

SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

Dear Sisters,—

I feel that Convention has honoured me by appointing me to the position of Superintendent of Good Citizenship. I realise that this is an important branch of our work, and I would urge upon all Unions who are not already working this department to appoint a local Superintendent without delay.

One can hardly define the boundaries of the Good Citizenship Department, for it seems to embrace all other branches of work. Perhaps I might just indicate a few directions in which work might well be taken up: League of Nations Union, Prison and Reformatory Work, Women on School Committees, Bible in State Schools, Fresh Air Schools League, Plunket Society, Kindergarten Societies; women's responsibility, too, towards the present serious industrial position, and the necessity of supporting and encouraging local and Dominion made goods is a big question, and one that I have felt for a long time should occupy a prominent place in our Good Citizenship Department. The fact that women exercise 75 per cent. of the spending power of wages goes to prove that their relation to the present position, with all its problems, including that of unemployment, is a very vital one.

I feel that our W.C.T.U. should be represented on every Society that is working in the interests of women and children, and also for the welfare and well-being of the community generally. If I can be of any assistance to any Union, at any time, I will be glad.—
Yours in White Ribbon bonds.

NELLIE BLACKWELL,

Superintendent Good Citizenship.

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May 31, 1927.

Dear Sisters,—

I should just like to write a line or two and tell you how much I have enjoyed my new office work. It has brought back to memory days of over 25 years ago, when I was in the New Zealand Alliance Office doing just the same work as I am called to do as the Literature Superintendent.

It has taken some little time to get things fixed up at my home for the supply on hand, but I have the best husband that was ever born and he got quite interested and enthusiastic, and was quite willing to give me a room

which he always has had for his work-room, so we have been so busy turning out and papering this room. Mr Chisholm has made cupboards, etc., and now the literature has been sorted out, and everything is in its place, and I am quite proud of our literature room; but I must not write too much about it, or else I'll have Mrs Peryman saying I had better have her "White Ribbon" back numbers here also.

Although it is all very nice, dear sisters, I never realised before the necessity was so urgent for a headquarters. There is hardly a mail without an order from some Union, sometimes two or three, for literature.

Perhaps if I give you one day's orders you will understand better. Let me give you last Friday's orders, so it will be right to date:—

- 6 dozen Pledge Cards.
- 11 dozen Handy Booklets.
- 1 dozen Constitution.
- 5 dozen Hymn Books.
- 1 Music Hymn Book.
- 5 dozen Pledge Slips.
- 3 packets of Envelopes.
- 6 Star of Honour.
- 2 Receipt Books.
- 1 dozen Brooches.
- 2 Writing Pads.

This is just one day's orders. Of course, every day is not so busy, but the postman hardly misses my door without an order from some Union.

If we want our work to grow we must have room to expand our wings.

Progress is like a bicycle: you must keep it moving along, or it will topple over. Our beloved leader, Francis Willard, said: "How grand a thing it was to work for something great."

Will we succeed? Let me answer in the words of Bishop Darlington:

"My friend, if you would fain succeed,
Four qualities you surely need:
Pluck to start the appointed work,
Grit to stand the wearing grind,
Strength to wait and never shrink,
Grace to keep a humble mind,
Then ask of God the glad reward,
In prayer through Jesus Christ our
Lord."

Send along your orders freely, dear sisters. I love to know the Unions are needing the literature, for it shows work is being done.

Power in God surpasses all limit.
Power in us is limited by faith.

God bless you all, is the genuine prayer of

Your loving Literature Su: t.,

E. F. CHISHOLM.

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Berhampore, Wellington.

Dear Sisters and Fellow-workers,

I thought I would like to send just a few lines to you as I retire from the office of General Literature Superintendent.

I shall miss your visits through the post very much after nine years' of correspondence with each other.

The work has been a pleasure to me, and my only regret is that I've not had the time that this work demands or the facilities at my disposal. Each year it has grown and developed as is evidenced by the fact that nine years ago I presented my first balance-sheet showing an income through Sales of £17 with an expenditure of £15. The balance-sheet presented at last Convention was Sales to the value of £106, with an expenditure of £124, thus you will see that this part of our work does not stand still; on the other hand much coming and going is represented by these figures.

I would like to offer a suggestion to the various Unions, that the District Treasurers order and hold stocks so that the Unions could apply to them for their supply. This would very much lessen the work of the Dominion Superintendent, and make it more manageable for the busy women who have to do these things.

I had hoped that long before this we would have had our Headquarters fully established, where all literature would be kept and operated on from there, but as this is still in the future, I have felt that I must ask to be relieved.

I thank you all for your co-operation and the pleasant associations we have had in fellow-service. May I bespeak for my successor the same kindly feeling—I know that will be so.

Orders still continue to come to me; this has been alright thus far, but now will all Unions please note the change of address and send your orders direct to Mrs Chisholm, 9 Palm Grove, Berhampore, Wellington, unless your District Treasurer or Secretary does it for you, then of course you will send to her. If I can