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**A FITTING MEMORIAL.**

At an Executive meeting held in Wellington, it was decided to erect a National Headquarters for our Union as a fitting tribute to the memory of our loved leader, Mrs Atkinson. The need of this has been greatly felt: a place where all our National work could be carried on, literature kept, etc., and where visiting White Ribboners could call and get full particulars about the work. The Wellington Unions are taking the matter up heartily, and are doing their best to erect a building in our Empire City that shall

be worthy of her whose memory it is to enshrine. Our departed sister would, we know, like any memorial of her to be something which could be of service to the work. While in life she served with all the energy of a strong personality, the devotion of a consecrated heart, and nothing could worthily enshrine her memory which did not carry on her ideal of service.

Further particulars will be given in a later issue, but in the meantime all persons desirous of helping in the erection of this memorial may send contributions to the Presidents of the Wellington Unions: Mrs Johnson Wright, 127 Constable Street, Wellington, or Mrs McDonald, Totara Street, Rona Bay, Wellington.

A National Headquarters will be of service to every Union and to every White Ribboner in the Dominion, and we confidently appeal to all for help: (1) Because every Union will wish to have a part in erecting this memorial to one who served all, and was loved by all; (2) Because all will want to have a part in erecting a Headquarters which will so enormously increase the usefulness of our organisation, and will so greatly benefit all.

**PROMOTED.**

Mrs Little, for many years Secretary of the Devonport Union, has been called to higher service. To her family we tender our sincerest sympathy.

Mr Richard Evans, of Kaiapoi, received a sudden and tragic call to his Heavenly home. In him the Temperance cause has lost a firm friend and willing helper. Our sympathy goes out to the family so suddenly and sadly bereaved.

Mr Brent, of Bathgate House, Rotorua, passed away recently. He was an earnest sympathiser with the Temperance cause, and a great friend and helper to the "White Ribbon." Some time ago he wrote, saying, "I'm over 80 years of age, and I hope to live to see Prohibition carried in this Dominion."

All White Ribboners will join with our Blenheim Union in regretting the passing of Mrs Rose, one of their oldest members, and in sympathising with her bereaved family.

**SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.**

PEACE AND ARBITRATION DEPT.

Dear Sisters,—On my return to New Zealand, three months ago, I found I had been again appointed by the last Convention as Superintendent of this Department, and I now write to ask the help and co-operation of my fellow-members in trying to carry on its work. It is now nearly three years since the conclusion of the war that was to ensure peace, yet none can say that the world is at peace. Not only do we still see riot and bloodshed in almost every part of the globe, but the war of class against class still rages, bringing distress and misery in its train, and the question is forced upon us, what can we women do to help to bring about that peace which the war has utterly failed to accomplish? I have thought long and earnestly upon this matter, and one only answer comes to my mind. No real reform can come simply by outward effort, but only in response to the desire for it in the minds of the people, and the peace we long for can only be attained as we can first realise it in our own hearts. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." Only as our own hearts are filled with the thought of the Divine Love in and around us, and as every feeling of anger or ill-will that may arise is instantly replaced by one of love, can this become a reality to us. The heart that is filled with thoughts of love and peace radiates around it an atmosphere of peace, which reacts upon all who come within its influence, and arouses similar thoughts within their minds; the realisation of the Divine Presence and Love within ourselves helps to create channels whereby the same influence may flow out to others. This is specially the case as regards our children; they are peculiarly sensitive to the mental atmosphere surrounding them, and we cannot be too careful to keep that atmosphere pure, full of love, and helpful to all the best tendencies within them, that they may be developed and strengthened, and that the children may grow up to become in their turn centres of loving, peaceful thought and influence. And in this connection may I once more emphasise the point often before dwelt upon, the need of keeping from them