

OBITUARY.

MRS W. D. STEWART.

On Saturday, January 18th, there passed away, after a protracted illness, an active and faithful member of the Gore Union for a number of years, Mrs W. D. Stewart. Until recent months Mrs Stewart had enjoyed the best of health and strength, and it was hoped that medical treatment would speedily restore her, but Divine love and wisdom ordained otherwise, and she passed on, with "sure and certain hope," to higher, nobler service Beyond. A widow for many years, Mrs Stewart devoted her time and strength to the service of others. An honoured Vice-President of our Union, our beloved White Ribbon sister lost no opportunity in furthering the cause she loved so dearly and served so faithfully. She worked and prayed with a courage undaunted and a faith undimmed, that "Righteousness which exalteth a nation" might prevail, and Purity, Peace and Prohibition reign throughout the land. Every phase of Temperance activity, from youth to age, found in our departed sister a staunch advocate and a zealous worker. As a friend and a neighbour, in sorrow and in joy, Mrs Stewart was most dependable, and ever welcome. Of her it can truthfully be said, she went about doing good.

A loyal member of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs Stewart rendered faithful and devoted service in every branch of church activity. Sunday School, Bible Class, C.E., P.W.M.U., and P.A. found in her a faithful worker for the Master. As Sunday School teacher and Bible Class leader, she rendered excellent service, giving her time gladly in the training of those who follow after, her one ambition being to lead them to seek the "Peace of great price." Her missionary zeal, too, was wonderful, and she was never happier than when packing cases for the Mission Fields, or regularly corresponding with the missionaries. Her every action radiated cheer and sunshine, and hearts to-day fill with gratitude that such as she moved among them, extending God's Kingdom upon the earth.

The funeral took place in the Gore Cemetery on January 20th, and was very largely attended by representatives of the church and various organisations, her nephews acting as pallbearers. A very impressive "In Me-

moriam" service was conducted by Rev. F. M. Beattie the following Sunday, which was very largely attended. Deep sympathy is expressed with her sister, Miss Dickie, and all the other members of the family in their great loss. "Who will take her place?" was asked by her minister at the "In Memoriam" service, and in the ranks of our W.C.T.U. we would repeat that question.

NON-ALCOHOLIC FRUIT PRODUCTS.

The National W.C.T.U. of U.S.A. created a new department called Non-Alcoholic Fruit Products. Mrs. Doran, wife of the Federal Commissioner of Prohibition, is head of this important department. Already she is engaged upon the preparation of "The Book of Juices," a compilation of recipes of beverages, all of which, she insists, must have tang, sparkle, flavour, and must leave only pleasant effects for the "morning after." She furnished a non-alcoholic cocktail, made from the recipe of a railroad chef, to a group of distinguished Washington women at a W.C.T.U. meeting. Since then, Mrs. Doran says that requests have poured in by fifties for that recipe. She is helping to educate social leaders, many of whom think a palatable punch or cocktail cannot be concocted without an alcoholic ingredient.

HOW IS THIS FOR LIQUOR MISREPRESENTATION

The annual report of the United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue says:—

"Illicit distilling and bootlegging continue without sign of abatement. During the past fiscal year 2465 illicit plants were seized and destroyed, as against 2488 the previous year."

BUT

this was for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1912.

Nineteen hundred and twelve—eight years before Prohibition!

What a revelation of the falsity of the "wet" propaganda that illicit distilling and bootlegging only came in with Prohibition!

BLACKBALL HONOURS ITS OLDEST MEMBER.

On Friday afternoon, January 10th, a most enjoyable function took place in the Blackball Presbyterian Church, when the members of the W.C.T.U. met to do honour to their oldest member, Mrs. E. Adam, who that day had attained the age of 80 years. The Church was nicely decorated. The proceedings opened with community singing and prayer. Dainty afternoon tea was handed around amid song and story. Then the Vice-President, Mrs. Colquhoun, in a few appropriate words, invited Mrs. Adam (the guest of honour) to come forward and cut the beautiful Birthday Cake which the members presented to her. Mrs. Adam was loudly cheered. Songs by Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Lowe, Misses Simons, Anderson and Freckleton, and recitations by Mrs. Colquhoun and Mrs. Anderson, were all nicely rendered. The gem of the afternoon was a recitation by Mrs. Adam, "My Bonnie Jean."

On behalf of those present, Mrs. J. C. Sneddon (Secretary) presented Mrs. Adam with an envelope, remarking that small parcels were often more precious than large ones, and asking her to buy something needful with the contents. All joined in wishing Mrs. Adam health and happiness in the future. A happy afternoon was brought to a close by singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow," and "God Bless You."

ORGANISING WORK IN THE FAR NORTH.

Believing there is a vast field in the North at present untouched by our work, it is being planned to hold an all day meeting in Whangarei, of representatives of the North Auckland Branches, i.e., Whangarei and district, Kaipara and Northern Wairoa Branches, to discuss plans for extending the work. Your suggestions and assistance will be valued. It is hoped to hold the meeting early in April, when Auckland District officers and the Organiser will visit the North.

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