

courage, do your best to stop all these things. Is cycling wrong? Beyond a doubt the cycling craze has led to an enormous development of Sunday desecration, pleasure taking the place of religion. If living beyond walking distance from church, it is better to cycle there than be absent or to go by train or 'bus. But if the distance is walkable, *walk* for example's sake. A man's conscience may be clear, but he owes something to his neighbour's conscience. Surely the Apostle's remark as to offending his brother by eating meat has an application here."

While rejoicing in every effort, and especially in every success in guarding this God-given day in our colony, we would, as a union, offer warm congratulations to our friends at Queenstown, for their prompt action and success in regard to the Sunday train proposed for their town in the past year. May the Christian women of New Zealand be faithful to their God.

MARIAN MINCHIN,

Supt. of Department for Sabbath Observance.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

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ST. LOUIS, Mo.

MRS SCHNACKENBERG,

Dear Madam,

Of course you have heard of the Great World's Fair to be held in St. Louis, in 1904. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will erect a beautiful Ice Water Fountain on the World's Fair Grounds, from which the tempted and weak may get a drink of pure cold water. To make money to pay for this fountain, we are to have a handkerchief sale. Knowing your interest in Temperance work, I write to beg you to send us a handkerchief of any kind or style. Will you do us the favour, for which we will be very grateful?

Send very soon. Write your name and the price the handkerchief ought to bring, on a paper, and pin it on the handkerchief.

Assuring you your help is needed, and will be greatly appreciated,

I am, your sister worker,

(signed) E. B. INGALLS.

National W.C.T.U. Committee, to World's Fair.

DEAR WHITE RIBBONERS,

I feel sure that many of you will like to send a handkerchief to our friend, Mrs Ingalls. I know of one that, in response to the first letter I wrote, has been sent, it was worked by an Armenian woman. We are not all of us able to send any of such great interest as that, but any contributions will be appreciated.

Yours as ever,
A. J. SCHNACKENBERG.

Address to Mrs E. B. Ingalls, 4119 Westminster Place, St. Louis, Mo. U.S.A.

DEAR WHITE RIBBONERS,

Being a visitor at the Bluff, I was invited to attend the monthly meeting of the most southerly W. C. T. U. in the world. I found a handful of brave women in the Presbyterian church, grappling with the problem of how to raise funds for the purchase of a section on which to build a room, where the men of this fast growing and flourishing sea-port town would find a cheerful fire, newspapers, books, and quiet games, to serve as a counter-attraction to the bar and billiard rooms, now the only doors open to them. The "Sailors' Rest" is used only by the deep-sea sailors, and, incredible as it seems to outsiders, cutter men are forbidden to avail themselves of its shelter. Bluff is the headquarters of the oystering-fleet, and some of the men, having no homes on shore, live and sleep aboard their tiny crafts. The great need of a comfortable room, where such homeless men can profitably spend their leisure time, is only too evident.

It is proposed to hold a bazaar in a few months' time. White Ribboners, I appeal to you to help our brave sisters to make this bazaar a financial success.

Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach, Bluff, will gladly receive contributions of any description.

Yours in the work,
S. TWEMLOW.

Assistant Corresponding Secretary.
Bluff, June 6th, 1903.

DEAR SISTERS,

I exceedingly regret that, through an error, the Ponsonby union was omitted from the official list in the Convention number, although my footnote congratulating that Union upon re-organisation was duly printed. I have also much pleasure in announcing that a union has been formed at Lower Hutt,

secretary—Miss Jenness. May I once more thank you for your very hearty response to my appeal on behalf of the organising fund; as the letters come in I just long to answer every one of them, but that being impossible will you accept this acknowledgement. And will treasurers please note that remittances should be sent, not to me, but to Mrs Hill (see circular).

Yours in the work,
M. S. POWELL,

N. Z. Corresponding Secretary.

The Women's Institute,
London.

The fifth annual report of the Women's Institute is to hand, and shows that a most interesting and helpful programme of work has been carried out. The object of the Institute is to be a "meeting place for workers, and a centre of information." "The Institute aims at being a link between workers, not only in London, but in various parts of the world." "As colonial members can comparatively rarely avail themselves of the Institute's lectures and debates," special advantages are offered to them, viz., (1) Membership without entrance fee; (2) the right to receive all publications of the Institute, free of charge; (3) four transferable tickets a year for lectures or debates. Annual subscription 10s.

Smile A Little.

Smile upon the troubled pilgrims
Whom you pass and meet;
Frowns are thorns, and smiles are blossoms
Oft for weary feet.
Do not make the way seem harder
By a sullen face;
Smile a little, smile a little,
Brighten up the place

Smile upon your undone labour;
Not for one who grieves
O'er his task waits wealth or glory,
He who smiles achieves.
Though you meet with loss or sorrow
In the passing years,
Smile a little, smile a little,
Even through your tears.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Charity thinketh no evil, much less repeats it. There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart—never believe anything bad about anyone unless you positively know it is true; never tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary.