

Make me an Intercessor, teach me how
to prevail,
To stand my ground and still pray on,
Though powers of hell assail;
Make me an Intercessor, till pleading at
Thy Throne,
The sins and sorrows of other lives be-
come as my very own.

This verse has every letter of the al-
phabet:—

Except with zeal we try to win
God's just and holy love,
We cannot conquer life and sin,
Nor walk with Him above.

Prayers and praises go in pairs—
They have praises who have prayers.

She who has chosen Martha's part,
The planning head, the steady heart,
So full of household work and care,
Intent on serving everywhere,
May also Mary's secret know,
Nor yet her household cares forego,
May sit and learn at Jesus' feet,
Nor leave her service incomplete.

When Christ was born, midnight
gloom lightened into midday brightness
(Luke 2:9). When Christ suffered,
midday light darkened into midnight
gloom (Luke 23:44).

WHEN LIVING RIGHT.

What is right living? Just to do
your best
When worst seems easiest. To bear
the ills
Of daily life with patient cheerful-
ness,
Nor waste dear time recounting them.
To talk
Of hopeful things when doubt is in
the air.
To count your blessings often, giving
thanks,
And to accept your sorrows silently,
Nor question why you suffer. To
accept
The whole of life as one perfected
plan,
And welcome each event as a part of
it:
To work, and love your work; to
trust, to pray
For larger usefulness and clearer
sight,
This is right living, pleasing in God's
eyes.

—"Anonymous."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments (exclusive of
capitation fees) have been received since
the date of last report:—

New Zealand Fund.

Nelson, £5; Wellington South, £2; Lyt-
telton and Ponsonby, £1 1s each; Ash-
burton, Carterton, Hamilton, Oamaru,
Stratford, and Wakefield £1 each; Hast-
ings, 7s; Belfast, 5s.

Franchise Day collections: Hastings,
£1; Palmerston North, 19s 2d; Stratford,
16s 10d; Wellington South, 6s 6d.

Organising Fund.

Nelson, £15; Ashburton, £5; Feilding,
£4 4s; Oxford, £3; Pahiatua, £2 11s; Rich-
mond, £2 8s; Greymouth, £2 5s; Auck-
land "Y" and Wakefield £2 each; Ham-
ilton, £1 15s 10d; Kaikorai, £1 11s 6d;
Picton and Sawyer's Bay, £1 10s each;
Miramar, £1 4s; Helensville and Lyttel-
ton, 18s each; Waihi, 16s; Grey Lynn
and Morrinsville, 10s each.

Maori Fund.

North-East Valley, £3 2s; Nelson, £3;
Matakana, £2 14s; South Invercargill,
£2 2s 6d; Wanganui Central and Wel-
lington South, 15s 3d each; Greymouth,
11s; Auckland "Y," Hastings, New
Brighton, Riccarton, and Sawyer's Bay,
10s each; Sefton, 8s 6d; Kaimiro Sunday
School, 7s 8d; Henderson and Lincoln,
5s each; per Mrs Walker (Supt.), 5s.

World's Missionary Fund.

Wellington South, 14s.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 11th December, 1926.

A HIGH RESOLVE!

To keep my health!
To do my work!
To live!
To see to it I grow and gain and give!
Never to look behind me for an hour!
To wait in weakness and to talk in
power,
But always fronting onward toward the
light.
Always and always facing toward the
right,
Robbed, starved, defeated, fallen, wide
astray—
On with what strength I have
Back to the way.

—Charlotte Parking Gilmour.

News of the Unions.

BRANCH REPORTS.

Please take note:—

1. Reports should reach Editor by 8th of each month.
2. They should be short. Don't report routine business. Do report all new plans and efforts.
3. Use pen and ink, and write only on one side of the paper.

HENDERSON.

November. Annual meeting, Mrs Platt in the chair, rather small attendance owing to Royal Show in Auckland and sickness. Much satisfaction was expressed at the effort which has been made to educate the children "in the effect of Alcohol on the Human Body" by giving prizes to Standard VI boys and girls for best essay on the subject. (Mrs Peryman presented prizes when on her tour). Resolved that Treasurer obtain pledge cards that can be signed by our young folk, and then hung up in their rooms, to keep their pledge in sight. President reported date of Convention to be held in Auckland, March 23rd to 31st, 1927. Reported that funds are getting low, as we have spent more than our income during the last two years. We are to make a special effort during the coming year. Election of officers was as follows:—Mrs Platt, Pres. (re-elected); Mrs Forsen Stuart, Miss Duncan, Vice-Presidents; Mrs McKay, Secretary (re-elected); Mrs Williams, Treasurer (re-elected); Outlook Member, Mrs Forsen Stuart; W.R. Agent, Miss Duncan (re-elected); W.R. Reporter, Mrs W. Williams (re-elected). A Syllabus Committee to consist of three ladies was elected, Mrs McKay, Mrs Forsen Stuart, Mrs Ashton, to have syllabus ready for each member before March. President read a pamphlet on Gambling, not only on horse racing, but pointing out the danger of beans in the bottle, guessing dolls names, etc., in the effect and influence it has on our young people. All were urged to think seriously about it. Our Mothers' Afternoon was fixed for December 8th, when Mrs Cook, from Auckland, will give an address on Bible-in-Schools. Collection was taken towards Maori Fund. Letters of sympathy to be sent to our Secretary and Mrs Usher, as both are far from well. Next ordinary meeting to be held 3rd Wednesday in March in Presbyterian Church.

TAURANGA.

November. Good attendance, President in chair. Business, election of officers. An animated discussion was held, resulting in the decision of each officer agreeing to carry on as before, to the unanimous approval of all present. Various matters of correspondence were dealt with, and afternoon tea was handed round. Decided to meet again in February of next year.

PAPAROA.

November 16. Good attendance, the President, Mrs J. Hames, presided. A hearty welcome was accorded to Mrs Fulljames, of Takapuna W.C.T.U., who gave an inspiring address on the work and aims of our Union, also drawing a vivid picture of the disastrous effects of drink amongst the young people. Many suggestions were given to Paparua branch, as observing Special Days—"White Ribbon Day," "Francis Willard Day," "Franchise Day," also having a quarterly Executive meeting, sending reports to nearest Local Paper of W.C.T.U. meetings, increasing our membership, and to compete for the honour of securing a Banner. The President thanked Mrs Fulljames "on behalf of the members" for her very helpful address. Mrs Fulljames then held the Initiatory; three new members. Mr Brittle appointed Auditor.

MASTERTON.

November 4. Annual Subscription Social, Mrs Cocker presiding over a good attendance of members and friends. The Secretary's report showed that nine monthly meetings and three special "At Home" meetings had