

**NEW ZEALAND
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TEMPERANCE UNION.**
(Incorporated).

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"For God, and Home, and Humanity."

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WELLINGTON, NOVEMBER 18, 1938.

LICENSING POLL.

The Licensing Poll once more has been held and though there is nothing in it to cause exultant rejoicing there is much to give cause for thankfulness.

The figures distinctly show that the pendulum is swinging against the trade.

Continuance secured 501,420 votes which is 19,747 votes less than was recorded at last Poll in 1935. With a drop of nearly 20,000 in their vote the Liquor Trade cannot rejoice in a victory.

The vote for National Prohibition was 244,183, a gain of 1098 over the 1935 Poll. Not a victory but a distinct indication of victory to come.

State Purchase and Control got 94,205, a gain of 36,706 over their vote in 1935. Truly this is illuminating, 94,205 people are dissatisfied with the Liquor Trade and have cast their vote against it. Did they salve their conscience by going half way and voting "We don't want the Liquor Trade, but we do want Liquor." Did they imagine State Control would be an improvement on the present system. A W.C.T.U. officer said to us "I do hope we don't get State Control. I lived for years in Canada under State Control and it is much worse than our licensed liquor Trade."

An Australian told of a man who took managership of a State Hotel. His minister remonstrated with him upon going into such a business. He replied: "My wife and I believe we can run decent premises and we are going to keep to the law strictly." They kept such a respectable hotel that at the end of 3 months they were dismissed because the trade had decreased so much. Just so. To satisfy either brewers or State (it really doesn't matter which owns the hotel) the manager must sell beer and yet more beer, must increase trade, must secure young men and women to take the place of those who pass on.

Whoever sells alcohol sells a body-diseasing, mind beclouding, soul destroying poison.

The W.C.T.U. believes that the only remedy is Abolition of a Trade which refuses to be regulated and has never obeyed any law, human or divine.

We have enlisted till death or victory, and victory is nearer than many think. No sane person doubts the evils of the trade, but many consider them necessary evils. There we disagree because we do not believe in necessary evils in a world which God has made. "Thy Kingdom Come." "Thy Will be done on earth as in heaven." Thousands daily pray this prayer. Do they expect God to answer it? If they vote for Liquor Trade it has no place in God's Kingdom and must go before that kingdom can be established on earth. We are believing and expecting an outpouring of spiritual power which will sweep away these evils.

NO LICENSE AREAS.

We have great cause for thanksgiving in that all 12 areas remained dry and that 7 out of the 12 areas recorded a majority vote against Restoration. But the comparison between the vote for local prohibition and that for national prohibition causes one furiously to think.

These 12 areas gave 74,061 for local no license, but only 47,457 for the National issue, i.e. is 26,604 more for local than for national prohibition. When a good cause is defeated the only question its supporters need ask is: "When do we fight again?" We are already preparing for the next fight for they never fail who dare to try again. And glancing back over the many reforms won during the centuries long progress we agree with the poet who said:

"For freedom's battle once begun
Bequeathed by bleeding sire to son,
Though baffled oft, is ever won."



VERY IMPORTANT!

SUPTS. AND SECS. PLEASE NOTE INSTRUCTIONS.

111 Lonsdale Street,
New Brighton,
Christchurch.

Dear Sisters,—

Secretaries of all Local Unions will have received their Schedule from me before this is printed, and I do ask that these be filled in as fully as possible and returned to me, at the above address, at an early date.

Do not omit the numbers asked for nor the names and full Postal addresses of the Officers for the coming year.

Please see that Departmental Reports are sent in correctly, you will find names and addresses of all Dominion Superintendents on pages 48 and 49 of the Handbook. Reports of the Peace Dept. are to be forwarded to me as no one here has yet been appointed in place of Mrs. T. E. Taylor.

I am anxious to have my Annual Report as full and up-to-date as possible, will you help me in this by supplying the necessary information in good time.

Sincerely yours for Service.

L. M. MITCHELL,

Dominion Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Sept. 1st-Oct. 1st, 1938.

Franchise Day Fund.

Wanganui Central, 2/7; Dunedin Central, 5/6; Balclutha, 4/-; Ponsonby, 10/-; Petone, 4/-; Ashburton, 9/-.

World's Missionary Fund.

Petone, 6/-; Dunedin Central, 2/6.

N.Z. Fund.

Greymouth, 10/-; Feilding, 7/-; Papanui, 10/-; Mataura, 7/11; St. Alban's, 4/6; Wanganui East, 8/1.

N.Z. Headquarter's Fund.

Ponsonby, 10/-; Tinwald, £2; Tua Marina, £1; Petone, 15/-; Nelson District Birthday League, £1/8; Tinwald, £1; Waianiwa, 19/6; Wanganui Central, £1; North Brighton, £1; Dunedin Central, £3/5/-; Warkworth, £1; Pukehuia, £1; Mt. Albert, £1.

Organising Fund.

Wanganui Central, £1/1/-; Auckland, £8/5/-; Mataura, £1/8/6; Pukehuia, 6/-; Mt. Albert, £2/5/-; Nelson, £15; Invercargill, £2/14/-; Ponsonby, £1/11/-; Remuera, £1/10/-; Ashburton, £2/17/6.

Maori Fund.

Ponsonby, 5/-; Dunedin Central, £1; Bluff, £1; Levin, 9/-; Mt. Albert, 10/-.

D. K. ROBINSON,

Assistant Treasurer.

Oct. 1st-Nov. 1st, 1938.

Franchise Day Fund.

Rangiora, 6/9; Christchurch, 13/9; Pahiatua, 11/-; Hastings, 18/10; River-
ton, 5/-; Napier, 10/-; Woolston, 4/-; Winton, 5/-.

World's Missionary Fund.

Rangiora, 17/4; Woolston, 5/6; River-
ton, 3/6; Hawera, 10/-; Blenheim, 5/-.

N.Z. FUND.

Riverton, 10/-; Tauranga, 2/6; Opawa, 10/-; Titirangi, 10/-; Masterton, £1; Winton, 5/-.

N.Z. Headquarter's Fund.

Waihi, £1/10/-; Mrs. Davidson (Wellington Central), £2; Lower Hutt, £3; Mt. Roskill, 10/-; Riverton, £1; Hawera, 10/-; Opotiki, £3; Auckland, £5; Wairoa, £1; Hamilton, 10/-; Titirangi, 10/-; Waimate, 19/-; Grey Lynn, 6/6; Dannevirke, £10; Henderson, £1/1/-; Well-wisher (Johnsonville), £1.

Organising Fund.

Feilding, £3/10/6; Leigh "Y," 13/-; Nelson, £1/1/-; Hamilton, 10/-; Titirangi, 15/-; Wellington, £5/6/6; Waimate, £6/3/-; Grey Lynn, £1/4/-; Wellington Central, £2/17/-; Masterton, 10/6; Temuka, £3/15/-; Winton, 7/6; Stratford, £1; Dargaville, £1/16/-; Ashburton, £1; Otahuhu, £3/1/6; Blenheim, £4; Palmerston North, £3/6/-; Onehunga, 13/-; North Invercargill, £1/13/-.

Maori Fund.

Ashburton, 15/-; Mataura, 15/-; Blenheim, 12/-; Feilding, 11/4; St. Alban's, 6/6; Tauranga, 12/-; Opawa, 3/6; Riverton, 5/-; Titirangi, 7/-; Warkworth, 10/-; Napier, 5/-; Wellington Central, 18/-; Woolston, 3/-; Winton, 5/-; Henderson, 10/-; Tinwald, 19/-; Pahiatua, 9/6; Rangiora, 4/1.

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