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THE WORLD'S W.C.T.U. CONVENTION.

The present year will be marked by the holding of the ninth triennial World's Convention of the W.C.T.U. in Brooklyn, New York, October 23-28. Thither will gather from well nigh all the countries of the world representatives of the women workers in the great Temperance cause, and for nearly a week the most intelligent, devoted, and experienced among the leaders will receive reports of what is being done in every corner of the globe, and will discuss the best methods of carrying on the various branches of a movement which holds a foremost place in the sphere of woman's social effort for the uplifting of humanity.

It is difficult for us in far away little New Zealand to realise the magnitude and importance of this world-wide movement, and still more to bring home to ourselves the fact that we are ourselves a part of it, and are to contribute to its success. But in unity is strength, and from the interlinking of the separate parts through devotion to common ideals and through a common trust in our Great Leader, comes that strength and faith and courage that can remove mountains of difficulty, and claim the world for Christ and Righteousness and Love.

The opening day of the Convention will be the evangelistic and devotional day of the World's W.C.T.U., a day of praise, prayer and consecration, which it is intended shall be spiritually helpful, instructive, and enjoyable. The historic Plymouth

Church of Brooklyn will be the scene of this day's impressive services, a plain, old-fashioned structure, hallowed by the memories and associations of a glorious past. For Plymouth Church, Congregational in

denomination and liberal in theology, has always opened its doors for discussions upon liberty, peace, temperance, and all human rights. Here, on the only platform open to him, Wendell Phillips delivered his anti-slavery message to New York. Here Henry Ward Beecher raised his voice for forty years in no uncertain tones against every form of injustice and wrong. What more fitting place could be found in which to open a Convention whose chief aim is to free humanity from the blighting tyranny of alcohol?

"The leader will be Miss Elizabeth Ward Greenwood, World's Superintendent of Evangelistic Work. At the morning session Mrs L. M. N. Stevens, National President, and Dr. Hillis, pastor of the church, will give words of welcome; Miss Greenwood will give a Bible exposition as a keynote, and an open meeting will follow. During the afternoon session representatives from Great Britain, India, China, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, and other lands will speak briefly of the evangelistic work in their countries. The Plymouth organ, one of the largest in the world, will be played by a famous organist, and some of Brooklyn's sweetest spiritual singers will give solos." Such is the programme outlined for the opening day.

How are we here to make the World's Convention a subject of interest and concern to ourselves? First, we must remember that every little bit of work done for God, Home, and Humanity is far-reaching in its influence, it links us to each other, and contributes something to



Statue of Liberty, New York.

the sum total of the forces that are bringing in Christ's Kingdom. Therefore, however humble our position, let us be earnest, true and thorough in whatever we set our hands to do. The work of our Union depends for its doing on you and me. Let us take this to heart, and let each work as if she alone were responsible for the success of the cause. Then our Dominion Superintendents will have a worthy record of progress to send to the World's Superintendents. Next, we can reverently lift our hearts to God in daily prayer that this coming World's Convention may be a time of inspiration and enthusiasm such as never before, and that its deliberations may result in improved methods of work and more effective attack on the evils against which we are waging war. Then, when the opportunity comes for us to read of what will have to be done by the Convention, we can strive to adapt the principles laid down and the methods suggested by our leaders to the special circumstances of our work here, and so achieve a greater degree of success. Thus shall we participate in the privileges that will have been enjoyed by those attending Convention, and thus shall we help to bring into New Zealand some portion of the energy and inspiration that will surely flow from the Brooklyn Convention of the W.C.T.U.

A German investigator has ascertained that to workmen of twenty-five to forty-four years who are users of alcohol have been traced three times as many accidents resulting in injuries as to all the other workmen together, and the loss of time arising from such injuries was fourfold that incurred by all the other workmen. It was calculated that by forbidding the use of alcohol seven per cent. of all accidents would be prevented, and the workmen's sick benefit societies would save more than one million dollars annually. These facts were clearly brought out in the hygienic congress by Dr. W. F. Boos, who also points out that most accidents occurred on Monday, showing that they were probably due to week-end tipping, which leaves the man in an unstable condition.

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- Jan., 1914: Mrs Hawke (Oxford), 1s 3d.
- Feb., 1914: Mrs Bayes (Takapuna), Mrs Gillespie (Oxford), Mrs Johnstone (Gisborne), Cathran (New Plymouth), Miss W. Lovell-Smith (Christchurch), each 2s 6d; W.C.T.U. (Oxford), £1.
- March, 1914: Mrs Holbrook (Palmerston North), Oakley (Gisborne), King (Dunedin), Sinclair, McCallum (Blenheim), Miss Barnes (Ngaio), Freeth (New Plymouth), each 2s 6d; Mrs Cooper (Gisborne), 5s.
- April, 1914: Mrs Robinson (Palmerston North), Vowles (Gisborne), Darvall (Ngaio), Ambury (New Plymouth), Miss Evans (Kaiapoi), each 2s 6d.
- May, 1914: Mrs Thomas, Murgatroyd, Langerson, Tweedie, Thwaites (Cheviot), Thorpe (Auckland), Brearley (Wellington), Horne, Masters, Fuller, Shirtcliffe (Seddon), Smith (Napier), Skitrop, H. Okey, F. Okey, Cathro, Davy (New Plymouth), Johnson (Oxford), Freeth, Pike (Blenheim), Payson-Smith (Cambridge), each 2s 6d.
- June, 1914: Mrs Looms, Holland, J. H. Blackwell, Harrison, Attewell, Ellen, Ward, Ashby, Baker, G. H. Blackwell, Crawshaw, Laishley (Kaiapoi), Twigg (Hawera), Wilkes, A. Graham, J. C. Graham, Cottingham, Mayben, McGregor, Toneycliffe, Vautier, Barrow, Miss Dillon (Gisborne), Port, Costall, Miss Rutters, Mrs Nees, Webb, Howe, Miss Freeman, Mrs Smith (Wellington), Maunder, Cannell, Bullot, Duglas, Chatterton, senr., Boon, Brash, Bellringer, Wilkie, Goodacre, Miss Sole, Mrs G. H. Maunder, W.C.T.U. (New Plymouth), Collis, Mr Brown, Scanlon, Gouk (Auckland), Mrs Whitby, Bromley, Hildyard, Hatchwell, Lanyon (Lyttelton), Eason (Tariki), Pellett (Sheffield), Piner, McIlraith (Annat), Sage, Baker, Campbell, McEwan, Miss Wilkie (Ashburton), Christie, Miss Brechin, Mrs Grant, Miss Parks, Craig (Gisborne), Wise, Seed, Sarginson, Boag, senr., Sheat, Cook, Miss Norman, McLeod, Hodgson (Christchurch), Carter (West Melton), Mackay, White (Stratford), Mrs Saunders (Ngaere), Burrell (Palmerston North), Mrs Crampton, Reigwells (Domett), Miss Hewat (Oamaru), Mrs Allan, Wandsworth, Saunders, McCaskey, Skinner, Ford (Cheviot), Winskill, Rhodes, Mason (Amberley), Rowntree (Eltham), Sessions (Kaikorai), Miss McCarthy, Mrs Cable (Dunedin), Ramsay (Alexandra), Rose, Fisher, Davies, Parker, Hay, McKenzie, Litchfield, Smith, Miss Davies (Blenheim), Mrs Webster (Awatere), Pearson (Otane), Rex (Greymouth), each 2s 6d; Mrs Nisbet (Gisborne), Allinan (Palmerston North), Chamberlain (Amberley), Jennings, W.C.T.U. (Invercargill), each 5s; Mrs Green (Master-ton), 10s.
- July, 1914: Mrs Lyons (Oxford), Robertson (Hawera), Turnbull, Lewis, Miss Ambury (New Plymouth), Taunt (Gisborne), Liddell, Frethy (New Plymouth), Meade (Blenheim), Pickering (Christchurch), each 2s 6d.
- Aug., 1914: Mrs Jos. Knight (Lower Hutt), Miss Hodder (New Plymouth), Woolby (Stratford), each 2s 6d.
- Dec., 1914: Mrs McIsaac (New Plymouth), 2s 6d.
- June, 1915: Mrs McCombs (Christchurch), 2s 6d.

Miss Robertson, World's Superintendent for Prevention of Liquor Traffic Among Native Races, asks our Superintendents of Maori Work "to give her any information of very special interest that may occur to them, that she may endorse it in her report for World's Convention." It must be in her hands not later than first week in September.

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.)

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

The monthly meeting was held on the third Friday in May, in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Mrs A. K. Atkinson in the chair. Regret was expressed at the absence of Mrs Heiyer through illness, it being the first time our Treasurer has been absent from a meeting since the Union was formed. Mrs Peryman gave an address on the Bible in Schools resolutions passed at Nelson Convention. A short discussion took place, Mrs Rose, from Blenheim, being one of the speakers. The following resolution was passed unanimously:—"That this meeting of the Wellington Central Union heartily endorses the resolutions of the Nelson Convention, which were as follows: (a) This Convention, believing fully in the children of New Zealand receiving religious instruction, urges that steps be taken to incorporate the Nelson system with the Education Act, giving the ministers of religion and their certified appointees the right to use the schools for the purpose of giving Biblical instruction to the children. When parents object, their children to be exempted from attending Bible lessons. The Convention approves of this system because the important work of giving religious instruction would be entrusted to those best qualified for the task, and would not involve any risk of denominationalism, nor would the liberty of the conscience of anyone, either parent or teacher, be interfered with." (b) That this Convention strongly disapproves of the platform of the Bible-in-Schools League of New Zealand." A second resolution was also carried unanimously: "That the Wellington Central W.C.T.U. protests against the attempt of Canon Garland's Bible-in-Schools League to force teachers to give religious instruction without providing any conscience clause for teachers."

BLENHEIM.

April 16. Home meeting at Mrs Clark's. Miss Powell gave an address on the formation of W.C.T.U. Two new members joined.

April 22. Special meeting to discuss a letter suggesting an Overseas Woman's Suffrage Movement. Resolved: "That this Union is in favour of such a movement." Mrs Brewer, our delegate, gave an account of Nelson Convention.

May 6. Monthly meeting in Wesley Hall. Miss Powell gave a report

of her work in Blenheim and surrounding districts. Hearty appreciation of the Organiser's work was expressed.

FEILDING.

Although reports have not been sent of late, the monthly gatherings are still held. A lantern entertainment in connection with the Band of Hope was held recently, at which 18 pledges were signed; also a well-attended social to wish bon-voyage to two of our members who have left on extended holiday tours. Mrs Williamson has been appointed Treasurer.

WAIPUKURAU.

Monthly meeting held June 12th. Opened with prayer and Scripture reading. Vice-President in chair. Mrs Hopkirk elected to fill vacancy for President caused by Mrs Logan's removal. Out of respect to the N.Z. President, the meeting rose in silence, a letter of sympathy to be sent to family. Meeting closed with Temperance Doxology.

RANGIORA Y's.

Met at Mrs Cox's residence on June 26th, President in chair, seven members present. Decided to meet on the last Wednesday in month at the different homes, next meeting to be at Mrs Wadey's.

OXFORD.

May 28. At the Coronation Hall a very touching memorial service to our late Dominion President was held. "Rock of Ages" was followed by prayer and reading of part of the 15th chapter of 1st Corinthians and the 90th Psalm. "Crossing the Bar" was sung, and the Dead March played, all standing. The Treasurer and Secretary represented our Union at the funeral. The following motion was passed:—"The members of the Oxford W.C.T.U. desire to place on record their appreciation of and admiration for the noble character and work of their late Dominion President, Mrs Cole, and tender their sincere sympathy to her bereaved family."

June 4th, Mrs Gainsford presiding. Decided to hold Temperance Rally in Town Hall, and to invite all the young women who represented the different countries at our Congress of Nations, the Band, the members of the No-License League, and their wives. Mrs Hawke then gave a very interesting account of her recent trip through the Old Country. Miss McIntosh, President of the Y. Branch, was enrolled. Decided to meet at 2.30 p.m. in future.

May 24. The Junior Band of Hope was held in the Coronation Hall. There was a good attendance. The children gave recitations, and the Rev. Cummin gave the children a very good address.

On June 8th Miss Powell addressed the Y's. On 10th she gave an ad-

dress to the Senior Band of Hope on "The Effects of Alcohol on the Human Body."

June 21. Junior Band of Hope was addressed by Miss Gainsford.

June 25. Monthly meeting at Coronation Hall, President in the chair. Decided to donate two guineas to local No-License League. Three new subscribers to "White Ribbon" obtained.

June 30. Complimentary social to the Congress Girls held in Town Hall. The Band, No-License League, Y Branch, and all Union members and their husbands were invited; 200 were present. Good programme of music and singing was rendered. The President presented Miss Dalzell, President of the late Guild (now Y. Union), with a fountain pen, and also introduced Miss McIntosh, President of Y. Union. Supper was handed round, and National Anthem was sung.

HAMILTON.

June 11. The first of our monthly evangelistic meetings was held at Mrs Primrose's, there being 22 ladies present. Several prayers were offered on behalf of our work, and some articles from the last "White Ribbon" were read. A very happy, helpful hour was spent. We are looking for much blessing as a result of these meetings.

INVERCARGILL.

Monthly meeting held on 4th inst. The President feelingly referred to the death of Mrs Cole, Dominion President, and urged all members to work for God, Home, and Humanity. Invercargill Housewives' Union wrote expressing sympathy for New Zealand Union in loss of its President. Letters of sympathy sent to members who have suffered bereavement. Miss Powell asked to address next meeting on Maori Work, when White Ribbon Day is to be celebrated by a social evening. The magazine "American Motherhood" is to be taken by Union for members to read.

The monthly meeting on the evening of the 1st instant was well attended. Mrs Baird presided in the absence of the President, Mrs MacAlister. A resolution was carried conveying the heartfelt sympathy of the Union with its Secretary, Mrs Mackenzie, in the bereavement she has sustained by the death of her mother, Mrs Ronald. Miss Powell, who is at present visiting Southland, reported on her country itinerary, and gave a most interesting address on Maori work. The latter part of the evening was pleasantly spent as a social entertainment, refreshments being provided by members. "White Ribbon" Day was suitably commemorated.

NAPIER.

The usual bi-monthly meeting was held at the Willard Institute on May 21st. The chair was occupied by the

President, Mrs J. H. Oldham. A health talk on "Headaches, their Causes and Cures," was ably given by Nurse Anderson. Several visitors from other Unions were present. One new member was received.

On June 4th a meeting was held at Wesley Hall, Napier South, Mrs Archer presiding. Mrs Rowlands, of the Salvation Army, gave an address. A vote of sympathy with the husband and family of the late Mrs Cole was passed.

NGAIRE.

On May 15th meeting at Mrs Morrison's, when members, honorary members, and friends numbering in all nearly thirty, assembled. Papers were read on the "Life of Miss Willard" and "The Work of the W.C.T.U. in New Zealand." Reports of work done in our Union were given by the superintendents of the following departments:—Evangelical and Flower Mission, Cradle Roll and Purity, Backblocks, Rest Tent, Good Citizenship and, Absentee Correspondent. These reports were interspersed with musical items and recitation. Four new honorary members secured. Supper was provided. The honorary members expressed their thanks and the hope that this would not be the last of such gatherings.

On May 20th Mrs Peryman addressed a meeting in the church on the Bible in Schools question. The night was rough and cold, and we were disappointed that not more were able to be present to hear the matter put so clearly and earnestly. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Peryman for her address.

June 3rd, at Mrs Morrison's, Mrs Morrison presiding. Deep regret was expressed at the passing away of Mrs Cole, and a vote of sympathy to Mr Cole and family was passed. Mrs Hardy Jones was appointed "White Ribbon" agent.

WANGANUI.

Monthly meeting was held in the Wesleyan Church Parlour on Friday, 6th June. Mrs Smith presided, and spoke at some length about the life work of our late leader, Mrs Cole, and ended by proposing a sincere vote of sympathy with the bereaved family. The motion was carried in silence, the members all standing. Out of respect for the memory of Mrs Cole, the meeting adjourned until next month.

The usual monthly meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held in the Trinity Church Parlour on Friday afternoon, Mrs J. Smith presiding. There was a good attendance. A considerable amount of correspondence from the heads of departments was read, and discussed. A collection was made towards a memorial for Mrs Cole, the late Dominion President. Mrs Upton was appointed delegate to the Convention to be held in Hawera. On White Ribbon Day an address was given in Trinity Church Parlour by

the Rev. A. O. Williams on "Maori Work." A collection was taken up in aid of the work among the Maoris.

LYTTELTON.

April meeting in Methodist School-room. Delegate Mrs J. W. Smith sent in a very full and interesting report of the Convention, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

June 4. A memorial service to our late New Zealand President was held in the Methodist Schoolroom, most of our members being present. The Scripture lesson, prayer, and hymns were all appropriate to the occasion. Mr L. M. Isitt's address delivered at the grave was also read. We recognise in the late Mrs Cole one who was devoted to her home duties. As members of the W.C.T.U. we feel our loss deeply, but we can thank our Heavenly Father for the splendid example she has left us, and for the life lived in the service of God, Home and Humanity. A letter of sympathy was sent to the family in their sad bereavement.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

On May 7th a well-attended home meeting was held at Mrs Hall's, at Fitzroy. The democratic vote pledge was explained, and several signed.

On June 17th, at the request of the local Committee of Management, on the occasion of the visit of the battleship to our waters, several of our members took charge of a room at Motorua, to which lost children were taken until their friends were found for them. It was a great comfort to mothers with infants, as well as to distressed children.

On June 26th we celebrated White Ribbon Day by holding a united social of Temperance Societies in the Good Templar Hall. The President of the Union took charge of the first part, and the Rev. T. Rosevear the second part of a programme of addresses, interspersed with music and recitations. Sympathy was expressed to Mr Cole and family in their bereavement by the audience standing. Collection was taken for Maori work. The delegates of the local No-License League were present, and gave their report of the Alliance Convention at Christchurch. Refreshments were handed round by the young people, and a successful meeting closed. The Democratic Vote Campaign pledge is being well canvassed by our Secretary.

WELLINGTON.

A special meeting of this Union was held on June 19th in the Constable Street Rooms to celebrate White Ribbon Day, when Mrs Evans, M.A., gave an interesting address on Maori work. There was a good attendance, and two new members were initiated.

The monthly meeting of the Union was held on July 3rd, over which Mrs Boxall presided. Mrs Houlder gave an interesting account of the N.Z.

Alliance Conference, which was held in Christchurch. In connection with all the work mentioned there, Mrs Houlder thought that our W.C.T.U. women could help considerably with the pledge-taking campaign. Two ladies were present from our Union in Petone, and expressed their willingness to entertain the District Convention during the first week of September.

OTAUTAU.

Our monthly meeting was held in Presbyterian Hall on Thursday, 12th. A motion of deep regret was passed for the death of our late New Zealand President, Mrs Cole. Band of Hope work was discussed. At the previous meeting a motion was carried expressing confidence in the platform of Bible in Schools League, as against the Nelson system.

HAWERA.

The usual meeting of the above Branch was held on July 3rd, having been delayed a week owing to the Winter Show. Correspondence was read and a resolution unanimously passed that all members should join in contributing to the erection of a monument over the grave of our late revered Dominion President. In pursuance of a previous notice of motion, Mrs Kenrick proposed to rescind the resolution passed on April 17th i.e., "That this Union heartily endorses the action of Convention in supporting the Nelson system, which gives Bible reading, but no sectarian teaching." Mrs Blamires seconded the resolution against this, and discussion followed, in which a number took part. Attention was drawn to the fact that twelve Unions had declared in favour of the Bible in Schools League since Convention met, but the rescinding resolution was lost by two votes.

ASHBURTON.

June meeting held, Mrs Watson presiding. President spoke of the loss sustained by the death of Mrs Cole. On the motion of Mrs Lill, following resolution was passed, members standing:—"The members of this Union desire to place on record their profound sorrow at the death of their late beloved Dominion President, Mrs Cole, their deep thankfulness to God for the noble work which she was permitted to accomplish during her life, and the bright and inspiring example she has left to us." As it was White Ribbon Day, Mrs Watson spoke of the power and influence wielded by our official organ. A collection in aid of Maori Fund was taken up. Before closing, Mrs Watson referred to Mrs Lill's untiring energy and loyal devotion while President, and on behalf of the District Union presented her with a silver teapot. Mrs Hansen (Winchmore's President) spoke appreciatively of Mrs Lill's devotion to duty and readiness to help in every good work,

Many wishes were expressed for her speedy recovery to health. Mrs Lill feelingly responded, and thanked all present for their useful gift.

MASTERTON.

Drawing room meeting held at the residence of the Mayoress (Mrs Coradine) on Tuesday, July 1st. Miss Roberts presided over a record attendance. During the afternoon several songs and musical items were contributed by the ladies, also a very instructive address on the Bible in Schools was given by the Rev. B. L. Thomas, who has worked under the Nelson system whilst residing in that town for six years. It was decided that all members contribute to the memorial stone of our late N.Z. President, Mrs H. Cole. The President read a letter from our N.Z. acting-President, Mrs Don, which appeared in the last "White Ribbon." It was also decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs J. Devonport in her recent bereavement. Afternoon tea was provided by the hostess, who was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her hospitality, and for providing prizes for an interesting competition. Mrs Hopkins, President of the Wai-pukurau Union, was present, and conveyed greeting from her Union.

KAIKORAL.

May 30. Monthly meeting held in Presbyterian Hall. Mrs Dick presided, and gave a report of Convention. She urged all who were eligible to see that their names were on the roll, and to record their vote. Mrs Martin was appointed Treasurer, and Mrs Fawcett Superintendent of Cradle Roll. A vote of deepest sympathy with Mr Cole and family was passed, members standing.

STRATFORD.

White Ribbon Day was commemorated by an educational and musical afternoon. Rev. Pattison gave an address on Bible in Schools League, of which he is an ardent supporter. Rev. Reader gave a powerful Temperance address. Mesdames Kennedy and Mackay gave a few words about White Ribbon Day and Maori Mission. High appreciation of the splendid work done by our late leader, Mrs Cole, was expressed, the audience standing to mark their sympathy with her family in their sorrow. Music and recitation added to the afternoon's enjoyment. £1 15 collection for Maori work.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

May 16. Dr. Elizabeth Dunn addressed two meetings, one for married women, the other for young girls and their mothers. Both addresses were much appreciated, and a resolution was adopted expressing thanks to Dr. Dunn for her visit, and appreciation of the tactful manner in which she handles her delicate subject. On the following day, Dr. Dunn, who is President of the Bible in State Schools

League of Wanganui, addressed a meeting of women on that subject. She pointed out what a great responsibility would rest upon the shoulders of those who opposed the placing of the Bible in the schools. It was owing to the assimilation of Bible truths that women were in possession of the liberty they now enjoyed. If, through their want of enthusiasm, the referendum was not carried, women would be the first to feel the slackening of Christian restraint.

June 6. Mrs Crabb presided. Resolved to send letter of welcome to Woodville Branch, which is now one of our auxiliaries. White Ribbon Day to be observed on 13th inst., afternoon tea to be provided. The resignation of Mrs Whitehead as President was accepted with regret. Mrs Ritchie was appointed Superintendent of Scientific Temperance, Medical Temperance, and Temperance Sunday. Mrs Ritchie paid an appreciative tribute to the late Mrs Cole, our dearly loved Dominion President and read the following resolution, which was carried in silence, the members standing:—"That we, the members of Palmerston North Branch of the W.C.T.U., hereby place on record our deep appreciation of the splendid services rendered to the cause of Temperance and all that makes for righteousness and the uplifting of humanity, by the late Mrs Cole, Dominion President, and of the far-reaching influence of her noble and self-sacrificing life. We are more than thankful that she had the joy and privilege of seeing the accomplishment of many of the reforms for which she laboured so ably and so strenuously. We also desire to express our heartfelt sympathy with the husband and daughters of our beloved leader, and pray that they may be sustained and comforted in their great sorrow, and hereby instruct our Secretary to send an excerpt of this minute."

By way of celebrating "White Ribbon Day," the members of Palmerston North Branch gave a social in St. Andrew's Schoolroom on Friday, June 13th. Mrs Crabb occupied the chair. Several musical items were acceptably rendered by Mesdames Pullen, Munn, McFerran, and Miss Hodges. Two papers were read, entitled "Why Should I Wear the Badge?" and "White Ribbon Day," by Mrs J. Whitehead and Nurse Carter. An item of special interest was the initiation of six new members, whom we welcome very cordially amongst us. Afternoon tea was passed round, and conversation indulged in, bringing a pleasant afternoon to a close.

TIMARU.

The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, June 24th, Mrs Rule presiding. Mr Walters, the Organiser for the No-License League, attended the meeting to explain his scheme of work. A grant was made to help the

funds for this work. Correspondence re Mrs Cole's monument was read, and it was decided to collect subscriptions for this object. Visitors to the hospital were appointed. Letter from Canon Garland, with copy of one from Mrs Lee-Cowie, received.

AUCKLAND.

Meeting held June 11th, 1913, Mrs Thorpe (Vice-President) presiding. A large amount of correspondence was read and dealt with. A letter from Miss Powell (in view of the coming Exhibition) drawing attention to the number of Temperance people that stay at hotels, decided to let the matter stand over for the present. Received from Miss Evans not too encouraging reports re organising work at Otahuhu and Onehunga. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Hildreth (the members standing) on the death of her husband. Mrs Gouk ("White Ribbon" Superintendent) then addressed the meeting, giving instances of how much the paper is appreciated. Mrs Hughes' short account of Maori work was listened to with attention, and at the close Miss Duthie, of Whangaroa, gave her experiences of the Maoris. A collection on behalf of Maori work was then taken up.

KAIAPOI.

June 25. Meeting held, Mrs Brighting presiding. This Union offered prizes to school children for best essay on the Temperance wall-sheets, the High School headmaster acting as judge. Prizes offered young children for temperance recitations. Mrs Harrison told how essays had been read and recitations given at Band of Hope meeting. Decided to make this an annual affair. Mrs Blackwell spoke highly of the services of our own departing President, Mrs Harrison, and on behalf of Kaiapoi Union presented her with a gold brooch and autograph album. Mrs Cobden-Cox, on behalf of Rangiora Union, presented their District President with a book of poems, and said how deeply they regretted her departure from the district. Mrs Harrison feelingly replied, and urged members to rally round the President and to take up more progressive work, so as to live up to our reputation of being a live Union. Resolutions of sympathy passed with four sufferers. Following resolution carried unanimously:—"That we urge the authorities to so amend the law as to make the compulsory half-holiday apply to hotelkeepers as well as to other places of business."

NGAIO.

June 12. A good attendance of members and friends met at the residence of Mrs Henry Barnes, Mrs Peryman presiding. Mrs Evans, M.A., from Wellington, was present, and gave an appreciated address on "Maori Work," the speaker appealing to all for help in the work amongst

the Maoris, and for increased support to the "White Ribbon." A collection was taken in aid of the Maori work. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Evans for her address and to Mrs Barnes for tea provided. One new member initiated.

MANAIA.

May 9. Monthly meeting held in Methodist Church. Bible in Schools discussed. Decided to wait for more information before passing any resolution on the subject. Mrs Parkinson requested to collect old linen for Sister Nellie to use for sick Maoris. One new member and three new honorary members were secured by our energetic workers, always on the look out for new members.

PETONE.

May 21. Meeting at residence of Mrs Jenkins, Mrs Rowse presiding. Mrs Pollock, of Ashburton, read a paper on "Christian Courtesy," which was most instructive and helpful. Vote of thanks to Mrs Jenkins for providing afternoon tea, and Doxology closed a pleasant meeting.

June 18. White Ribbon Day celebrated by meeting in Church of Christ. Good programme of music, songs and recitations was provided, as also was afternoon tea. Mrs Franklin addressed the meeting. Resolution of sympathy with Mr and Misses Cole in their sad loss by death of Mrs Cole was passed. Collection of 11s 7d taken up.

RANGIORA.

June 13. Miss Powell gave an address on "Girls and Their Lovers" to over 100 women and girls, Mrs Cobden-Cox in the chair. After the address a Y. branch was organised, with eight members. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Miss Lewis; Sec., Miss Nicholas; Treas., Miss O. Bedford; "W.R." Agent, Miss V. Wilthey. First meeting to be held on June 25th at residence of Mrs Cobden-Cox.

On Thursday, June 10th, a concert was given in the Institute Hall, Rangiora, in aid of the funds of the local Branch. Several prize-winners at the Christchurch competitions were amongst the performers. The Rangiora funds will benefit to the extent of about £10, and our thanks are due to all those who so willingly came forward to help us.

On Monday, June 23rd, a special meeting of the Branch was held to vote for or against the Bible in Schools League platform. Mrs Cobden-Cox was in the chair, and after an animated discussion the resolution in favour of the League's platform, brought forward by Mrs Wills, was carried by ten votes to six. The minority voted for the amendment moved by Mrs Darling: "That we uphold the pronouncement of Convention in supporting the Nelson system."

RICHMOND Y's.

Meeting held in the Methodist Church, the President presiding. One new member took the pledge, and was initiated into the Union. Papers on "National Prohibition" and "White Ribbon Day" were read and discussed. A letter from the Trustees, Methodist Church, granting permission to use the vestry once a month for meetings was read, and the Secretary was instructed to reply, returning thanks.

WARKWORTH.

June 5. Postponed meeting held in Methodist Church, Mrs Blundell presiding. Rev. Sims, by request, addressed the meeting on "The Bible in Schools." The speaker spoke highly of the text book in use in Australia, and pointed out that it was accepted by the teachers there. The Nelson system was difficult to introduce, and unsatisfactory in its working. Rev. O. Blundell also spoke briefly on Nelson system. Mrs Hamilton, our delegate to Convention, said as she had not been instructed how to vote on Bible in Schools at Convention, she had voted for Nelson system, but having got more information on the matter, she regretted supporting Nelson system. It was decided to request the Executive to supply the Branches with an order sheet of Convention business, so that discussion may precede determination. The following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That this Union is in favour of and will support the programme of the Bible in Schools League." The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Mr Cole and daughters in their bereavement.

NELSON.

Meeting held on June 10th, Miss Atkinson presiding. Letters were read from the Superintendents of the Department of Sabbath Observance and the Department of Mothers' Meetings. The President announced that a collection would be made at the next monthly meeting for the Maori Mission.

On Sunday, June 8th, the members of the W.C.T.U. gave a tea to the sailors of H.M.S. "New Zealand," 180 being present. Tea being over, a meeting was held, at which speeches were given by some of the principal Temperance workers and by some of the visitors. There were also several songs and hymns, in which the sailors heartily joined. The Council Chamber, in which the meeting took place, was very prettily decorated, and an enjoyable time was spent. Afternoon tea was also provided by the W.C.T.U. for the sailors at the sports held on the following afternoon, permission for this having been obtained with some difficulty by our President on the morning of the day.

On June 13th the first of a series of home meetings was held at the house of Mrs Field in connection with the Good Citizenship Department. Mrs

Judson, N.Z. Superintendent of the department, gave a short address on "Some General Principles of Good Citizenship," after which the members present discussed the best methods of procedure, and it was agreed to meet once a fortnight for the study of subjects connected with the duties of women as citizens.

POUTO.

Mei 28th, 1913. I Tu te Roopu Karaitiana o Pouto Takewa o Kaipara ia Mei 4, 1913. Nga Mema I Hui mai Ko (Perehitini), Mania M. Kena (Mema), Whiuwhiu T. Orongi, Matekino T. Kapeta, Maraea, Kena Mari P. Kena. Mema Honore: H. Kena, Kaaru Kena, S. Tetuhi.

Perehitini.—Whaka Mihi, I te Tuatahi, Hoi and Nga Take, Ihiahia a Ahau, Kia Tu, Te Mitiru ate Ropu, Itenei Ra te Whaka, I Nga Kotiro ia, Hariata Pihema, Maraea, M. Kena, Te Ata Rapana, Kua Whaka ae Hoki Ratou, Kia uru Ratou, Hei Mema, Mote Roopu.

M. Kena, Honore Mema.—E. Tautoko anai, Ahau Ite Tu Otenei Roopu, Na Masefield Kena, I Panui Nga Paero ate Ropu.

Notenei oa Kahaina tia nga Pleage E nga mema hou I uru mai Ko (Hariata Pihema Maraea M. Kena, Te Ata Rapana).

Whiuwhiu.—He Whakapai mo te Tunga Otenei Mitini Kati E. Mohio ana ahau, he Hea tenei na tatou, ara te (1) ote Ra oia Marama, Oia Marama, No Te Tera, O a Tatou, Mitini he mea ata whaka Rete, I Kore ai E Tu He. Take, Taku, Ara I Homai Maku, E Whataputa, Kite Mitini, Koto Roni hiahia Kia Whaka Kahoretia, Te Ingou O Waina Kena, Ite Roopu te take he mate, nono Ite Whaka Retenga Inga Kahi Marama, Kahore Hoki Te Kotiri, E Tai mai ana Kinga Mitini ate Ropu, Te Tahu Take He Mihi, Moto Tatou hoa Kua Ngaro Ite Ropu, Mo Hana H. Hori, Kua Mate.

Perehitini.—Mote Ingoa O Waina Kena, E Mahara ana noki ahau hore ano hoki te Take, I Puritia ai Tona Ingoa Na He Take ano Taku, Mote Ingoa, O Tatatou hoa, O Hana, Hari Kia whaka Kahoretia tona Ingoa, Itenei Karangatanga.

Whiuwhiu.—Hoi ano aku korero I Tu ai ahau I mua ake nei He Mihi mo tomatou, hoa Hana Hori.

Haki Hori, Honore Mema.—He Whaka Mihi Kite Ropu, Monga Mihi Kitoku, hoa Kua Mate, Kati E. Taea te Peheate Mate, Mehemoa Hohi hua Kaumatua tana Kotiro Kua Tika Mote Tunga o tona Whaea Whakaetia ana Me Whaka Ka hore Tona Ingoa.

Perehitini.—Taku Take Moti Tahu Pine Hei Nga Mea Pau Rawa Kia Tonoa.

Whiuwhiu.—He Tautoko Ite Take Mate Te Tuhi E Tono Nga Pine Whaka ae Tia ana Te utu onga Pine, 1s. Ite Mea Kotaho I Whaka aetia Me Tango Ite Moni ate Ropu, 12s; Hei utu Inga, Pine Ko Taua Moni Ma Nga Mema E utu Kite Roopu, Te Kapa, 1s; Mote Pane, Kingi, Onga Pine.

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No Honei Ka Mutu Nga Take.

Nate Tuhi Inoi te Whaka Mutunga Mate Matua Tatou E. awhina.

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

(By M. S. Powell.)

On Monday, June 1st, I travelled by train and coach to Cheviot, where I was most kindly entertained by Mrs Holland. I paid a number of visits on my cycle, while the Vicar and Mr Parlane, of the manse, each did their best to further the cause by driving me into the country. However, the soil was not favourable for organising, nor the time for holding meetings, so I devoted my attention to sowing seed for the future in the shape of "White Ribbon" papers, in which I succeeded beyond my expectations.

Having in vain attempted to arrange visits to Amberley and Ashley, I ran down to Rangiora on Friday, 6th, and arranged meetings for the following week, being indebted for hospitality to Mrs Wadey, mother of our indefatigable Secretary. Next morning I started off early, and spent a few hours in visiting at Amberley. Most of the members of our erstwhile Branch there have removed, and other temperance women live too far out to do much, so that we shall have to wait awhile longer before re-organising. Some temperance work is badly needed, for I found by experience that (sale days excepted) no refreshments can be obtained except at the hotel. Cups of tea were offered me by friends of the cause, but not at the right time, and I declined the hospitality, as I wanted to go on calling until twelve o'clock. Three new subscribers to the paper were obtained. The evening train conveyed me to Oxford, where I was met by several White Ribboners, including the President, Mrs Gainsford, who kindly entertained me during my stay. This Union, which dates its existence from Mrs Barton's visit in 1911, is one of the most progressive in the Dominion, and I at once found myself surrounded by an atmosphere of a welcome and invigorating character. Among its earliest achieve-

ments was the formation of the Y.W. National Prohibition Guild, and also that of the young men. After the election, the former became a branch of our Y's, while the young men formed themselves into a Total Abstinence Band. The money for their instruments was soon forthcoming at the hands of the public and the W.C.T.U., and they are now working for their uniforms. Signing the pledge is a condition of membership. They are the Band of Oxford, in request at every public function, and occasionally engaged by neighbouring townships which do not possess a good band of their own. Which Union will be the next to inaugurate a work of this kind?

Although the notice of my visit had been (unavoidably) short, a meeting had been arranged for 8.15 on the Sunday, and in spite of storms, quite a nice little audience gathered in the Coronation Hall to listen to the story of the crusade. An expedition which had been planned to View Hill fell through, but on Tuesday night I addressed the Senior Band of Hope, Oxford running two—Senior and Junior.

An attempt to get an afternoon meeting at Rangiora failed, but on the Friday evening I gave the talk on "Girls and Their Lovers" to a very fine audience. Rev. Fendal kindly gave permission for the use of the Church of England Schoolroom, and did his best to ensure success. At the close of the meeting a branch of the Y's was organised, under the leadership of Miss Lewis. At Rangiora I enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mrs Wadey.

A few days in Kaiapoi with my long-time friend Mrs R. Evans, while working Rangiora, followed, and then the Alliance Convention in Christchurch. The attendance was very fine, as well as the enthusiasm. I next travelled to Dunedin, where I met our acting-President, Mrs Don, also Mrs Dick, and had a chat over matters in general, and after a peep at my home, proceeded to Invercargill, making my headquarters at the home of my old friend Mrs Brown, who, although now unable to look upon the beauties of earth or the faces of her loved ones, is very cheerful, and always retains her interest in our work.

On Sunday, June 29th, the Teviot Street Methodist Y.W. Bible Class was

addressed at Amethyst Hall, and Monday was spent in working things up at the Bluff.

White Ribbon Day was celebrated at Invercargill on the Tuesday, when I gave an address on work among the natives, and a collection of £1 was taken up. Friends of long ago were greeted and new acquaintances made, the room being prettily decorated with native foliage, and a cup of tea and a cosy fire adding to the sociability of the evening. The Y's have for some time been in a languishing condition owing to the establishment of the Y.W.C.A., to the multiplicity of meetings, and various other causes. After consultation with the leaders, the Dominion Superintendent, and a few of the Mother Union, it was deemed best to advise them to join the Seniors for the present, and possibly reorganise as a separate band later on, they being quite as unwilling to discard the little white bow as we to see them do it. On Friday afternoon I was present at the ordinary meeting at Bluff, which was held in the neat little hall which represents so many years of heroic and steady effort.

BADGES.

By the time this appears in print Miss Powell will have received a consignment of badges at 8d each, or 6s per dozen when cash sent with order. The Jerusalem badges are sold out, and the next consignment will not arrive until September. There are, however, cheap enamelled in stock at 3d each, or 2s per dozen, pre-paid. The reduction is made to save time and postage, the idea being that the Union may make a little revenue by selling at the full price. To do otherwise would be to undersell the Dominion fund. The best and cheapest method is to keep a strong 8d badge for wearing on light blouses, etc., and a 3d one in each coat. This will be cheaper than paying fines for appearing in public without one!

God harden me against myself,
This coward with pathetic voice
Who craves for ease, and rest, and
joys;

Myself, arch-traitor to myself;
My hollowest friend, my deadliest foe,
My clog whatever road I go.

—C. G. Rossetti.

**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
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DEATH.

JEMISON.—At Tariki, Annie Mill-
cent, second daughter of John and
S. A. Jemison, died June 18th; aged
nineteen.

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For God and Home and Humanity

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1913.

OURSELVES.

ONCE more our official organ, the "White Ribbon," has had to change its home. We all deeply regret the retirement, through ill-health, of Mrs Oldham after several years of faithful service. Our paper had its beginnings in the day of small things. White Ribbon women were fewer, temperance sentiment at large weaker, and interest in the great movement for sex equality feebler than now. It is therefore not surprising that it encountered financial difficulties. When Mrs Oldham took up the burthen of office it was in debt, and "it took some nursing then." Unions increased in num-

bers, and so did its circulation. Under the late Editor the "White Ribbon" was enlarged, a Maori page was added, and it was able to face Convention free from debt. So a great step forward was taken. But as the Alpine climber only reaches the top of one peak to see others beyond yet to be climbed, so the White Ribboner only sees in one success a call for greater efforts and larger attainment.

Our paper still has grants from the N.Z. Fund, and that fund pays its Editor's honorarium. Now this is right if the paper needs the help. We are aiming to so increase the circulation that this help will not be needed, and the N.Z. Fund have the money for aggressive work. We will do our utmost to keep up the high standard of excellence for years maintained, and we confidently appeal to all White Ribboners to help us to increase our circulation.

If any Union will send us ten new subscribers, it may forward an eleventh address, either Hospital, Public Library, or person, and we will post a free copy to that address for one year.

We aim to make our "White Ribbon" independent of all grants from N.Z. Fund. Will all White Ribboners join with us in saying "It can, it ought, it must, it shall be done"?

T. E. TAYLOR MEMORIAL DAY.

My Dear Sisters,—At last Convention it was decided that July 27th—the day on which the late T. E. Taylor was promoted to higher service—should be added to our list of "Notable Days." During his life the late Mr Taylor acted as an inspiration to hundreds of his fellow-workers in the cause of God, Home, and Humanity, and now that he has gone to be "for ever with the Lord," hundreds will still be stimulated by the remembrance of his zeal. We feel that the commemoration of July 27th by our Unions will prove a source of inspiration to all.

Lives of great men all remind us

We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us

Footprints on the sands of time.

Praying that the commemoration of this "Notable Day" may prove a great blessing.—Yours in the work,

MAGGIE A. WATSON,
Dominion Supt. Notable Days.

NEW LITERATURE.

Dear Madam,—May I, through your columns, call the attention of Union officers and superintendents to the arrival of a small parcel of new literature, some being applicable to the "Y.P.B.," viz.: "Dangers of the Streets," "Hands Off," etc., at 6d per dozen, as per literature advertisement, being useful and instructive. Enquiries having been made for something explaining more fully the aims, objects, and work of the W.C.T.U., for presenting to prospective members, I have now on hand booklets fully dealing with the subject, and useful world information by Miss Gordon and others; also on the "Missionary Fund," by Mrs K. L. Stevenson. A fresh supply of "Condensed Parliamentary Rules," at 3d, will shortly be available. A few of the 1s 6d more comprehensive edition I have.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. DEARLOVE.

Dear Sisters,—I have received some literature for "Y's," and should be glad if Secretaries would send me their names and addresses, so that I may be able to send samples to them. I trust that all "Y" Unions will write me for advice or help in the meantime. As soon as I receive addresses I will write each personally.—Yours in the work,

S. A. MOODY,

Supt. Y. and Medal Contest.
15, Henderson Street, Bluff,
June 13, 1913.

Lady Holder, Australasian President of W.C.T.U., writes:—"I met Mrs Cole at the Triennial Convention in Sydney, and at once we were drawn to each other. She was such a capable, tactful, and yet lovable woman, so true to Christian ideals and so enthusiastic for the cause we both were working for. May you, dear comrades, in your sorrow go on inspired by the memory of the brave leader you have had, to further victories."

"Four things come not back to man or woman—the sped arrow, the spoken word, the past life, and the neglected opportunity."—Omar El. Khuttub.

SOME GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Of the many departments of work taken up by the W.C.T.U., that of Good Citizenship is one that should appeal specially to the women of New Zealand, they being amongst the first to obtain the franchise and to become citizens in the full sense of the term; various duties and responsibilities being thereby laid upon them which would not otherwise exist, or which would at least be far less binding. Since this department was at the last Convention entrusted to my care, I should like to say a few words with regard to it to my fellow-members and co-workers. I am well aware that many of our members are much more experienced and older in the work than myself, and to them I would only express the hope that our common interests may bring us into touch with each other, and that they will give what help they can to those less familiar with the subject, by reporting work that has been done, or giving suggestions as to what should be done, and thus use their wider experience in creating a bond of union that may give a fresh impetus to the work of the department. But there may be some, especially in the smaller Branches of our Union, who perhaps have not given so much thought to the subject, and do not find it so easy to see how to initiate work along this line; and it is to them in particular that I would like to offer some suggestions that may be useful.

In considering any subject, there are always two aspects to take into account—the practical and the theoretical, the outside aims and methods of work, and the principles that lie behind these; and of the two, the latter would seem to be of the greater importance, because they are the source from which all action springs, and according to the truth and justice of the principles we hold will be the uprightness of our actions. I would therefore, first of all, indicate very briefly what appear to me to be some of the first principles of Good Citizenship, and try to see how they may be applied.

The first has been already hinted at—that rights and privileges bring duties and responsibilities; and it is the duties that take the first place, the rights the second. In claiming

rights, we are really claiming duties—the duty is indeed the sole reason for the right. I think it is Robert Louis Stevenson who says somewhere that the world has heard enough of the word “rights,” and it is time that the word “duty” took its place, for “there are very few rights, but plenty of duties.” The second principle is closely allied to this, that in all social matters the burden should fall upon the strong rather than the weak; that those who are the best off, not only in material possessions, but in character, education, and general development, are the ones upon whom rests the responsibility of making the world a better place for all to live in. The greater the endowments, the more is to be expected; while the less endowed are the ones to be cared for, to be helped and made happy. For we are all parts of one great whole, whether as a community, a nation, or a race.

This brings us to the third of our great principles, which, however, is perhaps first in importance—the principle of unity, the recognition of a common life and a common aim, and the subordination of individual effort to work for the whole. This is one of the fundamental principles of our Union, expressed in its constitution, its motto, its very name; and it is the principle which lies at the root of all successful effort. There is no need to emphasise this—it will be recognised by all; but we want to apply it universally, with reference to those whom we are apt to look upon as rivals, or it may be even as opponents, and not only to those who work upon our own lines. It might well be applied to that cry which we hear so often now, for “equal rights with men,” and to what is sometimes called the “sex war.” The Hon. J. T. Paul, in his address at the Dunedin Convention, says: “I do not believe in the sex war; the sexes are complementary, and not rival.” That seems to me the right view from the standpoint of unity, and its essential feature. The parts of a whole are not all alike, but have their own characteristics, their own place, and their own functions. It is for us women to find out what is our true position, our right work in the community, that which will best promote the welfare of the whole. There is another application we might make of this principle. The understanding

of true unity should make us willing to subordinate our own individual opinions and methods to the attainment of a common aim, no matter if our own seem to us to be for the best; always, of course, with due regard to the dictates of conscience; but if we take a broad enough view, we shall usually find that we can very well afford to sacrifice our own private views on minor points and particular methods of action, for the ultimate good and the triumph of fundamental principles.

Then there is the duty of independent thought and judgment which responsibility always brings; and here comes in another principle which should never be forgotten, that righteousness is above opinion, above party questions, and above all personal considerations. It is the highest law, for “righteousness exalteth a nation.” This is directly connected with the question of the franchise and the duty of exercising our vote. It is more important to have a righteous, honest man at the head of affairs, or in any public position, than one who is pledged to any particular policy or line of action which we approve, however good and advisable it may appear to be in itself. Women might exercise a very great influence in securing righteous government if they would try always to judge of the merits of a candidate on this principle, rather than with a view to any party question. At the same time we should try to form an intelligent opinion on all questions, and where candidates are of equal moral standing, vote according to our own best judgment.

These principles, assimilated and acted upon, may perhaps help to clear the ground for more definite lines of work. These will, however, vary with the conditions and circumstances of individual Unions, and it is not easy to lay down any precise rules as to methods. It is pleasing to see how many of the N.Z. Unions are interesting themselves in all departments of social and political activity. There are many positions on public bodies now open to women, Hospital Boards, Education Boards, and School Committees, Licensing Committees, Borough Councils, and these are gradually being taken more and more advantage of by women, though much still remains to be done in arousing interest and encouraging all who

have the opportunity to take a larger part in the management of public affairs. It is surely by making full use of the opportunities already given, and showing ourselves capable and worthy to fill them, that we are most likely to obtain others at present closed to women.

But there are many who have not the opportunity or capacity for this kind of work, and the question arises, how can those living in out-of-the-way places, members of small Unions, or with no special aptitude for public work, still do their part as good citizens? In the first place, there is one privilege and duty which every woman in New Zealand possesses, and that is the right to vote. That means a great deal if it is thoroughly appreciated and made good use of, and it involves a fair amount of thought and work. Every woman should educate herself in the understanding of the first principles of right government, the knowledge of the laws under which we live, both Parliamentary and Municipal, the methods by which such laws are framed and carried into execution, the principles on which to form a correct judgment as to the merits of respective candidates, together with the system and method of voting; and she should know something about electoral rolls, and what questions she can vote upon, and what she can not. All this preparatory work cannot be done just in the few weeks before an election comes on. When that time comes we should all be ready to take our part, knowing what is expected of us, and understanding something of the conditions which depend on the results of the voting. Would it not be possible for small Unions, who feel they cannot take up the work of this special department, to educate themselves along some such lines, so that whenever the opportunity offers, they may be ready to take a more active part? Why not, for instance, have a small class, meeting say once a fortnight, or oftener, according to convenience, for the purpose of studying municipal questions, Parliamentary measures, social and industrial conditions, everything which affects the life of the community; reading the papers, to see what goes on in the political world, and how it is likely to affect the country as a whole, and their borough in particular. One member might be appointed for this

special work, bringing a short report of anything striking or of general interest. It might be helpful for two or more small Unions to correspond, and comparing opinions as to the best method of work, and so forth.

Another duty which rests with the women of the community is the training of their children in obedience to the civic laws. Children brought up to be conscientious in these matters will make the best citizens later on. I think we shall all admit the need of such training. It is no uncommon thing to find the ignoring of such laws looked upon as not only quite permissible, but even something to be proud of, as a clever thing. How often, for instance, do we find people trying to evade the Customs, and thinking it a smart thing to do; and I fancy women are sometimes inclined to be the greatest sinners in this way. We want to recognise that to disregard a regulation of that kind is as much an offence against justice as it is to rob an individual. Perhaps we do not always sufficiently recognise that habits and opinions are more easily formed in youth than at any later period. We are ready enough to quote the Scripture injunction, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," but I am not sure that we always act upon it in what we consider minor points. Such training is surely the work of every good citizen.

Then there is the question of practical work. There is always plenty to be done everywhere, but it is not always easy to see how to begin. In America it is a common practice to form Women's Clubs, and we have only to read of the work done by them to realise some of the possibilities open to women in the way of work as citizens, if only they are sufficiently in earnest to take the necessary trouble. The planting of trees, the formation of parks, the cleaning up of towns and getting rid of unsightly rubbish, securing inspection of dairies and bakeries, the sanitary inspection of schools, penny lunches for school children, drinking fountains, playgrounds, evening schools, public reading rooms and libraries—these are some of the things that have been successfully accomplished by these energetic women, and I have read of one case where the Club, seeing that proper regulations were

not being carried out in civic matters, made a study of the city records, and then addressed a petition to the Mayor, signed by all the women of the town, calling his attention to the existing legislation, and requesting that it might be enforced. All these things may not indeed be possible, even if necessary, for us in New Zealand, but if they seem too far-reaching and too ambitious for us to undertake, we may remember that they were not done in a day, but probably began in a very humble way, and gradually grew and extended. If we begin by keeping our own backyards clean and making our own gardens beautiful, we shall have taken the first step; then we can look after the little piece of road in front of our own residence, and beautify that. This might perhaps suggest to others to do the same, and in this way the movement would spread, and larger things could be attempted. There are two necessary conditions for the carrying out of any scheme of practical work—a clear realisation of what has to be done, and of our own responsibility in the matter, and unlimited energy and perseverance in its accomplishment. Given these, there is nothing really impossible. And I think it is very largely for this that the Department of Good Citizenship exists, that our women may come to feel their responsibility in all matters that affect the public welfare, and may be brought together for united action, which is the only way to ensure success. It is with this idea that I have written this paper, and if it should be of any use in helping to bring the smaller Unions into touch with each other, or in offering suggestions to any to whom it may appeal, its object will at least in part have been achieved.

MARIAN JUDSON,
N.Z. Supt. of the Good Citizenship
Department.

Any Unions who would like to correspond with others on the lines here suggested are invited to write to Mrs Judson, Van Diemen Street, Nelson.

"All thine immortal powers bring into play;
Think, act, strive, reason, then
look up and pray."

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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THE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam, Your May issue contains an article over the signature "R. Atkinson," which is so full of half-truths and misleading statements that one wonders whether it was with such arguments (?) that delegates to the Convention were induced to vote against the Australian system of Bible in Schools. The article as a whole reveals a narrow outlook and ignorance of facts; but it will do good in that it will open the way to the education of members of Unions, who will be able to judge for themselves when the whole evidence is before them. Fortunately, Mrs Kendrick's letter in the same issue, though also in one respect misinformed, prevents the conservative article from getting a month's start. The following points will sufficiently show how the article in question misrepresents the true state of affairs.

1. The Nelson system is an admirable one as far as it goes. It works well in the Napier Main School, which my children attend. But it is only permitted in one school in Napier; it only provides for one half-hour lesson per week; and it must always be inadequate, for the simple reason that if it were made universal the ministers could never meet all the demands, and large numbers of schools and scholars would be shut out from its benefits. What the Nelson system does is to show that parents do not object to Bible lessons; that the children enjoy them in school hours; and that ministers can trust one another in the matter of entry to the schools. The Nelson system only proves how admirably the larger system may be expected to work, as it does wherever tried.

2. The Australian system does not force teachers to teach dogmatic or sectarian religion. It expressly forbids them to do so; but it provides for the reading of selected passages by the children under the supervision of the teachers, who are responsible for seeing that the children understand the sense of the words they read, as in any other lesson book. Parents may withhold their children

if they desire; but in Australia practice proves that there is no room, and can be no need for a teacher's conscience clause.

3. Like most opponents of the Australian system, the writer of the article libels the teachers of the Dominion. I have been a teacher, and know many of the teachers, and have no patience with this attitude. If there are teachers who would use the Bible lessons to ridicule religion, such teachers will in any case create an atmosphere which no true mother would allow her children to breathe. I trust the teachers. Further, the teachers of Australia find no cause of complaint under the system. The New South Wales teachers' cricketing team, who visited us in the summer, said that they in that State desired no change in the system, which had been in operation for over 30 years. Sectarian bitterness was a bogey they had come to New Zealand to hear about, and neither among teachers nor people was there any agitation for a change. Where the Australian system obtains, whether in N.S. Wales, Queensland, or West Australia, there, and only there, is rest and content in educational matters.

The matter of permission being granted to ministers of religion to give religious lessons to children of their own denominations cannot be separated from the League's platform. Otherwise the Roman Catholics, who believe in religious instruction, but not in Bible reading, would have just cause for complaint. They would say, "You provide for the religious instruction of Protestants, but make no provision for Roman Catholics." The right of entry extends equal justice to all. It also destroys for ever the claim of the Church of Rome to denominational Government grants; and it is because they know this to be so that Bishop Cleary and his Church are fighting the Australian system so keenly. They want not a national system, but denominational grants. The Australian system destroys that claim, and is thus the strongest bulwark of a national system. The talk of injustice in the system to any section of the community is most illogical and misleading. When the women of our Unions know the facts they will regret, even more than they do now, the misguided decision of a few of their number at the Nelson Convention. "Let the people decide" is the watchword of the Bible in Schools League.—I am, etc.,

JANIE A. BLAMIRE.
Napier, May 29th, 1913.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam, In spite of all the controversy over the Bible in Schools we seem to get no nearer a satisfactory solution of the question. May I make a suggestion?

There seem to be few, if any, statistics on the subject, but from what can be learned we might conclude that about 90 per cent. of the Protestant parents wish for religious instruction in the schools, so that the question is in what way should the instruction be given.

The aim of the Bible in Schools League is to petition Parliament for a Referendum. I suppose the majority would agree to that, provided the issues were put clearly and separately. I would suggest:—

1st. A vote for or against religious instruction.

2nd. The method—

(a.) The right of ministers or their appointees to visit the schools and give a Bible lesson to the children in their standards (the Nelson system).

(b.) The right of ministers or their appointees to visit the schools and teach the children of their own church separately. (Right of Entry.)

(c.) That the ministers do **not** visit the schools.

(d.) A vote for or against a textbook to be read under the supervision of the teachers.

Such a referendum would cover all the proposals that are before the public. I might point out that a person might be allowed to vote against religious instruction, and yet vote for the method they would prefer if religious instruction was given. And I would suggest that no paper be counted informal, even though all issues may be voted for, if any are so careless as to vote for two issues that are opposed, let them still be counted, the only informal papers to be those unmarked.

If the Bible in Schools League is willing to accept this or some similar referendum, we could then each work for the method we considered best.

Hoping that this may help in some small way towards a solution of the present difficulty.—I am, etc.,

JESSIE FIELD.

Nelson.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—

Mrs Harrison Lee-Cowie, of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, writes from New South Wales, under date 2nd May, 1913, to Mrs Hampson, of Nelson, as follows:—

It was such an astonishment and distress to me when our W.C.T.U.

voted against the Bible League. Of course, I personally have never wavered, and I now enclose you a letter to use in any way you think best to help the League, either privately or by publishing, or any way you choose.—Affectionately in Jesus,
(Signed) BESSIE LEE-COWIE.

Mrs Harrison Lee-Cowie on the Bible in State Schools League Propaganda, versus the Nelson System.

The action of the W.C.T.U. Convention has called attention to the Nelson system of Bible instruction, and caused many to wonder what are its advantages over the Scripture lessons as recommended by the Bible in State Schools League.

I have taught in the schools of New South Wales and Queensland every time I have been on missions to these States, and have found the existing system worked most harmoniously. This last week I have spoken ten times in the schools of Sydney suburbs during the hour for religious instruction. I have had helping me Anglican, Methodist, and Congregational ministers, all working in splendid unity.

I have talked to one inspector, one R.C. headmaster, and teachers of different denominations, and have found them all unanimous in their approval of the system.

When the ministers do not attend, the teachers give their Scripture lessons, and very beautiful lessons they are, well and wisely selected. I am getting testimonies signed by many of the religious instructors, who would like to see the same plan carried out in New Zealand State schools. I do not think the Nelson system anything to equal the Bible in Schools system in these States.

33, Park Street, Sydney, N.S.W.,
May 2nd, 1913.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—

As individual members of the W.C.T.U., and convinced supporters of the platform of the Bible in State Schools League, we feel it incumbent upon us to express our strong dissent from the resolution of the recent Convention on that subject.

We are loyal members of the Union, desiring nothing so much as its welfare and good influence, and our adherence to the principles of Temperance Reform as advocated by it is unabated; but we strongly feel that in the Convention's attitude regarding Bible in Schools a mistake has been made, which, if persisted in, will possibly beget an element of dissension in the Union, and also aid in preventing the introduction of any kind of religious instruction into the State schools.

We are strengthened in our desire to put our side of the case by the circular issued to the Branches by direction of the Convention.

In the first place, we respectfully suggest that it would have been fit-

ting, before committing itself to a policy on this most vital subject, for the Convention to have ascertained the mind of the various Branches throughout the Dominion. As a matter of fact, two district Conventions and a number of local Unions have passed resolutions in favour of the League's platform. It cannot be too clearly made known that the delegates present at the Convention were not authorised to speak on this question in the name of the women whom they represented. The resolution adopted by them is merely an expression of the views of those who carried it, and can in no sense be taken as a declaration of the policy of the Union, based upon the assent of its members throughout the Dominion. Unfortunately, the general public widely regard it as such a statement of policy. We are convinced that many of the women of our Union regret the resolution passed, and we feel that we must express our personal dissent.

The criticism of the platform of the Bible in State Schools League, as contained in the circular letter signed by the President of the Union, is singularly unfortunate, and betrays a serious misapprehension of the way in which the system proposed to be introduced works in those places where it has been well tested. It must be clearly stated that the Australian system is one of the most perfect freedom. It imposes nothing upon anyone, except in one instance, and that will be referred to later (vide par. 6). At every step, those who like the system can avail themselves of it, and those who dislike it can leave it alone. The parents can do as they please. They can send their children either to the teachers' classes or to the special religious instruction by the ministers, or to both, or to neither. The respective churches can act as they choose. They can work the system, and send their instructors into the schools, or they can decline to work it, and direct their people to withdraw their children from the classes. It is impossible to conceive a fairer system, which shall provide for that religious instruction which so many in this land desire, without placing any real disability on other members of the State.

1. The suggestion of the circular, that the teachers would become "to some extent" religious instructors is not borne out by experience elsewhere. The teachers are not asked to teach religion, but merely to supervise the reading of the lessons by the children themselves, the teachers drawing out the literary and moral beauty of the lessons. It is a most emphatic part of the League's platform, that teachers should not be asked to become "religious instructors."

2. The statement that Roman Catholic teachers would be acting contrary to a most positive principle of their Church in conducting the Scripture-reading lessons is strangely inaccurate. In the Australian States where

the system is working, a large proportion of Roman Catholic teachers are employed, and not one of them has made any complaint on the subject, nor has their Church interfered with them. There is an element of unconscious humour in those responsible for the circular issued undertaking to expound to the Roman Catholic Church in Australia what its "most positive principles" are.

3. The allegation that a "religious test for State employment" would be created by the introduction of the system is without any real ground of support. When the ministers of the respective Churches can enter the schools to give their special instruction, the particular denomination of the teacher is a matter of even less importance than it is now; and there is no reason why the question of a teacher's Church attachment should weigh in the matter of his appointment, more than it does under the present system. The Church authorities in Australia make no complaints under this head.

4. It is true that the "right of entry" is an essential part of the League's platform; but it is not true to say that the minister or his accredited representative "can teach only the children of his own Church, and none other." It is true that he cannot **claim** to teach the children of any other Church, but arrangements can be made, by agreement among the ministers themselves, and with the concurrence of the parents, for children of different denominations to join in one class. So far from the special religious classes accentuating the "divisions of Christendom" in the school life of the children, they have in innumerable instances the very opposite effect. In the joint classes these divisions are broken down, and even where such classes are not held, the presence of the representatives of various denominations working harmoniously together, upon a system introduced at their request and carried on with Christian amity and mutual good understanding, does not a little to impress the children with the fact that there is immeasurably more accord among the various denominations than the outside critic would have us to suppose.

5. It is true that in the Regulations under the Public Instruction Act of New South Wales (not in the Act itself, as the circular states) the use of school buildings for political meetings or public worship is prohibited. But it is a very peculiar piece of reasoning to argue that this is because religious instruction is given in the schools. A similar regulation was in force in Queensland prior to the introduction of religious instruction, showing that the connection between the two things is purely imaginary.

6. It is also true that the Regulations under the New South Wales Act did in the past include the clause debarring teachers from certain specific rights. It is apparent, however,

that those who drew up the Convention circular were unaware that these Regulations had been repealed. All that the present regulation demands is that, "Teachers are to refrain from all action in public matters that will interfere with the welfare of the schools in their charge, or with their usefulness as teachers." A regulation similar to that formerly in force in New South Wales existed in Queensland for many years before religious instruction was introduced, and in West Australia, where religious instruction is in vogue, no such regulation exists. These facts prove that there is no necessary connection between the teachers' disabilities referred to and the introduction of religious instruction.

We desire now to refer briefly to the Nelson system, of which the Convention expressed its unqualified approval, and would point out—

1. That the system has not found any general acceptance, having been adopted in only a small number of schools.

2. That, even if adopted generally, it could be worked only in those centres where there are a number of ministers to attend the schools or to organise the effort. In those districts where Church and Sunday School are irregular, or never held, and where, therefore, the children need religious instruction most, it would often be impossible to arrange for the tuition to be given.

3. Under the Nelson system, incorporated by Act of Parliament as an integral part of our education system, the Convention proposes to legalise the "right of entry" of ministers and other religious instructors into the schools. This surely is one of the ironies of controversy. And further, it is to be noticed that the right of entry as provided under the Nelson system would, in its practical working, be available only for some, and not for all ministers of religion. The Roman Catholic clergy would be shut out, for to co-operate in undenominational lessons would most certainly be to act "contrary to the most positive principles of their Church." The Australian system, however, provides for the right of the Roman Catholic clergy to enter equally with others, and under such conditions that the privilege has been used by some of the priests in New South Wales for many years past. Again, a disability rests upon the parents under the Nelson system. They are compelled, in many instances, to allow their children to attend the religious instruction of a person not of their own religious persuasion, or to withdraw them from all such instruction in the schools.

4. It is not clear whether the Convention proposes that, after the amendment in the Education Act legalising the Nelson system, the introduction of the system in any given school shall require the consent of the

School Committee, and thus indirectly of the parents. If so, this would open the door to perpetual unrest, and the fomenting of sectarian troubles; whereas, the League's proposal is to settle the question once and for all, according to the wishes of the people expressed at a Referendum.

5. The Nelson system, by its definite exclusion of the State teachers from any co-operation in Bible lessons, deprives the teachers of a most effective leverage in their work of character-building.

In conclusion, we feel that the women of our Union must not be led to think that in supporting the Nelson system, as opposed to the platform of the Bible in State Schools League, they are advancing the Bible in Schools Movement in any effective way. The Nelson system is not now before the public as the platform of any party seeking to solve the question of religious instruction. The only proposal before the people is that of the League. The chief Courts of several of the largest denominations have accepted the League's platform, either unanimously or by very large majorities, and are pressing for a Referendum on the question. It would be a most perilous thing for the women of New Zealand to vote against the present proposals, in the hope that, if they are rejected, the Nelson system might be introduced; for it is by no means certain that that system would secure the support of the present strong and united Bible-in-Schools party; while all those who object to any Scripture instruction in the schools would oppose it as vigorously as they do the present movement. We believe that to intrude the Nelson system at this juncture is to side-track a movement full of hope, and to postpone indefinitely the day when the Word of God shall be given to the children of this land as an integral part of their education. We therefore urge the women of our Union, notwithstanding the action taken by those attending the Convention, to give their active support to the platform of the Bible in State Schools League, and thus to aid in introducing a system which is working in perfect harmony in New South Wales, Queensland, West Australia, and Tasmania, and which is opposed in this country by merely theoretical objections and imaginary scares, proved baseless by its practical success across the Tasman Sea.

Yours in White Ribbon Bonds,
 BESSIE McCOMBS, Christchurch.
 PHOEBE SEED, Christchurch.
 HELEN J. DEWAR, Auckland.
 J. M. JONES, Hamilton.
 E. GRAHAM, Gisborne.
 ELIZABETH SMITH, Wanganui.
 E. M. HOWARD, Timaru.

(This correspondence is now closed.—
 Ed. "W.R.")

MAORI WORK DEPARTMENT.

OPEN LETTER.

Dear Comrades,—After many months, in which our work among the Maoris has been much limited, and no progressive work was possible, we have been fortunate in securing the services of a young lady to take up the work of organiser, who seems in every way well fitted and competent. Miss Woodhead is not a Maori, but has been in many ways interested in the Maoris nearly all her life. She is a good Maori linguist, having been a teacher in a Maori school for some years, and understands their ways. She has a pleasing personality, and has the interests of the Temperance cause at heart, as well as the welfare of the Maoris. Being a "pakeha," she can appreciate method and organisation, and it is hoped she will be able to explain these to our Maori sisters, so that their Unions will be better managed and more efficient. She has seen something of the work done by Mrs Harris in the Kaipara district, and has been highly recommended for this work by Rev. E. Te Tuhi, who is a staunch supporter of the W.C.T.U. in all the Northern districts, also by Mrs Harris, our recent Organiser. Miss Woodhead has commenced work without delay, and is now busy visiting those places where the Maori women organised themselves several years ago. We have had no communication from them for a long time past, and they evidently need to be looked up.

"White Ribbon Day," on which a collection for Maori work is taken up in all our Unions, has just passed. Will those who observed the day and the deed kindly forward the amount contributed as soon as convenient, and if any Union has not yet contributed to this "cause that lacks assistance," will they respond as soon and as generously as possible to this appeal on behalf of a noble race, who have a claim on our sympathy, and greatly appreciate any efforts made on their behalf? I would kindly ask the Superintendent of this department in every Union to do her utmost to interest the members, and so help on our work. Cards for collecting will be forwarded on application. The funds will need to be replenished now we have the Organiser's salary

to pay, also travelling expenses, and we **must** have more literature. The W.C.T.U. is never appealed to for a good cause in vain, and so I feel quite confident that "the needful" will be forthcoming to carry the "White Ribbon" among our Maori sisters. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these, ye have done it unto Me."—Yours in the work,

H. G. HUGHES,
Superintendent Maori Work.

**FROM MRS HARRISON LEE
COWIE.**

Dear Comrades in Service,—I thank you cordially for electing me as your "Peace" Superintendent at last Convention. I am intensely interested in this department, because it acts up to the principles of our Beloved Master. The old sinful axiom, "To ensure peace, be prepared for war," should find no quarter from true Christians. Jesus would not allow a sword to be used on His behalf by His impetuous disciple, but sternly said, "Put up thy sword," and healed the wounded enemy. If a follower of Christ was forbidden to use his sword in such a righteous cause as defence of his own Lord, what possible excuse can we ever give for our belligerent attitude to our fellow-men?

In the "Daily Telegraph" of 5th June (Sydney) is the report of a meeting at Lismore to protest by the farmers against excessive taxation for defence purposes. Mr Secombe said: "It was only right that there should be land taxes, the original idea being that the revenue should be used for purposes of defence, but his assessment was so heavy he protested, and urged all farmers to form an Association to resist excessive taxation. He had already paid £13 for the year 1910-11, but the tax under the new Act amounted to £72."

I should like to point out to the farming population of New Zealand this one important fact: you cannot have war without terrific loss, and you cannot prepare for war without heavy outlay. I have this morning been examining tool waggons made for the Defence Department of N.S.W. There are only 36 waggons, but the cost is over £3000. I said, "Preparation for war is a costly thing," and the builder answered, "I believe we are now paying £7 per

head for defence purposes." I have not yet been able to authenticate this statement, but I do know that Sir Joseph Ward's gift of a Dreadnought, costing £2,000,000, meant £2 extra for every man, woman, and child in the Dominion at that time. The money spent on tool waggons and gun carriages, if spent on ploughs and machinery, would bring back untold blessing. In five years' time every article of war now manufactured will be counted out of date. Aerial warfare will supersede every existing method of attack and defence, and we are foolish to take upon ourselves a burden under which every nation is now groaning. Let us build up a holy people, whose defence is the Lord their God, whose bulwarks are righteousness and justice. Let us, as Christian women, proclaim everywhere the Gospel of Peace.

Ten thousand years have passed
away,

Since came the world's true King,
But clash of arms and din of war
Through all the world doth ring.
Oh, lay aside the sword and gun,
Your lives to Jesus bring,
And Heaven and earth shall answer
back
The song the angels sing.

Please read this at your next meeting.

B. L. COWIE.

"On Earth **Peace** and Goodwill to
Men."

"No heart so hard but love at last
may win it."—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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GREYMOUTH District, 1st Wednesday, 3 p.m., Vestry Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs Hansen; Treas., Mrs Sweetman.

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HASTINGS, 2nd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Boyle, Lyndon Rd.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ramsay, Wallis, Clapham, Barbour, and Martindale; Sec., Miss Ford, 206 Lyndon Rd.; Treas., Miss Ethel Nicholls, Riverslea Rd.; Supt. Maori Work, Miss McKeown; Purity and Evangelistic, Mesdames Clapham and Stewart; **WHITE RIBBON** Supt., Mrs Griffiths.

HUNTLY, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Butler; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Sheeran and Edmunds; Sec., Mrs Gleeson; Treas., Mrs Leather.

INVERCARGILL District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. and 7.30 alternately, Allen's Hall; Pres., Mrs C. H. McAlister, Holywood Ter., Gladstone, Invercargill; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baird, Gregg, and McKay; Sec., Mrs McKenzie, Northend, Invercargill; Treas., Mrs Hunter, 110, Don St., Invercargill; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs H. Farrant, Pomona Rd., South Invercargill.

KAIAPOI W.C.T.U. COFFEE ROOMS, open Daily. Union meets second and last Wednesday, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Brighting; Sec., Miss Blackwell, "The Willows"; Treas., Mrs T. G. Blackwell; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Ward.

LOWER HUTT, last Tuesday, 3 p.m., W.C.T.U. Hall, Queen's Rd.; Pres., Mrs McCaw; Vice-Pres., Mrs Strand, senr.; Sec., Mrs T. Collins, Gracefield Rd.; Treas., Mrs Jenness; W.R. Agent, Miss Knight.

LYTTELTON, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays, Methodist Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Whitby; Sec., Mrs Bromley; Treas., Mrs Clark; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Miss Elsie Clark, "Waratah," W. Lyttelton.

MANAIA, 2nd Friday, alternate six months, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches; Pres., Mrs J. J. Patterson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Allison and Berry; Treas., Mrs Ballantine; Sec., Mrs Hunt; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ricketts; Press Reports Miss Patterson; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Hansen.

MASTERTON, 1st Tuesday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Devonport; Sec., Mrs M. Flanagan, 4 Cole St.; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Russell.

MATAKANA, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church; Pres., Mrs Richards; Vice-Pres., Mesdames W. Smith and Eyton; Sec., Mrs E. Roke; Treas., Mrs A. Roke.

NAPIER District, 1st Wednesday at Wesley Hall, and 3rd Thursday Willard Institute, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Oldham, France Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Clatworthy; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gibson, Colenso Hill; Treas., Mrs Dearlove, Lincoln Rd.; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Dodds; Home Meetings, Mrs Ball; Purity, Mrs Oldham; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Freeman, Latham St.

NORSEWOOD, 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Miss M. Campbell; Vice-Pres., Mrs McCaw; Sec., Miss M. Olsen; Treas., Mrs P. G. Grant; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Miss M. Allison.

NEW PLYMOUTH District, last Wednesday, 3 p.m., Good Templar Lodge-room; Pres., Mrs Allan Douglas, Pen-darves St.; Sec., Miss Ambrose, Gover St.; Treas. and WHITE RIBBON Agent, Miss Taunt, Victoria Rd.

NGARUAWAHIA, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church; Pres., Mrs Bycroft; Vice-Pres., Mrs Morris; Sec., Mrs W. A. Porter; Treas., Miss Morris.

NELS N District, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Miss Atkinson, Fairfield; Sec., Mrs Knapp, Alfred St.; Treas., Mrs Grove.

OXFORD, last Wednesday, 3 p.m., Coronation Hall; Pres., Mrs Gainsford (senr.); Sec., Mrs Comyns; Treas., Miss Caverhill; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs G. A. Ryde; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Fawcett, Pres. Maase, W. Oxford.

PALMERSTON N. DISTRICT, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs A. E. Whitehead, Botanical Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs McDonald, 8 Princess St.; Treas., Mrs Laybourn, 44 Ferguson St. East; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Holbrook.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney St., 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs G. Rouse, Britannia St.; Vice-Pres., Miss L. Kirk, Britannia St.; Sec., Mrs Ashby, Britannia St.; Treas., Mrs Donaghue, Richmond St.; Cradle Roll, Miss Peach; Afternoon Teas, Mrs Burd; WHITE RIBBON agent, Mrs Corner; Flower Mission, Mrs Wilson; Visitor, Mrs Battersby.

PONSONBY, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Queen's Hall, Paget St.; Pres., Mrs Vickers, Millias St., Grey Lynn; Vice-Pres., Mrs C. I. Harris and Dr. Keller; Sec. and WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs S. A. Plummer, Coronation Rd., Epsom; Treas., Mrs Smythe, No. 2 Selwyn St., Ponsonby.

PUKEKOHE, 1st Thursday, Salvation Army Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Nixon; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bell, Cowan, Stevenson and Wilson; Sec., Mrs Blamires; Treas., Mrs Comrie; Supt. Cradle Roll and WHITE RIBBON, Miss Goldsworthy; Supt. Visitation, Mrs Wilson.

RAETIHI, last Thursday, Salvation Army Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Gibbs; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Underwood and Fletcher; Sec., Mrs Stanley; Treas., Miss Ashwell.

RANGIORA, last Friday, ante-room of Institute Hall, 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Cobden Cox; Sec., Miss Wadey; Treas., Mrs Shankland.

REEFTON, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Parsonage, Shield St.; Pres., Mrs McClymont, Black's Point; Vice-Pres., Mrs Watson; Sec., Mrs R. Wills; Assist. Sec., Mrs Jas. Lawn; Treas. and WHITE RIBBON Reporter, Mrs Humphries.

SHEFFIELD, 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Road Board Office; Pres., Mrs Neutze, Annaf; Sec., Mrs J. Henry, Annaf; Treas., Mrs W. Kennedy, Annaf.

TIMARU District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Arcade; Pres., Mrs Rule, North St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Rapsey; Evangelistic and Press, Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Mrs Valentine; Maori Work, Mrs Bardsley, Wai-iti Rd.; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Stead, Sailors' Rest.

TANEATUA, 2nd Thursday, in Presbyterian Church, at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Yeoman; Vice-Pres., Mrs Ravn; Sec., Mrs Johnson; Treas., Mrs Hooper; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Schofield.

TAURANCA, 1st Thursday, Good Templars' Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Miss Sorley, 5th Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs P. Munro, Cameron Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs F. Allely, Devonport Rd.; Treas., Mrs A. E. Hammond, 2nd Avenue; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs A. J. McKenzie.

TUAKAU, monthly, Wesleyan Church, 7.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hunter; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bridge, Roberts, and Deeble; Sec., Mrs C. Bycroft; Treas., Mrs Oldham; Supt. Band of Hope, Miss Madill; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Burns; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Miss Dwen.

WAITARA, 1st Wednesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Cleave; Sec., Miss Lena Bayly; Treas., Mrs Isaac Elliott; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Andrew.

WAIKAWA, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Jas. Bibby; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McLean, Bott, and Massey; Sec., Mrs H. McLean; Treas., Miss Johnson; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs S. Bott.

WANGANUI District, 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour; Pres., Mrs J. Smith; Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton, Victoria Avenue; Rec. Sec., Miss Macaniny; Treas., Mrs Siddells; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Upton.

WARKWORTH, last Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Schoolroom, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs E. Morrison, "Red Bluff"; Sec., Mrs W. Hamilton, "The Grange"; Treas., Mrs T. H. Wilson; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Miss Morrison; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Miller.

WINCHMORE, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hanson; Sec., Miss Muirhead, Winter's Road, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs Moore; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Glassey.

WELLINGTON District, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; Sec., Mrs Webb, Hall St.; Treas., Mrs Houlder, 108 Wallace St.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St.

Girls' Association Rooms, Constable St., Newtown. Evening classes and socials. All girls invited.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms; Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Wadestown; Cor. Sec., Mrs McDonald, 80 Pirie St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Port, Austin Street; Treas., Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay.

WAIKURAU, 2nd Thursday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Logan; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Sec., Mrs Sowry; Treas., Mrs Schmidt; Band of Hope, Mrs Nicholson.

WOODVILLE, meets 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m., in Ormond St. Hall; Pres., Mrs Perkins, Ross St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Jackson; Sec., Mrs Forrest, Woodland Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs T. Cole, Woodlands Rd.; Treas., Mrs Davie, Station St.

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