

AMERICA'S NATIONAL PRESIDENT BROADCASTS.

Broadcasting from St. Louis while en route to the sixty-second Annual Convention of the W.C.T.U. at Tulsa, Mrs Smith spoke on the subject, "The American Home in Our Present Social Order."

Prefacing her remarks with a vivid characterisation of the personnel of the Convention over which she was soon to preside, Mrs Smith said, as to its make-up:—

"Our Convention delegates will comprise educators, business women, preachers, lawyers, physicians, writers—and a great body of home-makers.

"You ask why will more than a thousand women, with a fair sprinkling of men, journey in the probably hot weather, to the interior of the country? Frances E. Willard was once asked to state in a single sentence the object of the W.C.T.U. Quickly she said, 'It is to make the whole world more home-like.' This Convention is the yearly check-up of the work done in home protection during the year—a Conference of planning for next year. . . .

CLUB WOMEN, TEACHERS, YOUNG FOLKS—

"Who are these women? Some people think of the members of the W.C.T.U. as a peculiar class; set apart, different, aged, militant. But **are they?** Please come to our Convention and see them; a cross section of every church—Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish.

"How many have been or are teachers? It seems every hand goes up!

"How many are Sunday school teachers? About the same proportion.

"How many belong to the Federation of Clubs? Practically the same.

"How many belong to the Missionary Society? All of them!

"How old are they? Well, just as old as all women like these are! You will see some on whom the years sit with honour—they have no home cares now, perhaps; they have served society and their country well in giving their children to good citizenship service. There are many young matrons who are earnestly concerned that the homes over which they preside shall be safe places for their best beloved, women who wisely understand that their homes cannot be safe unless all homes are safe.

"There also is our youthful auxiliary, the Youth's Temperance Council— young men and women, college folks, young business people on vacation. Oh, how they face life with vigour and determination! Saturday night I shall hand my gavel as presiding officer to the General Secretary of this Y.T.C., and she will introduce, one after another, nine young people from as many States. In five minutes each will say something worth hearing. 'A good time with a purpose' is their motto, and they do not find it interferes with that good time to be a total abstainer from

alcoholic beverages. They are living proof that health and purpose and ideals are sufficient to promote happiness. These are the home-makers of the immediate future.

"The teaching of the alleged harmlessness of the moderate use of alcohol is an exceedingly great danger. The scientists who are studying the automobile situation have proved it is the **drinking**, not the **drunken**, driver who is the menace, and perhaps this will convince people that alcohol is a drug, dangerous to human tissue. In other words, it is valuable outside the body, to tan leather, make felt, manufacture varnish, preserve anatomical specimens, but it is entirely out of place **inside** the body. . . .

"Most tragic of all is the report of one of the largest life insurance companies that rejections of insurance applications because of excessive drinking has increased since repeal 183 per cent. for those under thirty years of age. Youth pays the penalty.

"How then can fathers and mothers maintain a casual attitude toward alcohol? How can they use or tolerate it! Cocktail-drinking parents cannot expect their children to avoid the habit which will deprive them of the abundant life Jesus came to the world to bring.

"Prohibition laws may be repealed, but the effects of alcohol can never be repealed. Beverage alcohol is wrong physically, it is wrong mentally, it is wrong economically, it is wrong socially, it is wrong spiritually. Therefore it must be abolished."—From Union Signal."

THE STOCKING WORK.

Dear Mrs Peryman,—

Because I have no other than the medium of your paper, I crave space to thank some Unions and many donors who have sent stockings for making garments, and, better still, garments already made, which are a great boon for the group who do this work is very small. Last week an anonymous parcel, containing 18 woolley singlets, arrived from some place unknown, followed by a small parcel sent to the President of the Dunedin Union. And still another parcel of hand-made gifts from a sympathiser in New Plymouth. All are most acceptable, and we cordially thank all concerned. It is impossible to mention all, but Mrs Upton, of Wanganui, makes from one to two hundred garments annually. Mrs Walker, of Hamilton, also does a big share, and Mrs Kruss, of Papanui, is a constant collector of material. As all who give to these workers cannot be thanked personally, I am grateful to you for allowing me to do it this way. On behalf of the Ramabai, Pandharpur, and Coonoor Faith Mission, I warmly thank all concerned.

Sincerely yours,

RACHEL DON,

Roslyn, Dunedin, N.W.1.

July 6th.

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN.

Our Business Manager desires to thank those Unions who have so splendidly responded to our call for help.

More Unions have taken advantage of our offer to send three months' paper to any address for 6d. N.E. Valley, Levin, Ashburton, and Temuka have sent in several names each.

N.E. Valley, Springlands and Dunedin also head the list of new subscribers sent in.

So far no district has secured 100 new subscribers, but only two districts have sent in not one sub. And as only 36 Unions have sent in new subs., it means that 100 Unions so far have done nothing. It would not be fair to give detailed results until the campaign has concluded. We suggest that every Union aim to get at least one new subscriber before the end of 1936. A full list will be printed then, and we hope no Branch will be content to remain on the black list. Any District securing 100 new subscribers by December 31st will gain the guinea prize. Surely no District will default. The offer to send three months' copies for 6d will remain open to the end of this year. It is an excellent way to advertise our work, and also our paper, to spend 6d in sending three copies of it.

"O mighty sea, thy message
In clanging spray is cast,
Within God's plan of progress
It matters not at last,
How wide the shores of evil,
How strong the reefs of sin;
The wave may break in failure,
But the tide is sure to win."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N.Z. Fund.

Christchurch, £3 3s; Wanganui East, £2; Mayfield, £2; Raetihi, £1. Dunedin, £3 3s.

N.Z. Headquarters Fund.

Nelson, £3 3s; Martinborough, £2; Christchurch, £10; Mayfield, £1; Mrs Hills (Kawakawa), 5s.

Organising Fund.

Hamilton, £1; Invercargill Y, 12s; Christchurch, £5; Wanganui East, £1; Hastings, £3 10s; Mayfield, £5; Martinborough, £1 19s; Brooklyn, £1; Owaka, 12s.

Maori Fund.

Palmerston North, £1; Martinborough, £1; Wairoa, 4s.

World Missionary Fund.

Palmerston North, 10s; Wairoa, 4s.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.

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