

### A CHATTY LETTER FROM MRS. HARRISON LEE-COWIE.

To our dear comrades everywhere,—

Dear Sisters,—In our No-License city we are devising fresh methods of creating public opinion and helping on National Prohibition. First, we took an empty shop window, and got a friendly grocer to stock it with £18 worth of groceries. A big, handsomely lettered card informed the public that "All these things could be purchased with one year's drink money for a family of five." Following the grocery display, the window was filled with fine attractive cartoons, booklets, pictures, and diagrams, warning the passer-by against drink. These will be followed by £18 worth of drapery, then furniture, then bicycle, toys, and presents for Christmas; and then, again, educational matter. It is a grand method of catching the attention of the public.

Open-air are to be held at the Rotunda every Saturday night during the summer to enlighten the careless on the importance of our great question.

Personal work is going on vigorously. The Rest and Refreshment Tents at the Show are greatly valued.

Our District Convention (the first ever held here) was a great success, and the splendid delegation of Bible in Schools League met with a cordial welcome, and a most gratifying standing vote testifying the hearty support of our Branches in the great work of getting the Bible back to our children.

Our Y's are always ready to help in every special effort. The pleasant Temperance Sunday afternoons at Amethyst Hall are well attended and greatly appreciated. A splendid Peace meeting was addressed by the London deputation, Mr and Mrs Alexander, on 21st, at a drawing-room given in Amethyst Hall. Altogether our W.C.T.U. is very much alive, and we rejoice to add our little quota of work to the amount being done all over the Dominion.—Yours ever,

B.L.C.

### HOME MEETINGS.

Will all Unions please send their reports of "Home Meetings" to Mrs N. Dewar, Supt. Home Meetings, 4, Pompellier Terrace, Ponsonby, by December 31st?

### PEACE DEPARTMENT.

Dear Sisters,—May I lovingly appeal to every Branch to form a "Peace Department," and get a good superintendent to work it by literature, press items, and personal appeals. I have just received the programme of the World's Convention, held in Brooklyn last month, and this was the beautiful preamble to the whole of those wonderful meetings:—

"In the love of God and Humanity, we, representing the Christian women of the world, without distinction of race or colour, band ourselves together with the solemn conviction that our united faith and work will, with God's blessing, prove helpful in creating a strong public sentiment in favour of personal purity of life, including total abstinence from the use of all narcotic poisons; the protection of the home by outlawing the traffic in alcoholic liquors, opium, tobacco and impurity; the suppression by law of gambling and Sunday desecration; the enfranchisement of the women of all nations; and the establishment of courts of national and international arbitration, which shall banish war from the world."

Please specially note the important position given to "Peace," and let us bend our energies and devote much prayer to this Christly work.

"To ensure peace, prepare for peace."

"Let the God of Peace rule your hearts."

"The peace of God, which passeth understanding, be yours."

"My peace I give."

"Seek peace and ensue it."

Affectionately your comrade,

BESSIE LEE-COWIE.

Amethyst Hall,

Invercargill, November 22, 1913.

### OUR LATE EDITOR.

At Willard Institute, Napier, Mrs Bibby, President of Waipawa Union, on behalf of members of the Dominion W.C.T.U., presented Mrs Oldham, late Editor of "White Ribbon," with a very handsome tea and coffee service and a Union badge in gold, with lettering in pearls. Mrs Oldham had given several years of faithful service to the paper, and universal regret was felt that failing health had compelled her to vacate the editorial chair.

### MAORI ORGANISER'S REPORT.

After visiting the rest of the Unions in Kaipara Harbour, I proceeded to Auckland. On calling on our Superintendent, Mrs Hughes, I was very sorry to find her on a sick bed. She is very bright, and is well on the road to recovery. I then left Onehunga for Hokianga. We left on Thursday by the s.s. Claymore, but owing to rough weather, did not arrive at our destination till Sunday morning. Since then I have visited some of the Unions. The Waimamaku Union deserves special mention, as they first heard of the W.C.T.U. through members of the Ahikiwi Union, who sent them booklets and cards. Then, with the help of their minister, Rev. M. Taumarere, a Union was established. They have already received a visit from Mrs Harris. Two of the members have Sunday School for the children, and some visit the sick. I find that these Unions are of great help in charitable work amongst their own people, helping to defray hospital expenses, and so forth. They had many questions to ask as to plans of work. Pakanae Union was very puzzled on the church subject, having thought that members must all belong to the one church. However, that being explained satisfactorily, many have joined who belong to different churches. To-day I ride to Whirinaki, where I hope to form a Union. The members at Waimamaku have provided me with a horse, and are sending one of their number to accompany me on the long ride. All the travelling in this district has to be done on horseback, through very rough roads, so that one cannot push ahead as quickly as one could in more civilised country. The married members of Unions would be glad if more of Dr. Pomare's pamphlets on care of infants would be printed for distribution amongst those who are not yet enlightened as to the best way to care for the babes. He whakamihi tenei ki nga mema onga Roopu Karaitiana e mihi mai ana kia hau. Tena koutou e hoa ma, tena ra koutou e mahi mai nei inga tikanga pai ota tatou whakapono. Kei nga ra o Hanuere ka tae atu ahau ki nga Roopu ote Wairoa. Kia ora ano koutou.

FLORENCE MAARI WOODHEAD.