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## A CORRECTION.

In the May issue of the "White Ribbon" there appeared a statement that out of the total of £8,116,894 of the New Zealand Drink Bill £3,265,049 goes out of the country. This is a miscalculation, and we would ask our readers to note the correct position, which is that the imports of all kinds of intoxicating liquor during the year 1929 had an estimated total invoice value of £679,344. This represents the amount of money that has to go overseas to pay for these liquors.

It may be mentioned that the value as stated in the Abstract of Statistics for Customs purposes is £754,826. But this value is the invoice price, plus 10 per cent. added by the Customs before the duty is levied. This method applies to all things imported. For example, if boots to the invoice value of £100 are imported, the Customs Department adds 10 per cent., and the importer has to pay Customs duty on £110. The consequence is that when trying to arrive at the amount of money sent overseas for liquor, we have to deduct 10 per cent. from the value stated in the Abstract of Statistics, and, as above-mentioned for the year 1929, this gives us the figure of £679,344.

## NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Macirypn."—You have omitted to send your name and address to Editor. When you supply these (not for publication) your letter will be published.

## The White Ribbon.

"For God, and Home, and Humanity."

WELLINGTON, JUNE 18, 1931.

## BIBLE IN SCHOOLS.

It is over half a century since the Bible was excluded from our Primary Schools. It has never been banished from Secondary Schools. Nelson refused to banish the Bible, and instituted its system of Bible teaching in school hours by utilising half an hour left free. The Act says schools must be open for secular instruction 24 hours a week. Most schools are open 25 hours weekly, and the Nelson schools took advantage of this extra hour to provide half an hour's Bible teaching weekly.

When the Bible was banished from our schools, we had parents and teachers who had been educated under the old system and who knew their Bibles. But with the lapse of years, these have passed on, and we have teachers and parents educated on the "No Bible" system. And it has not improved our social life or our moral condition. The Bible sets the standard of conduct high, and it tells the child of the loving Friend Jesus, who will help him to live up to that high standard. It is not much use appealing to the child to be honest and truthful because "Honesty is the best policy." But every true teacher knows how readily the child responds to the appeal to be honest and pure and true because Jesus wants them to be so. Love is the fulfilling of the law, and the Bible teaches the personal devotion to a Leader who is worthy of our highest and best.

The Bible in Schools Bill, to be introduced this session, provides for the Bible to be read in our schools. It should satisfy all reasonable people. It provides for a conscience clause for both teachers and pupils. It also provides that schools in which the Nelson system is working well may continue to teach under that system. The Bill authorises teachers to give religious instruction, with a conscience clause for both pupils and teachers.

Our Unions will help in every way to give the Bible the place it should have in our system of education.

## REPORTERS, READ!

Will Unions please note that stale news goes into the waste paper basket? Reports are sent too late, and then Unions write to know why the report was omitted. Reports must be sent at once.

Kumeu held a meeting on May 6th. The report was dated June 10th, and reached this office on June 13th, far too late for June issue, and stale news for July issue.

Rangiora meeting on April 16th. Report received May 30th.

## MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

S.S. Prohibition,

June 8th, 1931.

Dear Travellers,—

Here is a message of cheer for our ship and her passengers:—

"The haven is not far away,  
Sail on in hope, thy flag display;  
Consult the chart, and day by day,  
Sail on! Sail on! Sail Home!  
Sail on! sail on! the storms will soon be  
past,  
The darkness will not always last!  
Sail on! sail on!  
God lives. He sets the course—  
Sail on! Sail Home!"  
Yours for a safe arrival,  
BEATRICE M. HARBAND.

## MEMBERSHIP RETURNS.

MONTH ENDING JUNE 8th.

## ADULTS.

|                             |     |     |    |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|----|
| New Branch at Dalefield     | --- | --- | 14 |
| Pleasant Point              | --- | --- | 10 |
| Dunedin Central (this year) | --- | --- | 9  |
| Carterton, Darfield—each 8  | --- | --- | 16 |
| Reefton, Remuera—each 7     | --- | --- | 14 |
| Green Island, Ngaere—each 2 | --- | --- | 4  |
| Maunga-Karamea, Havelock N. | --- | --- | —  |
| Thames, Sydenham—each 1     | --- | --- | 4  |
| Hastings, Ashburton—each 4  | --- | --- | 8  |

Total --- --- --- 79

22 Unions reported.

## Y's.

|           |     |     |   |
|-----------|-----|-----|---|
| Dunedin   | --- | --- | 6 |
| Carterton | --- | --- | 4 |
| Wanganui  | --- | --- | 1 |

Total --- --- --- 11

3 Unions reported.

B.M.B.

## OUR BUSINESS MANAGER SMILES.

Russell.—Please send 25 copies of Y.P. Supplement monthly.

Pictou Y's.—Please forward three dozen copies of "Beacon," instead of six each month.

Nelson.—Please send a dozen "White Ribbons" and 50 copies of "Y.P. Supplement" monthly.

Johnsonville Y's.—Send a dozen "Beacons" monthly.

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