

his children grow up and do not know what a drunkard is because they have never seen one. I've seen - I'm sorry to say it - more drunkards in three weeks in London than in twelve years in Kansas.

When my father commenced his ministry at every house at which he called he was offered drink. It would have been considered a breach of hospitality not to offer it, or for him not to take it.

To-day if I were to take a glass of wine it would blast my reputation. Jesus Christ is becoming more and more the ruler of this world of ours. He will be the most honoured personality of the coming century, and therein lies our hope.

*Rev. Chas. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps."*

It has been said, "If you save a boy you save a man, but if you save a girl, you save a family."

*Mr G. Wallace Ross.*

It is not the cry (says a Chinese writer) but the rising of the wild duck which impels the flock to follow him.

*Clara Parrish.*

I feel like saying, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace," but I would rather be a Y to-day than Simeon.

*Marrienne Farningham* (upon being presented to the Convention).

I have been to the prison (Edinburgh) this morning and held a service. Out of the eighty women inmates, seventy-nine were brought there through drink.

*Mrs Barney.*

When I first went to India a Hindoo lawyer said to me, "You Christians pray, 'Lead us not into temptation.' I wish you would not lead us into temptation when you come to our country."

*Mrs Brockway* (India).

It is the opinion of the Europeans that the Moslems do not drink. If they do, they are certainly "drunken in the night," for if they should be seen drunk people would say they were "followers of Jesus."

*Mrs Barney.*

I have received circulars by post from brewery companies stating that, in case I took up shares, my name should not appear in the printed list.

*An Edinburgh Minister*

From the "World's" Temperance Congress.

Dr. Norman Ker's estimate that 40,000 persons drink themselves to death each

year in the United Kingdom, and that 80,000 more die through the alcoholic indulgence of others, is probably under the mark.

*Rev J. W. Horsley, M.A.*

(Late chaplain H.M. Prisons.)

(In Denmark) the Municipality has the power to limit the number of public-houses, and in some localities good laws have been passed for their regulation, e.g., there can be no women waiters; it is unlawful to throw a drunken man into the street; he must be housed, or driven home.

*Dr. R. Thurnwald.*

A man, asked if he were a pessimist, replied, "No, I am a workman." He said more than he meant. Workers are rarely pessimists.

*Rev. Geo. Gladstone.*

For life shall on and upward go;  
The eternal step of progress beats  
To that great anthem, calm and slow,  
Which God repeats.

There is one Corporation in which I have a deep interest, which has often been most unfairly judged; it is called the Ecclesiastical Commission. Yes, but when a short time ago, a certain well-known vast grocery business applied for licenses in all directions, when they flooded the country with a new avalanche of this dangerous drug, not one single grocer's license was permitted upon one inch of the Ecclesiastical Commissioner's land.

*Canon Wilberforce.*

No one denies the humiliating confession of the liquor traders themselves, that "a gigantic evil exists" which has grown to "national degradation"

*Rev. Geo. Gladstone.*

[Contributed by M. S. Powell.]

## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR FELLOW WORKERS, — Before the issue of our next month's paper I hope to have the forms for next year's returns out, and propose making a little alteration from last year's plan. Instead of sending all forms to the District Secretary for her to forward to the Auxiliary Unions, I will send direct to all local secretaries, both District and Auxiliary, thus saving time and postage to the District Unions. But please notice that all Auxiliary forms must be sent to the District Secretary when filled in. And, as a very special favour, may I ask that all Unions will

hold their annual meetings in December, so that all returns can be sent to me in January. Although we asked and asked again last year that this rule might be adopted, several reports came to hand after we had left for Convention, and some had to be telegraphed for from Auckland. These delays make it impossible to compile such a report as we would wish, and our Unions feel aggrieved if their reports are left out of the Convention number. Again, your N.Z. Corresponding Secretary is a very busy woman (even if she does not write "Mrs" before her name). So many excuse themselves for leaving work undone by saying, "You know I am married; it is quite easy for you single women to give time to the work." But even single women are busy sometimes, and so I want all our Unions to help me in this matter by sending returns early. Our Convention of 1901 is to be held in Wellington, and we are anxious that it shall be a good one in every sense of the word. It has been suggested that we should have two or three papers read which would be suitable for discussion. I shall be very glad if our Unions will at once send suggestions to me as to suitable subjects, and if any one will volunteer to prepare a paper we shall be very grateful.

Yours, in White Ribbon bonds,

LYDIA E. BARNETT,

N.Z. Corresponding Secretary.

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Leeston, Canterbury.

DEAR WHITE RIBBON SISTERS, — Through the medium of our paper please allow me to apologise for not having sent out circulars to the various Unions *re* Mothers' Meetings. Many things have hindered me from doing so; and I now ask that reports of any work having been, or being, done may be sent to me as early as convenient. I need scarcely ask that this all-important part of our work be taken up wherever it is possible.

Dear sisters, there is much need for help in this branch of our work, seeing the gross ignorance, carelessness, and indifference which exists, that it behoves us mothers to be ever on the alert to help and uplift wherever the need arises; and is it not daily and hourly with us? Praying that God's blessing may rest upon every department of our work,

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

CAROLINE GASKINS.