

The monument of National Prohibition which we hope to complete as a memorial to our departed leader, T. E. Taylor, and the foundation of which he helped to lay, has the pedestal erected, and the beautiful shaft pointing heavenward needs only the top-stones to complete it.

We must determine that before long this monument shall stand as our champion stood, "four-square to all the winds that blow," a sign to other nations that in National Prohibition lies their salvation from the great curse of the liquor traffic.

I trust that the year just opening may be to all of us one of great possibilities, and of great accomplishments in the spiritual life, and that faith and courage may be our watchwords.

"A new white day, and a new white year,
And ah, the pages between
This first day of hope, and that last day of
fear,
In the dim and far unseen !

Shall I read them, each one, as they come?
Or is there for me a pause—
The call of the soul to its larger home,
The law that doth crown all laws.

I know not, nor need I know,
For He who hath given the year
Hath promised strength, in that strength
I go,
Glad welcome, new friend, good cheer !"

Wishing you all "A very Happy New Year," believe me, yours for God, Home, and Humanity,

FANNY COLE,
Dominion W.C.T.U. President.

Mrs Nolan President of the Australian Women's Christian Temperance Union, on behalf of the Australian Executive, sends hearty congratulations on the splendid vote in New Zealand for National Prohibition. She says: "Your victories encourage us in Australia very greatly, and we learn by your tactics how to meet the foe."

The Australian Triennial Convention meets in Brisbane in April, and Mrs Nolan cordially invites the New Zealand Union to send a representative to that Convention.

F. COLE.

A Reminder to Treasurers.

DEAR SISTERS,

I should like to remind all Treasurers of Unions that their Annual Balance Sheets and payments of Capitation Fees are now due. Up to the present very few of these have reached me, and it is imperative that they should be sent in as soon as possible, both for the purposes

of the Annual Balance Sheet for Convention, and for the contest for the Membership Banner. Delays are dangerous, and returns that are too long delayed may be unavoidably shut out, much as I should regret having to do so, for we like to see all Unions fully represented in the year's accounts. Please therefore let me have all your returns without delay.

I shall also be glad if all Unions that have received supplies of the Souvenir Booklet for sale, will send me the money for the books.

Yours sincerely,

NELLIE BENDELY,
N.Z. Treasurer.

Kaiapoi,
January 6th, 1912

DEAR SISTERS,

The Annual Convention meets in Dunedin on Wednesday, March 13th, and we urge every Union to consider the advisability of being represented.

Every branch has a right to send one delegate, any Union whose membership exceeds one hundred being entitled to two.

Branches which cannot do so, may, upon application to me, have a proxy appointed, but they *must* enclose directions as to voting for New Zealand officers and also the following resolutions, notice of which was given at the Convention of 1911.

1. At next Convention, I, or someone in my place, will move: That Article 4, of the New Zealand Constitution be amended to include in the Executive Committee the editor of THE WHITE RIBBON and the Superintendents of Departments. Proposed by Miss M. S. Powell.
2. That I, or someone in my place, will move that Article 8 of the Constitution be altered to give larger representation of Unions, one for every fifty or fraction of fifty members, no Union to send more than three delegates to the Convention. Proposed by Mrs Blair.
3. That I, or someone in my place, will move at next Convention, the Clause in Article 10, a two-thirds vote be eliminated and a bare majority substituted. Proposed by Mrs Blair.

Will members of Convention kindly present their credentials to me at the reception, or to a Committee appointed for that purpose, to facilitate the preparation of the roll.

Wishing you all a bright and prosperous New Year,—Yours in the work,

M. W. MITCHELL,
N.Z. Recording Secretary.

White Ribboners' Pilgrimage to Evanston, Frances E Willard's Old Home.

The day after the closing of the National Convention at Milwaukee, over two hundred of the delegates came to Evanston, and with quiet, reverent steps, made a pilgrimage to Rest Cottage, the home of Frances E. Willard. Many had never before viewed the rooms made sacred by the presence in other days of this honoured leader of the white ribbon hosts. They lingered in "The Den," as she styled her study and library, every article of furniture, every book and every picture in which is suggestive of the great work done by this rare woman, who planned and laboured and sacrificed that "the world might be wider for women and more homelike for humanity."

The visitors also availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing The Willard, where are located the offices of the General Officers of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and made a tour of the new Literature Building, occupied by the circulation and editorial departments of *The Union Signal*, and the general offices and stock room from which W.C.T.U. and general temperance literature are distributed.

Luncheon was served by the Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church of Evanston, in the beautiful new Church, located on the site of the historic church of which Frances Willard was a member.

Immediately after luncheon, by the courtesy of the City Council, over twenty automobiles were placed at the disposal of the visitors, and they were given a drive through classic Evanston, so superbly located on the shores of Lake Michigan.

A little later the Delegates took a special train for Rosehill, the beautiful cemetery a few miles south of Evanston. Reverently, two by two, the white ribbon women passed under the artistic arching entrance and along the winding white paths. Silently they encircled the Willard family lot, and many for the first time read the well-known inscription on the handsome Vermont granite boulder, "Frances E. Willard, Founder of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union. She made the world wider for women and happier for humanity."

Standing beside the grave, on which rested a lovely wreath of white blossom starred with gold, Mrs Stevens tenderly broke the impressive silence with gracious words of sisterly comfort and heavenly vision. After speaking of the care given by Miss Gordon all through the year to the grave of Frances E. Willard and her mother, Mrs Stevens introduced Miss