

A WORD FROM THE DOMINION PRESIDENT.

I have much pleasure in voicing the congratulations of White Ribboners throughout the Dominion to Erle Peryman on his success in passing Matriculation, Solicitors' General Knowledge, and Medical Preliminary, also in gaining a Senior National Scholarship. This promising young student passed Standard IV. at eight years old, having passed four standards in less than two years. Owing to his extreme youth, at the wish of his parents he was allowed to stay another year in Standard IV. He gained his proficiency at 11 years of age. Two years later, in 1916, he gained a Junior National Scholarship and passed Senior Free Place examination, and in 1917, aged fourteen, he gained three examinations on the Matric. papers, and also a Senior Scholarship.

His mother is not only the Editor of our "White Ribbon" (which is an ordinary woman's work), but is the head of a parsonage, the leader of a Bible Class, the conductor of a choir, a preacher of the Gospel, who occupies the pulpit of her own and neighbouring churches, and takes the platform whenever necessary. All honour to her that her young son has done so well.

RACHEL DON.

RESOLUTIONS FOR CONVENTION.

The following resolutions are to be brought forward at Convention, and we print them now so that Unions may have an opportunity of discussing them:—

1. "That the resolution passed at the last Dominion Convention in reference to a health certificate before marriage be rescinded."

"That the word 'clean' be deleted from the resolution, and the following words added to it: 'That it be not made compulsory for one party to show their health certificate to the other party, but that in case of refusal to do so, no case for breach of promise shall stand.'"

2. "That at this Convention a 'Y' Organiser be appointed in the interests of Y work throughout the Dominion."

3. "That an Organising Treasurer be appointed to travel through the

Provinces of the Dominion, for the purpose of collecting annual subscriptions for a fund, to be used for employing an Organising Secretary for each province."

4. "That this Fund be administered by the Dominion Executive, and the Organisers be employed and dismissed by the Dominion Executive, but that they work under the control of the Provincial Executive."

5. "That the Provincial Organising Secretaries be paid such a salary as to obviate the necessity of asking for hospitality."

THE TREASURY OF PRAYER.

(By Rev. J. H. Jowett, D.D.)

"Pray for us that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified."—II. Thess. iii. 1.

And so it is that the people of one talent can help the men endowed with ten. They can be fellow-labourers in a common crusade. The slave Onesimus can co-operate with the Apostle of the Gentiles. Obscure folk can be in the mighty fellowship of the great. By prayer I can have a share in the work of the preacher, and help to wing his words with the mysterious power of the Holy Ghost. By prayer I can visit the lonely missionary, and even though I remain at home I too can be a worker on the foreign field. By prayer I can visit thrones, I can sit in cabinets with statesmen, I can go into the editorial office and influence the articles in the daily Press.

What a privilege, then, is mine, and also what a solemn duty! And how little and rarely I use my power! If there had been committed to me a mysterious influence over men's bodies, by which I could impart strength to those who are weak and faint, and I only indifferently used the power, how great would be my condemnation! But a much more precious gift is mine. I can be the strengthener of men's souls. And with this gift I am free from the limitations of space, for in a moment I can cross continents and seas, and carry resource, by the grace of God, to His servants in the remotest parts of the earth. Then be up, my soul, and use thy wonderful power! Make thy journeys round the planet, helping the servants of the Lord, enriching their minds and hearts, and giving to men and women in every clime surprises of inspiration.

GIVE THE CHILDREN A CHANCE.

If it be parenthood we desire—meaning, of course, parenthood within marriage—let us talk about parenthood and not marriage. Let us make parenthood possible for all married persons of the right kind, healthy in mind and body, who desire to become parents. At present we tax, hamper, boycott, and penalise them, as if they were the malicious and gratuitous enemies, and not the makers, of the State. By adequate taxation of those who can afford it—the wealthy, the childless, the bachelors—money and means must be found for the birth, the feeding, medical care, and education—till eighteen instead of fourteen—of the children whom the State so urgently requires. The experience of the National Birth-rate Commission proved this necessity, and some of its members have now been concerned in the presentation of a memorial to the Chancellor of the Exchequer on these lines. At a great meeting on Race Renewal, held at the Mansion House, in London, it was my privilege to set forth the arguments some of which have here been outlined. We shall win the war, but we must win the peace, and guarantee the world's peace and freedom for ever. For these supreme ends we must spend money and labour and forethought upon the future renewal of the race of Freedom's Trustees. We must greatly relieve parents of taxation.

BETTER TIMES FOR PARENTS.

We must set to work to provide not merely houses, but homes for the families of the future, where children may live, and whence no landlords may drive parents, as private and corporate and municipal landlords do now, in favour of the childless and the unmarried. We must provide good medical and nursing care for the nation's motherhood everywhere. No mother or child must die in this wealthy land for lack of money, whilst we spend unprecedented sums of money on drink and tobacco. Those who do not help to create our future, must pay for those who do, for only the nation that regards its young can renew its youth.—Dr. Saleeby.

Griggs: "The idea of your letting your wife go around saying she made a man of you! You don't hear my wife saying that."

Briggs: "No, but I heard her telling my wife that she did her best."—Selected.