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and loved, if only for a few short weeks, the brave, true woman whose loss they now mourn, but whose work and influence will for many years be an inspiration to the White Ribboners of New Zealand.

A WORD FROM OUR "JOSHUA."

Dear "White Ribbon" Sisters,—

Our late beloved President has gone to Higher Service, and we are mourning the loss of one who was in every sense of the word our sister, as well as our leader.

What this irreparable loss means to us we cannot now think. Her work has changed to worship, her many activities turned to songs of praise, her much weariness has ended in life eternal.

When we think of her characteristics, her womanliness, her gentleness, her sweet and gracious influence, her unswerving principles, her strong faith, and her abilities as a leader, we wonder what shall we, and how can we do without her. When the late Mrs General Booth was buried, her family, the officers of the Salvation Army, and thousands of soldiers and visitors knelt round the open grave and covenanted together, to renew their service to Christ, to each do his or her share in the war against sin, and in all circumstances to "go forward." May grace be given us to do likewise.

The very last official act done by Mrs Cole was the drawing up and signing the circular letter issued by direction of Convention on the Bible in Schools, and as tremblingly and in deep sorrow I step into the breach caused by her death, my first act will be to appeal in her sacred memory to the Unions throughout the Dominion to cease all strife over the Bible in Schools question.

Some ministers and members of the Presbyterian Church are strongly opposed to the Bible in Schools League, but no one dreams of advising them to leave their church on that account, and though the Convention voted against the League, the vote

does not prevent any member from working for any scheme she likes. The Union stands, as it has always stood, for the Bible in schools, only we differ as to the method of teaching it. In memory of the departed one, let us agree to differ, and instead of wasting time in argument, let us be loyal to our Union, and as it was prayed by the Rev. Mr Laws at Mrs Cole's open grave, "Let us wear ourselves out for the service of Christ and of humanity, and then, after all, consider ourselves unprofitable servants."—With loving greetings to all.

—I am, yours in deep sorrow,
RACHEL DON,
Acting-President.

LAST MESSAGES.

To the Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Unions throughout New Zealand.

Dear Comrades,—

It was my privilege to spend most of an afternoon with Mrs Cole soon after she knew that she had laid down all work for ever on earth, and that God had called her hence. I wish I could find words to describe her perfect peace, her calm submission to God's will, and her sweet and firm reliance upon His love and care.

She desired me to give two messages to her comrades. She wished all to know that "her death had in no way been caused or hastened by her work"; and she most earnestly desired that every one should be assured that "whatever good she had been enabled to do for the Unions through her work, she had received much more than she ever gave." She sent her loving remembrances to all.

We have lost a gracious, loving, able leader, and those who knew her best and came closest to her mourn her loss most, and will reverence and love her memory while life lasts.

Our best tribute will be increased interest in, and work for, our organisation and all it stands for.—Yours

in White Ribbon Bonds,
J. ROBERTS.
Linwood, June 2nd, 1913.

139, Castlereagh St., Sydney,
May 29th, 1913.

To the Executive W.C.T.U.,
Christchurch.

Dear Comrades,—It was with hearts bowed down we received the sad news yesterday of the death of your beloved President and our loved comrade, Mrs Cole. When shadows such as this darken our sky, we can do nothing but through the cloud try to catch a glimpse of the shining face beyond, and say, "Not my will, but Thine be done." At our Executive meeting yesterday there were many loving and tender references made to the beautiful life of your beloved President. Her sojourn with us in this State, some little while back, has left behind very many fragrant and tender memories. I have been asked to convey to you the loving and heartfelt sympathy of your comrades in New South Wales.—Believe me, your comrade in sorrow,

EVA G. BOWES, Cor. Sec.

CHRISTCHURCH.

A special meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held on Tuesday, May 27th, owing to the death of the New Zealand President, Mrs F. Cole. There was a large attendance of members and friends, Mrs McCombs presiding. It was decided that the members attend the funeral the following day, and that the casket be draped with the banners of the New Zealand and the Christchurch Unions.

AN APPRECIATION.

(By "A Comrade.")
(*"Lyttelton Times."*)

From end to end of New Zealand to-day the members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union mourn the loss of their able and beloved President.

The death of Mrs Cole will be deplored by all who are interested in the reforms which make for the highest well-being of humanity, but the loss to the organisation over which she presided for the last eight years with such rare ability and marked