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**GREETINGS FOR 1920.**

We are sending out our last issue for 1919, and take the opportunity to wish our many readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The year was clouded by defeat on April 10th, but we are confidently expecting victory on December 17th.

The year 1920 comes to us with its pages fresh and clean. In our personal life we may make it the best of years, by consciously dedicating ourselves to the Divine Master, praying that we may be emptied of self and filled with the Divine Spirit, and that the Life of the Master may flow through us and influence others.

In our national life we must use our utmost endeavour to purify our land from evils and to uplift our fellows.

New occasions teach new duties;

Truth makes ancient good uncouth;  
They must upward still, and onward,  
Who would keep abreast of Truth;

Lo, before us gleam her camp fires!

We ourselves must Pilgrims be;  
Launch our Mayflower, and steer  
boldly

Through the desperate winter sea,  
Nor attempt the Future's portal  
With the Past's blood-rusted key.

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT UNION**  
**WELCOMES MRS WHEELER.**

A special meeting was held in the Y.W.C.A. Hall on Tuesday afternoon, December 2nd, to welcome Mrs Wheeler. Mrs Cook presided. Solos were rendered by Miss Rimmer and Mrs King. Mrs Cook, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed Mrs Wheeler on behalf of the District and Branch Unions. Mrs Wheeler was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses.

Before starting her address, Mrs Wheeler gave one of her charming recitals. She then gave an address, showing how the W.C.T.U. of America had led the way to Prohibition, and the way they had interested and organised other women's societies and clubs to help in the great movement. Mrs Wheeler said how splendidly the W.C.T.U. women had worked for the soldiers during the war.

A very successful Garden Party was held under the auspices of the Auckland District W.C.T.U. on Saturday afternoon, November 29, at the beautiful grounds of Mr Moore, Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden (kindly given for the occasion.) There was a large number present of members and friends. The Technical School Band was in attendance, and enlivened the proceedings with cheerful strains of music. Mrs Cook welcomed and introduced Mrs Eva Wheeler, the gifted lecturer and elocutionist, from Los Angeles. Mrs Wheeler was received with warm applause, and charmed the company with her spicy address and humorous recital. Mrs H. M. Smeeton gave a most telling address, and urged those present to help in the great campaign. Two solos were rendered by Miss Rimmer and a violin solo by a young pupil of Mrs H Brown (Superintendent), and the "Y" Branch ran a sweet stall; there was also a cake and flower stall, and ice cream. Afternoon tea was dispensed. Mrs Cook thanked Mr and Mrs Moore for their kindness in giving so willingly their grounds for the Garden Party. The Band and all helpers were heartily thanked.

**QUESTION BOX.**

1. Is the W.C.T.U. a political body?  
No. The W.C.T.U. does not support any political party, but supports the candidates who pledge themselves to work for the principles set forth in the preamble of our Constitution.
2. Can the President of any Union call the members together to form a committee to work for any one man standing for election to Parliament?  
Certainly not, individual members of the Union may work on any candidate's committee, but the Union as a whole cannot form a committee. As every member of the Union is pledged to work for Prohibition they would of course support candidates who were pledged to support Prohibition.
3. What is the correct rule for new members joining a Union; should their names be proposed at a previous meeting?  
There is no provision in the rules for this being done. At any meeting when an appeal is made for new members, anyone coming forward and signing the pledge is initiated at once.

**TWO HEROES.**

Two heroes do the world's insistent work;  
One rushes in the battle's blood and murk,  
And, knowing the foeman flies,  
In one rich moment dies.

The other, on a path he long has feared,  
By bugle-blast and drum-beat all uncheered.  
At duty's chill behest  
Gives life to want and waste.

For him, the battle hero high we pile  
The sculptured stone; his ringing name, the while,  
In praises and in songs  
Its lyric life prolongs.

For the other, we fashion a heaven of late reward;  
His life, all dark, and desolate, and hard,  
Down to oblivion goes,—  
Unless some great God knows!

—Richard Watson Gilder,