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Letter from MISS ANNA GORDON.

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MRS. COLE, New Zealand.

My dear Friend,

Although widely separated from each other, White Ribboners the world over enjoy the blessed fellowship of work for the same great cause, and this sense of close comradeship is day by day an inspiration to greater activity for the upbuilding of our organisation, the largest society of women in the world, whose founder, Frances E. Willard, is ever tenderly and gratefully remembered by us all.

Again we are nearing a triennial Convention, this time to be held in Glasgow, Scotland, June 4/11. Miss Catherine Forrester-Paton, of Alloa, President of the Scottish Branch of our World's W.C.T.U., and our sisters in Glasgow are providing for our coming with the generosity characteristic of bonnie Scotland. We look forward with eager happiness to meeting delegates from all countries where the W.C.T.U. is established. We earnestly hope you are planning to attend the Convention. The General Officers are trying to prepare a programme that will prove profitable as well as pleasing to delegates and visitors.

Our Convention will give Mrs Katherine Lent Stevenson a warm welcome on the completion of her world-trip to educational institu-



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tions. We shall hear from Miss Agnes E. Slack of her remarkable tour through the great Empire of India. Reports will be given of the unique and wonderful work accomplished in Japan by our representatives, Miss Flora E. Strout and Miss Ruth Frances Davis, and in South America by Miss Elma G. Gowen,

all of the United States. The work so faithfully done by Mrs Addie Northam Fields in old Mexico, and later aided by Mrs Nellie G. Burger and Mrs Ella Hoover Thacher, of the United States, is bearing its fruit in the first National Convention of the W.C.T.U. of Mexico, to be held in Mexico City, on March 1st and 2nd, with Mrs Thacher in attendance, Mrs Fields not being well enough to enjoy this privilege. We shall together rejoice over Miss Lockhead, of Scotland, recently stationed in India through the generous gift of her support by the Scottish White Ribboners, and we shall express our thanks to Miss Mabel Beddow, and Miss Warren, of England, who are now in Palestine without expense to the World's W.C.T.U. and who are aiding our work in the Holy Land.

Never had we greater cause to gather in Convention with songs of praise and prayers of gratitude to God. The whole civilised world is awakened to the importance of the foundation principles of our society. But just because this is true, we have need to work as never before to offset the bitter attacks of the enraged enemies of total abstinence and prohibition. For many years the State of Maine has been a favourite target for the liquor dealers, who in countless ways spread false reports throughout the world regarding the efficacy of prohibition in the State that has been blessed by this law for more than fifty years. The world-famed Evan-

gelist, Dr. Chapman and Mr. Alexander have recently conducted a series of meetings in Portland, the chief city of Maine, the home of Neal Dow and of our grand defender of the "Maine Law"—Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens. On one Sunday afternoon when Dr. Chapman had an audience of 3800 men, he made the statement that he had fought the battles of the State of Maine in far-away Australia; that one of the emissaries of the saloon interests was travelling up and down that Continent showing pictures alleged to have been taken in Maine, and telling people that liquor was sold openly in all the Maine cities. Said Dr. Chapman: "I dared to stand up and say that it was a damnable lie; I have dared to stand up before Australian and American audiences and say, of course liquor is sold in Maine and it will be so long as men choose to be demons, but if I were to choose a city in which to bring up my two boys, I would choose one where there are no saloons, and where you would have to sneak in to get a drink. Ten thousand shames on the men of Maine if they ever vote to allow the saloons to be licensed in their State." The great audience broke into hearty cheers, and cries of "Amen," "That's right!" resounded from every part of the auditorium, packed to its fullest capacity.

Not only is the temperance cause everywhere advancing as seen in the individual life, in the home, in social circles, among business corporations, in educational centres, and in State and Governmental legislation, but from our beloved W.C.T.U., in all its Departments, come words of good cheer and reports of encouraging progress.

The World Missionary Conference to meet in Edinburgh in June will probably be attended by many of our Delegates who realise the vital connection between the progress of the temperance reform and the success of missionary effort.

May your work be greatly blessed dear Comrade. Mrs. Stevens joins me in a message of loving remembrance and affectionate good wishes.

Hoping to meet you in Glasgow, I am, yours in loving service,

ANNA A. GORDON.

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.]

NGAERE.

The "Cradle Roll picnic" was held at Mrs Xavier Jones' on 3rd February, and passed off successfully, the weather being perfect. Mrs H. Stanners, Eltham, gave a stirring and helpful address to the mothers, and was listened to with great interest. The Roll now numbers 38. Afternoon tea was dispensed and games for the little ones brought a most enjoyable afternoon to a close.

At the meeting held 1st March at Mrs Manly's home, three new names were added to the Roll, one that of a gentleman—the first honorary member for Ngaere. Mrs Phillips, Superintendent of Evangelistic Work, spoke of the "Pocket Testament League," which is a plan to make God's Word a more vital part of daily life by inducing people to carry His Word about in their pockets and to read at least one chapter daily, that by "searching the Scriptures" and applying the truth honestly to every thought, word, and deed, all may be brought into harmony with the Divine mind. The scheme was originated years ago in Birmingham, England, by Mr Charles M. Alexander, but was made a world-wide movement in Philadelphia last year by Dr Chapman and Mr Alexander. The League is for all classes and ages. There are no fees nor dues, no meetings nor officers. The League has secured a supply of special Pictorial Pocket Testaments, which it sells at cost price to members of the League for personal use or for distribution. Mrs Phillips has sent for some of these and it was decided to take up the work as soon as they arrive. All the members agreed it was one of the most practical methods of which they had ever heard for encouraging a systematic, regular, and conscientious reading of God's Word and increasing interest in spiritual things. In view of the near approach of the beginning of April and election of School Committees three members of the Union were appointed to find out the views of likely men and women on the "Nelson system" of Bible in schools, compulsory scientific temperance instruction, &c., and report. The Union to nominate a committee and turn out the night of the election in full force to register votes.

ASHBURTON.

Our postponed monthly meeting was held in Baring Square schoolroom, February 22nd. Mrs W. T. Lill occupied the chair and gave some interesting reminiscences of Convention. Mrs Oldham, Editor of WHITE RIBBON, was present, and received a warm welcome. She briefly outlined the part the WHITE RIBBON should play in W.C.T.U. work, urging upon her hearers the necessity of being subscribers and thus keeping in touch with the aims and objects of the Union. She also spoke of the work undertaken on behalf of the native race, and said that further opportunity of hearing more of the Maori work would be given at the visit to Ashburton of Miss Stirling. In cele-

bration of "Frances Willard Day," Miss Kershaw, M.A., gave an interesting and instructive address on the life of our honoured founder, from her early days in Forest Home, Illinois, to the closing scenes of the life of that fascinating woman—whose memory the world loves to honour and whose work is still moving the nations. Miss Kershaw gave vivid glimpses of the great reformer, as daughter, sister, and comrade, as student, teacher, and orator. Two members were initiated.

Our usual monthly meeting was held on March 8th, Mrs W. T. Lill presiding. A letter was received from the Householders' League, Wellington, drawing attention to the near approach of the annual election of School Committees and suggesting that public notice be drawn to the subject of Bible reading in schools, also, if possible, that the Nelson system be adopted, and the return of those members of Committee in sympathy with the movement be worked for. Mrs Lill spoke briefly on the scheme adopted on trial at Convention, viz., equalisation of delegates' expenses. Mrs G. W. Andrews, delegate to Convention, gave a lengthy and interesting report, which was adopted.

WESTPORT.

The monthly meeting was held March 2nd, when a pleasant and profitable time was spent. It was decided for the future to hold the meetings in the evenings instead of the afternoon, as being more suitable to the majority of members. The Secretary was instructed to write to clergymen in country districts with reference to circular re Bible reading in schools. Books, magazines, etc., are distributed on Sunday mornings among the sailors on boats in port and this effort on their behalf is very much appreciated by them. We are looking forward to good meetings and profitable results.

OTAUTAU.

We have had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Powell. She held a series of meetings, which were well attended, and the members of our little branch in Otautau feel grateful to her for her untiring energy and zeal on their behalf.

On Tuesday evening Miss Powell gave an address to girls on the subject of "Girls and Their Lovers," and spoke very earnestly and strongly, especially in warning girls against a careless or hasty choice of their life partners.

Thursday, the monthly meeting, was held in the Presbyterian Hall, Miss Powell presided. The President was elected for the coming year, a unanimous vote being given for Mrs W. S. Baird. A resolution was carried, "That this Union desire to place on record an appreciation to the memory of our late President, Mrs Donnan. We, as a Union, feel deeply the loss we have sustained by her removal from our midst; we all know how much our Union owes to her untiring energy and zeal, and it is to her the Band of Hope mainly owes its success. It was indeed to her a labour of love, and although she must often have been weary and suffered much pain, she never faltered, but kept steadily on to the end." The best tribute we can pay to her memory is to devote ourselves more earnestly and faithfully to any work we may have given us to do for the great cause. Miss Powell then gave us a very interesting address on the rise of the W.C.T.U. movement in America and New Zealand. Also an account of a recent tour which she had made in the North Island,

organising Unions amongst the Maoris. Refreshments were dispensed. Three new members were enrolled.

Miss Powell gave an address on "Purity" to a well-attended meeting in the Methodist Church on Friday evening.

AUCKLAND.

The first meeting was held February 23rd in the Central Mission Hall. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, Miss Evans presided. The Superintendents of Departments were elected and arrangements made to receive the Delegate's report from Convention. Mrs Maidment, from Queensland, gave a very interesting account of the work there, and also of temperance work in the Homeland, which she had recently visited. A visitor from Waihi gave a short account of the good effect of No-License in that district.

The fortnightly meeting was held in Albert Street Hall, March 9th. Mrs Hughes presided. Mrs Thorpe, Delegate to Convention, gave an inspiring report of Convention work. Afternoon tea was handed round. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Thorpe for her thrilling and able report. Two new members were initiated and a profitable and instructive meeting came to a close with the singing of the Temperance Doxology.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held March 23rd in the Central Mission Hall. Our President occupied the chair. A letter was received from Major Cosgrove, of Christchurch, re forming a branch of the Peace Girl Scouts in Auckland, asking for the name of a suitable lady as Organising Secretary. A circular was read from the Secretary of the Wellington Householders' League, urging the importance of securing members on the School Committees who are favourable to the Nelson system of Bible reading in schools. Mrs Gouk was appointed WHITE RIBBON Agent.

CHRISTCHURCH.

A special meeting of the Union was held on the 2nd February, when certain matters to come before the annual Dominion Convention were considered.

At the usual fortnightly meeting on the 9th February, a paper was read on "Non-Alcoholic Medication," written by Mrs Neal, in which it was urged that in order to make the administration of No-License effective, education was needed against the continual resort to alcoholic drinks in the home as cures for colds, as stimulants in cases of collapse, for relief in heart troubles, and as a food for the aged and invalids. A leaflet on "The Use of Alcohol as a Medicine" was also read, and a letter warning women of the alcoholic nature of a certain wine frequently recommended for medicinal purposes. It was resolved to bring the matter under the notice of the Convention, with a view to representations being made to the authorities against the sale of medicated wines by unlicensed grocers and chemists.

At the meeting on the 23rd February, a discussion took place on the boarding-out system, and it was resolved to secure the candidature and election of suitable women as members of the Charitable Aid Board, at the first elections to be held shortly under the extended franchise. A Cradle Roll "At Home" is to be held on March 23rd, when an address will be given by the President of the Society for the Health of Women and Children, explaining the work of the Plunket nurses, and illustrating, if possible, the making of humanised milk. The Delegates

to the Dominion Convention presented interesting reports of the proceedings.

WAIPAWA.

At our meeting on March 22nd, presided over by Mrs James Bibby, Miss Barnett gave an interesting report of the Convention, and also read Mrs Cole's address, which was attentively listened to. We have to record the death of one of our most helpful members, Mrs Turley, whose loss will be greatly felt. A letter of sympathy was sent to the bereaved family. Mention was made of the regret felt at the loss of so esteemed a sympathiser in the person of Mrs Bibby, senior. The meeting closed with prayer.

GORE.

A special meeting was held on March 4th, the President, Mrs Landles, presiding. There was a very good attendance. The principal business was to reorganise the Union. We had a welcome visit from Miss Powell, Organising Secretary, and appreciated her useful and instructive address on different subjects in connection with the organisation. The President was re-elected. Fourteen new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was provided. The meeting closed with the Doxology.

A meeting of young women was held in the Presbyterian Schoolroom March 1st. Mrs Landles presided. There was a very good attendance. After a short musical programme had been gone through, Miss Powell delivered her popular address on "Girls and Their Lovers," which was listened to with great attention.

RANGIORA.

We held a special meeting in the Institute Hall March 16th. There was a good attendance. The object of the meeting was to welcome Mrs Cole, who gave a most interesting address sketching the history of the Union since its inception. She also gave an account of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention held at Invercargill, and spoke of the effects of No-License in that town, proving it to be most beneficial. On the motion of the Rev. Abernethy a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Cole for her visit and address. The Rev. D. T. Steele also addressed the meeting. Some musical items were given and refreshments were served.

KAIAPOI.

Our meeting held on 26th February took the form of a "Frances Willard Memorial Afternoon." Mrs Evans presided in the absence of the President. Mrs Soulby read a paper, written by Miss Cannon, on "The Life of Frances Willard," and extracts from the *Union Signal* were also given dealing with the same subject. Mesdames Baker and Ward were appointed Absentee Visitors, to visit the sick and absentee members.

On 9th February a good many members met at Mrs Blackwell's residence and held a farewell social for Mrs Hayman, who is leaving the district. Mrs Hayman has always been one of our most energetic members, and has been manager of the Coffee Rooms for the last year. Mrs Evans voiced the feelings of the members when she said how sorry we all were to lose Mrs Hayman from Kaiapoi. Mrs Soulby presented Mrs Hayman with a case of afternoon tea spoons. Recitations and solos were given, and the meeting was closed by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

A social was held on 30th March, when there was a splendid attendance of members and friends. Mrs Harrison, our Delegate to Convention, gave a comprehensive report of the proceedings, and also gave an interesting account of visits paid to the reformatory, explaining Dr Findlay's humanitarian efforts in the way of reforming prisoners, and to the Victoria Home for girls. The President spoke about the School Committee election on the 25th April, and urged all the members to be present and vote for those members who supported the "Bible in Schools" movement. It was decided to return three women, if possible, on the Committee, and several of the members were nominated to stand for election. It was decided that the Secretary order from the Christchurch Union sets of temperance wall sheets, and that these sheets be presented to the School Committee with a request that they should be hung in the class rooms.

FEILDING.

At our meeting on March 3rd pleasure was expressed at the presence of some young lady members. It was resolved that educational topics on "Women's Work" be discussed at future meetings. Regret was expressed at the projected departure of two members, one by removal and the other by a trip to England. The President read a graphic account of how Prohibition was carried in Tennessee. An account of the recent Convention will be given at our next meeting.

BLENHEIM.

At our meeting held in Wesley Hall on 1st March, we observed the anniversary day of Miss Frances Willard. A special invitation was issued to friends on the occasion, and afternoon tea was provided. The President read a very interesting review of part of Miss Willard's life and work.

Our first Drawing Room meeting for this year is to be held on the 16th of this month. We found these meetings very helpful to the Union last year, and hope by continuing them to increase our membership.

WAIMATE.

The meeting was held in Knox Church Hall, Mrs Graham, President, in the chair. After singing the hymn, "All Round the World," the President welcomed Mrs Cole, New Zealand President, to Waimate, and introduced her to the meeting. Mrs Cole thanked the meeting for their welcome. She was on her way from the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention, which had just been held in Invercargill. Mrs Cole gave a very interesting and impressive account of the history of the formation and progress of the Union, from its origin in America about 39 years ago to its present position on the 25th anniversary of its commencement in New Zealand, starting at Auckland under the mission of Mrs Leavitt, who was the herald of the movement from America to New Zealand. The character and work of Frances Willard and Mrs Leavitt in America, and of other ladies in Australia and New Zealand, who so energetically and successfully organised branches of the Society in the cities of America, England, and Colonies, until now there are 2000 White Ribboners and 75 branches of the Union in New Zealand. Mrs Cole also expressed her great pleasure at the success of the Invercargill gathering, and at her experience of Invercargill as a No-License district. She referred to the work of the Union towards Woman's Suffrage,

work among discharged prisoners, petitions for release of barmaids from their painful position. The Union now works for abolition of bars instead of barmaids. She encouraged her Waimate sisters to unity and patience and faith in their work for God, Home, and Humanity. She spoke highly of the good work done against drink by some Maori ladies in Masterton and Hawke's Bay. She encouraged her Waimate sisters to work on in their crusade against drink and gambling. Mrs Cole's interesting address was listened to by an enthusiastic and sympathetic audience. Music and refreshment concluded a very enjoyable programme. Two new members were initiated.

ONEHUNGA.

The first "Cradle Roll" meeting of 1910 was held by invitation of the Rev. and Mrs J. H. Mackenzie, February 8th. After games with the children tea was served under the trees, and the 60 friends and children had a most enjoyable time. Miss Evans, Auckland, gave an interesting address on "Woman's Influence." Mrs Northem and Miss Nellie Watson rendered solos. At the close each child was given a toy.

The monthly meeting was held in the Presbyterian Schoolroom on February 22nd. In the absence of our President, Mrs D. D. Scott took the chair. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr J. Murgatroyd for his very generous donation to the Union funds, such help being much appreciated. Also votes of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs J. H. Mackenzie for their kindness on February 8th.

The monthly "Cradle Roll" meeting was held in the Presbyterian Schoolroom on March 8th. In the unavoidable absence of our President, Mrs J. H. Mackenzie (Vice-President) took the chair. Sister Esther, Auckland, gave a very appropriate address on "Little by Little," which was listened to with much pleasure. Mrs Sutherland and Miss Somerville were the soloists. Afternoon tea brought a happy hour to a close.

We are taking up the Household League work *re* Bible in Schools.

DUNEDIN.

We have held two monthly and one special, besides two Executive meetings since Convention.

At the one in March we had Mesdames Cole and Allan Douglas with us. Mrs Douglas gave an interesting *resumé* of the Union's work in New Plymouth, and Mrs Cole urged us in an educational and eloquent address to seize the right granted us during the last session of Parliament, and get women elected on the Charitable Aid and Hospital Boards. We only had two weeks to work, and after securing the help of kindred societies, viz., Protection of Women and Children and Karitane Committee, we nominated our candidates to find, at the eleventh hour, for some unexplained reason their names had been removed from the electoral roll and thus made them ineligible. However, we are hopeful that the present Board, who are all in favour of women being on the Committee, will elect what is called a Co-operative Committee, and in that way we can work with both the Charitable and Hospital Boards.

At the April meeting a lengthy discussion was held on the Nelson system of Bible reading in schools, resulting in all present agreeing to sign a petition to the Chairman of State Schools praying that Bible reading be re-established in State Schools. The President, Mrs Blair, urged all to vote at the school elections on April 24th.

A transfer was sent to Mrs E. O. Blamires (*nee* Sister Anne), who has gone to Wellington. We advise our sisters there to secure her help for their Union, especially among young people, we have proved her to be a champion worker, and was sorry indeed to lose so able a President for our Y's. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Henderson in her recent sad bereavement. Delegates were elected to the W.T.R.C. Collection cards for the Maori Mission distributed among the members.

DUNEDIN Y's.

Very soon after Mrs K. L. Stevenson visited Dunedin there was inaugurated a Y branch in connection with the local W.C.T.U. Two preliminary meetings were held in the homes of Mrs A. C. Broad and Mrs J. Hislop, and the new society placed on a sound working basis. Sister Annie was elected President, with Mrs Donald and Misses Sparrow and Pearson Vice-Presidents, Miss Adams Secretary, and Miss Wardell Treasurer.

Two very successful meetings have been held in this new year. The Y's sent their Delegate to Convention, and received from her a most interesting account of the proceedings. They also undertook the work of providing entertainment at the Sailors' Rest monthly, also having charge of the refreshment stall at the forthcoming Y.M.C.A. bazaar. They also have a Flower Superintendent and a Literature Superintendent.

At their last meeting the Y's, on the unavoidable retirement of their President, elected one of their own number—Miss Jean Begg—to that office, and as the membership already stands at something over 40, all augurs well for successful and useful work during the years that are to come.

MASTERTON.

On March 3rd we had the pleasure of an address from the Editor of our paper, who was returning home from Convention. Mrs Oldham gave us a splendid account of the various meetings held in Invercargill, and also many useful hints for the enlarging of our membership, and the way in which to make our work more successful. Afternoon tea was provided and two new members were welcomed. It was reported that our efforts to get the Bible read in the State School has failed. This was a great disappointment, as our Ministers and local School Committee had agreed to the Nelson system. We hope to do better after the next election of School Committee by the householders.

The annual meeting was held in Knox Hall April 5th. The President being unable to be present, owing to illness, the chair was taken by Mrs Burton, Vice-President. Business correspondence was dealt with, and a discussion as to the best means of getting people interested in the householders' meeting for the election of the educational committee ensued. A deputation of our members are to wait upon several of the Ministers, asking them to stand for election and pledging themselves to work for the Bible reading in our State Schools. An interesting letter from Mrs Kavanagh was read telling of the work of the Union at the Lower Hutt.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Our monthly meeting was held in the Baptist Church April 1st, Mrs H. Mowlem, President, in the chair, who gave a short address on "Being Blessings." Mrs Snow's resignation as Vice-President was received with regret, and Mrs Hodder was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. It was decided to hold a District Convention in two or three months' time. In view of this it was decided to attempt the re-

organisation of branches in surrounding districts. Much sympathy was expressed for our sister, Mrs Spence, who is suffering from a very painful illness. Prayers were offered for her recovery. A message of sympathy was sent to Mrs Henderson, who has lately been bereaved. It was decided to start a Y branch that we train the younger ones to take our places in time. Reports were given by two or three Superintendents of Departments and a profitable meeting closed by the pronouncing of the Benediction.

TARIKI.

We celebrated "Frances Willard Day" on March 10th by a most successful "Cradle Roll" picnic, about 100 being present. The children spent an enjoyable afternoon. Races and games were got up for their benefit, each little one receiving a doll or toy of some description. After tea had been served, Mrs Bayly, our President, gave a short account of Frances Willard and her work, remarking how pleased she would have been could she have seen "her day" celebrated by a "Cradle Roll" picnic.

The usual monthly meeting was held in the Wesleyan Church on April 4th, when the paper "*Animo et Fide*" was read and well discussed.

WANGANUI.

Our first meeting was held February 1st, Mrs Upton, President, in the chair. Mention was made of the debt we still owe to the Organising Fund. Mrs Upton was elected Delegate to the Invercargill Convention.

At the meeting held March 4th Mrs Upton was in the chair. Owing to the illness of the Secretary, Miss Hustwick, was appointed to act *pro tem*, and a letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to Miss Tucker. A letter was received from the Putiki (Maori) branch asking for someone to take their meeting on Wednesday, 9th. The President outlined some work that might be taken up through the year, such as the Organising Fund, Seamen's Mission, &c. Also gave a glowing account of the Invercargill Convention. Mrs Smith was appointed by the New Zealand Union to be District Superintendent of Maori Work.

At the meeting held April 1st, Mrs Upton presiding, it was resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs Henderson, Superintendent of Maori Work. A communication was received from the Bible in Schools League, asking the co-operation of the Union in their efforts to get Bible reading in the public schools. The Secretary was instructed to reply that Wanganui is already doing all that is desired.

NELSON.

At our meeting on March 8th there was a large attendance, Miss Atkinson presiding. It was unanimously decided to nominate Mesdames Fell and Watson for the Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards, and to work for their election. We are glad to report that both these ladies were returned. Mrs Sheppard, of Christchurch, was present, and delighted us with a charming address.

On the 10th the Union tendered Mrs Sheppard a public social. Our President presided, and was supported by our beloved Mrs Crump, who welcomed Mrs Sheppard and introduced her to the large audience. Mrs Sheppard and Rev. S. Jenkin, Secretary of the No-License League, gave addresses. Recitations and songs delightfully rendered made up an excellent programme.

TIMARU.

There was a good attendance to hear the report of Convention. Mrs Rule deserves credit for the full and educative report she gave. It was sup-

ported by that of Mrs Bardsley, and an appreciative vote of thanks was passed. Mr Stead reported quiet month. A vote of thanks was passed to donors of literature, also to Mr Bardsley for presentation of a letter rack for the Sailors' Rest.

The Y Union meet on the 7th March. One new member was initiated and the meeting closed with prayer.

At the monthly meeting on the 29th March Mr Stead reported a busier month than the two previous ones, 85 sailors making 116 visits. We congratulated ourselves on having been successful in placing a lady, Mrs Newman, on the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board. Effort is to be made to attend the School elections and, if possible, secure a lady candidate. Arrangements were made for a visit from Miss Powell on the 9th and 11th. Regret and sympathy was expressed for Mrs Henderson, of Frankton Junction, in her sad bereavement. Mrs Norrish urged that we do more local work to save our young men from the drink traffic. It was decided to take a room in the main part of the town for the Y Union to meet in, the rental to be paid between the W.C.T.U. and the Y Union. As funds are low and none too easy to obtain, a generous friend has offered to pay half the rent for six months. The meeting closed with the Benediction.

The first general meeting of the Y Union was held at the Sailors' Rest on April 4th, Mrs Bardsley, our President, in the chair. The President then read the Christchurch Constitution, which gave members an idea of the working of the Y Union. It was decided to rent a room for six months in which to hold the meetings, and a concert is to be arranged at an early date to furnish same. Our President suggested that the members visit the Maori pa to get in touch with the Maoris and so endeavour to be on more friendly terms. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer, which was repeated aloud by all present.

We hope to do good work in our Timaru Y Union, and ask for your prayers and sympathy.

NAPIER.

An invitation tea to commemorate the 12th anniversary of the death of Frances Willard, the founder of the W.C.T.U., was held in St. Paul's Schoolroom on February 17th. There was a good attendance of members and friends. The meeting was presided over by Mrs Cobb. In a short address Mrs Cobb said we were met to honour the memory of one whose life had been devoted to the service of humanity. As the result of her work in connection with the W.C.T.U. there are 72 Unions with a total membership of 2300, and they were looking forward to a further increase. The Union had done a great amount of work for God, Home, and Humanity, but much remained to be done, not only by present members but by those who might join. Mrs W. Kerr read a paper containing a short biographical sketch of Miss Willard's life.

A reception was given to Mrs Dearlove, the Delegate to the recent Convention, on March 17th. Mrs Leask, Vice-President, occupied the chair. The report was of an extremely comprehensive character, and was much appreciated. Mrs Dearlove told of the visit paid to the gaol which was in course of erection at Invercargill. It was designed with the object of giving the prisoners a chance to reform, and enabling their privileges to be extended in accordance with their classification under the Hon. Dr Findlay's scheme. Mesdames Leask and Oldham gave short addresses on the need for women to live up to the privileges they already have, so as to obtain more. Afternoon tea was dispensed. Mrs Cobb pronounced the Benediction.

PONSONBY.

At our meeting held at Queen's Hall February 10th, Mrs Harris presided for the first time since her election. Our meetings are on the second Thursday of the month. The Treasurer's and "Cradle Roll" reports were received and adopted. Miss Evans reported a very successful garden party of the "Cradle Roll" at Onehunga. Mrs S. A. Plummer was elected agent for the WHITE RIBBON. Two new subscribers gave in their names. Much appreciation was expressed as to the value of the paper. It was decided that our next meeting should be a social one.

The special meeting took place March 9th in Queen's Hall, Mrs C. T. Harris, President, presided. Mrs Harris heartily welcomed our visitors and earnestly pleaded with them to train their little ones to avoid the use of all intoxicants, and to do this effectively she advised them to sign the pledge and join our Union, where they would be helped by sympathy and encouragement. Mrs Vickers, Superintendent "Cradle Roll," said how important is this branch of our work, and of its great need, so that the children might be trained to touch not, taste not, handle not, that which is so harmful to them. She also kindly welcomed the mothers. Miss Evans, Organiser, gave a very interesting and thrilling address. Although not a mother she was quite alive to the importance of the place the children would have in the future. Miss Kelly, of Wellington, expressed her pleasure at being present with us. She had just returned from a visit to England. Spare copies of the WHITE RIBBON were distributed, also "Safe Remedies in Illness." Instrumental and vocal solos were rendered. Afternoon tea was dispensed, mothers and children heartily enjoying this. One told of her experience. Doctors advised her to take stout at her meals; she obeyed and took it, till one day her little son asked if he might have some. Instantly she realised the danger to her child by her example, and from that hour it was banished. Ever since she had been an active worker in the temperance cause, and ever grateful that she had been so led by Divine Providence to so work. Mrs Harbutt, Superintendent of Mothers Meetings, was not able to be present, having gone to Sydney for needed rest and change.

ORGANISER'S MONTHLY REPORT.

On Saturday, March 5th, I left Gore at 12.50, and after flying around for an hour or so in Invercargill proceeded to Otautau. Having checked my luggage through I did not look after it, and it failed to put in an appearance. As I could hear nothing of it on Monday morning, I returned to Invercargill to supply deficiencies, and the luggage reached me the same evening, having been left behind at Gore. I have put in a claim, and expect the Union will be compensated for the loss of my day's work. The Otautau branch, though small, is extremely healthy. The Band of Hope which it inaugurated at its formation six years ago is still carried on, it being a rule that every member of the Union shall take her share in getting up the

programme. We held five meetings, the attendance being good. They have some fine workers there.

The following Saturday I went to Colac to have a little talk with the Pakeha-Maori branch. On Sunday evening I was somewhat surprised to hear an announcement made to the effect that at the close of the service I should address a public meeting in the Maori Hall. However, as a considerable audience gathered, there was nothing for it but to do as I was told, and by special request I repeated the address on the work of the W.C.T.U. The next two nights were spent in Invercargill, where I gave the talks to the girls, and on Wednesday travelled to Gore and gave the Purity talk to a very fine audience.

Tapanui was reached on Thursday. Most of the old members have left the place, the number remaining being very small. However, they pluckily, with the assistance of sundry brothers, keep the Band of Hope going. We held two or three meetings, took one or two new members, and inaugurated a Cradle roll. Here a cold, which I had for several days been fighting, showed signs of getting the better of me, so I abandoned the last meeting and fled for home, where I remained over Easter.

Naseby was reached on the Wednesday after. The Union here is in such low water that hospitality could not be provided, but as Mrs Cole agreed with me that this was the very place where I was needed, I came on. Naseby is suffering severely from a prolonged drought. The chief—in fact, I suppose the only—industry is sluicing for gold. The summer is the harvest time in this respect, as in the winter everything is frozen up. But this summer has been so dry that the men have had only a few days' work since November, consequently money is extremely scarce and spirits depressed. Owing to sickness in the family of the secretary the notices for the first meeting were completely bungled, so that five staid married ladies turned up to hear a talk on "Girls and their Lovers." This, of course, affected the other meetings. Rev. Burgess kindly obtained the consent of his committee to our using the Anglican schoolroom for the Purity talk, at which Mrs Burgess presided, and we had a bright little meeting. The attendance the following afternoon was small, but the Union arranged to take up two or three branches of work, which I am sure will help them.

At a town meeting, recently, I had selected a hymn which would be sure to

go. The hall was just about full, and as we were singing, it dawned upon me that I had got together a number of girls to talk about lovers and had set them to sing "Onward, Christian Soldiers, Marching as to War!" It was as much as I could do to retain my gravity.

M. S. POWELL.

MISS POWELL'S ADDRESS:

c/o Mrs R. Evans, Kaiapoi.

Our Workers.

Mrs Henderson, Frankton, writes:—
"I wish to thank most sincerely all those who have sent such kindly helpful letters. I would like to assure them that their prayers for us have been abundantly answered. Our God has indeed been 'a very present help in trouble.' We have received much comfort from the following lines so kindly sent by one Union:—

"E'en for the dead, I will not bind my soul to grief;

Death cannot long divide.

For, is it not as though the rose that climbed my garden wall,

Has blossomed on the other side?

Death doth hide,

But not divide,

Thou art but on Christ's other side:

Thou art with Christ, and Christ with me:

In Christ, united still are we."

Miss Frances Barton writes *re* Maori work:—

"I have decided to give over the whole of the cash in hand to the W.C.T.U. to be used expressly for the benefit of the Maori settlement north of the Hokianga River—for which purpose the money was contributed—in the distribution of marked Testaments and other literature. I will send addresses of reliable Christian people who would be only too pleased to distribute same. I also wish Mrs Boxall to kindly make use of any money she may have collected for my mission, in furthering the cause of Christian Temperance work amongst the Maoris in general. I trust that before long active work in the north will be resumed. My hope for these Maori people is in their great need, and God's certain promise to answer prayer. I do trust that all God's people may be in real down-right earnest with regard to this work for the race at our very door."

By the death of Mrs McIlquham a noteworthy figure has been removed from

the public life of Gloucestershire, England. She was a pioneer, her fidelity to the progressive movement, dating back to the days when to be an advocate of woman's suffrage, with full share in all the privileges and rights of citizenship, was to be regarded as an "oddy." She was one of the first women to be elected on the Board of Guardians, and her return was objected to on the ground that she was a married woman. During her long and busy life she was an active member of the "Women's Emancipation Union," "The Women's Suffrage Society," "National Union of Women Workers," and the "Women's Freedom League." She was a tireless worker for the emancipation of her sex in all directions, especially of local government. She was an Overseer of the Poor, Chairman of a Parish Council, Rural District Councillor and on the Board of Management for the School Board. Mrs McIlquham succumbed to an attack of heart failure in the seventy-third year of her age.

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF WOMEN.

WHEN we look around on the multitude of women of leisure we think of the need there is for a prophet to be sent to tell them of the woe awaiting those who shirk their responsibilities. The persistent cry of to-day is, for help from women of intellect, character, and culture, to stem the torrent of evil overflowing our country. How can women—Mothers—be aroused? Will improvement in temperance and morality come to our children without instruction? Will matters be helped by sitting down and bewailing the sins and misdoings of the rising generation? We say NO! The way—the only way—is to take every opportunity to put Christian women by the side of Christian men in all positions of influence, on public bodies and committees. We have the opportunity with us now to elect our School Committees. Let us see to it that at our householders' meetings, to be held everywhere this month, we are there to see the right people put in the right place. A School Committee's power is still limited, but the Committee can say, as far as the law will allow, under what conditions our children's education shall be pursued. Education Boards are elected by the votes of School Committees, and with these the decision rests what shall be taught to our children by text books and object lessons. School life in many cases decides the future career of our coming citizens, and the highest moral teaching must be given. Heathy and strictly sanitary surroundings are essential. It is the plain duty of all women to see to these things, and untold trouble will arise if they evade it.

HOSPITAL & CHARITABLE AID BOARDS

VERY hearty congratulations are due to those Unions who worked hard and were successful in using the new legislative power of election.

Christchurch (never lax in a good cause) have three women empowered to sit, Nelson two, Wellington one, Timaru one. We hope to hear of others likewise.

Dr. Valentine himself took a recent opportunity of speaking of the need there is that women should be elected to these positions, and it is to be hoped that at the next election greater preparation shall have been made to ensure their return.

ENGLISH SUFFRAGISTS.

MUCH light has been thrown recently on the work of the Suffragist movement. We have been regaled too long with garbled and incomplete references served up to us in cables, which are now proved to be flatly controverted by fact. Had we space in this issue we would like to give an extract of statements made in an excellent article appearing in a recent number of the *Canterbury Times*. An easy way to help our struggling sisters to get the citizen's right is to use our influence with all our friends in our letters sent Home, to show the advantages derived from Women's Franchise here, and the utter failure of the oppositionists to find any disadvantages.

ERRATA.

In the first sentence of the "New Reformatory Prison" article in last issue the word "better" should have been printed "little." The words should read "seemingly little result."

In the Department of "Peace and Arbitration" please enter "Mrs. Griffin, Hamilton Road, Kilbirnie, Wellington," as New Zealand Superintendent.

Readers will notice that this issue of the WHITE RIBBON is increased by four pages, due to the large amount of Convention matter held over from last month.

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MISS POWELL'S PRESENTATION.

DEAR SISTERS,

Please accept my very hearty thanks for the handsome gift received from you during the Convention, the munificence of which quite overwhelmed me. It would never have occurred to me that any services of mine—so imperfect as I have always felt them to be—would be worth any acknowledgement, much less so extensive a one. The work has always been to me a labour of love and I am now, as always, in the interests of the work, yours to command,

MARY S. POWELL.

OBITUARY.

We regret to learn of the sad family bereavement sustained by Mrs. J. W. Henderson, the superintendent of the Maori work of the W.C.T.U. Mrs. Henderson, as delegate from the Waikato branch of the W.C.T.U., had been to the recent Invercargill Convention, and was on her return journey to her home at Hamilton, due to arrive by the Wellington express early on Sunday morning, the 27th February. On Saturday, the 26th of February, her husband, Mr. J. W. Henderson, when returning from business about 1 o'clock, was seized with heart failure, and expired with painful suddenness within a short distance from his home. Mrs. Henderson's home-coming was an exceedingly sad one, and has evoked universal sympathy from friends far and wide. The deceased gentleman was held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends.

In accordance with the special request made at the Invercargill Convention a photograph of our Editor appears on the front page of this issue. For two years MRS. OLDHAM has acted in the dual capacity of Editor and Business Manager, but, finding it too severe a strain, the last Convention appointed her daughter, MISS HARRISON, to assist her as Business Manager.

Echoes of the Convention.

Heard in Invercargill: A gentleman, who read religiously through all the daily reports. "What clever women you must have in the Union."

Another: "I had no idea you had such a broad platform. I thought it was only temperance."

At the first meeting held in Invercargill after the Convention members bore

testimony to the uplift received, one or two emphasising the holy influence which pervaded the devotional exercises each morning, and the readiness of the women to engage in prayer. A northern member wrote: "We were very sorry not to send a delegate, but we did the next best thing—carefully followed the reports in the daily papers.

Says a northern president: "Miss B. has done nothing but talk Convention ever since she returned. She makes me quite long to have been there."

Greymouth is "delighted that we were so well represented. Mrs. Wright's letters were read at our meeting yesterday, and also extracts from the papers."

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED To April 8th, 1910.

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To March, 1910—Mrs MacDonald, Christchurch, 5/-.

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To August, 1910—Mrs Routley, Trentham, 2/6.

To September, 1910—Mrs Ching, Napier, 2/6.

To January, 1911—Mrs Mander, Whangarei, 2/6.

To February, 1911—Mesdames Houlder, Wellington; Gould, Brown, Corkhill, Otautau; Jolly, Kirk, Tapanui; McCaw, Lower Hutt; Papakakura, Oraki; Goffe, Whataupoko; P. Edwards, Upper Hutt; Johnstone, Gisborne; Webb, Wellington; Routledge, McPherson, Dunedin; Townshend, Christchurch; McKelvey, Invercargill; Misses Cannon, Mackay, W. W. Smith, Christchurch; McLeod, Martinborough; Keat, Wellington, each 2/6.

To March, 1911—Mrs Baird, Otautau, 2/6.

To June, 1911—Mrs Allen, Waimate, 2/6.

To August, 1911—Mrs Spilman, Lower Hutt, 5/-.

Will subscribers kindly note that all moneys (unless paid to local agents) should be sent to Miss Harrison, Business Manager, France Road, Napier.

Papers returned, marked "Gone, No Address"—Mrs E. J. Hoskins, Onehunga; Mrs Florence, Tinakori Road, Wellington. Anyone knowing new or correct addresses will oblige by forwarding same to Business Manager

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Bible Reading In Schools.

I sent 50 letters to the various Unions enquiring if any work had been done in this Department, giving the necessary steps to take in order to hold classes in the Schools. I also brought under their

notice the Nelson system of Bible Reading, and urged upon the Unions to co-operate with their local ministers to get this system introduced.

I have received from about twenty Unions' reports, mostly of an encouraging nature. In cases where the Unions are not doing the work personally they report good work done by other organisations. We believe, however, that it is through the influence of the W.C.T.U., either directly or indirectly, that the work has been started.

Rangiora, Gisborne, Palmerston North, Waimate, Wanganui, Greymouth, New Plymouth, Waihi, Dunedin, North East Valley, Nelson, and Napier report good work done by the local ministers of the various churches, weekly lessons being given. At Nelson an annual examination is held and prizes given to the most successful scholars.

Christchurch has not taken up this department of work this year.

Lyttelton.—One of their members holds a class once a week in one of the schools, and desired to do more in this department.

Winchmore expresses its sympathy with the work, and hoped to do something definite later. They were sending for a copy of the Nelson system.

Hamilton has brought the Nelson system before the Minister's Association, asking them to take up the work.

Cambridge intend to interview the ministers, and ask them to undertake the Nelson system.

Waipukurau.—A successful class had been held for a time by one of the ministers.

Lower Hutt.—Has vigorous campaign to introduced the Bible into the schools. Owing to strong opposition their efforts were defeated. Still, they believe the thin edge of the wedge is in, and that next time they will have better results. We trust that victory will crown their labours.

Auckland still continues a class in one of the public schools, and as usual prizes were distributed at the end of the year for good attendance. During the year the Nelson system was brought before the Union. The letter was passed on to the Auckland Minister's Association. They hoped to have this system introduced throughout the province.

Onehunga Union has the subject under discussion.

In conclusion I should again urge upon the Unions the importance of this work. We only need to look around us to see the result of God's Word being neglected by the parents, and what can we expect from the children. We can co-operate with the Minister's Associa-

tions and get the Nelson system introduced. Full particulars may be obtained from Mr. Pearson, 253, Cuba-street, Wellington.

When asked what was the source of England's greatness Queen Victoria pointed to the Bible. Let us do our part to restore to the children of our beloved Dominion the Book which will guide them to the true source of all greatness. It is "Righteousness that exalteth a Nation."

The Invercargill Union reports that the Union uses its influence in season and out of season, and greatly favour the Nelson system, which is in vogue in some parts of Southland, and the larger townships. Our Union has also been doing its utmost to have Scripture texts, etc., put up in schoolrooms.

NELLIE DEWAR,
New Zealand Superintendent.

Black Blocks.

I wrote to nearly all the branches of the W.C.T.U., asking for reports of the work done in this department during the year, and have received eight replies.

Gisborne.—The principal work in the back blocks has been the distribution of literature. "Grit," a weekly temperance paper is forwarded, parcels of magazines, etc., have been sent to the railway camp.

Ashburton.—During the year leaflets have been sent out through the post; also parcels of periodicals, magazines, and W.C.T.U. literature to back blocks and outlying districts. The same having been much appreciated by those whose lot is cast in isolated places.

New Plymouth.—About 400 leaflets, books, and pictures have been sent from our union to the back blocks. A large parcel of about eighty garments was sent to a needy family who lived about forty miles from Stratford. This was sent from our Dorcas department.

Invercargill distributes literature monthly to missionaries and employers of labour, who pass it on to those in need.

Replies were received from both Wanganui and Auckland, regretting they had not any report to give.

Christchurch.—A number of parcels of books, magazines, etc., have been forwarded to men employed on Government works, and an acknowledgment was recently received from the engineer in charge, expressing the men's appreciation.

Napier.—From time to time during the year parcels of literature, packed in cases, have been sent along the line, at Waipawa, one of our W.C.T.U. members meets the train, and is respon-

sible for the delivery of the packages at the various sheep stations.

This department has only been recently commenced; as it becomes better known it will be able to do more successful work.

L. A. ISRAEL,
N.Z. Superintendent.

Home Meetings.

Christchurch has held several special drawing room meetings, one as a farewell to Miss Roberts, where the President put the members through a sharp practice in extempore speaking; another to arrange for the proposed organisation of a "Y" Union; a welcome given in the Rooms to Mrs. Stevenson. Also on one afternoon the Art Gallery was engaged, and more than 200 assembled, resulting in a large increase to our membership.

Napier has held successful and well-attended meetings at various member's homes. The clergy, president, and vice-presidents have given addresses, and new members have been gained.

Dunedin has held nine meetings; both interesting and educative, at which new members were gained, and a young women's branch formed. The President of the "Y" Union is Sister Annie, and the members are to be congratulated on her election to that position.

New Plymouth.—Seven meetings have been held. They were planned in a methodical way, and have been very successful in adding new members to our ranks, new subscribers to the "WHITE RIBBON," and new names to our Cradle Roll. Our town and suburbs were laid out into districts, and a member put in charge. We have kind offers of rooms, 4 or 5 months in advance. Educational work has been done and literature distributed, besides the meetings being the mediums used for advertising Mrs. Stevenson's visit and the District Convention."

SISTER MOODY-BELL,
N.Z. Superintendent.

Mothers' Meetings.

No report was received from the Superintendent of this department.

Blenheim holds meetings once a fortnight; regret the loss of Sister Catherine, who worked hard to make the meetings a success. Determined to continue this work.

In the verbal reports given at Convention the benefit of Mother's Meetings being held in conjunction with Cradle Roll work was dwelt upon. Every opportunity of educating young mothers' in the way to bring up their families in temperance principles should be seized

upon. Mothers' Meetings and Cradle Roll work is important preventive work, and who does not think it better to put a fence at the top of a hill, rather than provide an ambulance at the bottom.

Medical Temperance.

Last March, when I read in the newspaper that I had been appointed Superintendent of the Department of "Medical Temperance" I received a shock. I had been appointed local superintendent for Napier the previous December, but could get no information from the New Zealand Superintendent. No literature on the subject from the local booksellers, and only the booklet "Safe Remedies in Illness," from our "Literature" Superintendent. I felt that I must decline the appointment unless I could get literature to help me. I wish to thank the Editor of the "WHITE RIBBON" for her kindness in lending me exchanges, so that I might work up the subject, and our President, who forwarded to me a packet of booklets and leaflets sent by Mrs. Allen, our "World's Superintendent" of this Department.

In August I prepared a paper, and posted a copy to each Union—sixty-six in all; also to several Maori Unions near Napier. Appended to each paper were five questions to be answered, so that I might have something to report to this Convention. Only nine Unions have acknowledged receipt of paper; only three Unions—Blenheim, Kaiapoi, and Napier have reported appointing a Superintendent.

Blenheim.—Has read paper and distributed booklet, "Safe Remedies" at several meetings. Hope to do more this year.

Kaiapoi.—Paper read at meetings. Four dozen copies of the booklet, "Safe Remedies" have been distributed during the year; are hoping to hold meetings for medical temperance study during this year.

Napier.—Paper read at four meetings held in different parts of the town. Seven dozen copies of the booklet, "Safe Remedies" have been distributed at meetings and privately.

Petone.—Are distributing the booklet, "Safe Remedies" at their "Home Meetings." Papers read and discussed at two meetings.

Auckland.—Have distributed the booklet freely through their Organiser. Hope to do more this year.

Ponsonby.—Have read paper at several meetings.

Foxton.—Very interested in this Department. Have read paper at several meetings.

New Plymouth.—Have distributed six dozen copies of the booklet during the year.

Part of the time at three meetings was devoted to Medical Temperance study. Hope to take up the study this year.

Palmerston North.—Hope to take up the work this year.

I wrote to our World's Superintendent of "Medical Temperance," asking for information as to the working of this Department. Mrs. Allen wrote me a very kind and encouraging letter, and forwarded booklets, &c. These did not reach me until late in the year. To 40 Unions I sent nine booklets, and to the rest of the Unions eight booklets and leaflets, containing a great amount of information on the effects of alcohol on the human body in health and disease, and the opinions of numbers of scientists and doctors on the subject. If this stirs up the Unions to study and realize the importance of this branch of the work, and they begin to spread the knowledge thus gained, far and wide, I shall feel that I have done a little work in this important department.

CLARA M. NEAL,
N.Z. Superintendent.

Christian Citizenship.

Waipukurau.—Before beginning my short report, permit me to say that our Union has been much helped and inspired by our visit from Miss Powell. We believe and pray that God will bless her richly. Our Union has taken an interest in Municipal elections, in the local Hospital Board, in the School Committee, and have got the Ten Commandments put up in two of the class rooms. The teachers have promised to give a lesson on the subject occasionally. We sent signatures of all our members opposing the canteen in camps.

Christchurch.—Much good work has been done in this department. Amongst other things, steps have been taken to help in the work to benefit destitute children, and to secure the election of suitable women on school committees. Protests against allowing liquor to be sent in the King Country, and the canteens in military camps.

Auckland has engaged a canvasser whose time is given to visiting the homes and educating the women, so they may know how to do right at the ballot box. Protests have been sent to Parliament against the totalisator and canteen, and much literature distributed.

Lower Hutt were not successful in getting women on their School Committees, but will try again. They have used their votes and influence to gain the election of suitable men on the Borough Council.

Devonport is trying to get the best men elected on committees.

We shall hope to see a greater interest taken in this Department as our children will not become good citizens unless they are educated to their responsibility.

M. M. LOGAN,
N.Z. Superintendent.

Maori Work.

A Maori report having already been published in the January number of "THE WHITE RIBBON," there remains but little more to be added.

Great interest was shown in the Maori work of the W.C.T.U. at the time of the Convention held in Invercargill in February.

The presence of our New Zealand Maori Organiser, Miss Stirling, who, with Mrs. Papakakura and the Maori friends, took an active part, especially with the social side of the Convention proceedings, added much to the pleasure and interest of the meetings, and in committees a good foundation was laid for future work among our coloured sisters.

District Superintendents for Maori work were appointed, and it is hoped, that with united effort during the coming year, we may, at next Convention, have a good report to give of "something attempted, something done."

Miss Stirling reported that great interest is being shown by the Maori women in the W.C.T.U. work, and wherever a Union has been started and carried on in a Fa, excellent results have followed, the younger women especially rising to their opportunities, and with the signing of the pledge, undertaking to keep themselves, their homes and their children neat and tidy, and clean, and, in some cases, where improvements have been made inside, the men folk have been requested by their wives to mend fences and dig gardens, and keep the surroundings of the house as neat as the interior.

The Convention received, with great regret, the resignation of Mr. Pani Te Tau, one of our organisers, who felt she could no longer do justice to the cause in which she has, in the past, rendered such excellent service.

The great need of the Maori work is visitation and organisation, and in order to assist in these, Miss Powell, with her usual administrative ability, had collecting cards printed and distributed, and these "silent messengers" are proving most successful. One small union in Hawkes' Bay recently returned to the Treasurer eight cards only, but they carried a face value of £4 5s. 8d.

Any Union wishing to beat that record for collecting, please apply to the Maori Superintendent for cards at once,

It was decided that, as soon as practicable, a Maori Convention should be held in Hawkes' Bay, at which the New Zealand President was asked to preside. Maoris are quick to recognise and to respect a "Kangitira" or Chief, and it was thought that the presence of our N.Z. Rangitira Wahine would impress our native sisters, and make them feel that they belonged to, and were one with, a world-wide sisterhood.

Our hope of success lies in the younger generation of Maori women, and we appeal to every White Ribboner in the Dominion to "put her shoulder to the wheel" and help on this most important branch of our work.

W.C.T.U.—Maori Fund, Year ending February, 1910:—

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
1909. Department grant	..	7	6	
Timaru Union	..	1	0	0
Treasury Donation	..	5	0	0
Port Chalmers, P.W.M.U.	..	1	0	0
Ashburton	..	1	2	2
Miss Reeve, Te Kuiti	..	0	12	0
Napier (collected)	..	0	6	0
Waipukurau	..	4	5	8
Hastings	..	0	12	0
		£14	5	4

EXPENDITURE.		£	s.	d.
1909. Printing music, cards, etc.	3	2	6	
Miss Powell, Maori Work, Te Kuiti	..	1	0	0
Miss Stirling, travelling	0	12	6	
Stamps, stationery, exchange, and cost of P.O orders	..	0	5	6
Balance in hand	..	9	4	10
		£14	5	4

E. H. HENDERSON,
N.Z. Superintendent and Treasurer,
Maori Work.

Purity.

I cannot tell how sorry I am to have again such a meagre report to present of the work done in my department. I do not know how it is; perhaps it is my fault. I have had a good deal of my time and attention occupied, as some of you are aware, by illness and death in my family, and have not sent out a circular to the Unions as I usually do; but I have endeavoured to keep a good supply of new and attractive literature, and have sent out a much larger supply than ever before. I think some of our Unions expect me to report their work from the scanty information I possess from sending them literature; but this would not do justice to the work that I am sure is being done in many places. I have left the writing of my report to the last moment in the hope of other informa-

tion coming on. At present I have only reports from five places:—Christchurch, Dunedin, New Plymouth, Gisborne, and Waimate.

Christchurch reports an address given to mothers by our President (Mrs. Cole), followed by orders for literature. Some of the Christchurch members have also sent letters to elder girls, and had talks with them, besides circulating a good deal of literature and lending copies of the "Purity Advocate." They are also hoping to start a Reading Circle soon.

Dunedin reports much personal work amongst mothers and distribution of literature.

Gisborne seems to have chiefly done rescue work, and reports three young women placed in situations, and one rescued from prison; besides which a good deal of food and clothing has been distributed. Gisborne has also lately formed a strong Vigilance Committee, and has already been able to rescue three children from undesirable surroundings and place them in the Gisborne Children's Home.

New Plymouth has not been able to do much, but is keenly interested in the work and hopes to do more.

Waimate reports meetings held regularly, and a good deal of literature distributed; also an address given by Miss Powell, which was much appreciated. They hope to work on similar lines on a larger scale this year.

These are the only reports that have been sent to me. To this I would add that I have ordered for various members 62 copies of the "Purity Advocate," and Mrs. Cole tells me that she has recently sent six more names. The circulation of this paper cannot, I think, fail to do good, and it is marvellously cheap—only 6d. for four numbers post free. It is published quarterly, and subscriptions may commence at any time. I have a large variety of literature from England, Scotland, America, and Australia, and have recently got some admirable booklets for boys, men, and parents, published by the "Alliance of Honour," an English society which is doing splendid work. I have also some attractive booklets published by Mr. McCall Barbour, of Edinburgh; booklets by the late Mrs. Atkey; and the "Self and Sex" Series. I also am expecting a further consignment, of the late Mrs. Wood-Allen's books, "Almost a Man" and "Almost a Woman." Miss Powell has specimens of most of these, and will be glad to show them to members. In closing I would mention gratefully the help kindly given to our Purity work by Miss Powell, who carried booklets round with her on her organising tour.

MARIA WEBB, N.Z. Supt.

Unfermented Wines.

During the year I have sent circulars to 27 Unions.

Christchurch.—Written to ministers and leaders of churches, urging the use of unfermented wine in Church work. Literature is being obtained on the subject, which will enable further work to be done.

Kaiapoi.—Unfermented wines used in all the Churches except Anglican and Roman Catholic.

Rangiora.—All Churches use unfermented wine save one.

Auckland.—No Superintendent, but it is thought that most of the Churches (Nonconformist) use unfermented wines. Anglican and Roman Catholic use fermented.

Onehunga.—No superintendent, but it is generally supposed that all Churches (Protestant) use unfermented wine.

New Plymouth. — Nonconformist Churches use unfermented wines. Anglican and Presbyterian still uses fermented wines.

Palmerston North.—All the Churches with the exception of Anglican and Lutheran, use unfermented wine.

Ashburton.—Unfermented wine used in all the Churches.

Dunedin (Port Chalmers).—All Protestant Churches, except Church of England, use unfermented wine at Communion.

Leith, North East Valley. — Nonconformist Churches use unfermented wine. The only Church using fermented being the Church of England.

Timaru.—All Churches except Anglican use unfermented wines.

Invercargill.—With the exception of Roman Catholic and Anglican all churches use unfermented wine.

Nelson. — Nothing special to report. A number of churches use unfermented wine, and the matter has been discussed in the meetings.

Greymouth.—Methodist Churches use unfermented, Anglican and Presbyterian fermented wines.

Invercargill reports that our Churches are gradually falling into line on the unfermented wine question, and now all the Invercargill churches (bar Roman Catholic and Church of England), are using it at the Sacred Supper.

Progress has been slow and sure, but has been withal encouraging, and many W.C.T.U. members in our towns are thanking God for his answer to earnest prayer in that direction.

I am sorry to say that I have received no answers yet to my letter sent to World's Superintendent for information and literature in September last. I sent

P.N. to Rev. John Pyper, Dublin, for literature, but so far nothing has come to hand.

CAROLINE GASKIN,
N.Z. Superintendent.

Work Among Seamen.

Dunedin is doing splendid work. Mr. Falconer is ever on the alert visiting incoming and out-going vessels, both at Dunedin and Port Chalmers.

Gospel meetings are held on Thursday and Sunday evenings, much loving work being done with the assistance of Christian friends. Some interesting cases of conversion have to be recorded. The hearts of the workers are cheered, as from time to time letters are received testifying to spiritual help received at the "Dunedin" Rest.

Socials have been held on Tuesday evenings throughout the year. They were well attended and much enjoyed. During the year an entertainment was given by the W.C.T.U., under the leadership of Mrs. Hislop, at which £15 was raised for social work.

A Christmas tea was provided by Mr. Falconer, and his workers, at which about 60 sat down. Each seaman received the gift of a housewife. An invalid friend made many of the bags.

Reading matter has been freely distributed, including Bibles and Testaments in various languages. Parcels of literature have been supplied to vessels leaving the port. Stationery is provided free, and many hundreds of letters are written. Seamen in distress from whatever cause are assisted.

The report from Timaru is most encouraging, the members of the W.C.T.U. feel greatly indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Stead for the excellent way the "Rest" is conducted. During the year 1909 1,000 seaman have made 1891 visits.

The balance sheet is satisfactory. Socials have been held and much appreciated. There is a good Library, including Bibles in foreign languages. Parcels of literature are supplied to vessels. Writing materials are provided free, and are well used by the sailors, and gratitude is freely expressed for the comfort enjoyed at the snug little "Rest."

Greymouth. — During the year the "Rest" has been well-patronised, an average of 200 men passing through it every month. Pledges have been taken, and letters received from the seamen testifying to the good they had received through visiting the "Rest."

The Sunday evening Gospel services have been well attended, the men listening very attentively, and joining heartily in the singing.

Several socials have been held and much appreciated by the sailors. The

Greymouth Union are glad and thankful to Almighty God, who put it into their hearts to make the effort which has manifested His blessing upon it.

Westport.—Miss Powell has lately visited Westport, as a result, a movement has been set on foot to establish a "Seamen's Rest." A committee has been formed, and I hope to be able to report a "Rest" in full working order in 1911. In the mean time the Branch is distributing literature and interesting themselves in the seamen.

Lyttelton.—Gospel services are held on Sunday evening after eight o'clock. Literature is distributed. Six socials have been held during the year. A Christmas tea was provided, followed by a pleasant evening, and gifts for each of the sailors. Parcels of reading matter have been supplied to vessels leaving the Port.

The Union is much indebted to the young men from Christchurch, who have given their help on all occasions, and are still to the fore in the good work.

Nelson.—On account of the absence of some of the officers of the Union, the work of entertaining the men of the Encounter, usually done by them, was handed over to the Good Templars, who looked after them well.

New Plymouth.—Nothing fresh to report, but the Union is trying to get Waitara to do what they can, and they still hope to see Home boats alongside the wharf.

Auckland.—Some of the members of the W.C.T.U. assist the Mission workers in their Sunday services, and have distributed a few comfort bags.

Wanganui.—Work is being done among the seamen, but not by the Union.

Wellington.—The work in Wellington is well covered by the Seamen's Mission. There is a "Sailor's Rest." The W.C.T.U. assist occasionally.

Matapu.—The Union has sent 1 dozen comfort bags, well furnished, to a sea port union for distribution.

I should like to add a few remarks to the above. I gather from the reports received that the W.C.T.U. of New Zealand are taking a lively interest in the welfare of our seamen, and I am of opinion that the departure is one of the most useful among the many useful works in which we are engaged, and I would urge all seaport Unions to carry on the good work with even more vigour than heretofore. We can say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

A. E. WHITBY,
N.Z. Superintendent.

Scientific Temperance.

Since presenting my report at last Convention several efforts have been made to get Scientific Temperance instruction made compulsory in our State schools, but so far no progress can be reported. Resolutions have been passed at different religious and temperance gatherings; also deputations have waited on the Minister.

During the sitting of Convention last year in Wellington a large deputation of delegates waited on the Minister of Education, who promised to make the recommendation to teachers *re* the effects of alcohol on the morals and health of the community more mandatory and a report issued by the British Education Department has been sent to the teachers. The Minister has promised that articles suitable for the "School Journal" might be forwarded to him and should be inserted in the Journal. I have sent several, one of which appeared, and there have appeared 3 or 4 other articles well to the point.

I have written to all the Inspectors, asking them to encourage the teachers to study the subject, inclosing leaflets. I have also send leaflets to about 150 teachers.

Palmerston reports that they tried to get two ladies on the School Committee, but failed.

They sent a resolution to the newly-elected Committee, who forwarded it to the Wanganui Board, who issued a Report, giving the lines on which the teachers should work.

Auckland reports: A resolution, asking for temperance instruction passed at a Public Meeting and forwarded to the Minister; also a deputation waited on the Board.

Christchurch reports: A deputation waited on the North Canterbury Board, urging the use of temperance wall sheets in the school rooms.

Ashburton is raising funds to get wall sheets placed in the District Schools.

New Plymouth reports that a deputation waited on the Taranaki Board, asking the Board to do all it could to encourage the teachers to teach in the schools the harmful effect of alcohol; further, a member of the Union trained the Band of Hope children to give two lessons on the effects of alcohol at an open meeting of the Band of Hope.

J. E. MAUNDER,
Superintendent.

Literature.

The work of the literature department has been carried on steadily all through the year, although comparatively few unions have forwarded a report.

Ashburton has supplied members of the Union with literature to be circulated. Parcels of papers and periodicals have been contributed. These are sorted out and sent, with suitable leaflets, to isolated parts of the electorate, to the "Old Mens' Home," and through the post.

Appreciation and thanks have been received from many of the recipients of these parcels. Literature has been left at homes by members visiting, also in the railway station, and a copy of the "White Ribbon" placed in the Reading Room at the Library.

Auckland has supplied the organiser with "Safe Remedies, etc.," and other literature for distribution when visiting the homes, the railway station has been supplied. Copies of the "White Ribbon" are placed in the Library, Y.W.C.A., and Ley's Institute each month.

Christchurch. — Twenty-four copies of the "White Ribbon" paper have been distributed monthly, as well as copies of the "Vanguard," "Union Signal," and "British White Ribbon."

Gisborne has had a small committee at work in town and in the country distributing literature. Parcels have been posted into the country, and circulated in town. Also magazines, etc., have been supplied to men at the railway camp.

Lyttelton has supplied Gospel and Temperance tracts to seamen on leaving port. Also on Sunday evenings in the Sailor's Rest. Vessels are supplied with reading matter. The Maoris at Rapaki have been supplied with literature. The "Union Signal" is circulated.

New Plymouth distributed about 600 leaflets, including "Safe Remedies in Illness," children's leaflets, Maori leaflets, and other matters on Purity, Narcotics, and other subjects. Twenty-four copies of "On the Line" are given to railway men monthly. The Union possesses a copy of Horsley and Sturge's books and recommends it for use at Home Meetings, etc.

Palmerston North has kept a box at the railway station supplied with No-Licence and other literature, such as Social Reform, Smoking, Opium Trade, and the Drink Traffic. Also evangelistic leaflets have been distributed in Hospital visitation during the year.

Wanganui has supplied the railway boxes at Wanganui and Aramoho. The Superintendent of this work, after being laid aside for some time, has been "called Home," so that a fuller report is not available.

During the year a circular letter has been sent to every Union in the Dominion, and literature forwarded to the following places:—Napier, Hawera, Onehunga, Wanganui, Wellington, Kaukapakapa, Nelson, Kaiapoi, New Plymouth, Winchmore, Ashburton, Ngaere, Trentham, Wellington, Greymouth, Feilding, Waihi, Blenheim, Auckland, Reefton, Timaru, Christchurch, Alicetown, Palmerston North, Petone, Devonport, Otatau, Island Bay, Foxton, South Dunedin, Ponsonby, Roslyn, Hamilton, Ngarua-wahia, Waimate, Gisborne, Tauranga, Hastings, Whangarei, Naseby, Dunedin, Frankton Junction, Levin, Otahuhu, Lower Hutt, Kerikeriroa, Riverton. And so from north to south of the Dominion, wherever the W.C.T.U. is working the precious seeds of Truth, Purity, and Temperance are being scattered, and surely we have a right to expect an abundant harvest, if we only persevere and be not weary in well-doing.

Much regret has been felt during the year on account of the delay caused by the slowness and uncertainty of the American mails, and apologies are offered to those who have been inconvenienced by being kept waiting for supplies.

Our warm thanks are due to the courteous manager of the "White Ribbon" for giving our "List" a place in our valuable little journal.

In regard to finance the report shows less cash in hand than usual, but we have the value in the *stock* instead of in cash. I have mentioned before, a few of our Unions forget to send along the money for goods supplied, and a few "bad debts" are *felt* when there is little or no "profit" to make up for them. When outstanding accounts are collected the funds should be sufficient for working expenses, but I have been unable to obtain it in time for this report on account of ill-health.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total receipts for the year	12 11 3
In hand last year	2 9 7
	16 0 10
Total expenditure	17 4 5
Deficit	1 3 7
Stock in hand value about	9 0 0

H. G. HUGHES,
N.Z. Superintendent.

Anti-Gambling.

There has been very few reports sent in of work done in this department. During the year I wrote more than sixty letters, to which I have received fifteen replies.

ASHBURTON—

A series of monthly addresses were given to the school children on the evils of gambling, drinking, and smoking.

WANGANUI—

Distributed literature, and had a paper on "Gambling" read and discussed at the Bible Class, in which much interest was shewn.

NAPIER—

At a Drawing-room Meeting a reverend gentleman gave an address on "The Evils of Gambling."

Replies were also received from Timaru, North-east Valley, Kaikohe, Palmerston N., Waitara, Auckland, Nelson, Greymouth, and South Dunedin. All hope to report an increase of work done another year.

WAIPUKURAU—

Give addresses to the Band of Hope children.

NEW PLYMOUTH—

Distributes literature.

CHRISTCHURCH—

A protest was made by the Union against the holding of an art union in connection with a temperance bazaar promoted in the city, and it was decided that, under the circumstances, the members of this Union could not contribute to the same.

AUCKLAND—

Sent a protest to Parliament against the totalisator and the bookmakers.

The *Anti-Gambling* deputation received a favourable reply from Sir Joseph on several points. He admitted that the number of racing days are too great and that the licensing of bookmakers had had unexpectedly bad results. While on the subject of races I believe we were always given to understand that the idea of horse-racing was to improve the breed of horses, yet many of the promoters of racing attend the race meetings in motor cars. The

present Government have limited the area of land that can be held by any individual, and are trying to stop gambling in land, by making it compulsory for tenants to reside on the land for a certain time before being allowed to sell; and yet this same Government enrich themselves by levying a tax of 1½ per cent. on all money passed through the totalisator. I am constantly being asked to give suggestions and advice as to the working of this department, so am forwarding a list of questions, some of which every Union will be able to reply to:—

1. Have you a Superintendent?
2. Have you a report of work done during the year?
3. What has been the nature of the work done?
4. Has an account been kept of crimes due to gambling?
5. How many accidents and deaths due to horse-racing?
6. What literature has been distributed?
7. How many leaflets and pamphlets distributed?
8. Have you read and cut out Press accounts of special gambling cases?
9. Have you a copy of the country's laws against gambling?
10. Are any newspapers regularly supplied with items against gambling?
11. Has your Union worked to put down raffling, coupons, prize competitions, children playing games of chance, card playing (amongst women especially), betting, the totalisator, sweeps, etc.?
12. What have the Churches and individuals done by addresses, sermons, and lectures against betting shops, pony racing?

S. ANNIE JEMISON,
N.Z. Superintendent.

Work Among Young People.

I have much pleasure in submitting my report for the past year. There is cause for great thankfulness and encouragement in this department of work, for during the year nine Unions have started Cradle Roll work, an increase of four upon the previous year, making in all twenty-two towns where Rolls are established, and the number of young children very large whose parents are pledged to give them temperance instruction.

PONSONBY (Auckland) reports 40 on the Roll, with several more to be added shortly. Over 30 visits have been paid, and literature distributed and social gatherings arranged for.

AUCKLAND CENTRAL has formed a Roll within the last three months and has already 21 names. Visits are paid in time of sickness, or when help is needed. The mothers are much interested in the Cradle Roll, some having realised their own need of a change of heart before they can train their little ones in the path of purity.

NEW PLYMOUTH reports a steadily increasing Roll, having 91 names already down. Mothers' meetings are to be arranged alternately with Home meetings.

NGARUAWAHIA is prepared to start work, having sent for the necessary cards, leaflets, &c.

NGAERE began Cradle Roll work at the end of October, and has already 30 names on the list. A tea is to be given in the Ngaere Gardens to the mothers and children, when short addresses suitable to the occasion will be delivered.

PALMERSTON NORTH Union has chosen a Superintendent for the Cradle Roll. We shall hope to hear of good work being done in due time.

NELSON reports an increase of 15 names for the year, so the Roll stands at 71 names. A number of visits were paid during the year.

BLENHEIM Superintendent states that 43 names are upon the Roll. Stress of other work has prevented the increase that is possible, but better work is hoped for next year. The triplets continue to thrive. Death has removed the names of two others from the Roll.

UPPER HUTT has just begun work, and has 8 names upon the Roll.

RIVERTON is keeping steadily on, with little fresh to report.

TIMARU has 30 names on the Roll.

MASTERTON has only just begun work for the children, so has little to report.

WHANGAREI is also a new Union to take up the Cradle Roll.

ONEHUNGA reports 40 on the Roll. Meetings are being held monthly for mothers and children.

TAURANGA is just starting a Roll.

WINCHMORE also is starting with 5 names and expecting more later on.

SOUTH DUNEDIN reports an increase of names, and good meetings with mothers and children, which are being held quarterly.

DUNEDIN, TARIKI, WAIMATE, NAPIER, and HASTINGS reports have not reached me in time to be included, but doubtless all are doing good work for the young.

NEWTOWN Girls' Association has been steadily going on in spite of the many changes in the helpers. The Junior Class, which started last February, has a membership of 36 girls. The Senior Class started in April was the outcome of a social given to girls of the Match Factory, Laundries, the Biscuit and Box Factories. Purity literature was distributed at the socials and appreciated. Twenty-two girls meet under the management of Mrs. Boxall and her helpers. Forty-two garments were made during seven months, which is considered most satisfactory. "The most encouraging aspect of the work," says the Secretary, "is the marked improvement in the girls in every way, showing that the room is truly being made use of, to the Glory of our Master." The room is lent on Monday evenings to the Sunshine Guild, which has a membership of between 20 and 30 girls, who work to prepare Xmas gifts for the sick and poor. The Guild pays 1/- per month for the use of gas. During the year Mesdames Cole and McAlister and Miss Mason have visited the girls and talked with them, sowing the good seeds of the Kingdom. On June 30, nine girls attended the Rev. Cole's mission, and went into the enquirers' room, expressing a desire to follow the Lord Jesus.

CHRISTCHURCH.—At an "At Home" held in the Union's rooms on June 1st, a "Y" Union

was formed with an initial membership of about 25, which has since increased to 35. The work of the Union is divided into five sections, namely, Sewing, Reading, Entertainment, Educational, Visiting, and Flower Mission. Meetings are held fortnightly. A good deal of sewing has been done at the meetings, one maternity bag, consisting of 34 garments, having already been completed, and others are to be prepared, whilst a number of garments have also been made for children at the hospital. Papers have been read on "Physical Culture," "The Life of Frances Willard," and "The Work of the W.C.T.U." It is hoped that later on a Domestic section may be added to the work, and endeavours will also be made to interest newspaper boys and factory girls in the cause of temperance. Altogether the "Y" Union promises to prove an energetic and useful auxiliary to our work.

BLENHEIM "Y" branch has neglected to send in a report.

OCEAN BEACH (Bluff) reports eight Band of Hope meetings with a membership of 125. A Sale of Work was held in December, the proceeds of which go towards a Building Fund for carrying on work among young people. The total amount raised was £65; when £100 is raised the building will be started.

Thanks.—We feel deeply thankful to our Heavenly Father, Who has called forth all these workers and granted so much success to their labours on behalf of the young growing up all around us. To His Name be all the praise.

Balance Sheet for year ending Feb. 1910

Dr		£	s	d
To Printing cards	..	3	14	0
Badges and literature	..	1	0	0
Printing leaflets	..	0	7	6
Stationery	..	0	4	6
Postage	..	0	7	9
		£5	13	9
Balance in hand	..	4	5	8
		£9	19	5
Cr		£	s	d
By Balance from 1909	..	3	1	4
Department grant	..	0	7	6
Sale of cards and literature	..	6	10	7
		£9	19	5

Yours in His Service,

JESSIE SPENCE,
N.Z. Superintendent.

Hygiene.

The report for the year with regard to this department is very short.

Ashburton and Christchurch are the only Unions that I am aware of having done anything.

The Ashburton Union has been continuing to keep an oversight of the Ladies' Waiting Room at the Railway Station, which is in a much better state of cleanliness than formerly.

In Christchurch we have not been able to have more than one general meeting on Hygiene, when one of the nurses of the Papanui Sanatorium gave a very able address on Health.

We have, however, been able to get friends to say a few words at the two Cradle Roll meetings, where leaflets, bearing on the well-being of both mother and child were distributed.

J. M. LOVELL-SMITH,
N.Z. Superintendent.

"MAY I COME IN?"

(By Mrs Harrison Lee Cowie, Limehills,
Southland.)

"Never hurrying, never resting,
Every form of evil breasting,
Every holy purpose testing,
God, through us, His power attesting,
Onward comrades all."

"Take time to be holy,
Take time to be strong,
Waste never a moment
In rushing along.

Just steadily work,
Looking up to your King,
And life will become
A more beautiful thing."

OUR beloved Editor has asked me to keep in touch with all "our folk," through the columns of the WHITE RIBBON, and I feel like entering the open door of Home, sweet Home, and sitting down with hearts that welcome me, after a long day's toil, and having one of the cheeriest of chats with every member of our big, busy family.

Grandmother wants to know if things have altered much in the Old Land since she left it fifty years ago?

Oh, yes, grandma, instead of stage coaches they now have aeroplanes, and the world is moving quickly. Instead of alcoholic stupefaction of the nation, we now have scientific enlightenment, and Sir Victor Horsley, the greatest nerve specialist of the age, is condemning alcohol in *sickness* and in *health*. In a little while alcohol will be in its oft-quoted "proper place," and that is, in arts and manufactures, as a solvent, as a fuel, as a valuable servant of science, but *never again as a beverage or a medicine*.

Mother wants to know the latest helps for busy women, for over-taxed toilers, for weary, fagged, and failing bodies.

With pleasure I bring you the simple remedy now being used in the greatest hospitals, and by the greatest M.D.'s as a nerve restorer—"alcohol"? Oh, no, never! Just *milk, hot milk*, rest whenever possible, and plenty of fresh air. To these very inexpensive cures I might add, *cultivate cheerfulness*.

"A merry heart goes all the way,
A sad heart tires in a mile, O."

It is wonderful what a merry laugh will do, a bit of quaint humour, a loving joke. Just try it for a month, and let our editor have the doctors' fees you'll save.

Sister asks: "Are girls taking interest in Temperance work?"

In Scotland, alone, thousands of bonny, bright lassies are in our "Ys," while in churches and organisations of every kind

the Temperance girl is forging to the front. New Zealand should never rest till every girl of to-day is fitted to be the ideal home-maker of to-morrow, and this can best be done by joining our blessed company. Do you remember Miss Beddow, who travelled with me last poll time? Her letters from Jerusalem are worth printing in any paper, as a revelation of what God can do through the frailest of bodies, and most timid of souls, if fully yielded to His guidance. She is addressing as many as 600 Jewish children at a time, and visiting all the schools, to teach the young people scientific temperance. As these children leave, they will carry with them, throughout the Turkish Empire, lessons that will live.

Father has dropped into our circle, and as he is an honorary member he is interested in all our affairs.

Well, father, we are on the winning side everywhere. Great labour leaders are warring against the giant monopoly of Drinkdom.

Employers are demanding clear heads, strong arms and every workman at his best earning power, and alcohol is "counted down" utterly, for men whose banking account is physical strength or mental might.

"What are we to do with our distilleries?"

"Keep them as distilleries, father; but with a difference. Every form of vegetable matter with saccharine can be fermented and produce alcohol. Thousands and thousands of tons of farm and orchard waste material will be sent to distilleries for distillation, and the finest fuel the world has ever known will be produced from the earth's surface long after our coal-fields are extinct. No smoke nuisance, no dirt, no cinders or ashes. Oh, that the day may hasten, for the benefit of big cities, and the boon of busy housewives!"

Yes, brother Tom, you must join our Coldstream Guards, for when *Punch* was asked what we could do with our boys, he answered, "Marry them to our girls;" but "our girls" have a right to ask for as good as they give, so educate yourself with our Purity and Temperance literature. Keep your brain clear, your heart pure, your soul holy, and by and bye build your little bit of Britain's Empire on the Rock of Ages, and write in golden letters of living action these words over your door:—

"We live and love, and labour
For every weaker neighbour,
For God and Home and every land,
At polling booth we take our stand."

Yours ever,

BESSIE LEE COWIE.



Pray for the Children.

BY E. M. PLEDGE.

How can you carelessly, heedlessly stand,
And watch as the children pass by?
Not raising your voice and not lifting your hand

To warn that the danger is nigh?
Oh, quicken your heart with a passioned protest,

And urge them to listen and stay;
The two roads before them lie open to test,
Then show them the right one, the safe one,
The best;

Speak to the children to-day!

Tell them that beauty and sweetness and love,
Dwell in the hearts of the pure;

That goodness and virtue are gifts from above,
Making the path of life sure.

Gilding the hills to their uppermost height,
We lead to the Heavenly way;

Speeding an arcade of crystalline light
Up from our earth to God's Land of Delight:

Tell the dear children to-day!

Warn them with words that shall live in their hearts,
Where sorrow and danger begin;

The ruin and curse which the wine cup imparts,
The terrible issues of sin.

Yes, warn them with lips all a-tremble with pain,
The tempter will brook no delay;

How some of your nearest and dearest, in vain
Were prayed with, entreated, again and again:

Warn the dear children to-day!

Gaze in their innocent, eloquent eyes
And think of the Christ-Child of old;

Teach them the treasures of virtue to prize,
And cherish them far beyond gold.

Then urge them, in accents by love rendered sweet,
To shun the dark sin while they may;

To bring all the beautiful blooms to His feet,
Of youthful devotion and service complete:

Plead with the children to-day!

Lead them to Him who once suffered for them
The impress and stigma of shame;

And tell them how sin holds a stain to condemn
The purest and noblest name.

Oh, carry the children in prayer to the One
Who never will turn them away;

Oh, shelter them, guard them, and leave not undone
The grandest of deeds 'neath the flash of God's sun:

Pray for the Children to-day!

Isolation for "Colds."

Most colds, if not all, are distinctly contagious, and frequently, if one member of the family gets a cold the other members take their turn at it, and it runs through the entire household. Every reasonable precaution ought to be taken to prevent the cold from spreading. If nasal catarrh is a germ disease, as we

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are strongly inclined to believe, then this contagion is easily explained, and patients suffering from colds ought to be isolated as far as possible. A cold is most infectious in the early stages, and for this reason it is wise to keep the patient confined to the room for two or three days, until he is over the worst of it. Such a procedure is not only good for the patient, but also the best means to prevent the cold from spreading throughout the family or community.—*Alfred B. Olsen, M.D., in Good Health.*

Children before Clothes.

Burdened with many cares, mothers sometimes feel that they cannot take time patiently to instruct their little ones, and give them love and sympathy. For lack of time and thought, many a mother refuses her children some innocent pleasure, while busy fingers and weary eyes are diligently engaged on work designed only for adornment, something that, at best, will serve only to encourage vanity and extravagance in their young hearts. As the children approach manhood and womanhood, these lessons bear fruit in pride and moral worthlessness. The mother grieves over her children's faults, but does not realize that the harvest she is reaping is from seed which she herself planted.—*Good Health.*

Alcohol from Sewage.

The Paris correspondent of the *Daily Mirror* says.—"Some remarkable statements are made about the way certain kinds of very cheap brandy, gin, rum, and other spirits are made. According to these statements a large quantity of alcohol is now very cheaply distilled from the sewage matter of great cities, and it appears that the entire sewage from South-Eastern Paris is submitted to a perfected distillation process. The alcohol so obtained is macerated by a special secret cold process, and, so treated, is sold as cheap brandy, and for mixing with various kinds of fancy alcoholic liqueurs." We do not know whether Thames mud would serve the purpose equally well. If so, we wonder whether widows and orphans with money to invest will feel tempted to try this instead of the brewery business, which does not appear to be a success.—*Temperance Chronicle.*

Summary of Local Unions.

The following is a Summary of the Receipts and Expenditure, and Balances, of the various Local Unions throughout the Dominion:—

NAME OF BRANCH.	RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.			CR. BALANCE.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Levin	2	17	4	2	4	2	13	2	
Christchurch	673	12	9	641	11	0	32	1	9
Gisborne	23	3	5	23	2	8			9
Auckland (District)	302	15	2	199	13	9	103	1	5
Petone	7	14	8	4	19	6	2	15	2
Blenheim	272	11	10	151	0	0	121	11	10
Waimate	14	1	5	11	16	4	2	5	1
Dunedin	63	5	9	60	8	0	2	17	9
Dunedin Sailors' Rest	179	7	6	125	10	5	53	17	2
Waipukurau	4	0	7	3	14	8			5 11
Napier	189	11	11	81	7	11	108	4	0
Ngaere	3	18	5	3	10	4			8 1
Wanganui	56	0	1	53	6	3	2	13	10
Naseby	2	17	9	1	14	5	1	3	4
Feilding	9	12	7	6	19	0	2	13	7
Invercargill	23	13	11	19	12	1	4	1	10
Timaru	25	9	9	17	6	6	8	3	3
Timaru Sailors' Rest	52	13	10	28	12	10	24	1	0
Ponsonby	6	14	4	2	2	8	4	11	8
Tariki	4	14	0	2	13	0	2	1	0
Otahuhu	7	9	5	5	2	7	2	6	10
Wellington	43	18	6	38	0	9	5	17	9
North-East Valley	13	2	4	10	3	1	2	19	3
Ngaruawahia	1	12	6	9	11		1	2	7
Wellington	80	5	3	18	13	6	61	11	9
Building Fund	20	14	9	20	4	9			10 0
Kaiapoi	24	16	5	13	12	3	11	4	2
Otautau	20	10	6	20	5	6			5 0
Bluff	38	19	10	30	3	6	8	16	4
New Plymouth	28	8	7	18	18	1	9	10	6
Ashburton	3	16	10	1	16	11	1	19	11
Cambridge	5	11	11	3	18	9	1	13	2
Hastings	3	2	6	2	16	6			6 0
Ngaruawahia	11	2	4	11	2	1			3
Masterton	3	7	2	17	2		2	10	0
Waikari	3	2	11	3	2	11			
Waipawa	1	6	10	1	6		1	5	4
Waitara	6	13	9	2	4	11	4	8	10
Tauranga	15	4	9	14	12	8			12 1
Rangiora	18	3		3	11				14 4
Waihao Downs	3	2	8	11	11		2	10	9
Marton	2	8	4	1	6	2	1	2	2
Winchmore	5	19	2	3	15	3	2	3	11
Onchunga	13	3	1	10	3	1	3	0	0
Greymouth									
Total	£2277	15	7	£1673	13	1	£604	2	6

Other Unions' Balance Sheets not available.

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