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SAVE THE BABIES.

How often has this motto and others of similar meaning greeted us from show windows and hoardings during the last week or two. Our newspapers have given much information on how to care for "our best immigrants." Doctors and Social Reformers have lectured on babies and baby-culture. While agreeing with most that has been said, we think that to find the cause we must probe deeper than has yet been done. What is it that wrecks so oft the cradles ere its precious freight can be landed upon the shores of time, or brings the cargo to the starting point in such a weakened condition that the voyage of life is no sooner begun than it is ended? From statistics taken in the United States, it was shown that of the babies that die under one year old, 14 per cent. lived less than a day, 30 per cent. lived under one week, and 45 per cent. under a month. No amount of post-natal care would save these little immigrants; they were doomed ere they were born. As General Booth puts it, "They were damned into the world, not born." And what are the causes of this fearful mortality. All experts agree that the twin evils of Alcohol and the Red Plague rob us of these little strangers that we need so badly to supply the place of those whom the red fangs of war have swallowed up. Over 90 per cent. of cases of Red Plague are admittedly due to alcohol. When our cousins in America have put their troops "on the water waggon," the officers report, "No offences and no venereal disease." Therefore, when

the Empire asks the question, "Where are my children," the reply comes from every student of this subject, "Stolen from you by King Alcohol."

Dr. Ballantyne states, in summing up the results of experimental work regarding the effects of alcohol in pre-natal life: "There is good reason to believe, on the evidence which has been thus collected, that alcohol produces its most serious and lasting evil effects in the germinal period." The ancient nations possessed sufficient knowledge to make them very specific in denouncing alcoholic conceptions. Diogenes said to a stupid child, "Young man, thy father was very drunk when thy mother conceived thee." Also we may note the observations made by experts as to the greater frequency of idiocy and mortality among children conceived during carnival seasons. "The long-continued experiments of Stockard and Papinicolaou on guinea pigs have placed the degenerative effects of alcohol on germ cells practically beyond the reach of criticism," says Dr. Ballantyne. The points chiefly noted in these experiments are the following:—The animals who inhaled alcohol were little changed or injured so far as their behaviour and their structure were concerned, but evil effects were emphatically shown in the offspring to which they gave rise, and these effects were produced whether the alcoholised animals were mated together or with normal individuals. The bad effects were manifest in the first generation of offspring, but they were still more marked and serious in later generations; then the young ones were born weakly, suffered from a neurosis resembling paralysis agi-

tans, and in some instances were monsters with eye deformity. The great and outstanding fact appears to be that alcohol produces an injurious effect upon the so-called carriers of heredity in the germ cells of one generation, which can be seen not in less but in more marked degree in the great-grandchildren of the original pair of animals.

We quote the following from an article in "McClure's Magazine," March, 1917:—"Young women should be told plainly that the procreative powers of the heavy drinker, or even of the steady, moderate drinker, are seriously impaired, not always sufficiently, however, to prevent him from having defective children. As illustrating what hereditary damage is done by even moderate drinking, I may mention the case of five distinguished brothers who, 25 years ago, were heads of corporations, bank presidents, men who made and spent large sums of money. One of them held a very high position in the United States Government. They were all moderate drinkers, and all died at a good age, apparently none the worse for this indulgence, but—of their 18 sons not one made a success of his life. All were either steady drinkers or heavy drinkers. Two-thirds of them died before they were 35, and only one of them reached the age of 50. This one, a friend of mine, a man in poor health, admits that he cannot live without whisky. His only daughter, a young woman of 28, died recently of cerebro-spinal meningitis, and her little child of four has been attacked by the same disease." Another case recently noted was that of a man who died at

50 from the effects of alcohol. One of his sons is a feeble-minded, drunken sot; another has sporadic sprees, when he becomes violent and uncontrolled. One daughter is a harmless alcoholic wreck, so degraded that her children will not take her into their homes. Of her six children, one is feeble-minded, and one highly neurotic. Another daughter was feeble-minded. Her eldest child is a mental defective and a criminal; the second is moody and feeble-minded; the youngest is a cripple and mentally deficient. Of 23 descendants of this man, 18 have been in public or private institutions.

Dr. Gordon publishes in a medical journal three family histories which are most instructive. In the first group, covering four generations, the great-grandfather was strongly alcoholic. In the three generations following there are 22 descendants, of whom only three are normal. There were two miscarriages, three still-born, one died at four, one developed tuberculosis and died at twelve, three were backward, two epileptic, one alcoholic and epileptic, one an eccentric alcoholic with a violent temper, one a somnambulist, two had St. Vitus dance or a tendency to it. In the second family alcohol was present in the grandfather and one son. The latter had three children, of whom one died at six months in convulsions, one is epileptic, and the third is a masturbator. Of fourteen descendants of the alcoholic grandfather, only three were apparently normal.

In the third family, the family tree is traced from the grandparents, one of whom was profoundly alcoholic. Of 15 descendants of this alcoholic grandfather, only two were normal. Three were stillborn; one an alcoholic weakling; one defective, both physically and mentally; two epileptic; two choreic; one a thief; one had a violent temper, and could not keep a position; one was a somnambulist; one sexually vicious.

"It appears to be reasonably certain," says Dr. Gordon, "that alcoholism alone can be incriminated as a direct cause of the striking abnormalities traced in the several successive generations. The conclusion to which these exceptionally striking pedigrees lead is that alcoholised individuals procreate defective children. One such family is capable of throwing into the community dozens of

useless or dangerous individuals, who, if capable of multiplying, will produce their like. Facts like these cannot be too widely known. The burden upon the taxpayer of supporting institutions for these physical and mental defectives created by alcohol is becoming well nigh unbearable.

Alcohol robs the nation of its "best immigrants"; it robs the child of its right to be well born; it fills our hospitals, our mental hospitals, our gaols, and our poorhouses. It stands pilloried on "infamy's high stage" as the greatest child-murderer, race exterminator, and national efficiency destroyer of all the ages. Is it not time a sane people voted it out?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION.

October 10th. Mrs Cook presided. Following Branches were represented:—Auckland, Ponsonby, Devonport, Birkenhead, Takapuna, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Henderson, Avondale, Eden, Warkworth, Matakana, Pakuri, Leigh, Avondale Y's, Auckland Y's.

Reports were read and adopted; satisfactory work done throughout the year. After discussion, it was decided to send telegrams to the Prime Minister and the Hon. G. W. Russell protesting against too hurried consideration of the Social Hygiene Bill. The Union wished to consider the provision in the Bill regarding compulsory examination and detention. Five new Unions had been organised during the year, also two "Y" branches and one Loyal Temperance Legion. Miss Powell gave an address in the afternoon, valuable hints on the management of a Union, which were much appreciated. A demonstration was given by the Auckland City and Avondale Y Branches, under the leadership of Miss Weymouth. Miss Parkinson's report of the six o'clock closing deputation to Wellington was much enjoyed. Afternoon tea was dispensed. In the evening a meeting was held in St. David's Hall, Khyber Pass, and the programme was provided by the Loyal Temperance Legion. Dialogues, recitations, and songs were given by the children, who had been trained by Miss Weymouth. Mr Le Roy gave a temperance address.

REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

Will all Unions kindly note that reports should be in the hands of the N.Z. Superintendents of Departments by December 31st? When there is no local superintendent of a department, the Secretary should report any work done in that department to the N.Z. Superintendent. We print below a full list of N.Z. Superintendents, with their addresses:—

Evangelistic: Mrs Johnson Wright, Constable Street, Wellington.

Maori: Mrs Walker, Upper Fox Street, Gisborne.

Social and Moral Hygiene (Purity): Miss McCarthy, 18, Albert Street, St. Clair, Dunedin.

Literature: Mrs Houlder, 108, Wallace Street, Wellington.

Work Among Seamen: Mrs Nimmo, Arawa Road, Hataitai, Wellington.

L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Band of Mercy: Mrs Clara Neal, Pahiatua.

Y's and Medal Contests: Mrs Griffin, Gilbert Street, New Plymouth.

Scientific Temperance Instruction: Miss Maunder, Hawera.

Prison and Reformatory Work: Sister Moody-Bell, c/o Amethyst Hall, Invercargill.

Good Citizenship: Mrs Judson, Van Diemen Street, Nelson.

Home and Mothers' Meetings: Mrs Garroway, Tatuanui, Thames Valley

Narcotics: Mrs Hoare, Whataupoko, Gisborne.

Legal and Parliamentary and Anti-Gambling: Miss Henderson, 26, Tui Street, Fendalton, Christchurch.

Home Science (Hygiene, Thrift, and Domestic Science): Mrs McDonald, 8, Huia Road, Hataitai, Wellington.

Bible-in-Schools and Sabbath Observance: Mrs Boxall, Pirie Street, Wellington.

Flower Mission and Relief Work (including all Patriotic Work): Miss E. C. Cole, c/o Rev. D. J. Murray, Lower Hutt.

Rest and Refreshment Booths: Mrs Upton, 165, Victoria Avenue, Wanganui.

Educational Bureau: Mrs Young, No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert W., Palmerston North.

Peace and Arbitration: Mrs Judson, Van Diemen Street, Nelson.

Military Camps: Miss Helyer, Tonks' Grove, Wellington.

Notable Days: No Superintendent. Send reports direct to Editor "White Ribbon," Port Chalmers.

FORTY YEARS' WORK IN THE NAVY.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MISS AGNES WESTON, OF THE ROYAL SAILORS' REST, PORTSMOUTH.

It is easily seen that all who devote themselves to maintaining and increasing the morale, and consequent efficiency, of the Navy, are engaged in Imperial service of the very highest order. Foremost among such Imperial workers stands the name of Agnes Weston. I knew, vaguely, as do most of us, about the great and beneficent work of "The Mother of the Navy," but was at a loss to understand the loving reverence this evidently remarkable personality inspired in the hearts of men of all grades and ranks in His Majesty's Navy. My enlightenment came about in this wise: Having to spend a day or two in Portsmouth, I was driven to put up in the only available hotel, almost opposite the Royal Sailors' Rest, in the densely crowded Commercial Road, thronged day and night with lively, eager pedestrians, from whom one caught various scraps of conversation: "Meet us at Aggie Weston's," or "Go to the Sailors' Rest—rattling good concerts—fine reading rooms—all that a fellow can want for next to nothing!" Again: "Had there been a few Miss Westons at the head of affairs, we should never have had this terrible war," and so on.

On one occasion, a young man wearing His Majesty's uniform had treated himself not wisely, but too well. Anywhere else his destination would probably have been a police cell, but here in Portsmouth the kindly knight of the truncheon merely said: "Come along my boy! we'll put you in Miss Weston's charge. She'll take care of you until you are fit to look after yourself."

Later I ascertained that such cases were of frequent occurrence, and that the doors of the Royal Sailors' Rest remained open day and night to minister to the needs, temporal and spiritual, of all King's men in either of the services. I discovered, in fact, that life in the Commercial Road mainly centred round "Aggie Weston" and her Sailors' Rest, and that Portsmouth was fully awake to its claims for distinction in this re-

spect, as evidenced by the following incident:—The manager of a menagerie, visiting Portsmouth, sent for the Mayor to name two baby lions, just arrived. The crowds present at the ceremony decided that one was to be called Charles Dickens, in honour of the great novelist, who was born in a small house in the Commercial Road, and the other was to bear the name of Agnes Weston, "because she had done so much to help the lions of the sea." Truly a case of vox populi, vox Dei, showing that the intuition of the crowd is often saner, surer, and swifter even than that of some statesmen.

When eventually I met the Friend of the Bluejackets face to face, I understood Jack's devotion, and many things besides. She looked at me searchingly. The soft, yet keen grey eyes, seemed to gaze into one's inmost soul. Then a sunny smile broke over the mobile features—one of the most wonderful smiles in the world, expressive of tenderness, strength, humour; patience of the divine order, with weakness and defect. Yet the poise of the noble head and the cast of face indicated unflinching resolve, concentrated purpose, indomitable will; in a word, all the qualities necessary for the initiating and carrying out of a stupendous work, in the teeth of all but insurmountable obstacles, of difficulties, utterly overwhelming for a nature formed on less heroic lines.

And then, with a reminiscent look, Miss Weston went on: "Yes, it required courage to take up such work as mine forty years ago. Queen Victoria did not approve of women coming forward in public life, especially unbacked by a man, and did not like me on that account. But **her** son, the Duke of Edinburgh, and **her** daughter, the Empress Frederick, took their mother in hand, and other members of the Royal Family also praised my work. At length I was invited to Windsor. When I told Her Majesty how the Duke of Edinburgh remarked of my friend and helper, Miss Wintz, and myself, that it was astonishing that two women should sail so long in the same boat without capsizing it, she laughed heartily, and said, 'That is so like Alf!' Her last words to me were, 'God bless you and Miss Wintz, and ever prosper you in your good and great work.'"

Her Majesty's womanly intuition enabled her to appreciate the great gifts and devotion of Miss Wintz in forwarding Miss Weston's work; the latter often says: "We, Miss Wintz and myself, are like a pair of scissors—one blade would be of little use without the other." There were some exquisite flowers on the table, brought by the mother of a lad, then a prisoner in Germany. Miss Weston did the only thing in her power—put him on her prisoners' list.

A few figures will give some slight idea of the extent and scope of Miss Weston's work. Over 18,000 families are kept in sight and mind. Nearly 10,000 sailors belong to the Royal Naval Christian Union. The membership of the Royal Naval Temperance Society is now 47,457 (this includes some members of the Royal Naval Christian Union, for there are still Christian men who have not yet realised the duty of abstinence from alcohol for the sake of the weaker brethren).

"Ashore and Afloat," for which Miss Weston has written the monthly letter for forty years, is edited by Miss Wintz, and 80,000 copies were in circulation before the war. Miss Wintz has been Miss Weston's close friend and coadjutor for forty years, and Miss Weston always says that the credit of half the work belongs to her. A Japanese paper, known as "The Light of the World," reaches a distribution of 10,000, and there are Sailors' Rests in every port in Japan.

Lieutenant J. Porch, who "signed on" in 1870, then kindly took us over the building. Sailors had a rough time of it when he "signed on," bully beef and biscuits were the main fare. The niceties of modern diet were not even thought of, and drunkenness was frightfully common. Only those who knew the Navy in the past could appreciate the miracles wrought by Miss Weston and other workers. At the Royal Sailors' Rests each day's work is finished the same night, just as on board of a man-of-war. The necessity for this can be realised by one instance alone. After the battle of Jutland, 6000 letters had to be sent off to 6000 families, expressing sympathy and offering advice and assistance. The whole establishment is almost self-contained; it manufactures its own electric light, mineral waters, etc., and thus gets things at prime cost. The baths and other

offices are the last word in sanitary science. The restaurant is open to the general public, and the presence of women has the best influence upon Jack, bringing into play all his native chivalry and manliness.

Before the war soldiers and sailors did not mix. But when I went to the restaurant for tea, the wearers of khaki were almost as numerous as those in serge, and were accompanied in many cases by their friends and relatives. There was a general outcry when, on the outbreak of war, Miss Weston replaced the waiters by waitresses. Worse still, she insisted on equal pay for equal work. The change has been justified. Perfect order is maintained, the men themselves dealing with any customer who threatens to become difficult.

In addition to the two unions already mentioned, there is a branch of the Alliance of Honour. It is **no cost to a man to belong to any of Miss Weston's activities.** Members of that Alliance pay is a year, and Miss Weston defrays the subscription for every one of her men who joins the Alliance. No man spends money at the Rests unless he buys something, or pays for a bed. Then he receives the best possible value for his money. A cabin, with good bed, feather pillows, quilt, carpet, chair, and pictures, with heated dormitories, and a good supply of hot water can be obtained for sixpence, also good food on equally advantageous terms.—From the "Christian Commonwealth," January 31st, 1917.

STRONG OPINIONS.

Dr. Mayo, the noted Minnesota physician, in his Presidential address before the Medical Association of U.S.A., declared: "Alcohol's only place now is in the arts and sciences. National prohibition would be welcomed by the medical profession." Dr. Mayo said: "We must aid in all that will elevate the general standard of and conserve the American citizen. Prohibition is a war measure, the value of which is beyond discussion. Medicine has reached a period when alcohol is rarely employed as a drug, having been displaced by better remedies."

The Commissioner of Health for New York City said the nation requires to-day three times as much alcohol as formerly, but needs it for munitions. "We want it," he added, "to explode in the enemy's trenches, and not in our own stomachs."

WILLARD HOME (PALMERSTON NORTH).

OPENING CEREMONY.

On October 9th, 1917, the Willard Home was officially opened in the presence of a large number of people. Speeches were made by Mr J. A. Nash and Mrs Crabb, and Mrs Nash (who was presented with a beautiful bouquet of lavender and white flowers) turned the key.

Mrs Crabb, as President of the W.C.T.U., said she was pleased to see so many guests at their opening ceremony, and in the name of the Union she extended to them a hearty welcome.

Mr Nash stated that such a home as they had established had become an absolute necessity, and he congratulated the ladies on their work in this direction. There were about 50 married men now in camp at Awapuni, but if the war continued they would have considerably more married men there soon. These men were prepared to make great sacrifices, and it was only reasonable that something should be done to give their parents or wives an opportunity of coming to see them while in camp. He stated the Salvation Army hutments at Featherston had proved a great success, and their only trouble was that they could not provide sufficient accommodation for the people applying. In connection with the Ladies' Board who controlled the institution, there was an Advisory Board of men. The only thing needed was money to liquidate the debt still remaining on the furniture. "We don't want to furnish it at the soldiers' expense," concluded Mr Nash.

Private Finnis thanked the Committee on behalf of the soldiers at Awapuni, and said they would greatly appreciate the facilities afforded them, particularly the married men, as the Home would fill a long-felt want.

During the speeches the Awapuni corps marched past, and halted a moment at the gate to give three cheers for the Willard Home, which was replied to with three cheers for the soldiers from the guests.

A brief service was held by the Ministers' Association prior to the official opening. Rev. Doull offered the dedicatory prayer, the lesson was read by Rev. F. W. Boys, the prayer

and Benediction were pronounced by Rev. Macdonald-Aspland, and Rev. Haslam gave a short address.

A delightful programme of music was contributed by the Awapuni Orchestra, and afternoon tea was served to the guests in the dining-room and hall. When the coins were counted up it was found the contributions in the plate, which was held out invitingly at the entrance, amounted to £26.

The building, which is situated in Fitzherbert Street, is very cosily furnished. There is accommodation for about 15 married couples and a few odd single people. Some of the rooms are already occupied, and the management anticipated having a full house very soon. Altogether the Willard Home is a delightful place, and should find favour with the soldiers and their relations.

STRENGTH OF THE NATION MOVEMENT.

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Comrades in Christ,—Do not cease your prayers just because six o'clock closing has been gained. A greater battle with greater victories lies just ahead of us. The Local Option poll may come at any time, for causes are at work that may precipitate an election, and we must be ready to spring into line instantly. By daily, fervent prayer, and by getting in tune with the Infinite, will be the best, and indeed, only possible preparation. Next, will every member try to secure a new subscriber to the "White Ribbon"? We must reach the outside masses now if we would be ready for the contest.

During the approaching holidays speak to all your friends and visitors about becoming W.C.T.U. members. Plan for bright open-air meetings on Sunday afternoons and week evenings. Try to catch the man in the street, who will have no open bar to go to. Cater for him by joining forces with other Temperance bodies, and having warm, cheery, homely little gatherings wherever possible.

Love much, pray much, work hard, and "Thy God, Who hath commanded thy strength," will give you joy in service, and an abundant harvest.

BESSIE LEE-COWIE.

HEROES ALL.

UNDER THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

WELFARE OF NEW ZEALAND SOLDIERS.

HOW THE RED TRIANGLE HELPS.

He was a merry English Tommy in London on week-end leave, and he waltzed his heavy kit towards the entrance of the Y.M.C.A. hut at Euston, much as a good-natured dancer pilots a weighty partner through a crowded hall. The hour was midnight, but in these days of warfare one hour is like another in restless London.

"Just over from France?" we asked as we passed him, outward bound.

His lilting song ended as, with a ring of pride, he answered, "Yus, an' I'm one of the Dardanelles 'eroes, too."

One of the Dardanelles heroes, and still in the thick of the fight. Optimistic of the result on the Western Front, and bent on making the most of the leave that had been won by months of hard fighting. Already false friends had started him off in the wrong direction, but a glimpse of the brightly shining Red Triangle had brought him back to the "good old Y.M.C.A.," and "mighty glad he was to be there." Tommy's case is typical of the thousands of soldiers from all parts of the Empire who daily and nightly encounter the allurements and snares of cosmopolitan London. And here the Y.M.C.A. is doing as fine a work as in the actual fighting zone. Soldiers are after all very human; they are safest when they are busy, and during times of relaxation are apt to drift with the tide.

SIGN OF THE TRIANGLE.

Since the war began the Red Triangle has become the most familiar of safety signs along the streams of life that ceaselessly flow through this vast, illusive, magnetic London. We have seen sufficient during a fortnight's leave to make us realise why a distinguished statesman spoke of the Y.M.C.A. as "one of the seven wonders of the war." That was many months ago, and the work is daily growing to bigger dimensions. Every centre of population through out the Metropolis and the endless

chain of suburbs has its Y.M.C.A. Institute, with attractive exterior and home-like touches inside; near the big railway stations and other places of congested traffic are Red Triangle Bureaux—rest places by the wayside—where soldiers may read or write, or learn how to find their way about London; and places of interest are made accessible daily to large parties of soldiers under the guidance of ladies and elderly gentlemen, who are "doing their bit" as voluntary Y.M.C.A. workers. Most especially are the women of England playing a magnificent part in almost every phase of war-time work.

NEW ZEALANDERS FIRST.

The commissioners who came to England and France on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. in New Zealand have acted on the principle of providing the best for those who are farthest away from home. They have succeeded in making the Shakespeare Hut—headquarters for the New Zealand work—the most attractive Y.M.C.A. soldiers' institute in all England. At least that is our opinion, and we have seen many.

We came to London through country that was aglow with the touch of early spring—fields that a fortnight earlier had been under snow were ankle-deep in grass; the matchless English trees were donning their summer leafage; the winding lanes were made picturesque by budding hedges and primroses by the million, and the fruit trees blossomed massively in token of a bountiful yield. Truly a country worth fighting for.

From Waterloo Station we were piloted by a Y.M.C.A. officer through the mysteries of the wonderful tube system of underground railways to that busy part of London, Tottenham Court Road, and thence by a very short route to the Shakespeare Hut. That week-end there were 1000 of our men on leave in London, and fully one-third were accommodated at the Shakespeare Hut. The New Zealanders are very proud of their London headquarters. The men marched en masse from the station, formed a queue past the booking office, and, having secured their beds, were given advice as to the best way of spending their four days' leave. Some went round in small groups with honorary guides; others went on the Y.M.C.A. omnibus tour (seeing the principal

sights of London at a cost of 4s); and others again went out in search of family friends. Meanwhile the Hut continued to be the lively rendezvous of soldiers from all parts of the Empire and of members of all branches of the service. Although New Zealand troops have preference, they are by no means the only users of the "best Hut in London."

SPIRIT OF THE TIMES.

The Shakespeare Hut is adjacent to the British Museum, and stands on a spacious corner allotment valued at not less than £70,000. Its use has been granted by the Shakespeare Society for the term of the war and a specified period after. The style of the building is that of a huge bungalow, and the furnishings are as comfortable as the design is artistic. The main entrance leads into a spacious lounge and an equally extensive cafe, separated only by a dividing lattice. Off these radiate a quiet room, with writing accommodation for 90 or 100 men; a billiard room, with three full-sized tables; a concert hall (including a most artistic stage) to seat 500 or 600 soldiers; and dormitories containing beds sufficient for 400 men. Add to these hot and cold baths, cloak room, hairdressing saloon, and other convenient appointments, and we realise something of the bigness and completeness of the place.

SIX O'CLOCK.

'Tis after six, and he's not in!
The children hear her voice grow
sad,
And wonder if they should begin
Their tea or—wait for dad!

'Tis pay-day; but despair's not yet!
She'll keep the good meal warm
awhile;
But seven strikes, her eyes grow wet,
And all have ceased to smile.

The children, settled safe in bed,
She sits alone, with fear to start,
And ev'ry hour, with tones of lead,
Seems striking at her heart.

Then on her knees, distraught in
mind,
She prays, while words and sobs
e'er mix,
"Oh, God, grant laws of any kind
That send men home at six."

—M.T.T., in the "S.M. Herald."

MY DUTY TO MY NEIGHBOUR.

(A Paper read before the Oxford Union.)

Hardly any other single precept in the Old Testament is quoted so often in the pen as this one, from the Old Mosaic Law, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

Later on in the same chapter in which this universal precept is found, the command is enlarged, not only to embrace the home form "Israelite," but also the stranger that sojourneth amongst you: "Thou shalt love him as thyself." This is the precept which our Lord quoted as the second of His two great commandments on which hang all the Law and the Prophets. St. Paul quoted it twice as the sum and substance of human duty, and St. James calls it the Royal Law. In this commandment our Lord emphasised a new principle in ethics. He laid stress upon the Organic Unity of Duty. Goodness in the ancient world, as often as in the modern world, had been thought to consist in obedience to a series of isolated precepts and prohibitions, in observing a number of moral rules, in doing this and not doing that; but the only goodness which Christ cared about, and insisted upon, is that goodness which, when the depths of the heart are proved, will stand the test in His eyes. No Law or performance of Law has any value except as the expression of right feeling. Goodness is a question not of outward acts only, but of inward dispositions and intentions. He reduces all conduct to one single root and motive. He disregards everything except love. It is easy to see how Christ's Doctrine of Love can afford to dispense with rules, because it substitutes a universal principle in their stead. Love is the fulfilment of the Moral Law, because it is a principle, just as much as a passion. Christ declared an ardent, passionate, devoted state of mind to be the root of virtue. If only we can feel toward our neighbour the affection which we feel towards the persons to whom we are most attached, then we shall be lifted above the temptation to injure them. We shall delight to spend ourselves doing them good. When we begin to ask ourselves, like the Lawyer in the Gospel, "Who is my neighbour,"

Christ answers us by His parable of the Samaritan, which contains the whole doctrine of neighbourhood. He tells us, in effect, that our neighbours mean any one, of whatever rank, or race, or religion, who may need our help, in whatever form that may take, if we have the opportunity and ability to succour. In truth, the command reaches further still. "My neighbour," wrote George Macdonald, "is he with whom I have any transaction and human dealings whatever, not the man only with whom I dine, nor the friend with whom I share my thoughts, nor the man whom my compassion would lift from some slough; but the one who makes my clothes, prints my papers and my books, drives me in his cab or car, begs from me in the street, to whom it may be for brotherhood's sake; I may not give, yea, even to the one who condescends to me." No wonder people have treated this precept as a counsel of perfection, which it is impossible for people generally to keep. In a world of competition, some must feel the immense practical difficulty of honestly carrying out such a commandment; for the neighbour, just because he is so near at hand, may become the rival, the critic, the antagonist, the very last person whom it seems natural or even possible to love. When Christ laid down His doctrine of universal Love, which must embrace even our enemies or persecutors, He based it simply upon the Universal Fatherhood of God. Men's conflicting interests all converge as they draw near to their Heavenly Father. When once we can realise the awful amazing fact of God's personal Love, for each and every one, even for the unthankful and the evil, we must learn in all humility to pray, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us." Finally, this command implies that each of us has a duty to himself by which he may measure his duty to his neighbour. Thus, for example, our own self-respect may guide us in showing respect to our neighbour. Both in the Old and in the New Testament it tells us, "Thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbour," in the same spirit in which we ought to reprove and rebuke ourselves. It will perhaps be safe to criticise our neighbours not less severely than we criticise ourselves.

The commandment really implies that we are to love them not on the blind self-righteous, self-indulgent fashion in which too often we love ourselves, but love them as loyally, as wisely, as soberly as we ought to love ourselves, not without self-denials; sometimes it may be not without some self-inflicted punishment. In conclusion, this is a subject with a personal application; it calls to each one individually to lay aside all selfishness and negligence, and to put on the whole armour of righteousness, and to "Work the works of Him that sent us while it is day." Who would not like to feel that I have done all in my power to help to bring this dreadful war to an end? We are told it is a spiritual war, which will be decided by spiritual force; that means that every step taken for righteousness by our nation, which must be individually taken, is helping to bring the war to a close. How great are our opportunities and our responsibilities. "The harvest truly is great and the labourers are few." But let us do all in our power. For

"We shall pass this way but once.
Any deed of kindness, any act of love,
Let us not neglect it or defer it,
For we shall not pass this way again."

C. W. TRITT.

W.C.T.U., Oxford.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since last report:—

ORGANISING FUND.

Takapuna, £1; Wellington District, £5 12s; Woodville, £1; Masterton, £1 5s; Opotiki, £1; Wellington Central, £4 14s; Oxford, £2; Hamilton District Convention, per Miss Powell, 10s; total, £17 1s.

Expenditure for same period, £9 1s 2d.

STRENGTH OF THE NATION FUND

New Plymouth, Otahuhu, and Woodville, £1 each.

OTHER RECEIPTS.

Donations to N.Z. Fund: New Plymouth, £2; Wellington Central, £1; Gisborne (Franchise Day collection), £1.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 7th Nov., 1917.

Correspondence.

(The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.)

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—The W.I.L. has instructed me to write an appeal for help in a matter which will awaken sympathetic feeling.

On July -6, the Government saw fit secretly to place upon one of the outgoing transports a section of the conscientious and religious objectors who had been in military detention. The men's relatives were not notified of their departure, so no preparations could be made for their needs on the voyage, nor farewells. The men were told that they were to be taken to Somes Island, presumably to prevent protest prior to getting the men on board the transport, and the surprise at the deceit is said to have broken some of them down. One person reported that they "cried like women"; another less tastefully said that they went off "squealing like pigs," and his method would be to put them with their backs against a wall and shoot them. If this latter account represents the spirit in which these men have been deported, what is likely to be their treatment?

Mr Isitt, M.P., who is in no way averse to Britain's war policy, writes on August 4: "I do not approve of the action of the National Government with conscientious objectors. I never have, but I appealed in vain for any help from my brother-members, and my opinion is that nothing can be done inside the House. . . . The Churches should take the matter up."

Outside opinion is only awakening slowly, owing to the silence of the Press upon the deportation. Few as yet know that there has been such, and some are almost incredulous that such a thing should have taken place.

Approaching the matter from a material standpoint, one asks, what is the use of such a piece of tyranny? Shipping space is needed for material help for Britain, not for the purpose of dumping more mouths to feed upon a country which is finding extreme difficulty in feeding its own population, and which has its own thousands of conscientious objectors filling its gaols. Why, too, should New Zealand be put to this useless expense when economy is so urgently needed? Sir James Allen excuses action by the hope that the men will, "on reconsideration, see it is their duty to comply with the laws of the land." But these men have already been tested by detention treatment, and there is no reason to suppose they will ever be available for military purposes. Also, if the reason is what Sir J. Allen states, why the secrecy. Why not have allowed the parents the

usual opportunity for farewell, instead of leaving it to accident to reveal the facts. Is not the inference a sinister one?

From the moral point of view, and to you, as Christian women, this will appear the more, is it not a wrong thing to force any man's conscience to compel him to perform an act by which he feels that he denies the religion which guides his life? Some answer with the sophistical phrase, "It is the first duty of a citizen to obey the law." To those who know the detailed history of Britain, or any other country, such a statement is not an argument. Much of the "freedom" of our land has had its birth in conscientious revolt of men and women in past ages. Many of the names we honour to-day are those of men who have in their time faced imprisonment, and even death, rather than obey laws which were not in accordance with the highest dictates of their consciences. Jesus was a law-breaker. Penn, Sir Thomas More, Bunyan, Hampden, Ridley, Hooper, and thousands of others who are shining lights to later generations were, in their day, conscientious objectors. Protestants, Catholics, Churchmen and Dissenters have each at some date been conscientious objectors to man-made and temporal laws. Man-made law is not as a law of Nature or of God. It is a law to be examined and amended where it is unwise or presses too hardly on innocent people, and we ask you to join with us and other bodies in attempting to amend the Military Service Act so that it shall not be the means of taking men from useful civilian employments, and throwing them into gaols, detention camps, or—above all—sending them as prisoners thousands of miles away from home to serve no purpose but the gratification of a regretably vindictive spirit.

Other intended deportations are rumoured, and will probably take place unless there is a strong protest from outside.

L. M. PIPER (Mrs),
Cor. Sec., W.I.L.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sister,—In the Oxford report appearing in the September number of the "White Ribbon" it was stated that £23 had been forwarded to those injured in the London air raid. May I explain that this money was raised and sent, not by the W.C.T.U., but by the "Y" Branch? The members of the "Y" Branch spent much time and trouble in training the L.T.L. boys and girls to take part in a concert, which proved a great success, the aforesaid sum being raised and forwarded to the fund.

Thanking you in anticipation for allowing me to make this explanation.—Yours in the work,

A. H. CAVERHILL, Hon. Treas.
Oxford, October 2nd, 1917.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—Might I, as a further contribution to the discussion re differentiation in education, suggest that girls who are leaving either the primary or secondary schools, intend taking up domestic work, or who are not taking up any definite work, might be required to take a course of domestic training, and to pass an examination which would be a guarantee that they were capable domestic workers.

Such a scheme would not in any way handicap qualifying for any definite work, and it would be a distinct gain to many who otherwise would learn nothing thoroughly.

It would, at any rate, be a good beginning, and could be extended later on if found desirable.

It would of course mean that mistresses employing such girls would have to allow them time to attend their classes, and also that they should give them opportunity to practice what they were learning. It would also mean in time more capable domestic help.

Thanking you in anticipation.—I am, etc.,

JESSIE FIELD.

ORGANISING WORK.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—I herartily endorse the sentiments expressed by our N.Z. Treasurer in your last issue, upon above subject, but I would go further. We need not two Dominion Organisers, but three, two for the North Island, and one for the South, and, as suggested by Mrs Bendely, they could change over occasionally. While it took one less than twelve months to work the South Island, I have hardly covered the North in two years. It may be said that there are a number of places in the South Island where we ought to organise, but the same is true of the North Island, to which there has been a considerable migration of population within the last few years. The absolute impossibility of the work of the whole of New Zealand being overtaken by one worker is a thought I am obliged to resolutely put from me or I should despair.

Furthermore, we ought to have headquarters in Wellington, where we could concentrate our literature, badges, and all other requisites, and which would be a rallying ground for workers travelling through the Dominion. A salaried White Ribboner would be in attendance during certain hours, and when not on duty there she could organise the suburban electorates. In fact, she could act as organiser for the Wellington District, her place at the office being occasionally taken by a local member.

In all these very necessary arrangements the chief difficulty is a financial one, but it seems to me that this might be overcome. The fact that, in spite of the huge sums that have

within the last three years been raised for patriotic purposes, for the second time the annual missionary contributions of almost every denomination show a substantial increase, proves that money is available, and available for Christian work.

Palmerston North has just successfully launched a splendid enterprise, and what Palmerston North can do Wellington can do, and in this case assistance would be given by every branch. Miss McCarthy has had some such scheme in her mind for some time, but she is looking for bequests. I am not fond of "waiting for dead women's shoes," nor anxious for any respectable funerals; I would rather see my comrades live to enjoy the fruits of their labours.—I am, etc.,
M. S. POWELL, Dom. Organiser.

DIRECT LEGISLATION.

Proposal that the W.C.T.U. send a delegate to America, also that Miss Rankin be invited over from America.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—As the Initiative, or Direct Legislation, has been such an aid to getting No-License in Canada and America, I beg to suggest that the W.C.T.U. send a delegate to America to enquire into the workings of the Initiative and Referendum in the 21 States of America where it is law. The delegate could arrange with Miss Rankin, the only lady Senator of America, to visit New Zealand and Australia. Miss Rankin's address is c/o the Senate, Washington, D.C., America.

Miss Rankin records that first they got the Initiative and Referendum, which enabled them to get the Women's Suffrage, then Prohibition followed.

Our League is trying to get Mr Judson King, the leader of the Initiative and Referendum League in America, to visit New Zealand.

In closing, I beg to state that if the New South Wales Prohibition Party can send a delegate to America to pick up ideas, surely progressive New Zealand can do the same.

The steamer fare from America to New Zealand is £40 return. I beg to remain, yours truly,

G. C. STEWART,

Hon. Secretary Initiative and Referendum League.

Box 4, Te Aro, Wellington,
Nov. 3rd, 1917.

P.S.—The Initiative and Referendum, known now by the modern name Direct Legislation, means:

1. That all questions like Prohibition, etc., are carried by a bare majority.

2. The State does the advertising of Prohibition or any question submitted.

3. Questions once carried, like the Prohibition question, are not voted upon triennially, as they are not recurring.

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Its advocates are found in every party, and they hold the most varied and contradictory theories and beliefs regarding taxation, tariff, temperance, trusts and other economic questions. . . .—G.C.S.

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On every pleasant thing—
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Into your basket—Write!
Upon the smile of God,
Upon His scourging rod—
Write on your inmost heart,
Write upon every part—
To Him Who claims the whole.
Time, talent, body, soul—
Holiness to the Lord!

Many statements have been published about the increase of drinking among women in Great Britain, but the latest statistics ought to kill this slander once and for all. Between 1914 and 1915 the female convictions for drunkenness in Great Britain dropped by some 2600, and between 1915 and 1916 they fell by nearly 14,000.

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**THE QUESTION OF ILLE-
GITIMACY.**

The Hon. G. W. Russell, speaking in Wellington at the annual meeting of the Society for Protection of Women and Children, referred to what he characterised as "a most appalling matter," the illegitimacy question. He would have to tell his audience some terrible truths, but if they were truths, they ought certainly to be made known. Five years ago the Statistics Department began compiling figures showing the ages of mothers of illegitimate children, with the following results:—

Years	1912	1913	1914	1915	Totals
13	4	—	—	—	4
14	5	4	7	4	20
15	12	14	17	14	57
16	31	32	38	30	131
17	71	54	73	62	260
18	94	87	110	88	379
19	87	114	115	114	430
20	84	91	114	118	407
21	92	100	102	89	383
Totals	480	496	576	519	2071

During the four years under consideration no fewer than 2071 illegitimate children were born to mothers of the age of 21 and under. When it was remembered that the age of consent was 16 years, it would be recognised that a sorrowful state of affairs existed. The Minister called on the women of the country to assist in checking this evil; and he stated that he hoped very soon one or two suitable women would be appointed as Health Patrols, so as to guard the young and unwise who went about the streets and public places, and were thus exposing themselves to temptation and danger.

IN THE FIELD.

Auckland was reached on October 4th, and on Tuesday (9th) a home meeting was held at Mrs West's residence, Otahuhu. Tenth District Convention at Auckland, with a very fine representation from the auxiliaries. In the evening and the following day I represented the City Union at a meeting called by the Women's Civic League to discuss the Social Hygiene Bill, and addressed the Ponsonby Union on the same subject.

Tuesday, 16th, found me at the Hamilton District Convention, and at the end of the week I assisted at our stall on "Our Day," when the sum of £100 was raised for the Red Cross, without raffles or guessing competitions. I had been up to Pukekohe to see how the land lay, and on Tuesday returned for a few days' work, again receiving the hearty Devonshire hospitality of Mrs Stevenson. The meeting on Friday was very successful, two or three new members and subscribers to the paper being the result of the visit. Odd meetings were also held at Tuakau and Birkenhead; indeed, this month has been a sort of "washing-up bill" of the Auckland district, clearing up all left undone. A visit was paid to St. Helyer's Bay, with a view to organising, but the time, as in regard to a number of other places communicated with, was considered inopportune.

M. S. POWELL,
Dominion Organiser.

Address: Miss Powell, c/o Mrs Houlder, 108, Wallace Street, Wellington.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.

CRADLE ROLL, LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION AND BAND OF MERCY.

Dear Fellow-workers,—

The work of this department is growing rapidly, thanks to Miss Powell, our energetic Organiser.

As each new Union is organised there is nearly always a request for information regarding the working of the Cradle Roll Department.

It is gratifying to note that several "Y" Unions have taken up the work, but I must again repeat that it is largely neglected by the older Unions.

During the year, having to reprint C.R. Pledge Cards, the suggestion made by our World's Supt. was acted upon, and our enrolment card now reads thus:—

I promise not to give or allow my child to take any intoxicating drinks, and accept this card as a pledge of membership of the White Ribbon Cradle Roll."

The importance of helping parents to train their children in the principles of total abstinence and purity, is becoming apparent to all intelligent people.

Leaflets on purity and medical temperance should be distributed, and enclosed with the birthday card.

We must aim at winning the parents over to the ranks of total abstinence. Will Superintendents take a note of this, and report the number of mothers who have joined the W.C.T.U. after their babies have been enrolled?

Also how many babies are on the roll?

How many meetings have been held for mothers and the subjects of addresses given?

I would urge all Unions, who have not already done so, to begin this work without delay.

Owing to the increased cost, I am obliged to raise the price of Birthday Cards to 1s. per dozen.

Supplies for this Department are:—
Enrolment Cards, 1s. per dozen.

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Purity Leaflets for Mothers, 5d per dozen, or sample packet, 8d. All post free.

L.T.L.

As the years pass, and the babies enrolled by the various Cradle Roll

Superintendents throughout the Dominion attain the age of eight years they should be passed on to the Loyal Temperance Legions; we should not lose sight of them.

Up to this time we have endeavoured to educate the parents in purity and temperance; the time has now arrived to educate the child.

Every Branch of the W.C.T.U. should have a L.T.L.

The Lesson Manuals, for the use of L.T.L. Superintendents, have been revised and brought right up-to-date, the lessons are fully prepared, all that is required is that the Superintendents study the lesson for the boys and girls and help them to a knowledge of the truths contained in these Lessons.

If each local W.C.T.U. would take up the regular, systematic study of the L.T.L. Manuals, the members would become intelligent upon the great question of the liquor traffic, and incidentally there would come forth leaders for the L.T.L.

Our aim is to make our boys and girls intelligent abstainers.

I would urge all Superintendents to follow the suggestions contained in the Hand-book, and give the children three months' instruction before allowing them to sign the Pledge.

Up to this time we have not asked our Legioners to pay dues to our Dominion Treasury; we wish them to know, and feel proud of the fact, that they belong to our world-wide organisation.

We ask the Superintendents of all Legions to explain this to the children, and ask each Legioner to pay an annual fee of 3d to the N.Z. W.C.T.U.

Will Superintendents please note this, and send 3d for each L.T.L. member to Mrs Bendely, Dominion Treasurer.

I regret that the arrival of our supplies of books, etc., has been uncertain, and much delayed this year, nevertheless, all orders have, so far, arrived safely.

The Marching Song Books, formerly Nos. 1, 2, and 3, have been revised, and the best songs culled from each, and now appear in a revised No. 1. As soon as a new edition of No. 4 is printed it will be called No. 2.

All L.T.L. Superintendents should subscribe to the "Young Crusader," a temperance paper for boys and girls, issued monthly, price 1s 7d per year, posted to any address. As well as

fascinating stories of character and heroism, it gives new lessons, songs, recitations, and programmes. The Legioners should be encouraged to become subscribers.

You will note by the list given below that I have a few new programmes.

The L.T.L. Handbook and "Parliamentary Rules for Boys and Girls" are supplied free.

L.T.L. Pledge Cards, 1s per dozen.

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Evening Pastimes, 2d each.

BAND OF MERCY.

As all L.T.L. Superintendents are supplied with a Handbook, and are expected to study it, and adopt the suggestions contained therein, I hope to hear that many of our Legions have this year formed Bands of Mercy, and that at stated intervals lessons are given on kindness to animals.

The Mercy leaflets, packets of which are 4d each, post free, contain many incidents about pets and animals generally, and teach many lessons on kindness to animals. Enclosed is a Catechism on the "Duty of Mercy," and the motto is, "Love, Mercy, and Justice to Every Living Creature."

The children are required to sign the following pledge:—"I will try to be kind to all living creatures, and will try to protect them from cruel usage."

It is desirable that Bands of Mercy should also be formed in our Sunday Schools. As many of our White Ribboners are Sunday School teachers, I would urge them to look into this question, and decide to take up the work.

Trusting to have a full report from all Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Band of Mercy Superintendents before December 31st.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

CLARA M. NEAL,
Dominion Supt., Pahiataua.

STATE REGULATION A FAILURE.

While the C.D. Acts were in operation in England, the number of recruits per thousand who were rejected for syphilis varied from 10.56 to 10.57. After the repeal of the Acts the number immediately fell, and continued to fall almost continuously from 8.18 per thousand in 1886 to 1.85 in 1911. (Flexner's "Prostitution in Europe.") Contrast these figures with those which the same authority gives (page 378) for the German army, where "regulation" has been enforced with all the thoroughness for which the Prussian police are famous, and has been in existence almost as long as in France. Flexner shows that the number of recruits in the German army venereally affected is practically constant at 7.7 per cent. It varies with the size of the towns, and in Berlin it rises to the enormous number of 41.3 per cent.

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(By Gertrude Cockerell.)

(Continued.)

It was early evening when Pearl's long journey came to an end, and she found herself an inmate of the home of a cousin who had offered her asylum. The family into which she was ushered consisted of her cousin, Phyllis, and her husband. He, Pearl soon learnt, was a mere figure-head in the home. His manifold gifts which brought him honour and respect outside the home, were openly flouted by his wife and daughter as not financially profitable, and well it was for him that a comfortable income left them no cause for complaint, and he free to devote his gifts largely to the benefit of his fellows.

Phyllis was one of those elusive creatures it is not easy to describe with justice. She seemed two persons in one—the better of the two usually in evidence save to the inner circle of the home. Outside this circle she passed as a woman of great worth. Her generous gifts costing her nothing, were a cheap passport to favour. Then her pathetic, concerned, tender, or affectionate manner, the reflection of some passing mood, drew many to her side.

The sun that reveals beauty reveals also ugliness, and so it was that Pearl's very virtues—her uprightness, conscientiousness, thorough discharge of duty, though these were never on parade, as such, were a constant rebuke to Phyllis, and, therefore, of irritation. The more she tried to flounder out of the awkward and humiliating positions created by her defects of character—markedly, her lack of the domestic virtues—the more deeply did she become involved, and poured out upon the innocent and defenceless victim the vials of her wrath, as the cause of her discomfiture. How pitilessly our tale will yet unfold.

The other inmate of the home was the servant, a woman of some sterling qualities, if these could only have been brought into play, but the problem was how. In the hands of a good mistress she would have been the "good servant" Phyllis persisted she was, despite all evidence to the contrary.

In offering her cousin a home, Phyllis had well-weighed the pros. and cons. Evelyn, the daughter, was married, and although her mother had represented her as "useless in the home," its now all too-apparent neglect, compared with its former well-kept appearance, showed plainly who had been its presiding genius.

The subject had been well ventilated in family and other circles as to the part Pearl should play in the new home. "Of course she will more than fill your married daughter's place out of gratitude for your kindness," said one. "Take care the young puss doesn't oust you as mistress. Hold the reins firmly in your own hands," said another. "Yes, indeed," added a third, "she must not think that because she has for so long been mistress at the Manse, she is going to be mistress here," remarks unfortunate enough for one so easily swayed by others' opinions as was Phyllis.

It was quite plain to Sarah, the maid, that "the Missus set no store by the new comer." But this in itself would not have made the kind-hearted woman join the rank of Pearl's persecutors. She was sorry when her Mistress told her to clear out the lumber room for Miss Wilson, and when into it were pressed all sorts of odds and ends, both old and inartistic, to form the furnishing of her bedroom, it was plain that Sarah disapproved, and her Mistress condescended to explain, "I shall be glad to use my daughter's bright, warm room for working in sometimes. Besides it will be always ready for her when she pays us a stray visit."

The evening meal finished, Phyllis said, "I daresay you will be glad to

get to bed early, Margaret. You see," she added, "I intend to call you Margaret from the commencement. I object to ridiculous fancy names."

It was not that Pearl objected to the change, but the allusion to the name fond lips had uttered, and the jerky, aggressive manner, and nasal twang, and continued wordy remarks, jarred upon her sensibilities, and her eyes filled with tears.

It was full moon when Pearl entered the room allotted her, and by its light began to separate her things. The room was a little larger than the one that had been hers at the Manse, but what a queer shape it was, and how different its appointments to those to which she had been accustomed. No cosy chair, no footstool, no bookcase for her books, odd crockery and chipped. Painfully, the bareness and ugliness of the room struck upon her refined and artistic nature. With a gasp she flung open wide the window. To her dismay a wall shut out all view. She stood still a moment dazed, irresolute, like a bird that had been trapped. Her bedroom at the Manse had overlooked its pretty garden, and here and there were houses nestling among the trees, and a vast stretch of hill and country in the distance. How reconcile herself to such a change. Stay where she was she felt she could not, but where escape? "Where indeed?" mocking voices seemed to answer, and then she recalled what her father had said about "tight places." "It means, my dear people, that we are just shut up to God, and Oh! if we will cast ourselves wholly upon His love and help, He will break our prison doors, and bring the captive forth into a large place." Kneeling by her bedside, Pearl rolled her burden on the Lord, but her pillow that night and many a night were wet with tears.

(To be Continued.)

On March 31st the Toronto gaol was destitute of women prisoners, for the first time in fifteen years.

L.T.L. Reports.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Oct. 24. A pleasant evening was spent to mark the close of the year's meetings. This L.T.L. was inaugurated by Mrs Duxie last June, and there have been eighteen meetings held, with an average attendance of 20. Through addresses given by many ladies and gentlemen, the children have been taught many scientific facts concerning alcohol, and we realise what a hopeful field of labour is before us when we start with a band of enthusiastic girls and boys who have no liking for the poison, and who have no vested interest in its sale. The following officers have conducted the meetings in a capable manner that astonished many adults who were present:—Pres., Patty Shannon; Sec., Eileen Webb; Treas., Maysel Hadfield; Librarian, W. Goddard; Vice-Pres., Eileen Webb and Ulic Shannon; pianiste, Eileen Webb. We hope to hear in the future that these young people are developing into the grand temperance workers that their L.T.L. training will fit them for. It had been decided at the beginning of the year to give a prize to the one gaining the most new members, but as the competition was so close, Florrie Stone, Alma Cummins, and Patty Shannon were each awarded one. The children had arranged an excellent programme, which received great applause from those present. The Superintendents feel very encouraged, and in looking forward pray they may be ready for the new year, which looks bright with promise.

Y's Reports.

PORT CHALMERS.

Oct. Miss Grove presided. Mrs Napier gave a very interesting talk on "Temperance Work in England and Scotland." Several items were rendered by the different members, after which supper was handed round.

WANGANUI.

Oct. 29. Short business meeting. Decided to visit the Old People's Home in December. Next meeting will be the last of a very happy and successful year. Our Branch is steadily growing and improving.

The verses published in the September "White Ribbon," entitled "The Master as Healer," are now being sold at 3d a copy, for the benefit of the Y.M.C.A. Fund, having been sent by the writer from India for that purpose. Copies may be obtained from Mrs Judson, 16, Van Diemen Street, Nelson.

News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

HAMILTON.

Oct. 4. Fourteen members present. Correspondence re 6 o'clock closing from the Hon. Mr Massey, Sir J. G. Ward, and Mr Young, M.P., was read and laid on the table. Arrangements for the District Convention in October were made.

District Convention held. Delegates were present from Hamilton, Ngaruawahia, Morrinsville, Te Kuiti, Cambridge, and Hamilton East. Motions of sympathy were passed for those who have suffered bereavements during the present year. The President's address was full of interest, and urged every member to ever keep in mind the constant need of prayer in connection with our work. Reports were presented by all Unions, and each were doing "their bit," and all desired to press on. War work absorbs much of our energies both at home and abroad, and the women of our Union are all helping in a practical way. A paper, entitled "The Secret of Effectiveness," was read by Mrs Watson (Cambridge), written by Mrs Rosevear, who was unavoidably absent. Miss Powell, Dominion Organiser, gave a good address, and explained to all fully the Social Hygiene Bill, about to come before Parliament. A discussion ensued, and the following resolutions were carried:—(1) "That this W.C.T.U. Convention of the Hamilton district, including representatives from the Waikato Unions, strongly protests against the compulsory clauses in the Hygiene Bill, and urges the establishment of free clinics for the treatment of those voluntarily presenting themselves." (2) "That the Government be urged to introduce legislation providing that no certificate of marriage be issued until both parties, male and female, have been medically examined and declared free from venereal disease." A public meeting was held in the evening, Mrs J. M. Jones (President) being in the chair. After some social items by Mrs Bradley and Miss Gaulton, the Rev. R. Mackie gave an instructive address on "Woman's Helpfulness," drawing lessons from the life of Deborah.

TOKOMARU BAY.

July 13. Five new members. Decided to meet quarterly, as members live great distances apart. Mrs Mead was appointed Recording Secretary, and Miss McIntyre Treasurer. President reported many signatures to six o'clock closing petition, also a visit to the Gisborne Union meeting.

Sept. 18. Most successful gift afternoon for the mine-sweepers. Attendance large. Afternoon tea dispensed. £21 10s in donations, 14s from sale of cakes, and £2 10s for sale of violets from the garden of one of our Maori members.

Sept. 25. Good attendance, including several members from the Maori Union. £1 voted to the Strength of the Nation Fund. Resolutions of thankfulness for the success of the six o'clock closing movement were passed.

AUCKLAND.

Oct. 24. Mrs Cook reported that as a result of "Our Day" £5 17s 5d had been handed in to the Joint Committee of the British Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance. Miss Dewar reported £100 worth of comforts had been sent to the mine-sweepers. Mrs Reuben Bailey gave an inspiring address, and the initiation service closed the meeting.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Nov. 1. In connection with the monthly meeting, over which Mrs Evans, M.A., presided, the Rev. A. E. Hunt gave a thrilling address on Missions, touching many subjects which awakened great interest. Decided to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Dr. Newman for the way he stood by the women when the Hygiene Bill was before the House, not forgetting that also in years past he had always been our friend. Vote of sympathy passed with one member whose son was badly gassed.

CREYTOWN.

Oct. 30. President in the chair. Good attendance. Annual social held. Several members from Masterton Union present. Addresses, recitation, songs, and pianoforte solos were rendered. Annual report read. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, and tea handed round.

OXFORD.

Oct. 24. Sixth anniversary of Union. Well filled hall. President gave report of year's work. Mrs C. Fritt read a report of District Convention. Mrs Kippenberger read a paper on "The Optimistic Views." Musical items and refreshments, including birthday cake, gift of President. Votes of thanks to President and speakers.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

Nov. 6. Mrs C. H. Macalister presided. Mrs Hunter reported that two cases had been sent forward to the mine-sweepers, first one valued at £26, second one £95. Altogether £220 has been sent in to the newspapers towards this fund. Decided to run the tea and rest tent at the Summer Show. Mrs Wright and Mrs McKenzie were appointed hospital visitors. Mrs Macalister reported having visited Knox Sunday School and given an address on Temperance Sunday, the children afterwards being asked to sign the pledge. Vote of

sympathy with those who have lost sons at the Front. Special prayer for the restoration of our President.

DUNEDIN.

Nov. The subject of cinema improvement was considered, and a committee set up to meet representatives from the various women's societies. A number of resolutions were adopted by the Union to go forward to the united meeting. Mrs Lee-Cowie and Mrs Napier were received as members of the Dunedin Union. Miss McCarthy then gave a short address on events connected with the campaign against the C.D. Acts in Great Britain.

NELSON.

Oct. A four days' visit from Mrs Lee-Cowie. An "At Home" at Mrs Field's to welcome our visitor and arrange the work. Two afternoon meetings for women were held, an open-air on Saturday evening, and a public meeting in the Theatre on Sunday evening. Meetings well attended, and great interest taken. Six new members.

Oct. 9. Gift afternoon for annual Sale of Work. Large attendance, and many gifts. District Convention arranged for. Resolved: "That considering the gravity and importance of the subject treated of in the Social Hygiene Bill, now before Parliament, the Nelson Branch of the W.C.T.U. asks that the Bill may be deferred until women's representative societies have been consulted." Copies to be sent to the Premier, Hon. G. W. Russell, and the members for Nelson and Motueka. A resolution was passed asking the City Council to have the Park gates locked at night for the better protection of our young people. Votes of thanks to Mrs Lee-Cowie for her untiring work amongst us, also to our member for his efforts in connection with 6 o'clock closing.

Oct. 17. Annual Sale proceeds, £38.

N.E. VALLEY.

Oct. 25. Mrs Peart presided. Mrs Napier gave a most interesting address on her work among soldiers in the Old Land. The address was much enjoyed.

WANGANUI EAST.

Oct. 26. Mrs Andrew presided. Attendance fair. Report received of Home Meeting on October 2. Miss Powell addressed the meeting. One new member and one new subscriber to "White Ribbon." Sewing Guild reported 5 pairs pyjamas, 2 pairs mitts, 1 pair sox, and 2 scarves for Red Cross. Miss Cruickshank gave a fine address, and was heartily thanked for it. Afternoon tea handed round.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Oct. 19. Mrs McDonald presided over a well-attended meeting, and gave a report of Provincial Conven-

tion. Discussion on the Social Hygiene Bill. Members strongly against legislation which detained women and allowed men to go free. Gratification expressed at the decision of the Railway Department to place a carriage on trains for the use of women. Votes of thanks to contributors and helpers at the produce stall at Paddy's Market. Vote of sympathy to Mrs A. R. Atkinson in her prolonged illness.

ONEHUNGA.

Oct. 18. Thanksgiving for the success of 6 o'clock closing amendment. Secretary reported 38 gifts and £3 11s in cash for mine-sweepers. Account of District Convention by Secretary. Resolutions sent to Premier re Social Hygiene Bill. Miss Weymouth gave an account of the Y branch deputation to Wellington. Letter of sympathy sent to a member who is ill.

WAKAPUAKA.

Oct. Social afternoon at Mrs Wastney's residence. Afternoon tea. £3 was gathered to send to Sailors' Clothing Fund. In August Mrs D. Boon gave a social in aid of Y.M.C.A. Fund, and was very successful.

RAKAIA.

Oct. 11. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs Breach in her bereavement. Number of parcels received and forwarded for mine-sweepers. Rev. E. N. Blakiston gave a very interesting address on "Some excuses against Christianity, and how to meet them."

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

Sept. Mrs Pasley in the chair, over 100 members and friends present. Meeting was a farewell to Mrs Cowie, who was presented with a beautiful autograph album, subscribed by all the members. Deep regret was expressed at Mrs Cowie's departure to Dunedin. Mrs Cowie addressed the meeting. Afternoon tea provided.

Oct. Mrs Pasley presided. Deep sympathy expressed with our Secretary, who is in hospital as the result of a serious operation. Mr Hughes gave an address on "Woman's Day." Mrs Garrett reported visiting Bluff Union on Franchise Day.

LEIGH.

Oct. 6. Miss C. A. Matheson presided over a fair attendance. Decided that Mrs J. C. Wyatt represent the Union at the Convention. Circular read asking help for "Our Day" to aid wounded soldiers. Arranged to meet and pack goods to forward on. One new member. Afternoon tea served.

WARKWORTH.

July 26. Good attendance, Mrs Southern in the chair. One new member initiated. Decided that the Initiative and Referendum would be beneficial to prohibition. Two hun-

dred copies of "Defeat and Victory" to be distributed. Agreed to send 10s towards Mrs Lee-Cowie's Manifesto.

Aug. 30. Large attendance, Mrs Attwood in chair. £19 and numerous warm garments collected for mine-sweepers. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs W. Wilson in the loss of her son-in-law at the Front. Mrs T. H. Wilson was elected delegate to the Provincial Convention.

Sept. 27. Fair attendance, Mrs Attwood (President) in the chair. Arrangements made for United Temperance Service on Sunday, September 30, in Town Hall. Mrs Attwood (President) resigned owing to her leaving the district shortly. Resignation received with much regret.

TAKAPUNA.

Sept. President in chair, 19 present. Enthusiastic meeting. Four initiated; seven recruits for Cradle Roll.

Oct. Mrs Fulljames presided. Note of praise for victory in 6 o'clock closing. Helpers volunteered for W.C.T.U. stall for wounded on the 19th. Short address by Mrs Bayes.

PAKIRI.

Oct. 4. Eight members present, and two visitors. Decided that a social evening for the honorary members, be held in December. The collection for the mine-sweepers was £2 3s. Several copies "Defeat or Victory?" and 100 each of "The Cry of the Mothers," "The Women's Hour," and "The Call to Arms" were distributed.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Sept. 20. Mrs Hall presided over a large attendance. A good collection of goods and money received for the mine-sweepers.

Oct. 18. Held a gift afternoon for the Red Cross. The hall was beautifully decorated by Mrs and Miss Hooker. A much appreciated address was given by Mrs Williams, of Sumner. Musical items were rendered, and afternoon tea provided. A large number of garments and cash were received. Decided to take a table at the A. and P. Show. The sum of 18s 6d was collected for the Lady Liverpool Fund.

PONSONBY.

Aug. 9. A well-attended meeting. Miss Weymouth gave an interesting address. Decided to respond to Mrs Nimmo's appeal for help.

Sept. 13. Decided to give a day to assist at Soldiers' Club. Letter re conscientious objectors discussed. Decided to assist the District Union at the Red Cross stall.

Oct. 11. Thanks for 6 o'clock closing, but Union wishes for speedy prohibition. Report of District Convention given. Miss Powell spoke on the Social Hygiene Bill then before the House. Gifts for mine-sweepers received.

PAHIATUA.

Oct. 15. Special meeting to discuss the Social Hygiene Bill. Mrs Neal presided. Resolutions passed: 1st, Asking the Government to withdraw the Bill, and place the matter of social hygiene before the women's societies of the Dominion; 2nd, asking the Government to establish farm colonies, and to inaugurate a course of lectures on social hygiene; 3rd, Endorsing the opinion of the British Royal Commission as to the means to be used to stamp out venereal diseases.

Nov. 1. Mrs Neal in the chair. Arrangements made for Mrs Crabb's visit on November 15th. Our M.P., Mr G. Harold Smith, when acknowledging the receipt of copies of resolutions, said: 'I cordially agree with the resolution which endorses the opinion of the British Royal Commission. I feel that sane education of boys and girls at the right age on sexual hygiene and morality is absolutely essential.' Resolved that we apply for copies of "Social Diseases," by Dr. Platts-Mills. Mrs Bendely's letter read and discussed. Our members are strongly in favour of securing the services of a Provincial Organiser for one year. Captain Mrs Huston, S.A., gave an inspiring address.

BLUFF.

Oct. 16. Willard Hall crowded for final meeting of Band of Hope. Rev. Fowles presided, and gave an address. A fine programme was contributed, and over fifty prizes were presented. Hearty vote of thanks to all who had assisted to make the session a success.

Nov. 2. Good attendance. Reported that 39 articles and a sum of £4 16s had been sent to mine-sweepers. Decided to offer three prizes for essays on temperance wall-sheets.

DEVONPORT.

Sept. Fair attendance. Miss Powell spoke in a bright, breezy way about our work and how to do it. Three new members.

Oct. Mrs Cranch in the chair, 16 members present. Mrs Budd gave a thoughtful and helpful talk on Joshua, 14th chapter. The keynote of her address was "The Unfinished Victory."

HAWERA.

Oct. 11. Special meeting. Social Hygiene Bill discussed. Following resolution passed and telegraphed to Hon. G. W. Russell:—"The Hawera W.C.T.U. strongly protests against the compulsory examination and detention clauses in the Social Hygiene Bill."

Oct. 25. Miss Maunder presided. Mrs Bone reported formation of a Young People's Union. Decided to offer prizes to school children for temperance essays. Letter of sym-

pathy to Mrs Strack in her sad bereavement. Articles read on the evil of State Control.

TIMARU.

Oct. 30. Mrs Rule presided. Attendance good. Report of Sailors' Rest received. Two large parcels of goods sent to mine-sweepers. Mrs Liddle and Mrs Brooker hospital visitors for the month.

WAIPAWA.

Sept. 26. Social in aid of mine-sweepers. Attendance large. A good musical programme, and refreshments were provided. Rev. C. A. Foston occupied the chair, and spoke of the work and needs of the mine-sweepers. Articles to the value of £32 were despatched to Mrs Nimmo.

PORT CHALMERS.

Oct. 8. Annual meeting. Secretary read report of year's work, and Treasurer the balance-sheet. Both were adopted. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Johnson; Sec., Miss Monson; Treas., Mrs Walker. Vote of thanks to Mrs Peryman for help given during the year.

ASHBURTON.

Oct. 16. Special "gift afternoon" in aid of the British mine-sweepers, combined with a farewell to our President, Mrs W. K. Watson. A very large attendance. Motion of sympathy with Mrs Harle and Mrs D. McKenzie in their recent bereavements. A short programme. Mrs Lill referred to the splendid work done by Mrs Watson during her term of four years as President of the Union, and on behalf of the members presented her with two dozen stainless knives and a handsome cameo brooch, also a brooch each to Mrs Watson's little daughters. Eulogistic speeches from representatives of the Branch Unions and others were made, and Mrs Watson responded gratefully to the kind things said and the presentations received. £2 2s in cash and 30 articles of apparel were handed in during the afternoon for the mine-sweepers.

Nov. Mrs G. Millar presided. Good attendance. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Sage and family, also Mrs J. Dalley, in their recent loss. A notice of motion was moved as follows:—"That this Union consider the advisability of meeting twice a month in future, one meeting to transact business, the other educational." Decided that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent Mrs Broom for the splendid work done in connection with Band of Hope. The sum of £4 was voted to the Organising Fund, and £1 to the Strength of the Nation Movement. Pastor J. M. Innes delivered an address on the need of efficiency in physical, mental, and spiritual life to-day, and how to attain the same, and was heartily thanked.

LOWER HUTT.

No. 6. Annual meeting. Good attendance. The Secretary gave a report of the year's work. Several public meetings have been held, one addressed by Mrs Napier, and two by Mrs Lee-Cowie. A Home meeting was arranged for Miss Powell, also a Cradle Roll "At Home" held. The membership of Union and Cradle Roll have been almost doubled this year. A large parcel of comforts was collected for the mine-sweepers, also parcels sent to lonely soldiers. The Treasurer reported a credit balance for the year. All officers re-elected except the Treasurer. Three new members initiated.

EDEN.

Oct. 17. Miss Wilson in the chair, 13 present. A resolution was passed thanking the Hon. G. W. Russell for the Social Hygiene Bill, and asking him if he could include compulsory examination before marriage of both men and women. A report of the Convention held in Auckland on October 10th was read by Mrs Scanlen. Miss Weymouth gave a report of model L.T.L. meeting held on the evening of October 10th. One member from another Union and one new member received. Copies of "Defeat or Victory?" distributed.

WAKAPUAKA.

Nov. Annual meeting, nine members present, also four from Nelson Union. Mrs Wastney presided. After election of officers, Mrs Knapp gave a short address of encouragement, and was followed by Mrs Judson, who distributed pamphlets on "Social Diseases," asking us to see that all our members received them. She also invited all members to attend the coming District Convention to be held in Nelson.

S. DUNEDIN.

Nov. 1. Public meeting. Musical programme. Mrs Napier gave an interesting address on the work of the B.W.T.A. among soldiers, with special reference to the work of a Y. branch consisting of 280 young business women.

SAWYER'S BAY.

Nov. Annual meeting. Decided to donate 10s to Maori Fund, 15s for school prizes, 10s to trustees of church where meetings are held. Following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Allan; Sec., Mrs Booth; Treas., Mrs Mains. Superintendents: Cradle Roll, Miss Austin; Home Meetings, Mrs Horn; L.T.L. and Band of Mercy, Mrs Prattley; "White Ribbon," Mrs J. Perry.

OTAMATEA.

I tuano he huihuitanga matenei roopu wahine karaitiana Otamatea iroto ite whare o te tabi onga mema o Mereana Peraniko ite 28 onga ra Oketopa ite 11 o'clock ite ata. Nato matou Pehitini na Rutera Karena i

karakia a ka himetia te 23 on himene anano hoki te inoi. Kamutu kawhakapuaretia eia te whare monga take kayoa, tuatahi koohi marama. He mihi ano nate Perehitini kiana mema irunga ite pouritanga kua paano kia ta inei wiki kua pahure ake nei, na reira iro ai nga huihuitanga menga ripoata hoki. Kaati nui atu te aroha onga hoatuakana kitoratou Perehitini kua noho nei ano ia ki roto kite pouritanga ite ma tenga o tana tamaiti aroha pono ia Poata Karena (ona tau 10 years). I mate ia i roto ite atua itona matua, nanano i homai a nanano itongo kia whakapainga tona ingoa. Kaati enga roopu katoa tenei kua riro mai ia tatou te wikitoria monga hotera kia kapi ite ano karaka ite ahihi kite iwa karaka ite ata otetahi atu ra. Kaati kia kaha tonu tatou kite mahi inga mahi kua tukumai nei ete roopu matua hei mahinga atu ma tatou manga tamariki roopu, heoi kia kaha ano hoki tatou kite inoi atu kitotatou matua ite rangikia homai ano he kaha kia. Tatou kite whakahaere tikanga pai mo a tatou tamariki Hoira angaro atu nei koia tenei e mahi nei te roopu nui ite tika mote hoki maiana o wa tatou tamariki kua pai atu. Te kainga hei noho nga ma ratou heoi kei te nui te whakapai o tenei roopu kinga tuakana pakeha e kaha nei ratou kite rapu tikanga mo tatou a e inoi ana matou te roopu kite matua ite rangi. Kia homai ano he kaha inga roopu katoa kite whakahaere tikanga ate wa etuai ai. Te hui tau ki Timaru whakamatua ete Perehitini kite himene 78 mete inoi he nea tuku haere kinga mema katoa.

PAHI.

Oct. 16. I tu te mitingi ate roopu karaitiana o Pahi 16th Oketona. I whakapuaretia ete Perehitini; himene 46. Ka whakamihi te Perehitini, kite roopu o Port Albert itae mai nei ite matenga to Ata J. Paratene. Kua wehe atu nei ia iwaenganui i tenei roopu, kua tae atu nei ia kite okiokinga onga wairua (Take tuatahi) kotona urunga kite mitingi ate roopu Ariki i Akarana 17/9/17. Koie kupu nui iroto o taua mitingi kohe whakapumau kia takahia te waiapiro metahi atu mea, he, ekone nei etika kia mahia, tautokona ana enga mema o tenei roopu katoa. Katu ko Hera T. Hemana epatai ana ahau kinga mema ote roopu, e mau ana ranei te whakaaro ote ngakau kite hapai i tenei ta onga? Katu nga mema ka whakaae atu kei te pumau tonu te ngakau, ite timatanga mai taenoa mai ki tenei ra, iru mai hoki te roopu o Port Albert itautoko katoa inei take, ite piri pono hoki kitenei mahi e huaina nei kote roopu karaitiana ote pono, a ituku takoha hoki ratou mate roopu o Pahi kotahi Pauna (£1) nate roopu raumatua tekau hereni (10s). Katu ko W. Toka. E hoa ma eaku hoa tai tamariki e whakaae ana toku ngakau kia takahia a tu etatou tenei taniwha ewhakahaehae nei i atatou, hoi tautokona an enga taitamariki ae me takahi

atu, hoi kei te hari nga ngakau ote roopu, no reira ka whakamihi atu nei kite kia koutou, tena koutou enoho mai na io koutou whare ariki, mate runga rawa tatou katoa e manaki iroto ite wairua pone.

Nate Hekeretia, Mrs P. Manakau.

"EDUCATION IN ITS TRUEST SENSE."

(Notes of an Address Delivered at Wanganui E. Union.)

Miss Cruickshank, M.A., M.Sc., gave a very interesting address on "Education in Its Truest Sense." She pointed out that true education was the development of the best in the individual, as well as in the nation, and thus resulted in a wider knowledge and a better understanding. She referred to the increased facilities of modern times, for whereas formerly few could read or write, and children early left school, to-day all branches of education, right to the highest degree, are open to all. Provision has been made whereby children to the age of 17 years, at a time when character, as well as the body, were developing, might remain at school. Thus the child is better qualified for the battle of life. The speaker referred to the spread of education in the Middle Ages after the fall of Constantinople, when the scholars travelled west, bringing the culture of the East to Western lands. She referred to the widening of the religious, scholastic, and political outlook, mentioning the work of Dr. Mott in China, and the improved conditions in Japan, where seven thousands of students were at work in the colleges. Miss Cruickshank next noted the improvement in South Africa since England had established self-government, and mentioned the fact that India, too, was gaining the same privileges. Thus West was blending with the East, and all were called upon to help in the grand consummation of universal brotherhood. As knowledge is power, so by the spread of the truer education all may assist in those things which work for God, for Home, and for Humanity.

The "White Ribbon" will be posted to any address on receipt of 2s 6d, payable to Mrs Peryman, Port Chalmers.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

Miss Powell, 10; Aramoho Y's, 4; Mt. Eden, Christchurch, S. Dunedin, 3; Ashburton, Wellington District, Onehunga, Timaru, Palmerston N., 2; Tuakau, Dunedin, Tinwald, Patea, Wakapuaka, Pahiatua, Rakaia, Port Chalmers, Auckland, Hawera, Devonport, 1. Will our Unions kindly note that there is only another month for them to get the six subscribers asked for by Convention, so that any Union not wishing to be a defaulter must sent in before December 31st.

Ashburton, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Barin Square Schoolroom; Pres. Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 87; Sec., Miss Trevurza, 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, Wakanni.

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, Pompaillier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princes St., Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompaillier 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' Meetin and Cradle Roll, Messdames Brewer and Hancock "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

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 B. 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, Tshoraiti; Sec., Mrs Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett, The Mans.

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, Eglinton 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., Messdames 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 Lillwall.

Fitzroy, last Friday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church Pres., Mrs A. Hayward, 834, Devon Street, Fitzroy; Sec., Mrs L. Gray, 688 Devon Street East New Plymouth; Treas., Miss Tolme, Chilman St., Fitzroy; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Kibby, Clemow St., Fitzroy.

Feilding, 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., St. Paul's Hall; Pres., Miss Moore, c/o Mr. W. H. Bain, Feilding; Rec. Sec., Miss Jordan, c/o Mr H. Feild; Cor. Sec., Mrs C. J. Thompson, Denbigh Street; Treas., rs Williamson, The Hill; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Burnley; Railway Box, Mrs Shearer.

Gisborne District, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Rd.; Sec., Mrs F. S. Malcolm, Gladstone Rd.; Treas., Mrs F. J. Wilkes, 465 Gladstone Rd.

Greymouth District, last Tuesday at 3 p.m., in Sailor's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Sweetman, White Ribbon Agent, Mrs T. Brown; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Perry.

Greytown, last Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in Presbyterian Sunday School. President, Mrs Whincop, Gasworks; Secretary, also Acting-Treasurer and W.R. Agent, pro tem., Mrs Banks, Humphreys St.

Hamilton District, first Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, Clandelands; Sec., Mrs W. Auld; Treas., Mrs Jenkins, Clandelands.

Hastings, 2nd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Hall, 1 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Moore, Stortford; Sec., Mrs F. C. Griffiths, Market St.; Treas., Mrs Martindale, Market St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cameron; Vice-Pres., Mrs Clapham; Asst. Sec., Mrs Boyle, Lyndon Road.

Hawera meets in Wesley Hall, Regent Street, on the last Thursday, at 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs Bone, Dive's Av.; Vice Pres., Miss Maunders; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishoff, Turuturu Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Peacock, c/o Mrs Taylor, South Rd.; Treas., Mrs Best, Milmoec St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Tonks, Campbell St.

Henderson, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Gilbert, "Homeview"; Vice-Pres., Mrs Platt, Gt. North Rd., Mrs Williams, Gt. North Rd.; Sec., Mrs McKay, Gt. North Rd.; Treas., Mrs Paltridge, Rathgar Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Platt, Gt. North Road.

Invercargill District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Allen's Hall; Pres., Mrs James Baird; Vice-Pres., Mrs J. McKenzie, Mrs C. H. Macalister, Mrs H. Lee-Cowie and Mrs Garrett; Rec. Sec., Mrs Frank Lillierap, Earn St.; Cor. Sec., Sis. Moody Bell; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs James Hunter, 110, Don St.

Invercargill South. Meets every second Tuesday, in Amethyst Hall, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pasley, Centre St., Georgetown; Sec., Mrs Parkin, 80 Bowmont St.; Treas., Miss Pyle, Amethyst Hall, Bowmont St.; Press Cor., Mrs Smart, Ettrick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Sullivan, 19, Conon St.; Cradle Roll Supts., Mrs Cooper, Oteramika Road, and Mrs Bruce Wallace, Ythan St., Appleby.

Kaipoi W.C.T.U. Assembly Rooms. Union meets last Wednesday in the month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Brighting; Sec., Miss Blackwell, "The Willows"; Treas., Mrs T. G. Blackwell; W.R. Supt., Mrs Ward.

Kati-Kati, 2nd Wednesdays, 2 p.m., in Public Hall. Pres., Mrs Bains, Vice-Pres., Mrs J. Hume, Treas., Mrs Woodford, Sec., Miss Wilson, W.R. Supt., Miss McCutchan, Cradle Roll, Misses Dickey and Andrews, Organist, Mrs N. Johnston.

Lower Hutt, first Tuesday, Church of Christ, Queen St., at 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Ballantyne, Belmont Rd.; Sec., Mrs Chittenden, Bridge Street; Treas., Mrs Fretthey, Main Rd.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Hayes, Brunswick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Burn, Aglonby Street.

Lytelton, 1st Wednesday, Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Wilson; Sec., Mrs Bromley; Treas., Mrs Clark; "W.R." Agent, Miss Elsie Clark, "Waratah." W. Lyttelton.

Mania, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs T. Tait; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Prakinson and Hunt; Treas., Miss York; Sec., Miss Craig; Cradle Roll, Miss Ricketts; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Hunt.

Masterton, 1st Tuesday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Devonport; Sec., Mrs M. Flanagan, 4 Cole Street; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Ross, High Street.

Matakana, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Church, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Witten, Tawharanui; Vice-Pres., Mrs A. Roke; Sec., Mrs E. Roke; Treas., Mrs Melville; Cradle Roll, Mrs Eyton; "W.R." Agent, Miss Tindall.

Mosgiel Meets in Presbyterian Hall, 2nd Wednesday at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pinfold; Sec., Mrs Eccersoll; Treas., Mrs E. Wilson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Morton.

Napier District, 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday, Willard Institute, Carlyle St., 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashridge Rd.; Sec., Mrs A. Chelwell, Maonald St.; Treas., Mrs Clare, Morris St.; Asst. Treas., Mrs Mens; Vice-Pres., Mrs Dodds; Home Meetings, Mrs Jenkins, Hastings St.; Cradle Roll and Flower Mission, Mrs J. Walker, Nelson Cres.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens, Nelson Cres.

Ngaruawahia, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church; Pres., Mrs G. Densen; Vice-Pres., Mrs L. Bycroft and Mrs Vincent; Sec., Mrs Kendall; Treasurer, Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs W. Bycroft.

New Brighton, 3rd Thursday in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hall, 36 Wainui St., New Brighton; Secretary, Mrs W. Smith, 344 Wainoni Rd., Christchurch; Treas., Mrs Nicholas, Brooke St., Bexley, N.B.; Evangelistic Supt., Miss Tait, Bexley, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Langley, Park Rd., New Brighton.

New Plymouth District, first Friday, 2.30 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres., Mrs Allan Douglas, Pendarves Street; Sec., Mrs Griffin, Gilbert Street; Treas., and W.R. Agent, Miss Taunt, Victoria Rd.

Normanby, Second Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall; Pres., Mrs Scott, Rural Delivery, Normanby; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs J. T. Saunders, Turu Turu Rd., Hawera; Treas., Mrs Lynn; Cradle Roll, Miss Clement; White Ribbon, Mrs Dickson.

Norsewood, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Speight; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fountain; Sec., Miss A. E. Olsen, "Willow Park"; Treas., Mrs S. Frederickson; "W.R." Agent, Miss Olsen, "Willow Park."

North East Valley, fourth Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4, Pine Hill Ter.; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45, Selwyn Rd.; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 43, Frame St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs Wright, 78, Main Road.

Nelson District, Second Tuesday, Temperance Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Miss Atkinson, Fairfield; Sec., Mrs Knapp, Alfred St.; Treas., Mrs A. Brown, Weka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford, Mount St.

Ootiki, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jas Thompson; Sec., Mrs T. Fleming; Treas. and Supt. "W.R." Mrs Holman, Otara; Supt. L.T.L., Mrs Goodall; Cradle Roll, Mrs Evans.

Oxford, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall; Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Sec., Mrs T. Gainsford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, Sr., and Mrs Clark; Evangelistic, Mrs D. Hawke; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Comyns.

Pakiri, 1st Thursday, Pakiri Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Rennie; Vice Pres., Mrs Wyatt; Sec., Mrs Gozar; Treas., Miss Dyer; W.R. Agent, Mrs Witton

Palmerston N. District, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Crabb, 51, College St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, 46 Ferguson St.; Treas., Mrs Clausen, Cook St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

Petene, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney St., 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Rowse, Uay St.; Vice-Pres., Miss Kirk, Mesdames Corner and McPherson; Sec., Mrs Burd, 27 Cuba St.; Treas., Mrs Donoghue; Cradle Roll, Mrs Barrow; Flower Mission, Mrs McPherson; Home Meetings, Mrs Ashby; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Wilson; Literature Mrs James.

Ponsonby, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Queen's Hall, Paget St.; Pres. Mrs J. Fountain; Vice-Pres Mrs C. I. Harris, Mrs C. R. Vickers, and Miss Caley; Sec., Mrs Plummer, Coronation Rd., Epsom; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Plummer; Treas., Mrs M. A. Bailey, Ponsonby.

Pukekohe, Methodist Church, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Vans, Beresford St.; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Wilson; Rec. Sec., Miss Usher; Cor. Sec., Mrs Haslem, East St.; Treas., Mrs Wilson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Stevenson; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mee.

Rakaia meets on the 2nd Thursday in the month, in the Methodist Church, Anglican S.S., and the Presbyterian S.S. alternately; Mrs Boag, Pres.; Mrs Judkins, Treas.; Mrs Hopwood, Sec.

Sheffield, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Road Board Office; Pres., Mrs McIlraith, Annat; Sec., Mrs Pettit, Kirwee; Treas., Mrs W. Kennedy, Annat.

Stratford, 1st Wednesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., ; Vice-Pres., Mrs White and Mrs Phillips; Sec., Mrs J. McAlister; Treas., Mrs Birdsell.

Takapuna, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Takapuna Methodist, and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs Fulljames, East Coast Rd.; Sec., Mrs Carter, Lake Town Rd.; Treas., Miss Rushbrook, Milford.

Tauranga, Meets in Wesley Hall, on last Wednesday, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs F. N. Christian, 3rd Avenue. Sec., Mrs J. Neal, 11th Avenue. Treas., Mrs J. B. Chappell, Cameron Rd., Cradle Roll, Mrs C. E. Ridley, 2nd Avenue. L.T.L., Mrs A. Turner, Devonport Rd., W.R. Supt., Mrs Wall, Norris Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs A. Turner.

Timaru District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Arcade Pres., Mrs Rule, North St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Press, Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Miss Evans, Victoria St.; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Brooker, 11, Mere Mere St.

Tuakau, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Hunter; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Madill, Lee, Long and Graham; Sec., Mrs C. Bycroft; Treas., Mrs Goldsmith; Supt. Band of Hope, Miss Worthington; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Burns; White Ribbon Supt., Miss Dwen.

Waimate, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 3 o'clock; President, Mrs W. Stewart; Secretary, Mrs Geo. Dash, P.O. Box 27; Treasurer, Mrs S. J. Hitchens, "Te Rangi, Mill Rd.;" "W.R." Supt., Mrs G. H. Graham, Rhodes St.

Waipawa, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.; Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs H. McLean, Waverley St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bott and Harding; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, Rose St.; Treas., Miss Johnson, Rose St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs S. Bott.

Wanganui East meets last Friday at 2.30 p.m. in Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Duxfield; Mahoney Street.; Vice Pres., Mesdames Blair, and Andrew; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Andrew, Mackay St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Dowsett, Nixon St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Melvin, Young St.

Wanganui District, 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs H. Smith, 88 Liverpool St.; Sec., J. Upton, 165, Victoria Av.; Treas., Mrs Siddells, Guyton Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Bott, Wicksteed Street; "W.R." Supt., Mrs W. R. Grant, Harrison Place.

Warkworth, last Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Schoolroom, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs Attwood; Sec., Mrs Hamilton; Treas., Mrs Cox; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Jones; Press Reporter, Mrs Tiplady.

Waihi, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Frost; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Prebble, and Mrs McIlroy; Sec., Miss Shearer, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs Moore; White Ribbon Agent Mrs Glassey.

Wellington District, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Houlder, 108 Wallace St.; Sec., Mrs Dennett, 27 North Terrace, Kelburn; Treas., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St.

Girl's Association Rooms, Constable St., Newtown. Evening Classes and Socials. All girls invited.

Wellington Central, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis St.; Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Wadestown; Cor. Sec., Miss Helyer, Tonk's Gv; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. H. Smith, 77 Austin St.; Treas. Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Port, Austin St.

Waipukurau, 2nd Monday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mrs Harding and Mrs Sowry; Sec., Mrs H. French, Main St.; Treas., Mrs Robinson; Organist, Mrs Harris; W.R. Supt., Mrs Mercer.

Woodville, meets 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m., in Ormond St. Hall; Pres., Mrs Perkins, Ross St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Jackson; Sec., Mrs Thompson, Fox Street; Treas., Mrs Hancock, Fox St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Cole; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Thompson, Fox St.

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