

That set him to think,
 "Her love—or the drink?"
 And Jill very soon made it plain,
 If the pledge he'd not sign
 And the pint-mug resign
 She'd not go a-walking again.

So Jack thought it out,
 And he gave up his stout,
 For the sake of his pretty girl, Jill;
 When he told her, she flung
 Her arms round him, and clung,
 Said, "I'll wed you as soon as you
 will."

—Louis Bulley.

FRANCHISE DAY.

Dear "Wise,"—

This month is the anniversary of granting the Franchise to women. For 34 years now, women have had the privilege and responsibility of voting.

Have we adequately valued that privilege? Have we realised the responsibility cast upon us? A stream cannot rise higher than its source, and the woman's vote can never reach a higher level than the character of our womanhood. We vote, we influence by what we are. How necessary then to keep ourselves in tune with the Infinite, in touch with the higher and spiritual atmosphere, and live ourselves the lofty standard we wish our race to attain to.

On women rest a double responsibility. Not only have we to cast our own vote to-day, but the women of to-day are training the men and women who shall be the voters of to-morrow.

Remember the vote is yours. Listen to what older folk say, but cast the vote as your judgment and conscience tells you. Vote intelligently. Learn all you can of the issues at stake, and vote not at the dictate of ignorance and prejudice, but with the approval of an educated mind and sanctified common-sense. Vote carefully. Study the records of the men who are candidates for your vote, and remember that if you want good laws you must elect good men—men who have seen a vision of a righteous nation, and are striving to convert that ideal into an actual. Give us "Tall men, sun-crowned, who

live above the fog in public duty and in private thinking."

Vote prayerfully:—Whosoever we sow we shall reap, and in all things we have the promise of Divine Guidance.

A little girl was saying her prayers when her brother slyly pinched her. She reverently said, "Please God, excuse me while I slap Teddy."

Many nominal Christians would dismiss Christ with a polite bow at the door of the polling booth. But the earnest follower of the Christ will ask Him to go to the Ballot Box with them and guide them how to cast their little white ballot.

"What do we need to keep the nation whole,
 To guard the pillars of the State."
 We need the Cromwell fire to make us feel
 The common burden and the public trust
 To be a thing as sacred and august,
 As the white vigil where the angels' kneel,
 We need the faith to go a path untrod,
 The power to be alone and vote with God.

OUR ORGANISERS.

We have received reports from Timaru and Southland District of the fine work done there by Miss C. M. McLay, our "Y." Organiser. We are sorry we have not space to print in full, but most of it has been reported in our column of Branch Reports.

Timaru speaks of Bible Classes, Factories, Mothers' Unions and kindred Societies visited, and everywhere meeting a good reception.

Southland District wish to place on record their appreciation of the valuable work done by Miss C. M. McLay during the ten weeks spent in Southland.

During her stay there, approximately 2,500 children and young people, and 450 adults were addressed.

Wanganui too, expresses its appreciation of Miss Bradshaw's work among the young people. One young worker expressed her admiration very tersely and yet most expressively: "She's not wanting to make us, she's just wanting us to come."

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INVERCARGILL.

Sept. 5. Most wretched weather, yet the enthusiasm of the braver souls carried them out, and all present had a blessed time. After the usual business, members gathered round in a circle and had a Bible Study on the "Wines of the Scripture." Speakers' Class followed, and the meeting concluded with the Benediction.

OXFORD.

Sept. 5. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.C.T.U. for donation received. Miss May Delacca delegate to District Convention. Miss McLay, Travelling Organiser, gave a very interesting address on Alcohol and its effect on the human brain, giving instances to describe same.

GERALDINE.

Aug. 8. Twenty-two were present, and Miss C. M. McLay gave a very instructive address on Alcohol. Songs were sung by Mr B. Logan and Mr B. Heaton, and a recitation was given by Mr F. Wallach. Supper was served, and after a few games the meeting closed with singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Aug. 29. Special meeting to meet Miss C. M. McLay again, who took for her address "For God, Home and Humanity." After a few musical items, supper was served and meeting closed. The Geraldine "Y." Branch was formed on 13th June, 1927, and meets on the second Monday of each month.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Aug. 12. At the residence of Mrs H. Hall Bexley. Rough weather; ten members present and Mrs F. Mitchell presided. Miss P. McIlroy and Miss T. Buxton were appointed delegates to the District Convention. Around a cheery fire, Mrs Hall told the story of the "Other Wise Man," and this was extremely interesting. Mrs Hall was thanked for her address and hospitality. Music and supper brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

NORTH BRIGHTON.

Aug. 27. Well-attended meeting held at Mrs Eames' home. Mrs Gus Fiorance's resignation as Treasurer accepted with regret. Miss Molly Norrie elected Treasurer. Mrs Goldman and Miss A. Pollard appointed delegates to the District Convention. Letters from the Area Secretary of the New Zealand Alliance, thanking members for performing a Tableau, and from Miss McLay, Y. Organiser. Miss Leaver read a paper on "How we won the Franchise." Five new members. Supper served.

ASHBURTON.

Aug. 20. 50 present. The President, Mr Norman Corbett, in the chair. A Lookout Committee, a Committee to manage Allenton Band of Hope, and five Devotional Superintendents to take three months each, were appointed. Miss Alice Beck was appointed Organist and Mr Jack Beck, White Ribbon Agent. Miss D. Glassey and Miss L. Tucker were appointed delegates to the Convention. Mr W. Hammond spoke on the "Drink Traffic in England," giving some startling facts. Miss McLay also spoke. Ten new members were initiated. An enjoyable Social followed.

RANGIORA.

July 5. Miss Ayers presided; good attendance. One new member initiated. First Birthday celebrated by Social. Pieces of cake and greetings sent to officers of W.C.T.U. Letter of regret sent to member who had left the district, and we hope she will join up with the Y's, where she is going. Resignation of Treasurer accepted with regret.

Aug. 3. Annual meeting and Social held at Mrs Logan's (Superintendent's) residence. Miss Ayers presided; very good attendance. Letters of thanks for Birthday Cake received. Decided that each member write to the M.P., asking him to oppose the Gambling Bill. Invitation from Oxford Y's. to their next meeting was accepted. Two new members initiated. New officers elected as follows:—President, Miss V. Taylor; Vice-President, Mr C. R. Thwaites; Minute Secretary, Miss M. James; Cor. Secretary, Mr W. F. Lasky; Treasurer, Miss E. Watson; Reporter, Miss D. Ayers.