

to the spirit of war and the moral dangers of a military Camp. (Southland District Convention.)

12. That the Government be urged to introduce legislation providing for the establishment of separate institutions for the two classes of children now in our Industrial Schools, so that those young people who are committed only on account of the inability of their parents to support them, should not lie under the suspicion of being incorrigible or of possessing criminal tendencies. (Dunedin Union.)

13. That this Convention is of the opinion that Mental Hospitals should be placed under Public Boards of Management. (Canterbury Provincial Convention.)

14. That in any future issue of pledge books the word "as a beverage" be omitted from the pledge. (Canterbury Provincial Convention.)

15. That remits for discussion at the Annual Dominion Convention be circulated to the District Unions early in February, or be printed in February issue of the "White Ribbon."

CORRESPONDENCE.

SEATS FOR SHOP GIRLS.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,

I was very pleased to read in your January issue "A Draper's" plea for seats for our Shop-Girls.

In these days when so much is being done for the health of the community, it is high time that the public in general, and our Women's Societies in particular, took up this question which so vitally affects the health of so many hundreds of women and girls.

It is interesting to hear from "A Draper," that shop girls in Melbourne and Sydney and San Francisco are provided with seats.

He urges every W.C.T.U. to interview their Local M.P. (a wise step) and goes on to state that our present Act does not insist that the seat shall be behind the counter.

Have we such an Act? If so, it is surely honoured more in the breach than in the observance.

Your correspondent says: "I find a girl more kindly and polite with customers if she has a rest." This must be true, therefore one would

think that the drapers themselves would provide the seats that make for efficiency.

I see that the drapers' Conference meets in Christchurch this week.

The late T. E. Taylor—the man of vision—years ago urged this reform. Let us be up and doing, and secure this boon for our over-tired Shop-girls.

I am, etc.,
"A COUNTRY WOMAN."

WORLD'S WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The following letter was received by Mrs Don, and passed on as being of interest to all White Ribboners. "Dear Friend; beloved of us all,

"I thank you for your choice and most welcome holiday remembrance. In the New Year just dawning, I pray that God will richly bless our work and workers everywhere. In all the campaigns of the eventful year ahead, to 'Hold Fast and Go Forward' is a slogan to inspire our most heroic effort.

"It is not always a sacred experience to come face to face with the first moments of a New Year? Is there not a mystic, inspiring thrill of renewed dedication to our high task? Far more than any other force excepting that of the united Church, the united womanhood of the world under the banner of the Lord God of Hosts has power to finish victoriously the educational campaign for the uninformed and indifferent, and the political struggle against the united foes of Prohibition.

"It comforts me to think that in our service for the King, we may keep the Christmas spirit uppermost in our hearts. We can march to the music of the 'distant triumph song.' Isn't it blessed that the Christmas Song is continuous throughout the year, and that on the busiest or the darkest hour of any day, the listening soul may 'hear the angels sing?'"

ANNA A. GORDON.

DO YOU know that before the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted, out of 2,450 countries in the United States only 305 had not declared themselves dry.

IT COULDN'T BE DONE.

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,

But he with a chuckle replied,
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin

On his face. If he worried he hid it.

He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh! you'll never do that;

At least, no one ever has done it."
But he took off his coat and took off his hat,

And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.

With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,

Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure;

There are thousands to point out to you one by one

The dangers that wait to assail you.

But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,

Just take off your coat and go to it;

Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing

That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

—EDGAR A. GUEST.

"Our work has never had in it more life than it has to-day. We have White Ribboners in fifty-one countries, some of them organized for forty years. Ten nations already have enacted laws forbidding the sale of liquor to minors. An illuminated map showed the locations of the approximately 20,000 local Unions in the United States."—Anna A. Gordon.