

**LETTER FROM WORLD'S
W.C.T.U.**

26, Queen's Mansions,
Westminster, London, England,

May 13, 1913.

Dear Y's of New Zealand,—

Though you are 'way over at the other side of the earth, the White Ribbon bond always makes its wearers feel drawn close in spirit. And so I rejoice to send you, in common with the "Y's" of all other countries, an official, albeit a very warm and hearty invitation to send at the least one representative to the ninth Convention of the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union, to be held, as you are doubtless aware, in Brooklyn, N.Y., U.S.A., October 23 to 28 next.

I need hardly tell you that the officers of the World's W.C.T.U. are very anxious to have a large delegation at the Convention, and to many of us the most important part of that delegation will be the young women.

It is fine to think of all the past Conventions, and of all the splendid women who have taken part in them, but as one's mind travels forward into the future, one realises that if our great organisation is to keep its strong record of work accomplished in the best possible way, it must be by gathering into it the girls and young women, who by their training now will make the leaders of the World's Union in days to come.

It always seems as if the high ideal and broad outlook of a Union that stretches all round the world must appeal specially to the young ones amongst us. Meeting with comrades from all countries is an education in itself, and attending a World's Convention will kindle their enthusiasm and deepen their earnestness, as nothing else can. To hear how the Chinese "Y's" are anxious to emulate their Western sisters, and are asking for badges the same as theirs; how the "Y" work is progressing so wonderfully in Burma under the new "Y" leader there; how the one or two Unions in S. America are struggling to increase their numbers, led by two or three enthusiastic spirits; how in Japan the work is so progressing as to justify the appointment of a native "Y" organiser; and how in Canada, in Scotland, in S. Africa, and in Australia, not to mention our Mother Country, the great U.S.A., the "Y"

work is steadily going forward. To hear all this and much more from, as we hope, some of the workers themselves, will be a fine experience, and I am anticipating that our "Y" Conferences will be more useful than ever before. And of course we shall want to hear from New Zealand at first hand, and so I earnestly invite you to send us a delegate to give and receive help and inspiration, which she will pass on to all of you on her return. It will be a wonderful and inspiring time—a World's Convention always is.

Hoping to surely meet a "Y" delegate or delegates from your beautiful country at Brooklyn. With all good wishes.—I am, always your sincere comrade,

AMY A. SWANKIE-CAMERON,
General Sec. of Young Women's
Branch of World's W.C.T.U.

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