

BRITAIN'S SHAME.

"The Women's Dreadnought" publishes two stories, on good authority, as to how the Naval and Military Authorities are encouraging our soldiers and sailors to lead immoral lives. A young naval officer states that when the men go on leave the ship's doctor stands on the gangway calling out to them that if any of them go with women whilst they are ashore, they must come to him for treatment when they return, or there will be trouble. A young officer in a Canadian regiment stated that when he first went on leave in England he was supplied with preventatives against venereal disease. He refused them indignantly, but his superior told him with a smile that he must take them.

Dr. Flanders, a leading Canadian, asks: "Has England no better reward for the mothers of this Dominion who have given her their sons than to return them to their homes victims of inebriety manufactured in England? Why should Canada deny herself in the practice of a steadily increasing economy, that food supplies may be contributed to the feeding of our soldiers, while England allows the liquor trade to destroy hundreds of thousands of bushels of grain in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages, which, on the authority of science, have little or no feeding force? The bungling of a War Office not trained to the exigencies of war Canada is prepared to bear with set teeth; but when our men return wounded from the Front, with whispers of what might or might not have been if only their brave officers had been truly themselves, our women ask their pastors touching the moral obligation involved in the reckless exposure of their loved one to unnecessary and criminal blundering in the hour of great danger."

LIFE MEMBER.

If any Union wishes to follow Ashburton's example and get a Life Member, it should note that the fee for Life Membership is £25. This money to be retained by the local Union on condition that they pay the member's capitation to the N.Z. Fund during her life.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—We are to the eighth month of the year. The Secretaries of our Unions will soon be called upon to make up the report of work accomplished by the superintendent of each department.

Just a line to remind those who have attempted work in any way to the extension of God's Kingdom by keeping the Sabbath.

Last year the reports were most disappointing, but I am looking forward hopefully to receive a greater number of good reports from all workers throughout the Dominion.

BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS.

At last Convention, Sabbath Observance and Bible-in-Schools were coupled together.

Will the Superintendents of that department please forward their reports to me?

May I suggest to the workers in this department that they endeavour to ascertain what school (if any) in their district the Bible is read, or a Bible lesson given to the scholars?

Thanking you in anticipation.—
Yours for service,

E. A. BOXALL.

"Te Maru,"

40, Pirie Street, Wellington.

WORK AMONG SEAMEN.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—Some Union Secretaries have written to me and asked longer time than the end of September to send in their woollen comforts for the men of the sea, so I have decided to extend the time until the end of October.

Would all interested please note? Various Unions have decided to hold a social afternoon, and receive gifts of woollen comforts for the mine-sweepers. This is a splendid idea, and quite a large number of woollens can be raised in this way.

For the benefit of our members who may not be aware of the great work carried on by the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, I would point out that this Society, which will receive and distribute all the woollen comforts sent by the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand for the mine-sweepers, occupies the same place to the British Admiralty as the

Y.M.C.A. does to our Army.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

BESSIE NIMMO,

Supt. of Work Among Seamen.

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"DEFENCELESS ADAMS."

Colonel Sir Edward Ward, who alluded in a speech at the Union Jack Club to the alleged state of Waterloo Road at night, referred to "Eve, who was the temptress there," and went on to say that "if these modern Eves were kept off the streets" we should not have "those painful legends of the fall of the defenceless Adams."

We can only say that if the men of the country can be correctly described as "defenceless Adams" when confronted with schoolgirls, it is high time that responsible women were entrusted with the serious business of the government of the country, including both the making of the law and its administration.—"Exchange."

Ashburton, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Barin Square Schoolroom: Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 87; Sec., Miss T. Curza, 169 Peter Street; Asst. Sec., Miss A. C. Watson, 84, Cameron St.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Hill, Willowby; Asst. Treas., Mrs J. H. Dent, Wills St.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2 p.m. Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princepts St. Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Nelson, Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs A. Jackson; Sec., Mrs D. P. Sinclair, Box 27; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Ed.

Cambridge, first Tuesday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs E. James; Sec., Mrs A. Wallace, Weld Street; Treas., Mrs C. H. Rycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs Reeves; "W.R." Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.

Christchurch District, Rooms, Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs I. McCombs, 26, Tui Street, Fendalton; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. D. Martin, 572, Gloucester Street; Treas., Mrs Patterson, Latimer Square; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Williams, 21, Philip St., Linwood.

Dannevirke, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. F. Knight, Tahoraiti; Sec., Mrs Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett, The Manse.

Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 72, Heriot Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs Macartney, 156, Eglin' on Road, Mornington; Rec. Sec., Miss Roseveare, Castle Street; Supt. WHITE RIBBON, Mrs Anderson, 82, Duke St; Treas., Miss Reid, Bishops-court, Roslyn.

Devonport, Second Thursday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Cranch, Cameron St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Budd, Elliot and Sheppard; Sec., Mrs A. Little, 31 Church St.; Treas., and Supt. W.R., Miss Le Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lilliwail.