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WHITE RIBBON MONTH.

We hope every Union will remember to do its best in our White Ribbon Campaign month. Already we have received new names for our roll, and we hope next month to give the number of new subscribers obtained by each Union and District.

Who will head the list?

UNEMPLOYMENT FUND.

We are pleased to notice that Women's Societies are asking for a statement of accounts showing how the Unemployment Funds are being spent. This statement is long overdue, and M.P.'s should press for it as soon as possible after the assembling of Parliament.

Why does the Minister hesitate to publish the statement of accounts and clear away the atmosphere of doubt and uncertainty and put an end to rumour's tongue. Women are vitally concerned in this and should use every legitimate means to press for a complete statement.

The public supply the funds, many of them feeling the pinch of paying 1/- in the pound out of very small incomes. Many women on small salaries are paying, not out of their abundance, but from their own deep need are giving, and most give without murmur, while they believe that the money is being used for those worse off than themselves.

But why tax small incomes to subsidise wealthy companies, and allow them to get cheap jobs done? Why use money so hardly earned to advance a third mortgage on hotel property? Are third mortgages of any value to-day? Would any member of Unemployment Board advance his own money on such security? We hope that all Women's Societies will keep on demanding such a statement of expenditure until they obtain it. And if this Government refuses to furnish details of how they have used money given for one special purpose only, then it is time another Government was placed in charge of the national funds; a Government which will render an account of its stewardship to the people who have contributed the money.

GENERAL ELECTION

The Labour Party have expressed their determination to press for a General Election this year. Should this be seriously considered in the House the question may then arise in regard to Licensing Poll. The W.C.T.U. were in active opposition to the last postponement of the Licensing Poll, and would oppose any further postponement. All Unions should be on the alert upon this matter and be prepared to promptly take any action recommended by our Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent, Miss Henderson.

IN MEMORIAM.

By the passing of Mrs. Pomfret on May 7th, the Wairoa Branch of the W.C.T.U. lost one of its most devoted members. Her splendid loyalty and keen interest in all branches of the work was an inspiration to all. She was one of the first members and held the office of President for one year, and was a Vice-President at the time of her death.

Many will miss her bright and happy personality. She was a patient of the hospital for the last three months and endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact. Her suffering was patiently endured, and she inspired others with hope and courage.

A prominent worker in Church and Sunday School and Band of Hope, and active in every branch of social work, she will be much missed. Our hearts go out to her sister, husband, son and daughter in their loss of one so beloved.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N.Z. Fund.

Oxford, £2; Havelock North, 10/-.

N.Z. Headquarters Fund.

Miss F. J. Cook, £1; Mrs. Sorensen, £1; Mrs. I. C. Jones, £1; Mrs. Krahagen, £1; Mt. Albert, 10/-; Styx, £2/2/-; Collingwood, 15/-.

Organising Fund.

Mt. Albert, £1/10/-; Oxford, £1/11/6; Styx, £1/1/-.

Million Shilling Fund.

Rakaia, 6/-.

Jubilee Copper Trail.

Raetihi 240, Blenheim 324, New Brighton 72, New Plymouth 120, Otorohanga 60.

World Missionary Fund.

Port Albert, 6/6; Sefton, 8/6.

Will Branch Treasurers please note that when in doubt of an officer's address a glance at the leader page of the "White Ribbon" will settle the matter. Some payments have been long in reaching me, owing to being insufficiently addressed.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH,

June 11, 1934.

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WHAT FRANCES WILLARD SAYS.

The world is slowly making the immense discovery that not what woman does but what she is makes home a possible creation. Home is but the efflorescence of woman's nature under the nurture of Christ's Gospel. She will come into government and purify it, into politics and cleanse that Stygian pool, as the waters of Marah were cleansed; for woman will make homelike any place she enters, and she will enter every place on this round earth.

Countless worlds are ever circling
Through the boundless realms of
space,
And the God whose hand has made them
Keeps each orb in its true place.
All revolve in perfect order,
Harmony complete we see,
Yet the God whose will they follow
Is the God who thinks of me.
Oh, the peace this knowledge gives me,
'Mid the cares and toils of life,
And how surely it can lift me
Far above earth's din and strife,
For I know the darkest shadows
At my Father's bidding flee,
And I sing through days of sadness
For I know He thinks of me.

—W.R.

Love and Heaven—are the only gifts
not bartered;
They alone are freely given.

—A. A. Procter.