

No returns at all have been received from 12 Unions, namely, Avondale, Dargaville, Matakana, Eltham, Kakaramea, Manaia, Okaiawa, Patea, Mrton, Leeston Winchomre-Green-Greenstreet, and Royal Bush, and Mataura has reported a temporary suspension of work. The returns from Hamilton East, Waipawa, Wanganui East, and the Oxford and Wellington "Y" Unions were received after the books were closed.

The thanks of the Union are due to Mr. C. F. Garratt, of this city, for a voluntary audit of the books. My own thanks are due to all the Treasurers for the manner in which their returns have reached me.

NELLIE BENDELY
N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 15th March, 1924.

"WHITE RIBBON" REPORT.

During the year 1923 we slightly increased our number of subscribers, also our credit balance. This increase was entirely due to the efforts of less than 50 per cent. of the Unions. Had every Union done its bit, we should have had great things to report. Invercargilly's won the tablecloth for greatest number of new subscribers gained since August 1, 1923. They gained 17.

A children's supplement has been added to the paper. This was done as an experiment, and will be continued only if Convention deems it advisable.

I wish to suggest that Unions make a drive for new subscribers during three months of this year, and endeavour to increase our circulation.

Our thanks are due to Mrs Judson and to Mrs Mercer for literary help; to the members of the Greytown and Carterton Unions for their help in addressing wrappers; to our agents whose devotion has been great; to Mr B. J. Lynneberg for auditing the books.

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TO THE N.Z. NATIONAL W.C.T.U. CONVENTION.

My Dear Friends,—

You have fought a great fight, and "lost," but no good is ever lost, and the splendid seed you have sown will grow.

Dr. Hardwick Smith, whom I recently saw in England on his visit here, told me if the Temperance people could have spent money in placarding the walls contradicting the lies of the liquor folk, they would have won, but it was too costly. We have not the money at our disposal the liquor forces have.

With all my heart I wish for a glorious Convention. I know you will all look up and onward, and no spirit of depression can be possible amongst women of your courage and faith.

We hope to welcome Mrs Don and Miss Henderson in England this year, and also to have your representatives at our World's Convention in the U.S.A. in May or June, 1925.

We shall rejoice to show our new Headquarters in London to all New Zealand comrades.

With my love to you all.—Affectionately yours,

AGNES SLACK.

(Note.—The above letter arrived just too late for Convention.—Ed. "W.R.")

A SIMPLE SERMON.

There's only one method of meetin' life's test:

Jes' keep on a-strivin' and hope fur the best.

Don't give up the game and retire in dismay

'Cause hammers are thrown when you'd like a bouquet.

This world would be tiresome; we'd all get the blues

If all the folks in it held just the same views;

So finish your work; show the best of your skill.

"Some folks won't like it, but other folks will."

If you're leading an army, or buildin' a fence,

Do the best that you can with your own common sense.

One small word of praise in this journey of tears

Outweighs in the balance 'gainst cart-loads of sneers.

The plants that we're passin' as commonplace weeds

Oft prove to be jes' what some sufferer needs.

So keep on a-going; don't stay standin' still;

"Some folks won't like it, but other folks will."

—"Christian Standard."

N.Z. W.C.T.U. Literature.

Departmental Literature can be obtained as follows:—

General: Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South.

L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Medical Temperance: Mrs Neal, 3 Maunsell Road, Parnell, Auckland.

Maori: Mrs Walker, "Gortgowan," Fox Street, Gisborne.

Purity: Mrs Kippenberger, Studholme.

MRS MOWLEM'S STOCK includes:

Badges, white enamel, 6d each, per dozen to Unions, 5/-; 1/- each, 10/- per dozen; W.R. Hymnals, 3d each, 2/- per dozen; W.R. Hymnals Music, 3/- each; Writing Pads, small 1/-, and large, 1/9; Envelopes, 6d pkt. of 25; Handy Booklet, 4d each, 3/6 per doz.; Constitution, 4d each; Membership Pledge Cards, 6d per dozen; Facts about W.C.T.U., 6d dozen; Treasurer's Slips, 1/- per 100; Membership Transfer Slips, 1/- per 100; Pledge Books, 6d.

These Prices include Postage.

L.T.L., CRADLE ROLL, AND MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.

Mrs Neal has in stock: FOR THE L.T.L.:

Charts (with Manual of Lessons), showing effects of Alcohol and Tobacco on the human body, 7/6 per set; Questions Answered About the L.T.L., 1/6; Marching Songs for Young Crusaders, 1/- each; A Handful of Hints, 1/-; Temperance Tales, 1/-; About Ourselves, 1/-; About Our Country, 1/-; It is Written (Bible Stories), 1/-; Shakespeare Manual, 1/-; Recitation Books, 1/-; L.T.L. Pledge Cards, 1/- per dozen.

MRS KIPPENBERGER has on sale:—

Confidential Talks with Young Women, 1/9; Youth and Maidenhood, 3/6; Sex and Marriage, 3/6; The Story of Life, 1/6; Life on High Levels, 2/6; A Talk with Girls, 4/-; Letters and Talks to Girls, 3/6; Sex Lore, 9/-; Text Book, Sex Education for Teachers and Parents, 7/6; Knowledge a Young Man Should Have, 4/6; Knowledge a Young Woman Should Have, 4/6.

CRADLE ROLL:

Cradle Roll Pledge Cards, 1/- per dozen. Cradle Roll Birthday Cards, 2/- per doz. Eighth Year Certificates, 2/- per dozen.

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