

of the Agenda appears in this issue of the "White Ribbon."

An Executive meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 23rd March, and as usual, to this are summoned the Dominion officers, the District Presidents, the Dominion Superintendents of Departments, and the Organisers. Any District Union whose President is unable to attend, may be represented by one of the District Secretaries, or failing them, by the District Treasurer.

Every Union of 100 members or under is entitled to send one delegate. For larger Unions the basis of representation is one delegate for every 100, or fraction of 100, members, but these must be financial, i.e., fully paid up members.

As I explained in my letter last month, no provision can now be made for representation by proxy; but a Union unable to send one of its own members may select as its delegate any member of any other Union within its own District; but no delegate may represent more than one Union, or exercise more than one vote. The names, addresses and status of delegates should be sent to me as soon as possible, so that the roll of Convention members may be prepared. Each delegate should bring with her credentials showing that she is entitled to a seat on Convention. These may be worded as follows:—"We hereby certify that — is the duly appointed delegate for — Union for the Convention to be held at Auckland in March, 1927." They should be signed by the President and the Secretary of the Union, and should bear the date of the meeting at which the delegate was appointed. They should be brought to Auckland and handed to me in person, not sent to me through the post. It sometimes happens that the name of the delegate cannot be decided till very shortly before Convention week. Under these circumstances word should be sent to me that the Union will be represented, and the name can be forwarded later.

As early as possible the names of intending delegates who require hospitality should be sent to the Hospitality Committee in Auckland. Again, if it is not possible to select the delegate early, but it is reasonably certain that the Union will be represented by some one, word of this should be sent to Auckland as early as possible, for it is not fair to the Hospitality Committee to be called on to find a home just at the eleventh

hour. The name and address of the convenor of the Hospitality Committee will be found on page 7 of this issue of the "White Ribbon."

Information has been forwarded to me by the Corresponding Secretary as to travelling concessions, and special attention should be given to the following directions. Properly accredited delegates will be granted first-class tickets (by rail) at holiday excursion fares, but each delegate must have a certificate from the Corresponding Secretary. Every Union which intends to send a delegate, or delegates, must apply for the necessary certificate to the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Henderson, B.A., 7 Straven Road, Riccarton, Christchurch. It will not be necessary to give the name of the delegate in making the application.

There is one Notice of Motion, which will hardly be likely to raise any discussion. It is to the effect that in the Constitution of the District Union an alteration be made whereby the Chief Vice-President, instead of being elected, shall be nominated by the District President. This matter should be brought up at the February meeting in each Union, so that instructions for voting may be given to the delegates for Convention.

With loving greetings to all of you, and best wishes for the New Year just begun, and especially for an enthusiastic Convention.—I am, etc.

KATE M. EVANS, Rec. Sec.

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### TO THE BRANCHES OF THE W.C.T.U. IN SOUTHLAND.

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Through the medium of the White Ribbon, the Southland District Union Executive sends hearty New Year greetings to every Union in Southland.

At the commencement of 1927, which has opened so auspiciously—the land flooded with sunshine and the fields fresh and smiling, giving promise of plenty—let us, with grateful hearts, resolve to work more fervently for the abolition of the liquor traffic which is such a blot on our fair and beloved Dominion.

"You must live each day at your very best,  
The work of the world is done by few,  
God asks that a part be done by you."

### EACH IN HIS OWN TONGUE.

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A fire-mist and a planet, a crystal  
and a cell,  
A jelly-fish and a saurian, and caves  
where the cavemen dwell.  
Then a sense of law and beauty, and  
a face turned from the clod—  
Some call it Evolution, and others  
call it God.

A haze on the far horizon, the infinite  
tender sky,  
The ripe, rich hint of cornfields, and  
then wild geese sailing high;  
And all over upland and lowland, the  
charm of the golden rod—  
Some of us call it Autumn, and others  
call it God.

Like tides on a crescent sea-beach,  
when the moon is new and thin,  
Into our hearts high yearnings come  
welling and surging in:  
Come from the mystic ocean, whose  
rim no foot has trod—  
Some of us call it Longing, and others  
call it God.

A picket frozen on duty, a mother  
starved for her brood,  
Socrates drinking the hemlock, and  
Jesus on the rood;  
And millions, who, humble and name-  
less, the straight, hard pathway  
plod—  
Some call it Consecration, and others  
call it God.

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### DON'T QUIT!

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A winner never quits,  
He shoots until he hits;  
A quitter never has been known to  
win,  
He quits about the time he should  
begin—  
Don't quit!

The greatest is not whether fast or  
slow the pace—  
You know the turtle and the rabbit  
had a race—  
It's rather, can you stick until you  
reach the place  
Where rich rewards are giv'n, where  
sounds the words of praise;  
"Almost" and "nearly" will not do,  
You've got to stick the whole race  
through—  
Don't quit!