

in the number of deaths caused by lead poisoning. The Registrar General's Annual Reports show the following certified deaths from poisons for 19 years—1902-1920 Lead poisoning 1,481 deaths; Alcohol Poisoning 31,175 deaths. Why was Lord Henry so concerned about less than 2000 deaths from lead poisoning, so careless of nearly 32,000 deaths from alcohol poisoning?

CHRISTIAN HALT! READ!

"I am as strong a party man as anybody . . . But I would not support a member of my own party if he were not sound on the question of Temperance reform."—Rt. Hon. Philip Snowden, M.P.

WHO CAN JOIN THE W.C.T.U.?

An officer from one of our Unions asks can ladies become members who are not members of any Church? From the White Ribbon for March 1896 we quote the following:—"It seems necessary from time to time to remind our members of the catholicity of the W.C.T.U. Intensity of purpose seems to have an almost fatal fatality of allying itself with narrowness of thought. Whilst we welcome and admire zeal we must strenuously resist narrowmindedness lest we lapse into bigotry and create greater evils than those we are banded together to overcome. Several years ago an attempt was made to impose a declaration of religious belief. In view of these attempts, and in the hope of preventing misunderstanding in the future, we reprint the following statement of the conditions of membership contained in the leading article of the "Union Signal" of December 5th, 1895. "To sign the total abstinence pledge and pay the annual fee are the sole conditions of membership of the W.C.T.U."

At the 11th Convention of the N.Z. W.C.T.U. 1896, the following resolution was passed:—"Any woman signing the Constitution and paying her dues may become a member of any W.C.T.U. and may be elected to any office in the Union."

SUPERINTENDENTS LETTER.

September 10th 1924.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,

As the Gaming Bill will be brought before Parliament shortly, and there is no time to draw up a largely signed petition, would each Union Secretary and W.C.T.U. member get busy and write a short letter to the members of their district protesting against any increase in the racing permits.

We all as W.C.T.U. members feel so strongly in regard to this matter that if we used our personal influence we might do a great deal.

Begin and write at once.

M. BIRSS.

Superintendent Legal and Parliamentary Department.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,

I wish to draw your attention to our Evangelistic Department, which I have always considered one of the most important.

It is written that the Master said, "Without me, ye can do nothing." We therefore hope that all branches of our Union will keep the distinctly spiritual part of our work to the fore. Recently I received from America a small package of literature selected and ordered by our beloved President, Mrs Don. Each pamphlet is written by Mary Harris Armor, the subjects being as follows:—

- (1.) Conquerors.
- (2.) Plan of work for a Golden Jubilee.
- (3.) Prayer; and The Importance of Prayer as evidenced by the Practice of Christ.

This latter very helpful pamphlet was used at the Wellington District Convention, and the study it promoted was much enjoyed. Various members read the selected passages quoted on the leaflet, thus adding to the helpfulness and interest of the meeting. Many of the delegates requested copies to take to their individual Unions.

I shall be glad to supply a copy to any Evangelistic Superintendent upon application, together with the name and address of the writer, or the Publishing House, where more copies can be obtained.

Pray, Work, and live for Christ and His Service, is the prayer of

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following donations have been received since the date of last report:—

New Zealand Fund.

Stratford and Wanganui Central £1 each.

Franchise Day Collections.

Whangarei, £1; Wanganui East, 10s. 6d., Stratford, 9s. 3d.

Organising Fund.

Avondale, £1; Per Miss Bradshaw, 7s. 6d.

Maori Fund.

South Invercargill, £1 10s., Avondale, 15s., Edendale, 8s. 6d.

NELLIE BENDELEY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland,

8th October, 1924.

PERSONAL.

Miss Henderson writes enroute to New York on her way to England to meet her sister Mrs Allen, who is delegate to League of Nations at Geneva.

"Master Fraser Baillie son of an Ekethuna White Ribboner, has won first prize offered to Secondary Schools for essay by League of Nations Union."

TYPED REPORT OF CONVENTION.

The following Unions have sent money (1/6) for the above: Onehunga, Lyttelton. Will they kindly accept this acknowledgment in lieu of formal receipt?

KATE M. EVANS,

Rec. Sec.

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Island Bay,
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THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

"Push" said the Electric Bell.

"Always keep cool" said the Ice.

"Be up to date" said the Calendar.

"Never lose your head" said the barrel.

"Make light of everything" said the tyre.

"Do a driving business" said the hammer.

"Aspire to greater things" said the Nutmeg.

"Find a good thing, and stick to it," said the Glue.