

inquisition into? Why, because her husband has a salary, is she to be forbidden to earn? Many men with large incomes prefer to spend them on themselves, and the wife has only food and clothes, which the law compels him to provide. Women must be economically independent, and if the Government wishes to stop married women from competing in the labour market, they must do as Scandinavia does—give a woman a certain share of her husband's income. At a time like the present, when much voluntary work is available for women, it may be a gracious act for those women who have an assured income to keep out of the labour market for the sake of those who badly need work as a means of sustenance. But to bring in legislation to compel them to do so is unjust and against the best interests of the individual and the race.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—Whether the Alliance was wise or not in supporting the postponement of the Licensing Poll is a matter on which no one can speak dogmatically. In my humble opinion, I think the Alliance acted wisely. I wish here to refer to the concluding paragraph in your leading article of September 18, bearing on the No-License districts. I think you are too generous to the enemy. You are "democratic enough to say that if three-fifths of the electors want licenses back they have a right to have them." I cannot agree with this. You seem to forget we are most unfairly handicapped when we have to cast our votes. Let me explain. In addition to a National vote enabling the Liquor Party to retain all licenses, it is also favoured with a special vote for restoring licenses in the No-License areas, while the Prohibitionists are denied a corresponding vote in a License area. So that while the booze party has the power, if it secures sufficient votes, to re-introduce liquor bars, the Prohibition Party is unable to close a single bar unless it secures a Dominion-wide victory. This, I submit, should not be. Such an injustice should be remedied at the earliest opportunity by giving the electors power to close hotel bars within their own electorates, irrespective of how the National vote goes. Failing this, the present restoration vote in No-License districts should be withdrawn altogether. Then all electors would be on the same footing. The position would not be so unsatisfactory if the original boundaries, when No-License was carried, had been retained. Through the work of the Boundary Commissioners the electorates are so hacked about that the character and personnel of a district may be entirely changed. This is often the case, and for this reason the retention of the Restoration vote is most unfair and absurd.—I am, etc.,

WALTER J. HELYER.



SEASON'S GREETINGS.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

May I once again wish you the season's most cordial greetings?

To all of you in every part of New Zealand my heart goes out in joyous thanksgiving for our splendid groups of women and our great organisation.

May the New Year bring to all of us a fresh vision and renewed strength, as well as faith to go on in the appointed path of God's Truth and in the light of His glory.

"Only the road, and the dawn, the sun,
the wind and the rain,
And the watch-fire under stars, and
sleep, and the road again.
We travel the dusty road till the light
of the day is dim,
And sunset shows us spires away in the
world's rim,
And the hope of the City of God at the
other end of the road."

May we all face the road with joy and confidence.

Yours in loving companionship,
ELIZABET B. TAYLOR,
Dominion President.

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THE STOCKING WORK.

(To the Editor).

Dear Sisters and Friends,—

Again I am indebted to the Editor for space to report the work accomplished this year for Foreign Missions. By January 1st stockings had arrived from different parts of the Dominion, and we were able to make an early start with the sewing. Our numbers have rapidly increased, and we have workers now in Fitzherbert W., Wanganui, Christchurch, Timaru, Mosgiel and Dunedin, and friends who send parcels from towns and country.

Between us 552 garments have gone out, and more are ready for transport, most of them made with three stockings, the feet being utilised for sleeves. This will give some idea of the quantities of material used in the year.

As usual, want of space prevents our publishing the letters of acknowledgment, but by way of thanks, I give some brief extracts:

Miss Hastie, successor to Ramabai at Mukti, writes: "Blessings on the heads of those who made the vests. The two parcels arrived this week, and though we had to pay 10/- duty, we did not begrudge it, because they were so worthwhile. The mornings are cold, and will be colder towards Christmas. It brings fever in its train, so we are very glad to have these warm things just at this time. Some new babies have some of the smaller ones—there is enough for all. We thought a man's cardigan had got in by mistake, but we straight away gave it to our Indian Pastor, for he isn't very well. You should have seen his wife's face beam when she said, "He has long been needing just this; now he'll be warm." (Will the unknown donor please note?) Much more was written about the woolies made out of all sorts of underwear, cardigans, pull-overs, etc., for the women in all departments at Mukti, concluding with the reminder, "And the Lord says, ye did it unto Me."

Miss Parsons, at Pandharpur, writes: "I must thank you for your loving ministries on behalf of the children's work here. You ask if it is worth the heavy expense of duty and postage to continue making them? Yes, it is indeed worth while! The woollen ones are used in the dispensary, for they help so much in the numerous chest cases that come to us; it is marvellous how it helps when the sufferers can have something warm on during the rains. You have hit on the right way to make them; three stockings in one garment, with sleeves, are lovely, and can be used as little frocks. All you sent are truly ideal. We had to pay duty on each parcel, but made no objection because of the value they are to the work."

Miss Viney, of Cocnoor, writes: "Your splendid bundle of vests arrived by this mail, and I hasten to thank you most warmly for them. They are most welcome, because of the comfort they will be to the number of little ones. We are so glad to have them now at the beginning of the north-east monsoons,