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DEPRESSION.

How we hate to read in our weather reports that a depression is approaching us over the Tasman Sea. But we sit calmly down and wait for that depression, and endure it until it passes on, fortunately not a long endurance. But a mental depression has overtaken our country, and we are wrapped in a fog of doubt, debt, uncertainty, and unemployment. Now, Christian women should rise above this mist and fog, and dwell in the radiant sunshine of God's love and the clear atmosphere of faith in His promises.

Were I an absolute ruler, I would enact a law that anybody talking about depression and lack should be shut away by themselves. Let White Ribboners meet everybody with a smile, and, like Pippa, tell it out "God's in His Heaven, all's right with the world."

Fear has laid its deadly grip even

on our churches; they dread for the future. Let fear give place to faith. The W.C.T.U., in spite of depression and bad times, has raised sufficient money to clear off the second mortgage upon Headquarters. We realised that it MUST be raised, and our brave women set out in faith, and did it.

"They tackled the thing that couldn't be done,
And they did it."

But other things are waiting to be tackled, and must be done.

First, our educational work. The best way to educate our voters and to win Prohibition is to build up our own organisation. Are we saying times are bad and it's no use trying to get new members? You can get them if you dismiss these thoughts from your mind and go out after them. We have been wondering lately why people, whose income is assured, are curtailing expenses, and why they cut off 3/- a year for the "White Ribbon." Do they look upon our paper as a luxury? It is not a luxury—it is a necessity. If we are to be a successful society it is absolutely necessary that we have our official organ to keep us in touch with one another, and to educate ourselves and others in White Ribbon principles. How are we to keep our paper if our members do not subscribe themselves and get others to do so. We cleared off our mortgage because we had to do it. Now we must support our Organising Fund, and we must keep our official organ financial. It can be done. Let every Union at every meeting ask: (1) How many new members this month? (2) How many new "White Ribbon" subscribers? And soon, surely, we'll be ashamed of the reply. Not one! Yet some branches go a whole year without any increase in members or subscribers. Do you believe our work is God's work? Then carry bravely on. Smile and smile. Be cheery and happy. Remember, "They always win who fight with God." Get the depression out of our minds, and we'll drive it out of our land. Cheerio!

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SHOULD PATRONISE THE

W.C.T.U. HOSTEL

Upper Queen Street.

Superior Accommodation
for Permanents and Casuals.

MODERATE TARIFF.

ONE OF BRITAIN'S SUBJECTS.

I'm one of Britain's subjects, and a loyal
one to boot,

I'm a lover of true freedom; but I do
not care to shoot

Down my poor fellow-creatures, anyhow
and anywhere,

For a sort of human quarrelling in
which I've had no share;

And for Liberal or for Tory

To triumph at the story,

Of a brilliant British victory, is our
shame and not our glory!

I'm one of Britain's subjects, and I'm
used to speaking plain;

The trumping up of money will not
wash away the stain

Of the needless, useless butchering of
many fellow-men,

For matters that want settling with the
arbitration pen;

And I've only hung my head,

When our triumphs I have read,

For they're written in the life-blood of
brave fellows lying dead.

I'm one of Britain's subjects, and I love
my native land;

I like to fly her colours, and by them to
take my stand;

But there's too much heathen savage-
ness beneath our Christian name,

When the more we read of butchering,
the more we talk of fame!

And when we end the fight,

And might is made the right,

There's an aspect there which will not
bear a penetrating light.

—Watson Dyke.

MR T. A. McWILLIAM.

The sudden passing of the late Mr T. A. McWilliam made a blank in our citizens which will be very hard to fill, as he was one of the best known men in the whole of Southland, having spent practically all his life in Winton. Mr McWilliam had very many excellent qualities. He was a very keen Temperance advocate and worker, an Elder and Treasurer for many years in the Presbyterian Church, also a member of the choir since its inception 40 years ago, and his nice tuneful baritone will be much missed.

Mr and Mrs McWilliam visited the Old Land a few years ago, and benefited much by their trip. It is to be regretted that Mrs McWilliam is far from being well at present, and a speedy recovery is earnestly prayed for.

MEMBERSHIP RETURNS.

ADULTS.

Thames	---	---	---	---	3
Tua Marina, Wanganui E.—1	each	---	---	---	2

Total	---	---	---	---	5
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Y's.

Dunedin	---	---	---	---	1
Pleasant Point	---	---	---	---	5
Rangiora	---	---	---	---	1

Total	---	---	---	---	7
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B. M. HARBAND.