

me, so that she can work no more evil on some other poor soul.

"As for John and Joan, she has never been a mother to them, and you will mother them, won't you, dearest? I have arranged to leave my possessions to you in trust for them, so that they will want for nothing temporal. Their names do not appear in my will, but you will know what to do.

"When you receive this you will know that I have tried to arrange everything so that there will be no scandal and tongue-wagging. I will call for Rona at the Hall and, apparently, be taking her to your home. Anne phoned me about Joan. It was just by luck I heard the 'phone as I went out in the hall for some matches. I will call later in the evening, as I do not think there is anything to be unduly alarmed about. I will also mention to Anne that I will return and bring Rona, so that all unnecessary comment will be squashed.

"Now, my time is getting short, as I have a good deal to do yet. About your dear self! You will not grieve for me, love, I know. Somewhere I will be working and fitting myself to meet you in a better, fairer world. My dearest wish, as I stand thus on the threshold of death, is that later, when the sharpness of your bereavement has passed, you will marry good old Jim, and with him make a gracious home for John and Joan and your children, whom he is, in every way, better fitted to father than I am! I wonder if you can guess what it costs me to give up my dreams of home and little children! Almost I think God may deem my punishment sufficient for my sin!

"And so I must leave you for a while, sweetheart. I know you will be strong and courageous. I am too near the borderline to indulge in any pretences. I know your love for me is a great love that, even this, will not kill, but Phyllis, I could not bear to think of you living the lonely years unaccompanied and unmated. You know my views upon marriage, and how I have always maintained out of my experience that ninety-nine per cent. of happy marriages are founded on friendship, mutual respect, and compatibility of tastes, rather than on passionate love. Jim is the man for you, dear, and soon you will know it, and carry out my dearest wish.

"Adieu, then, until the day breaks.

"Yours truly,

"BILLY."

Three years later the two following notices appeared in the Hinewharea "Herald":—

PRYOR.—On April 26, 1930, to Phyllis, wife of James Pryor, a son (William), a brother for John.

And lower down, an In Memoriam notice:

In loving remembrance of William Lane King, M.D., who died suddenly, April 26, 1927. Inserted by his loving friends, Jim, Phyllis, Ralph, and Anne.

The End.

SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE DEPT.

Dear Sisters,—

I am sending out a questionnaire this year, and am hoping to hear that you have made good use of the literature of this department.

Please keep on circulating it, and do not forget to report which leaflets you have found most helpful.

In the February "White Ribbon" you will find Professor Dixon's reply to Lady Horsley, our World's Superintendent, as to what provision climbers can make against exposure to extreme cold. He said: "The most important food is carbohydrate, that is to say, they must have an ample supply of starchy food. . . . The best form of carbohydrate is, of course, ordinary brown sugar. I am not suggesting that they should carry this with them, but it is prepared in a palatable form, which they could easily carry."

I have enquired of several chemists, and am told they know of nothing on sale in New Zealand which answers to this description.

A brown sugar toffee is the next best thing. Make it for the young people the next time they go tramping. One breakfast cup brown sugar; two table-spoons vinegar; two ounces butter. Put sugar and vinegar in saucepan; when sugar is dissolved, add butter, bring to a boil, allow to simmer till a small quantity placed in cold water becomes brittle; pour on a buttered plate, roll into balls or sticks before quite cold. Coat with paraffin wax to prevent its being affected by atmospheric changes.

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,
CLARA M. NEAL,
Dominion Supt. Medical and Scientific
Temperance Dept.
5 Park Crescent, Parnell, Auckland.

PRESS DEPARTMENT.

Dear Fellow-Workers,—

The present year is swiftly passing by, with all its hopes and fears, and the duties of each day have to be faced as they present themselves, as usual. So once again would appeal to our Press Reporters and Secretaries of Unions for brief reports of the work done during the year. The activities of the Unions are many and varied, and well worth recording.

It may not be possible this year, owing to increased postage, etc., to get into touch with each Union, but I would earnestly appeal, through the columns of the "White Ribbon," for a report to be forwarded me before December 31st.

In the past the reports generally have been very gratifying, for which I am very grateful, and I feel sure that the claims of Convention this difficult and memorable year will not be overlooked

by the busy sisters of our beloved organisation.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Believe me, with loving greetings,
yours, for God, Home and Humanity,

EMMA TREVURZA,

Dominion Press Reporter.

HOSTELS, REST AND REFRESHMENT DEPARTMENT.

Will all Unions who have done any work this year in this Department kindly send a report to me not later than December 31st?

MRS UPTON,
215 Guyton Street, Wanganui.

MORAL EDUCATION.

Cape Town, S. Africa,
August, 1931.

Dear Comrades,—

Our World's Convention has passed, but its inspiration continues and deepens, and calls us to fuller consecration of service. In our important Department—Moral Education—we need to emphasise the true educational side.

Remembering we stand for World Purity, let us pledge ourselves to advance the following:—

1. The Christian Moral Standard as the highest in the world.
2. The Home Atmosphere, to make for beauty, truth and goodness; early training in self-control essential.
3. The easy, truthful, natural answering of all questions about sex, instilling reverence and reticence on this subject.
4. Preparation for Adolescence and Marriage. Inculcate that self-repression and self-substitution fall far short of self-control and self-consecration, and that self-control is the highest form of control.

All we can do for the education of our young is possible when we are prepared to claim Divine Wisdom and Power.

Surely God is calling our World's Women's Christian Temperance Union to take its place in the solution of many problems of to-day, and thus through Moral Education help to bring about World Purity.

I trust we may press forward in this important work.

Yours in Fellowship of Service,
MARGARET SHENNAN,
World's Director of Moral Education.

The weakest man is he who falls—

Hold fast, hold fast,
Because the tempter to him calls
Hold fast, hold fast.

The strongest man is he who stands
Unmoved when wrong his work
commands,

And for the RIGHT holds up his
hands,
Hold fast, hold fast.