Official Connespondence.

Convention Reports.

Dear Comrades,

The time for sending in Reports of Departments is drawing near, and I would remind you that, as I was appointed Superintendent of Flower Mission Department at last Convention, all reports of such work should be sent to me before the end of January, in order that they may be included in my report for Convention.

The Flower Mission Report should include visits to the sick, flowers sent to hospitals, or homes where there is sickness, or to gaols; also any comforts that may have been sent to invalids, such as jellies, fruits, etc., should be reported, and if convalescents have been taken out for drives, this should be mentioned. Any relief given to poor families in clothing, food, or money, may be included in the report .- Yoours in the work,

> E. C. COLE, N.Z. Supt. Flower Mission Dept.

Membership Contest Banner.

Dear Sisters.

You will no doubt remember that at last Convention, the New Zealand Union decided to initiate a contest for a Championship banner, to be presented to the Branch securing the greatest proportionate increase of membership during the year. The banner does not become the property of any Branch unless won by that Branch for three consecutive years, but each Branch winning the banner will be entitled to hold it for a year and to have its name inscribed thereon.

I should like to remind Secretaries and Treasurers of all Unions that on the 31st December we shall close the contest for the banner. It will therefore be necessary for the representatives of all Unions to let me have, as soon as possible after the 31st December, figures showing:

- (1) The number of members on the roll at the 1st January, 1911.
- (2) The number of new members enrolled for the twelve months from 1st January to the 31st December, 1911.

Only those members who have actually paid their subscriptions are to be included.

and returned to me promptly, will be a formation given young Wives & Mothers. mation, but in any case the membership E. SNOW, Alexandra-st., Palmerston N.

statement for the Banner Contest must reach me early in the New Year, as the banner has to be made, and the name of the Union holding it for the first year inscribed on it, before the next Convention.—Yours sincerely,

> NELLIE BENDELY, N.Z. Treasurer.

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