

## WHAT HAVE YOU GOT?

"Use what you have and you'll never go short," was a favourite saying of a famous Missionary.

It occurs to me that some of our smaller branches might often think of it, when they say what I have heard repeated too frequently: "It's not worth going to the meetings when there is so little to do."

Is there so little?

Have you done all the little jobs there is room for in your neighbourhood?

Has your Local School the Temperance Wall Sheets, well-attended to? (I heard of one Union whose members made the 'nothing doing' plaint when their Public School had not even got the wall-sheets—no one seemed to have asked if the Convent School had, or used them.)

Have you got keen workers on their School Committees, and all the other Local bodies?

What about the Plunket Society—is the Badge well in evidence there?

Do your Local Boy Scouts and Girl Guides associate our Bow with their ideas of civic workers?

Your Local Flower Shows, Sports Competitions, are the Union members backing them up, and showing our colours at their meetings?

If not, why not?

The Pelman people used to ram it into their students that "a great achievement is only a succession of small ones."

We can't very reasonably hope for our great achievement, which is not merely to win prohibition, but to train our boys and girls to understand the common-sense of total abstinence, unless we, (we, the rank and file, you and I, not just our leaders) achieve the great success of doing the small jobs waiting near us.

So, what job have you got, just nice and handy, waiting for you to sort it up?

I asked a Junior member lately if she had asked a new-comer to join.

"Why, I never thought of it," she said.

Have you any new-comers you have not asked?

KATHERINE MERCER.

"Yesterday is dead—forget it. Tomorrow does not exist—don't worry. To-day is here—use it."

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

## NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Hawera and Riccarton, £1 10s. each; Palmerston North (additional) £1 0s. 10d.; Blenheim, Hastings, Invercargill North, Nelson "Y," Normanby, Rakaia, £1 each; per Miss R. Boyce, balance funds Motueka "Y," 15s. 6d.; Wanganui Central (additional) 10s.

## ORGANIZING FUND.

Wellington South, £13 2s. 6d.; Invercargill Central, £11 5s.; New Plymouth, £10 6s.; Napier, £7 16s.; Palmerston N. (additional) £7 15s.; New Brighton, £7 1s.; Gore, £6 19s. 6d.; Ponsonby, £6 16s. 6d.; Oamaru, £6 15s.; Carterton, £6 7s. 6d.; Hawera, £5 14s.; Stratford, £5 9s. 6d.; Invercargill "Y," £5; Riccarton, £4 2s. 6d.; Blenheim, £3 16s.; Hastings and Rangiora, £3 15s. each; Pleasant Point, £3 9s.; Rakaia, £3 7s. 6d.; Foxton, £3; Invercargill North, £2 18s. 6d.; Port Chalmers, £2 14s.; Dannevirke, £2 9s. 9d.; Waitara, £2; Henderson, £1 19s.; Opawa-Woolston, £1 17s. 6d.; Edendale South, £1 16s.; Apiti and Johnsonville, £1 14s. 6d. each; Birkenhead and Tauranga, £1 13s. each; Chevoit and Eltham, £1 11s. 6d. each; Lincoln, Springston and Otautau, £1 10s. each; Manugatoroto, £1 7s.; Balclutha and Sefton, £1 5s. 6d. each; Bluff and Wakapuaka, £1 2s. 6d. each; Raetihi, £1 0s. 6d.; Te Kuiti, £1; Westport, 19s. 6d.; Waipukurau, 18s.; Waihi, 12s.; Miss Olsen (Norsewood) 10s.

## MAORI FUND.

Invercargill North, £2; Greytown, £1 1s.; Invercargill "Y," 10s.

## WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Invercargill North, £1; Ashburton, 10s.

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"You are acquitted, Sam." "Acquitted," repeated Sam doubtfully. "What do you mean, Judge?" "That's the verdict; you are acquitted." Still looking somewhat confused, Sam said, "Judge, does dat mean I have to give the watch back?"

## LADIES OF THE JURY.

("Literary Digest," March 6th.)

When women jurors were a novelty, the favourite word of caution to them was, 'Don't let your feelings run away with you!' Well, they didn't, it seems, and now the favourite word of caution to them is, 'Have a heart!' We read of male-factors taking one glance at the female faces in the jury box and hastily withdrawing a jaunty plea of "not guilty" and substituting one of "guilty." Writing on this subject in *Colliers*, the *National Weekly*, Hugh O'Connor declares that women have changed the method of trying prisoners more than it had been changed by men in seven centuries. On which point—

Judges who have had experience with women on the jury all seem to agree: what women have done to the jury system during the past two or three years is the most remarkable thing that has happened to it since a historic date in 1219, when one of the Popes forbade any further use of trial by fire or water in Christian countries.

## PLEASING THE JUDGES.

Mr O'Connor tells us that the entry of women into the court as jurors was regarded with suspicion by the judges at first, "as they now frankly admit;" but most of them have undergone a change of heart.

Then follows testimony from Court Judges in Kansas, North Dakota, California, Ohio, Indiana, etc.—of 62 opinions from State Judges, 58 were enthusiastically for women jurors and only 4 gave faint praise.

"Justice Guy, in New York, was moved recently to declare that men are really more emotional than women. And on the court records throughout the country, from time to time judges have spread blasts of dissatisfaction with men juries for being swayed by sympathy. The judges said the men juries too often went beyond the question: Is the prisoner guilty? and decided the question: Should the prisoner be punished for it?"

The Major—"I see your nephew has found his fate at last, colonel. I hope it is a love match."

The Colonel—"Of course it is. When a girl has got ten thousand a year, you can't help loving her."