

DEPUTATION TO PREMIER.

A deputation waited on the Premier on October 15th. It contained representatives of the Liquor Trade from every electorate in the Dominion, and was thoroughly representative both of wholesale and retail liquor sellers. They requested that the present three-fifths majority necessary to carry either No-License or National Prohibition be not reduced.

The Premier promised to convey their wishes to his colleagues and to give their request serious consideration. He stated that in a few days an announcement would be made as to whether any licensing legislation be introduced this session. In any case, it would not be made a party measure, and members would be left free to keep their promises to their constituents.

REVIEW.

We have received a copy of "The New Zealander" for September. It is a monthly review published in Nelson. It contains a great deal of up-to-date matter on subjects as widely different as "Protection of Women," "The Tourist Traffic," and "The Bible and the Schools." By studying the leading journals of the Dominion, it aims to keep its readers abreast of public opinion. We can recommend it to busy women as being very concise, and containing "multum in parvo."

A CONFESSION.

I am the greatest criminal in history.
 I have killed more men than have fallen in all the wars of the world.
 I have made millions of homes unhappy.
 I have transformed my ambitious youths into hopeless parasites.
 I destroy the weak, and weaken the strong.
 I make rough the downward path for countless millions.
 I make the wise man a fool, and trample the fool into his folly.
 The abandoned wife knows me; the hungry children know me; the parents, whose child has bowed their heads in sorrow, know me.
 I live by the consent of the Christian voters.
 I am ALCOHOL.
 —The Gospel Preacher.

HYGIENE.

To those who are concerned with the health of the community, the annual report of the Department of Public Health contains some interesting points. The infantile mortality rate for the year 1912, it is stated, was 51 deaths per 1000 births, the lowest infantile mortality rate recorded, showing a decline of 30 per 1000 during the past ten years. Dunedin, with a death rate of only 38.1 per 1000, is considerably below the average, and the whole of this part of the record is a magnificent tribute to the work initiated by Dr. Truby King and the Plunket nurses.

The deaths from phthisis and other forms of tuberculosis were the lowest mortality rate per 10,000 yet recorded. The most serious feature of the report is the noticeably high mortality rate from organic heart disease. We can with reasonable accuracy place our fingers on the cause of this. Tobacco-smoking, especially the deadly cigarette; alcoholism; and the craze for amusement and excitement, are all contributing causes. The human heart is a machine wonderfully designed for its work, which it will, with reasonable care of the body, perform year in and year out, 24 hours a day, in a way that no man-made machine can do. But we cannot with impunity increase its burden. And the seed of the three causes I have mentioned is generally sown in youth, beginning from the cradle, even before it, and it is for the mothers—yes, and the fathers too—to see that these evil causes are checked.

ASHBURTON, 2nd Tuesday, Baring Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson Willowby; Sec., Miss C. Thomas, 32 Havelock St. W.; Treas., Miss A. C. Watson, 84 Cameron St.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

AUCKLAND District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 3 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Executive meets 2.30; Pres., Mrs Pudney, Wallace St., Ponsonby; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompalier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss Evans, 399 Upper Queen St.; Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompalier Terr., Ponsonby; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Gouk, Wallace St., Ponsonby.

BLLENHEIM District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Litchfield, Livermere; Sec., Mrs D. Sinclair; Treas., Mrs Hay; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs W. Parker.

CAMBRIDGE, first Tuesday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. D. Shepherd; Sec., Mrs A. T. Watson; Treas., Mrs L. M. Morrin.

CHRISTCHURCH DISTRICT, rooms corner Manchester and Worcester Streets. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs I. McCombs, Fendalton; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day, Milford St. St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Mrs B. Whyte, Warrington St., St. Albans; Treas., Mrs Seed, 44 Brittan Street, Linwood; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Williams, 21 Philip Street, Linwood.

DANNEVIRKE, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. F. Knight, Tahoraiti; Sec., Mrs Stokoe, Allardice St.; Treas., Miss Burdett, the Manse.

DEVONPORT, Last Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Veats, Lake Rd.; Sec., Mrs A. Little, 31 Church St.; Treas., Miss Le Roy, Water-view Rd., Stanley Bay.

DUNEDIN District, 1st Tuesday, Y.W.C.A. Rooms, Moray Place, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Peter Dick, Roslyn; Sec. & Cor. Sec., Miss Nicol, 16 William St.; Treas., Miss L. Neal, 9 Queen St.; Agent Writing Pads & WHITE RIBBON, Mrs J. Anderson, 32 Duke St.; Supt. Sailors' Rest, Mrs D. T. Pearson, corner Castle & Union Sts.; Press Supt., Mrs Don, Canongate.

FEILDING, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., St. Paul's Hall; Pres., Mrs Frost, Denbigh St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Burnley, Glasgow Ter.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Anstice, Denbigh St.; Treas., Mrs Williamson, The Hill; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Burnley; Railway Box, Mrs Shearer; Cradle Roll, Mrs Barron, Halcombe Rd.

CISBORNE District, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs A. Graham, Kaiti; Sec., Mrs N. F. Walker, Fox St.; Treas., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Rd.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs J. Stewart.

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

HAMILTON District, First Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, Clandelands, Hamilton; Sec., Miss Henderson, "Brangan," Frankton Junction; Treas., Mrs Gaulton, Rostrever St., Hamilton.

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.

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