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ELECTIONS.

We are pleased to see that women are being returned to Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards in increasing numbers. At Invercargill, Mrs Cruickshank and Mrs Berse topped the poll. At Palmerston North two ladies headed the poll, the second being Mrs Crabb, President of the local Union, and Vice-President of the Dominion Union. At Wanganui, Mrs Siddells was returned, and at Nelson, Mrs Watson; at Timaru, Mrs Raymond, all of these being White Ribboners. Dunedin elected three ladies, one at the head of the poll, and Wellington has four ladies on its Board. Christchurch also returned three ladies.

In School Committee elections many White Ribboners have been elected. N.E. Valley, Mrs Begg; Ashburton, Mrs Watson and Mrs R. P. Begg; Newtown (Wellington), Mrs Wright and Mrs Webb; Wanganui, Mrs Siddells and Mrs McKenzie; Palmerston North returned Sister Jean to West End Committee, and Mesdames

Crabb and Gill to College Street. Wanganui East has two ladies, both White Ribboners; and Cargill (Dunedin) also returned one lady; North Canterbury, 20 ladies; while Invercargill elected Mrs Morrison, Mrs Parkin, and Mrs Garrett.

One lady has been elected a member of the Christchurch City Council.

"THE WHITE RIBBON."

Up to date our Unions have redeemed the promises made at Convention. They resolved to get 500 new subscribers during the year to cover the increased cost of publication. That meant 125 each quarter. In the six weeks from Convention, there have been sent in 125 new subscribers, which is most encouraging, and we heartily thank those Unions and members who have so readily come to our help. Our old friend, Miss Powell, heads the list with 25 new subscribers. She says: "You shall not have to use common paper if I can help it." Wellington Central, 13; Palmerston N., 10; Mrs Lee-Cowie, 9; Auckland, 7; Christchurch and Mosgiel, 6; Ashburton, Morrinsville, Mrs Black (Waitoa), and Hikurangi, 4; Wanganui E., Mrs Neal, Lower Hutt, Port Chalmers, Stratford, Warkworth, Dunedin, and Mrs Evans, 2. The following Unions each sent one new subscriber: — Greymouth, Nelson, Kaiapoi, Norsewood, Carabridge, Woodville, Devonport, Waihi, Otahuhu, Waipawa, Henderson, Gisborne, Manaia, Wanganui, Alexandra, Wai-pukurau, and Nelson Y's. Several Unions have written promising to get the six new subscribers which Convention asked for, and as many more as possible. Will every Union do its best to help by circulating the "White Ribbon"?

We hope all Unions who can afford 10s a year will advertise their meetings on the last page of the paper. It helps the paper to have a complete list of Unions, and it also helps the Union by letting any visiting White Ribboner know when and where they meet.

A brewer in America who recently went out of business said: "There is no money in the brewery business. The liquor business is dying a natural death."

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN CANADA.

March 5th, 1917.

(To the Editor "The White Ribbon")

Dear Mrs Peryman,—I know your readers will rejoice to hear that a great victory for the cause of Woman Suffrage has just been won in Canada. Everybody knows that during the last year Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia granted this measure of justice to their women. But the more densely populated Eastern Provinces still lagged behind. The news has just reached me from the President of the Canadian National Suffrage Association that the provincial franchise was granted to the women of Ontario on March 1st. The only province of importance now left unfranchised is Quebec, and though in that province public opinion is extremely conservative, it is difficult to believe that Quebec can long resist the influence of the rest of the Dominion. The Federal Franchise for the Dominion will follow naturally. This means that in three of the self-governing Dominions the women have their energies free for the great work of reconstruction which is awaiting us all. The women of Great Britain and South Africa will look upon this new gain to the cause as a fresh stimulus to them in their struggles for the same freedom.

Should any of the leaders in other Dominions wish to send their congratulations direct to Canada, the address is:—Dr Margaret Gordon, President, National Canadian Suffrage Association, 726, Spadina Avenue, Toronto.

She sent the message to me that I might send it on to you.

A victory such as this is another link which binds the women of the Empire together.

Yours with all good wishes,

HARRIET C. NEWCOMB,

Hon. Secretary.

MAORI MISSION FUND.

Will all Unions kindly remember White Ribbon Day, June 15th? Collection for Maori Mission Fund.

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