cases till after Convention. Thus the list of Unions in the Convention number lacked the names and addresses of those in office during the year, and much time and postage is wasted through the incorrect addresses given in the official list, and used by all Superintendents of Departments when sending out correspondence to the Unions.

December is a busy month, with all the extra work which Christmas and school holidays bring, and the forms have to be filled in and returned to me in January, even if we were not mostly busy making jam in that month. Will all Secretaries urge their Unions to try and have the annual meeting in November this year, and then we shall naturally continue to do so in the succeeding years? Any Union which cannot aid me by making this alteration will oblige me much by being as prompt as possible with their December meeting, and I hope all reports will reach their proper destinations in good time. Last year quite a number of Unions lost their printed forms altogether. Some sent in their information on separate papers, some mingled it with remarks on work done, two or three sent nothing at all. Do let us be businesslike this year, and save the endless writing that carelessness involves.

I am, yours sincerely,

ALICE E. WEBB,

N.Z. Corresponding Secretary.

### LITERATURE DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Hughes, Grahamville, Mount Eden, Auckland, has a fresh supply of Maori leaflets by Dr. Pomare; they are 1/4 per 100, post free. Also pamphlets for the Bible in Schools department, 1d each, or 1½d post free. The Maori pledge cards are 10/- per hundred post free, and are worth a small frame. The New Zealand Constitutions are now corrected, and can be supplied for 2d each.

### Books Received.

"The Awakening of Women; or Woman's Part in Evolution," by Frances Swiney (William Reeves, London, 2/-.) This book having reached its third edi-

tion, proves its right to be admitted as a standard authority on the sex question.

"The Patmos Letters," by Dr J. L. Campbell (Morgan & Scott, Lond., 4/6 net).

"Man's Day," by Philip Monro (Morgan & Scott, 3/6).

"Heathenism Under the Searchlight: the Call of the Far East," by the Rev. Wm. Remfrey Hunt, F.R.G.S. This is a book full of interest and enlightenment to students of the Chinese question. (Morgan & Scott, 3/6 net).

"In Armour Clad," by the Rev. W. B. Russell Caley, M.A., Vicar of St. Matthias', Plymouth. (Morgan and Scott, 1/-).

"The Beginning of a Story," by Miss Amy Wilson-Carmichael, of the C.E.Y. M.S., is one of those books that will awaken an increased interest in the work of rescuing Indian girls from a life of peril. It is exquisitely designed in gold and green. (Morgan & Scott, 6d net).

"My Travels in India," by Miss Agnes Slack, is a neatly got up book, with a splendid photo. of the writer and many illustrations of life in India as seen by her. Every WHITE RIBBON worker will be delighted to have this book, to be able to read for herself what our workers are doing in this large Empire. It is a marvel of cheapness, and can be obtained from Mrs Cole, Christchurch, for 9d. per copy. The profits from this book will be used to further temperance work.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED TO SEPTEMBER 8th, 1908.

To June, 1908—Mrs. Stanton, Raglan; Mrs. Crewes, Wellington; Mrs. Howard and Miss Avison, Timaru. To June, 1909—Mrs. Tanner and Miss Pallot, Napier; Mrs. Judson, Waimate; Mesdames Don and Borrows, Dunedin; Mrs. Moss, St. Albans; Mrs. Mackay, Stratford; Mrs. Graham, Eastbrook; Mrs. Joughin, Waikuku; Mrs. Black, Nelson; Mrs. Shearer, Feilding; Mrs. Hookham, Christchurch; Mrs. McClymont, Reefton; Miss Watt, Ashburton; Miss Hewat, Oamaru; Mesdames Rule and Brooker and Miss Smith, Timaru; Mesdames G. Carson, Collier, Ross, Blyth, sen., McLeod, Campbell, Jones, Jarratt, Tucker, G. H. Smith, Hurley, Beaumont, and Miss Morton, all of Wanganui. To April, 1909—Mrs. Hinton, Gisborne. To July, 1909—Mrs. Burne, Napier; Mrs. McFarlane, Tangoio; Mrs. Dawson, Christchurch; Mesdames Uru and Johnston, Kaiapoi; Mesdames Raitt, Grant, Davidson, Trott, Thyne, and W. Ellis, all of Timaru; Mrs. Gilmour, Wanganui. To May, 1908—Mrs. Hay, Wadestown; Mrs. McNab, Timaru. To August, 1909—Mrs. Peck, Willowbridge; Miss Kitto, Miller's Flat. To July, 1908—Mrs. F. Smith, Timaru. To May, 1909—Mesdames Stead and Craigie and Miss Sibley, of Timaru. To September, 1909—Mrs. Bourne, Timaru. To September, 1908—Mrs. Palleson, Timaru. To June, 1909—Mesdames Oram and Thorne, Kaiapoi.

Received accounts sent to all Unions—

H. E. OLDHAM,  
Business Manager WHITE RIBBON.