

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

Dear Sisters,

I am so glad to know that many Unions this year are doing very definite work in the presentation of facts at definite times in your meetings, and some have written me for Pamphlet No. 13, that were planning for Essay work in the Schools.



MRS CATCHPOLE,

Dominion Superintendent of Scientific Temperance.

You will be glad to know, the Alliance, through the Educational Department are supplying a definite schedule of Temperance facts, graded for classes in the Teacher's Handbook.

While this is a help, if the Teacher cares to use it, it is not sufficient.

We have, if we will exercise it, a chance to do some real service by laying plans now for the next election of the School Boards.

The ground work is there if we get a sympathetic School Board; we can get a contest spirit aroused, and a seeking out of information will bring a request for material. We can't expect Teachers to use anything that won't count in their school programme.

Women! its up to us to make it count.

Over 40 years of education on these lines in Canadian and American schools, and yet we have their mistakes to guide us more quickly to success, and we have to start right now to catch up.

If you find at present it is impossible to get into a Day School, I suggest you group your District Sunday Schools, stipulating age and sect, and offer medals or prizes worth while; select your Judges from the Day Schools; arrange a splendid programme as you New Zealanders' can always do; work in a Temperance

Play if you like, and have the presentations made by a Member of Parliament, "our Minister of Education" of whom we are justly proud, if possible, or some other successful man in your own District.

If we "achieve great things, we must attempt great things"; everything with a means to the end. We are striving through difficulties and sacrifice.

If we can't get into the School now, let us concentrate on the fibre of our School Board for next year; in that way you can gain access to the District Council, and thence to the School Board.

The facts we have must be backed by New Zealand men and women of scientific knowledge to make it effective.

We would be so glad to gather this material together, and make our own statements from men and women in New Zealand. We look forward to this in the future; until then we have on hand "Alcohol and other narcotics."

"Science and Human Life in the Alcohol Problem."—C. F. Stoddard.

"The World's New Day and Alcohol."—C. F. Stoddard.

Methods of teaching Temperance, and a number of helpful pamphlets to loan, as a means of help.

Yours in W.R. Bonds,
G. CATCHPOLE.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Dear Sisters,

We are all feeling sad and somewhat discouraged, although not cast down, by the failure of the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill. Having encouraged ourselves in the Lord, we shall go forward with renewed will and sustained effort till the Bible is restored to the Public Schools of New Zealand. I would remind our readers that we are not trying an experiment, for a convincing proof already exists of the harmonious working of Religious Exercises in Schools; in that every Secondary School Teacher begins the day's work with a Bible Lesson. Then, why in the name of all that is fair and just, should the children attending Public Schools be deprived of hearing the word of God which would be "a light to their feet, and a lamp to their paths."

Apart from religion altogether, as literature, the Bible towers among

the classics. Why deny the children the great privilege of hearing this Book of books read? It is 50 years next year since the Bible was banished from the Public Schools of New Zealand. Although a Jubilee, it causes sadness to contemplate. Let us, by prayer and effort, mark the occasion by restoring the Bible to the Public Schools of New Zealand. With this bright anticipation, let us go forward to victory.

Sincerely yours,

MARY C. COOK,

N.Z. Supt. Bible-in-Schools.

MAORI SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

I am glad to be able to report that we have obtained an Organiser for this Department, Mrs Simons, who hopes to start work for us on November 1st. She will commence work first in the Auckland District, where there are Unions who will welcome a visit from her.

Miss McLay is doing some work for this Department this month in the Taupo and Rotorua District, and Mrs Fulljames is hoping to start on the 11th to visit Batley. Reports from these workers will appear in next issue of the White Ribbon.

N. F. WALKER,
For Maori Department,
W.C.T.U.

APITI, meets first Thursday, in the Library, at 2.30. Pres., Mrs Gill; Vice-Pres., Mrs Haynes and Mrs Murray; Treas., Mrs S. Gould; Sec., Miss F. Malcolm.

ARAMOHO, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs H. Beggs, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmore, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs H. Good, Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs Sleight, Stewart Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs G. Suddaby, 79 Cumber Place.

AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, Central Mission Hall, Albert Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace, W.R. Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Cross, Ellerslie.

AUCKLAND Y's, 1st Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Gospel Temperance Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss A. M. McLay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Pyle, Mr Polson; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 1 Haydn Av., Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Mr L. Davison, 7 Windmill Rd., Mt. Eden; Treas., Mr Thos. Thompson, Y.M.C.A., Auckland; Supt., Miss Read, Whitaker Place, Auckland.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Oatons, John Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. E. Gregor, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Geggie, Rosebank; Treas., Miss Tosh, Toshvale; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. McLean, Renfrew Street.