

FROM OUR VICE-PRESIDENT.



Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

Our Editor has very kindly suggested that I might like to send you a short message per medium of the White Ribbon. In the first place, I am deeply sensible of the great honour you have done me in electing me Vice-President of the W.C.T.U. in N.Z. I am even more conscious of how difficult it will be to adequately fill a post which has been so ably filled by others of our great movement. Indeed, I could not have thought of accepting nomination had it not been for the knowledge that one is entitled to claim from our Lord and Leader, guidance and strength for our every task.

As one grows older one realises that the fight for a newer and better order of things is long, and at times wearisome. The golden dreams of our youth fade, and the goal seems very far away. I think this thought must have been in John Bunyan's mind when he pictured the pilgrims in Doubting Castle, feeling themselves bested in the fight and forgotten of God. Now you remember when things seemed at their worst, Christian burst out with the cry, "What a fool I am, for I have in my breast a key called Promise which will open the door of the castle."

Dear sisters, I pass the message on to you, for surely every one of us carries this key—the key of all the wonderful promises of God—even if we forget to use it sometimes. Later on Bunyan draws a picture of Christian and Hopeful near their journey's end; they are crossing the river and find it very deep; in this last trouble they are like to be submerged, but again, when things seem to be at their very worst, Hopeful sees the gate of the city.

And so, sisters, let us have courage, the road is rough and the way is dark, but if we keep the key of Promise ever at hand, there will, in His time, come to us the sight of the open gate of the Kingdom of God.

Yours in loving service.

MARY PATERSON.

DISTINGUISHED WHITE RIBBONER TO VISIT NEW ZEALAND.

VISIT OF MRS MOFFAT CLOW.

The President of the Ulster (North Ireland) W.C.T.U., Mrs Moffat Clow, who is at present on a world tour will visit the Dominion during June and early part of July. Arriving in Wellington on 10th June, Mrs Clow will address meetings of women of various organisations, and also a Youth Rally.

Going on to Christchurch on 13th, Mrs Clow will meet our women and members of other organisations there. A Y, C.E., and B.C. Rally will be held also.

From 18th to 23rd Mrs Clow will be in Dunedin for meetings.

Leaving Dunedin on 24th, Invercargill will be visited, and various women's meetings are being arranged, also Youth Rally.

As Mrs Clow will sail from Auckland for Honolulu and Vancouver, the Queen City has been left till the last. It is expected that Mrs. Clow will arrive in Auckland on 1st July, and a meeting of White Ribboners, members of Missionary Unions, and others will be held on Tuesday, 2nd July. The Y's will arrange a Youth Rally for 3rd July. Watch newspapers for advertisements.

Mrs Clow represented Ulster Union at Stockholm Convention, and was elected World Superintendent of Anti-Gambling Department.

As Editress of "The Irish Endeavourer," Mrs Clow is a keen Christian Endeavour leader.

Deeply interested in the cause of Missions Mrs Clow represents the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union of Ireland. During her world tour, Mrs Clow has visited mission stations in other lands, and will tell of her experiences.

We extend to Mrs Moffat Clow a warm welcome from the women of New Zealand.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

Dear Comrades,—

The following expression of appreciation was contained in a letter which I received from the Rev. E. O. Blamires, Secretary of the Bible in Schools League, which I now pass on to you all, through the medium of our fine paper.

"The W.C.T.U. report for 1934-35 dealing with Bible in Schools has just come into my hands.

"I feel I must write to you a note of hearty congratulation on the splendid work achieved. It is indeed a record worthy of highest commendation and I should like to convey to the many workers of the W.C.T.U., through you, who have helped, the heartiest thanks of the League."

He goes on to say this is an important year, and we desire it to be an influential one. God speed our efforts and help us to unite our forces till victory comes. He adds, "There is reason for

gratitude in what has been accomplished and the step forward made."

Mr. Blamires makes an appeal for our whole hearted support in the coming campaign in July. Let us respond to this request, dear sisters, and work, and pray as never before.

You will see the prayer adopted by the Bible in Schools League in this issue of the White Ribbon.

I would join with Mr. Blamires in thanking you for good work done and in anticipation for greater and more work this year.

MARGARET COOK,

Dom. Supt., Bible in Schools.

CHRISTCHURCH BRANCH JUBILEE.

From 1885-1935.

Christchurch began its Jubilee celebrations by holding a social afternoon on Wednesday, May 8th, to which all past and present members and representatives of other Unions were invited. Miss Henderson presided and led the devotions, reading the same portion of Scripture, from "Haggai," as Mrs Leavett when organising the Union 50 years before.

Visitors and members were welcomed by the President, who was presented with a bouquet of roses on behalf of the Union. Miss Emma Gordon, a foundation member was also presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

During the afternoon the President gave an interesting resume of the history of the Union from its foundation on May 15th, 1885, by Mrs Mary Leavett, of America. At the conclusion of the address, all present stood as a tribute to the memory of past members.

Mrs M. E. Adkins and Miss Blackwell were presented with long service badges, for over 30 years of active service.

A short musical programme was given, also recitations, and a dainty afternoon tea was served by a special social committee, the chief feature of the tea being a three-tiered Jubilee cake presented by a member, the top tier most wonderfully representing the world, with all the continents and islands, and where our Union has been organised was decorated with our emblem, the little white bow; also a "ribbon was twined all round the world."

Jubilee celebrations were continued on May 13th at Jellicoe Hall, when a most successful reception was held, and will be long remembered with pleasure and interest by the many folk who were present. Visitors, members, and friends had come from far and near to offer their congratulations.

The hostesses for the evening were the President, officers, and Vice-Presidents of the Christchurch Union. The specially honoured guest was Miss E. Gordon, the only foundation member in Christchurch still living. Mrs T. E. Taylor and Mrs A. S. Adams were also welcomed as honoured guests.