

EVANGELISTIC.

Dear Comrades,—

"Still let me guard the Holy Fire,
And still stir up Thy Gift in me!"

The World's W.C.T.U. Hour of Prayer is at **Noontide**, and as it is always noontide somewhere, our prayers encircle the earth. The united prayer is of great value to us in our work. We have a great cause to struggle for, both as individuals and as a White Ribbon Sisterhood. The question is often asked, "For whom shall we pray?" St. James says, "Pray one for another." There are many weary, self-sacrificing men and women in the world who often feel lonely and discouraged. Let us offer a little prayer for them and for those working for the welfare of humanity! There are many people who have not yet heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ, though the world is belted with centres of evangelisation. Multitudes of Gospel Messengers are preaching the Word of God. Let us thank God for this, and remember them in our noontide prayer. We must all join heart and hand in the practical work of evangelising the world. What the world needs to-day are men and women who can bring people to Christ, and to a better social life and a happier tomorrow. When we think of the scattered and torn sections of the race, we feel that we all want to be bound together into happy kinship. This is the aim of the W.C.T.U., and can only be realised through the united prayer.

January 10th is to be observed as Temperance Day. We have a great work to do: many enemies to conquer, many evils to prevent, and many difficulties to be mastered before we can solve this world-wide drink problem. Let us therefore, in our local Unions, set aside a portion of this day and pray for the Temperance cause all over the world.

Dear co-worker! let us this coming year improve the wonderful opportunity of our day to make investments for Eternity. In the world to come no prayers are heard, and as our own hearts nestle in Christ's great love for those for whom we pray, something of its warmth and glow cannot fail to pass into the depth of our own being.

Let us hope that the coming year will be most successful, and that the Divine Benediction may rest upon the work of the W.C.T.U. all over the world.

"For we must share, if we would keep
That blessing from above,
Ceasing to give, we cease to have,
Such is the law of Love."

Sincerely yours,

ANNA BRATTETROM,

Supt. of the W.W.C.T.U.

Evangelistic Department.

WANGANUI DISTRICT CONVENTION.

At Raetihi. Good representation of branches. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Bathgate. Welcome by Mrs. Lynn responded to by Mrs. Irwin. Greetings from Mrs. Peryman and from Marton Union. Branch reports by various delegates. Balance sheet by Miss Christie.

Following remits sent to Dominion Convention:—

Moved by the Wanganui East Union and seconded by Mrs. Bathgate and carried, that the words "abolition of liquor traffic" and "total abstinence" be substituted for the word "prohibition" in our propaganda.

Proposed by Marton Branch and seconded by Mrs. Irwin and carried, that steps be taken to find out if sweets containing alcohol are manufactured in N.Z., and if so that steps be taken to bring the matter before those responsible in enforcing the law regarding the sale of alcohol and protesting to Parliament if necessary.

Mrs. Bathgate, Dominion Superintendent of Juvenile Work, gave an interesting address on the work in her charge.

Afternoon Session.

Remit from Wanganui Central: Proposed by Mrs. Irwin and seconded by Mrs. Lynn, that the members of the W.C.T.U. definitely pray and work to the end that God-fearing men and women offer themselves as candidates for Parliament at next election.

President's Address.

Mrs. Duxfield, in the course of a well thought out address, traversed the world conditions of unrest and distress, pointing out the need for all who had the interests of humanity at heart to be up and doing.

Help could be given by creating public sentiment and co-operating in all movements having for their object the uplift of mankind. It was encouraging to follow the history of the W.C.T.U. and its accomplishments during its lifetime of 50 years, which included Franchise for Women, Old Age Pensions for Women, and many other enactments for the benefit of women and children. The speaker then touched upon the work of women for world peace, pointing out that a very potent factor in fostering the war spirit was the excessively wealthy rings of armament manufacturers.

"White Ribbon."

Mrs. Irwin, District White Ribbon Superintendent, reported a successful year. Competition between the branches resulted in increased sales. The Banner presented for the largest number of new subscribers, held for the first year by Wanganui Central, had been won by Aramoho, and was presented to the Aramoho delegate, Mrs. Bish.

Plans of Work.

(1) That each Branch send in to the next District Executive meeting any suggestions for the election campaign.

(2) That each Union send in to the District Executive a rally chorus.

The appointment of Mrs. I. Reid, of

Wanganui, as Social and Moral Hygiene Superintendent, was approved.

Election of Officers.

District Pres., Mrs. Duxfield; Sec., Mrs. Hussey; Treas., Miss Christie; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. Irwin; Representative on League of Nations Committee, Mrs. Irwin.

Mrs. Duxfield, on behalf of the visitors, extended thanks to the hostesses and to the Raetihi and Ohakune Unions.

SCHOOL OF METHODS.

Dear Sisters,—

I wish to thank the Secretaries who have answered the questionnaire I sent out. I again urge the Unions to take up the work of this "School of Methods" Department this year.

Sisters, aim this year at an educated membership, which will in course of time lead to an educated public opinion on the subject of total abstinence from all strong drink. A study circle, where the facts of our case can be studied and acquired, and potential speakers can be trained for educational work, would be most helpful. I am sending a diagram of the Five-fold Plan to Unions; if pasted in your minute book, you will have a constructed programme of the work of the W.C.T.U. before you. I trust that you will have a very successful year.

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

AMY KASPER,

Dom. Supt. School of Methods.

SUNDAY SPORT.

A large deputation representing the Churches and members of the W.C.T.U. waited upon the Petone Borough Council to protest against permission being granted to the Life Saving Association to hold a Carnival upon the Petone beach on Sunday. The speakers presented a resolution passed at a ministers' meeting:—"We, as ministers and members of six Churches of Petone, and representing a large section of the community, view with disfavour and considerable apprehension the action of the Petone Borough Council in granting permission for a Carnival and Gala to be held on the beach on Sunday. Especially do we respectfully request that a civic welcome be not extended to the visitors."

The Rev. Gerard said that the question of Sunday sport was mainly for the conscience of the individual; but he was opposed to organised sport on Sunday.

The programme was to start at 11 a.m. and a resolution was moved to delay the start to 1 p.m. This was lost by three votes to four. A motion that permission be not granted to take up a collection was carried.

I love a hand that meets my own with
a grasp that causes some sensation.—
Osgood.