

Correspondence.

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HOW TO ABOLISH WAR.

(To the Editor).

Madam,—Your article on "Criminal Nations" pleads for the abolition of war, which you rightly say, can be done by prayer, a method greatly not believed in and even derided. Now have we all considered prayer, what it is, and how we should use it and act? Judging by results and observations we do not all appreciate the power of prayer. How it with faith can remove mountains either of ignorance or rock.

We also seem to fail to recognise our powers with prayer, open to us all the time, apart from God's intervention, that is, that most of our prayers are answerable, or not, by ourselves in our lives. This non-recognition of natural powers we can control, but do not, accounts for the seeming failure of prayer. Prayer is an effort to mould natural forces, and to succeed must follow natural laws, and must be reasonable. All reasonable things are possible with the prayer of faith.

But to succeed we must act on the primal foundations of the universe—love. Love, called in science, chemical action, light, heat, electricity, etc.

Perhaps your readers have not observed that science has established the "oneness" of the universe, and the claims of Christ. Science has shown that "matter," as we usually call it, is an illusion, it is merely a manifestation of motion. Materialism is an illusion. Spirit is the guiding power, motion the result—mind and results.

The Great Mind has allowed us wonderful powers, which most of us fail to use. We are really gods, able to perform "miracles" as Jesus did, that is, control natural forces if we so wish. Natural forces have all one base love, or chemical action, and may develop into any possible thing.

But we can wander in illusion or train ourselves for exercising powers. Our illusions are men's follies, greed for seemingly material advantages. Men's follies and greed for seemingly material advantages are the causes of war. In training ourselves to do rightly, we not only train ourselves, but others. We move the great law of

mental suggestion. If we do ill it spreads to others, if we go good, it influences others.

To acquire control of our powers we must "weary not in well doing." learn our lesson determinedly, learn it for and by love in full faith. As it were, set the clock of our minds to go steadily, and to strike at the right time "in season and out of season."

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."—Matt. 6:33. To abolish war each one of us needs to give up all selfish ideas and feelings of personal greed, and trust the Great Father. Not set ourselves a standard of commerciality, but a standard of righteousness, and set our wills hard, that is, pray fervently to impress on all the world the joy and satisfaction of abandoning the illusions of selfish greed and folly, for the reality of righteousness. Then war cannot be mentioned. Read Matt 6, especially verse 33, and Luke 12, especially verse 31, and trust our Creator.

I am, etc.,

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OUR GOAL: 1000 NEW SUBSCRIBERS FOR 1915.

Our journal, the "White Ribbon," owes much of its success to the devoted and faithful labours of our agents in each Union. Upon our front page will be seen the photo. of three veteran agents. Mrs Williams, of Christchurch, has the largest list of subscribers in the Dominion, and last year sent in 40 new subscriptions, and collected all subscriptions up to date. Miss Butterick, Ashburton's faithful agent, now entering on her ninth year of service, has more "W.R." subscribers (70) than the Union has members (54), and every subscriber is paid up for the current year. Mrs Stewart, of Gisborne, after long and faithful work, has had to resign owing to leaving the district. In one or two Unions where the subscriptions had been allowed to fall into arrears, officers of the Union came to the rescue, and worked hard to gather in arrears, and also to gain new subscribers. To all our earnest and hard-working agents we desire to tender our hearti-

est thanks for past favours, and we entreat them for help in our forward move. We want 1000 new subscribers this year; this is not quite a 50 per cent. increase, and we feel sure it can be done by earnest and devoted effort. The wider our circulation, the greater influence will we exert, and though to fight strong drink till we banish it from our midst is our first endeavour, we also fight every enemy of Home and Native Land.

Will all Unions get busy at once? Try and interest other women's societies in our paper, and get them to become subscribers. Unions having agents rally round and help them, and Unions without agents please appoint one at once, and send name and address on a post-card to the Business Manager. Be always on the watch for new subscribers. Palmerston North held a meeting to hear report of Convention. Their energetic agent secured seven new subscribers at that meeting. Timaru sent five new names to-day, and three new ones last week. Will other Unions please help, and all make a special effort on White Ribbon Day.

PRAYER FOR PEACE.

Dear Comrades,—You will have read in the minutes of the Annual Convention (page 6, "White Ribbon") the following:—

"That the 24th of May be observed by members of the Unions throughout New Zealand as a day on which prayers for peace and guidance in regard to the present war be offered up. Should the Unions be unable to meet on that date, that one day during that week be used for the observance, the 24th (Empire Day) being commemorated by individual members."

This proposal was carried. Will all Unions kindly see that this proposal is carried out.—Yours faithfully,

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"The man who misses all the fun
Is he who says "It can't be done"!
In solemn pride he stands aloof
And greets each venture with re-
proof;
The world would sleep if things were
run
By men who say "It can't be done"!