

has been suggested that our W.C.T.U. members might like to have a small part in this work. Unions and individual members may help by getting local newspapers to lay the project before their readers, and also by collecting 15 subs. Should any of our members collect, the money can be forwarded to Mrs Bendely, our Dominion Treasurer, who will take charge of all funds and forward to proper authorities.

OUR LATE PRESIDENT.

Topeka, S. Kansas, U.S.A.,

September 5th, 1913.

(To the Editor "White Ribbon," and members of the W.C.T.U. of New Zealand.)

Friends and Christian Workers,—

It is with deepest of regret that I here extend to your organisation the acknowledgment and sympathy for the deep loss of your President, the late Mrs Herbert Cole, of Cashmere, Christchurch.

It was a great privilege, and equally as great a pleasure, that through our long and bitter struggle for the adoption of Women's Equal Suffrage here in the State of Kansas in the campaign of 1912, that we, through correspondence, became acquainted with the late Mrs Cole, who through her broad-minded views, her general knowledge of the effect of Women's Equal Suffrage in her own land, and the clear and concise statements which she so kindly send here, that had much influence in allaying the ill-feeling throughout our State by false statements circulated by the opponents of Equal Suffrage, and the "Kansas Club" gave her full credit for her deep interest in their cause in Kansas, which was carried to a successful termination.

It became my honoured privilege to forward a message of thanks from our Governor to Mrs Cole for the interest she had taken in behalf of the success of the women of the State of Kansas of obtaining their political and civil rights, and for deep and unswerving principles in regard to National Prohibition, and her faithful and deep interest in behalf of the continuation of Prohibition in Kansas, as well as the interest manifested in the passage of the American Inter-State Liquor Law.

As above stated, our acquaintance with Mrs Cole was confined to international correspondence, but her several letters of deep womanliness and friendship, her gentle and gracious manner of extending many courtesies to foreigners who were strangers to her, lead us to value the friendship of so gifted a woman, and it is with sorrow and regret that, apparently in the hour of our first acquaintance with this most noble woman, her life, which has been devoted to uplifting of humanity everywhere, has come to a close; but to the people of New Zealand, and especially all who have been her associates and co-workers, we extend our deep and true sympathy in the loss of so able and efficient a member and leader, for her influence and public views extended far from the New Zealand shores; and here in Kansas the Good Government Club are adopting some of her plans of modern ideas for future enactment into laws, in memory of her who, just on the eve of departure from this life, sent us many good suggestions. We trust that in the passing of Mrs Cole to those silent shores from which none returneth, that her great and gentle influences will leave behind a marked pathway for others to follow who are able to assume the burden and march bravely forward in the Master's work, finally winning the world for "God, and Home, and Humanity," and at last rest in peace with her in the great Kingdom on high, whose holy laws she laboured so faithfully to establish here on earth.

Such is our regard for her who was taken, but who will not be forgotten.
—Yours very truly,

MR AND MRS W. F. HORN.

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ORGANISING FUND.

The following donations have been received for the Organising Fund during November, 1913:—

Nov. 21st: Woodville Union, 14s.

Nov. 28th: Ponsonby Union, £1.

ALICE R. C. TAYLOR,
Treas. Organising Fund.

Address: Mrs H. R. S. Taylor,
"Coveney," Balgownie, Wanganui.

Money orders please make payable to "Alice Taylor."

NON-INTOXICATING WINE AT COMMUNION.

A MOVEMENT IN THE ENGLISH CHURCH AT HOME.

Last April a great step forward was taken, when the Archbishop of York received a deputation, whose object it was to plead for the right to use **unfermented grape juice** in the Communion Service, and for the following reasons:—

1. The many men and women who lapsed after partaking of alcoholic wine at the Lord's table.

2. That in Scripture, wine is not mentioned, but "fruit of the vine" in connection with the Lord's Supper.

3. That Christians should help weak brothers by example.

4. Tens of thousands of children were being brought up as total abstainers, and should not be compelled to take fermented wine at the table of our Lord.

5. Grape juice answers to description of Bible, was well known, and often used in our Lord's time; while leaven was excluded at Passover, many Jews using grape juice at Passover to this day.

6. Unfermented grape juice answers the conditions laid down in Prayer Book and Canons.

These points were well supported by medical opinion, and Dr. Bickerton, a distinguished surgeon and medical author, stated: "The fruit of the vine (the grape) contains no intoxicating property. Alcoholic wine is not fruit, nor product of the vine, but of the action of leaven on the fruit of the vine. The one method of preparation upon which we are dependent for alcohol is the fermentation of sugar."

The Archbishop asked many questions of the deputation, especially seeking information on the physiological effect of alcohol, and the custom of the various Christian denominations. After a full hearing, his Grace admitted the weight of the pleas expressed, and the need of special treatment. "At present the Anglican Communion was governed by the Lambeth decision of 1888. Later knowledge and evidence were in existence to-day." He would confer with the Archbishop of Canterbury with a view to a fuller consideration of the whole question.