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UNIONS! PLEASE NOTE.

With this issue we are enclosing a supplement for the Young People. It is detached, and so subscribers have practically an adult paper and a children's paper for the one subscription.

DOMINION CONVENTION NOTICE.

Will all members of Convention who require hospitality send word as early as possible to

MRS X. JONES,
247 Gill Street,
New Plymouth.

1924 CONVENTION.

Will all Unions please note that Mrs X. Jones, 247 Gill Street, New Plymouth, has been appointed by the New Plymouth Union as Convention Secretary. All communications to the entertaining Union about next Dominion Convention should be addressed to her, and not to the Secretary of New Plymouth Union.

The White Ribbon.

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WELLINGTON, JANUARY 18, 1924.

A NEW YEAR'S WISH.

Gipsy Smith tells of a testimony meeting, at which many were expressing thanks for being saved from drink, gambling, or worldly pleasure. Presently a sweet, refined lady got up and said, "Christ gave me a bigger salvation than any of you. He has saved me from an easy armchair." Truly it takes much to save us from the easy chair habit. Our New Year wish to all our readers, and to our White Ribboners, is that they may be saved from the easy chair. We have had a long campaign, and the end is not yet. We have had defeats and victories, but the final victory depends upon one and all getting out of the easy chair and into the firing line. Every worker needs a good supply of sticktoitiveness.

Ever insurgent let me be,

Make me more daring than devout;
From sleek contentment keep me free,
And fill me with a buoyant doubt.

Open my ears to music; let

Me thrill with spring's first flutes
and drums,

But never let me dare forget

The bitter ballad of the slums.

Unions will be reassembling for the year's work. Keep in mind our three I's—World Peace, World Purity, and World Prohibition—and work steadily and unceasingly for their accomplishment. Our Editor thanks all who have sent good wishes and kindly appreciative words, and passes on to all a beautiful New Year's wish sent by one of our oldest members—

"A bright New Year and a sunny track

Along an upward way,

And a song of praise on looking back,

When the year has passed away,

And golden sheaves, not small, not few,

This is my New Year's wish for you."

Which is the readiest way to communicate with the finny denizens of the sea?—Drop them a line.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

Mrs A. H. Hayes, who makes delicious cakes for the Christchurch Union, was successful at the A. and P. Show there. She gained five prizes for cakes and scones. We heartily congratulate her.

BREWER'S DEPOT.

The Collector of Customs last August approved of the site of a brewer's depot at Matamata, but on October 10th notified them that his approval would be withdrawn. The brewers sought redress in the Court. The Collector's lawyer pointed out that the Act was for the protection of the revenue, and not for the benefit of the brewer. His Honour reserved decision, but did not think that the Collector had the arbitrary power he claimed of revoking such authority.

BRITISH WOMEN M.P.'s.

We note with thankfulness that the three British women M.P.'s have been re-elected, and at least two more are to join them, one of the newly elected being a prominent member of the Women's Labour Movement. The three first women M.P.'s, Lady Astor, Mrs Wintringham, and Mrs Phillipson, have each won the seat previously held by her husband. These ladies are called Society, Piety, and Variety.

DRINK AND LAX MORALITY.

When speaking at the annual meeting of the associates and friends of the St. Mary's Homes, Rev. G. Gordon Bell said our present morals were hopelessly wrong in regard to the difference in the degree of blame attached to men and women. Though the presence of one of these unfortunate girls would not be tolerated in a private home, a welcome place at the family table would be given to the man responsible for that girl's downfall. Canon Haselden said that, in his opinion, a considerable amount of immorality was due to the effects of drinking.

THE QUEENSLAND POLL.

The figures available now from Queensland show that Continuance has a clear majority over the other two issues. So once more the cause of Reform is delayed. We can sympathise with our Queensland sisters in their hope deferred.