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Our Illustration.

Mindful of the old adage, "When the cat's away the mice play," the absence of our Editor-in-chief emboldens us to present our readers with her portrait. For many years Mrs Sheppard's splendid work has been known to the women of New Zealand. As the Franchise Superintendent of the W.C.T.U., she, with dauntless courage and untiring energy, led the movement for the enfranchisement of women to its goal. For three years president of the Women's National Council, her wise and sympathetic guidance has been invaluable. As the chief Editor of our little paper, she has been unwearied in her efforts to make it both useful and self-supporting. Broad-minded and warm-hearted, she has taken a keen and often active interest in every humanitarian cause. To know her slightly is to admire her; to know her well is to love her.

As our readers will see, the present issue is largely a report of the proceedings of the National Council. And for the fact that it is so no apology is needed. Our only regret is that we cannot enlarge our paper, and so give a more full account of the truly educative papers and debates.

The *Otago Daily Times* speaks of the President's address as being in itself a sufficient justification for the existence of the Council.

Of Mrs Daldy's paper on "Constitutional Reform" the *Evening Star* says:—"Mrs. Daldy takes a broad view of her all-important subject, and deals with it in a comprehensive and logical manner, evidencing careful study, and