

## N.Z. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amounts received, exclusive of capitation fees, during the period December 9th, 1928, to January 10th, 1929.

## New Zealand Fund.

Wellington, £1; Stratford, £1; Nelson, £5; Hamilton, £1 1s; Epsom, £1; Blenheim, £1; Nelson L.T.L., 10s.

## N.Z. Headquarters Fund.

Hamilton, £1; Orepuki, £1 1s; Grey Lynn, 10s; Waverley, £1.

## Organising Fund.

Reefton, £1 1s; Greytown, £2 4s 2d; Waimate "Y," 14s; Ngaere, £1 7s; Dunedin "Y," 10s; Hamilton, 14s 6d; Pictou, £2 2s; Pukekohe, £1 8s; Waitara, £2; Raetihi, £2 14s; New Plymouth, £7 1s; Helensville, 19s 6d; Greymouth, £2 5s; Miramar, £1 10s; Epsom, £3 12s; Rakaia, £3 4s 6d; Pahiatua, £2 8s; Onehunga, £2; Blenheim, £5; Oamaru, £6 15s; Runanga, £1 2s 6d; Te Kopuru, £2 13s 4d; Tauranga, £1 7s; Linwood, 19s 6d; Christchurch, £11 9s 6d; Pukekura, £1; Weedons-Templeton, £1 14s 6d; Stratford, £8 2s.

## Maori Fund.

Nelson, £3; Ngaere, £1; Lincoln-Springston, 4s; Epsom, 5s; Miramar, 4s 9d; Greytown, 10s; Onehunga, £1; Christchurch, £1 1s 6d; Sefton, £1 1s; Invercargill South, £1 8s; Linwood, 5s 6d.

## Franchise Day Collections.

Miramar, 4s 1d; Linwood, 4s 6d; Christchurch, 7s 1d.

## World Missionary Fund Collections.

Miramar, 8s 4d; Epsom, 5s; Linwood, 5s; Christchurch, 13s; Wellington, 9s 6d.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH,

Treasurer.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

2nd January, 1929.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP DEPT.

Dear Sisters,

Heartiest New Year's greetings to all! A year full of possibilities and opportunities lies before us. Possessed with the Master's Spirit, let us gird on our armour, praying for Divine vision and insight to be given to us, so that we may see, and take wise advantage of the opportunities for service as they present themselves.

In connection with our Good Citizenship Dept., last year we naturally concentrated on the Prohibition Campaign. This was done, more or less at the expense of some of the other branches of our work.

This year, while not neglecting the urgent educational campaign that is so necessary before we can attain our Prohibition goal, let us, at the same time, widen our sphere of activities, so that it may embrace every effort making for Good Citizenship. In connection with organizations that are already functioning, whose aim is social service, with all the varieties of work which that term embraces, let us give them our practical sympathy and assistance. In other cases, we can lead the way, and let it all be done in the name of the W.C.T.U. Don't let us lose any opportunities for service, whenever or wherever they present themselves. I have been disappointed this last year that more requests for advice or assistance have not come to hand in connection with our Good Citizenship Dept., but perhaps this has been due to the concentration of work for the Poll. I do hope, this coming year, that every Union will organize and work this important branch of our work. At any time, whether in office or not, I will be pleased to hear from any of the Unions in connection with this work.

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

NELLIE BLACKWELL,

Superintendent.

The little girl was staring fixedly at the very fat man on the opposite side of the omnibus. "You mustn't stare at that gentleman," whispered her mother. But, mummy," answered the little girl, "there's n-nowhere else to look."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

THAT MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE.

The Editor,

"White Ribbon."

Dear Madam,

While I have been generally running round this morning, sweeping and dusting, washing dishes, and interviewing that bane of the house-keeper, the man who calls to sell something he is sure you want, and you are equally sure you do not want, the thinking part of my make-up has been circulating round those three thousand women in New Zealand who are going to join our White Ribbon ranks during the month of January. Where are they? Who is going to enlist them? I have been humming to myself:

Let us then be up and doing  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labour and to wait.

As New Zealand White Ribboners, I wonder have we laboured sufficiently to earn the waiting, or has the time come to grow impatient at the delay in the mobilization of our forces. I would, that our impatience should cause us to rise from our ease in Zion, and abandon our idling in the Market Place, all day long. Surely, instead of waiting, we should go into the harvest field, keep close by the gleaners, and prove worthy of our penny a day from the Lord of the harvest.

What a field of opportunity we women have in New Zealand.

The vastness of 3,000 new members out of a population of one and a-half million people, need not daunt the most timid White Ribboner as she earns her penny a day along side the 7,000 women, each one a unit of our glorious whole.

Yours, etc.,

BEATRICE M. HARBAND.

From the bedroom of the twin boys came the mingled sounds of loud weeping and hearty laughter, so father went up to investigate.

"What's the matter up here?" he inquired.

The joyous twin indicated his weeping brother.

"Nothing," he checked, "only nurse has given Alexander two baths, and hasn't given me any."

It is he who marks the carpet with the print of muddy boots,  
And rejoices in a doorbell that is pulled out by the roots;  
Who whistles on his fingers till he almost splits your ear,  
And shocks the various callers with the slang he chanced to hear;  
He fills the house with tumult and the neighbourhood with dread,  
But his mother calls him "darling" when she tucks him into bed.