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TAKE NOTICE.

All correspondents please note that Mrs Peryman's address is now FOX TON.

HOSPITALITY AT CONVENTION.

Will all delegates who require homes during Convention send in their names and addresses as soon as possible to Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer Street, Mornington, Dunedin.

The White Ribbon.

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Wellington, February 18, 1925.

A RECORD CONVENTION.

It's coming! What's coming? Why! Convention's coming! Day by day it is steadily drawing nearer. Dunedin, our hostess Union, is busily preparing for a Record Convention. That it may be so, is the earnest wish and prayer of every member of our organisation. We are rejoicing in the certainty that our much loved Cor.

Sec., will be with us. Fresh from her trip around the world, physically recreated, by the pure air of the Himalayas and the salty spray of old ocean; mentally invigorated by contact with many minds in many lands, spiritually inspired by the great wave of Jubilee Celebrations sweeping over the U.S.A., we long to clasp her hand, hear her voice, listen to her words of wisdom and give her a ringing White Ribbon welcome.

Then, too, we have the probability, though not the certainty of having our beloved President back with us. She writes to say her health was never better, and her soul is so filled to overflowing with all the wonders she has witnessed in "Dry America" that even when her eloquent tongue has done its best to give a full account, she will still feel "the half has not been told."

A Record Convention.—First as to attendance; and here every Union is on its honour to send the largest possible delegation. No Union should be without a delegate. We want the inspiration of numbers at the Convention, you want a delegate to return to you bearing with her the soul-inspiring memories of Convention, and sharing those memories with you all through the year. No written report however good can give to a Union the knowledge, the help, the trumpet call to rouse for victory as the verbal report from one of its own members. And the Union which sends no delegate will be poorer and weaker all the year, because they have no Convention inspired member in their midst.

A Record Convention also because of the business put through and the plans of work adopted. And here every Union can help. Those who are fighting in the lonely places, who are facing difficulties in organising new Unions and carrying on old ones, if there is any way in which Convention can help you, send up a remit or a suggestion to Mrs Evans, 205 Clyde Street, Island Bay, Wellington, and it will be discussed at Convention, and adopted if approved of.

A Record Convention because of the spiritual uplift and inspiration. A Record Convention spiritually, will mean A Victory Convention, A Victory Year, A Victory Poll. And here again every Union, every mem-

ber, can assist in the preparation. Victory Conventions do not come by chance, they are prepared for, prayed for, organised for, worked for, sacrificed for. From now on, either at our noontide hour, or some other suitable time let prayer rise insistent and persistent for a glorious baptism of fire at this Convention. A wave of Pentecost descending on one and all, that may be carried by delegates to the remotest corners of our Dominion. Let your prayers be in Faith nothing doubting. We believe that the liquor trade is not in accordance with God's will, therefore the Liquor Trade must go. And go it will as soon as God's people have sufficient faith to believe it is going. "He could not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief." Christ can only do mighty works at our Convention **if we believe.** Pray for the faith that makes it possible for mighty works to be done.

This is our victory year! Do not doubt it. We have failed in the past because we have expected to fail. Don't make that mistake now. We shall win just as soon as we think we can. Victory in the past has been delayed, not by the strength or skill of our opponents, but by the doubts, the indifference of our own supporters.

Faith and works are twin wires which link us to the great Power House of God. Keep these wires ever connected and there is no limit to the power God can send through you, you become a "real live wire." We do not receive power for to-day because we were connected with God's power house a week, a year ago. To be a power for God to-day we must keep our connection with Him every day, every hour, every minute, always in vital, living Union with the great source of all power.

Our Victory Year.—Pray for it, believe it, think it, say it, sing it, shout it, tell it out till the welkin rings with the shouts of Victory! Victory!"

It takes a little courage and a little self-control,
And some grim determination, if you want to reach a goal.
It takes a deal of striving, and a firm and stern-set chin!
No matter what the battle, if you're really out to win."