

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS. HUGH McLEAN.

At Waipawa, on August 4th, Mrs. Hugh McLean, one of the oldest members of the New Zealand W.C.T.U., passed to her reward. Mrs. McLean, who had reached her 91st year, was born at Fars, Sutherlandshire, Scotland, and arrived in New Zealand seventy years ago. She was one of the pioneer members of the Hastings W.C.T.U., joining shortly after Mrs. Leavitt's visit to New Zealand. This was fifty years ago and it can be certainly said that never once in all these years did she stay away from a meeting unless prevented by illness, accident, or some quite unavoidable happening.

Mrs. McLean was a staunch worker for Women's Franchise in the days when the Franchise was considered only a fad of extremists. She often told how she went from door to door with petitions, and always denied the statement that the N.Z. Women's Vote was freely presented to them without effort on their part. The cause of Temperance was very dear to Mrs. McLean, and to the last days of her life she took a deep interest in the cause of Peace and Arbitration. Within a few hours of her death she whispered hopes of peace in Europe, which shows how near and ever present was her desire for peace.

Mrs. McLean to her last kept well abreast of all subjects relating to the welfare of women and children and had a wonderful grasp of New Zealand politics and international questions. For the last few years her eyesight failed to a great extent, but in spite a partial blindness she sent a gift of knitting to the W.C.T.U. Jubilee Bazaar, and even after that sent some of her work to an effort in her own Church in Waipawa. She was for nearly twenty years President of the W.C.T.U. in Waipawa and the members feel that a very mother has been taken from them.

Mrs. McLean had remarkable vigour and health till she reached the age of ninety, and was mercifully spared from long illness and suffering at the end. Her last words were, "Tell me the old, old story," and the hymn was sung by the children in her memory at the Presbyterian Church the Sunday after her death.

As the members gathered at the graveside we rejoiced in the memory of her long and splendid life, and we pray that grace may be given to follow the example she has left to us all.

MISS S. A. AMBURY.

Miss Sarah Ambury arrived in New Zealand with her brother about 40 years ago. She made her home at New Plymouth, and with the exception of four years being spent in Auckland, until 1925, when she came to Hamilton to live with her sister, Mrs. Maisey. At New Plymouth she linked up with the W.C.T.U., and for eleven years was their Secretary. Then she became Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, and was a most efficient officer. Hamilton Union was very pleased to welcome her to our

ranks and she was at once elected as our Superintendent for the Cradle Roll, with Mrs. Mitchell as her assistant; in fact, we all became her assistants, as usually her first greeting would be, "Have you got a baby for me?" If we said no, she would ask, "Why haven't you?" Needless to say, our roll grew by leaps and bounds.

Latterly, through failing health, she was obliged to spend a good deal of her time in bed, but the cards were addressed and sent out with many a prayer and many a little note or leaflet to the mother that the little ones might be kept safe from the liquor traffic. This year she was obliged to give up her work, and on July 13th she passed to higher service at the ripe age of 81. Truly it can be said of her, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, they rest from their labours and their works do follow them." May her mantle fall on every Union member. She was an inspiration to all of us.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

July 30. School of Methods well attended. Subject of study was "Good Citizenship." A letter read from Miss Gray, Dunedin, showing that all social work is included in this department, such as Justices of the Peace, School Committees, Welfare Societies, also two protests against unseemly picture posters, picture shows, and advertisements in newspapers and on hoardings.

At the Executive which followed three Dominion Superintendents were present, eleven District Superintendents, and members from 14 Unions. The business was:—(1) Arrangements for Street Lecture for Hospital Auxiliary Fund. (2) For District Convention commencing on Wednesday evening, 5th September, with a Reception; Thursday and Friday, 6th and 7th inst, Business Sessions. All members pleased to know Mrs. T. E. Taylor will be present. (3) Winter Show report showed that 250 pledges had been taken from boys and girls, and a temperance competition had been well received.

NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

August 1. Mrs. Richards presided. 15 representatives attended. Votes of sympathy with the friends of Mrs. K. W. Lovell-Smith, and Miss Blackwell on the death of her brother.

Successful Bands of Hope had been held at Styx, Linwood and North Beach. The Agenda of the Provincial Convention considered and arrangements made.

Resolved: "This Union desires to support the Bill to regulate the reports of Judicial procedure, and hopes it will become law this session."

The Union also wishes to urge that the Bill should contain a provision prohibiting publicity after sentence has been passed, or further details as to the condemned person's sayings and doings.

The next Executive will be held the first Wednesday in September.

DEVOTIONAL.

The Goodness of the Lord.

The goodness of the Lord. Jer. 31:12.
How great is Thy goodness laid up for men. Ps. 31:9.

The Lord God abundant in goodness. Ex. 34:6.

The memory of Thy goodness. Ps. 145:7.

The goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Ps. 27:13.

My people shall be satisfied with My goodness. Jer. 31:14.

Thou crownest the year with Thy goodness. Ps. 65:11.

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord. Ps. 33:5.

He hath filled the hungry with good things. Luke 1:53.

I will make all My goodness pass before thee. Ex. 33:19.

The riches of His goodness. Rom. 2:11.
He filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Ps. 107:9.

Delighted . . . in Thy great goodness. Neh. 9:25.

Praise the Lord for His goodness. Ps. 107:8.

Thou has prepared us Thy goodness. Ps. 68:10.

The goodness of God endureth continually. Ps. 52:1.

The goodness of the Lord leadeth thee to repentance. Rom. 2:4.

Towards thee, goodness if thou continue. Rom. 11:22.

How great is His goodness. Zech. 9:17.

"It passeth praises that dear love of thine

My Saviour Jesus, yet this least of mine

Would sing that love so full, so rich, so free,

Which brings a rebel sinner such as me
nigh unto Thee."

"What God hath ordered must be right
'Tis the least I know of Thee my Lord
and God,

That fills my soul with peace, my lips
with song.

Thou art my heart, my joy, my staff
and rod:

Leaning on Thee—in weakness I am
strong.

More of Thyself, oh show me hour by
hour—

More of Thy glory—Oh! my Lord and
God;

More of Thyself in all Thy grace and
power;

More of Thy Truth—Incarnate Word."
—H. Bonar.

"There hath not failed one word of all
His good promise."

"If you're on the Gloomy line,

Get a transfer.

If you're inclined to fret and pine,

Get a transfer.

Get off the track of Doubt and Gloom.

Get on the Sunshine train, there's

room,

Get a transfer."