

President's Message



Dear Friends,—

How much I wish that I could just "drop in" to your Union meeting and hear your discussions and plans of work. What help and inspiration I should receive. As that cannot be, may I say to you this thing that lies heavily on my heart, as doubtless it does on yours also—We cannot help knowing that the liquor trade is, and has been for many long years, more murderous in its activities than any other trade. This is shown not only in the actual loss of life, such as that caused by intoxicated drivers, fatal injuries caused by the attacks of intoxicated persons on others, but in the murder of the innocence of, and the bodily injury to, little children, the dulling, if not the extinction of moral sense, the destruction of good health, and in many other ways.

Knowing all this, you and I, together with all professing Christians—that means all those who in any official return, such as a census paper—set themselves down as belonging to any Christian Church—are responsible for the various types of murder which will, or at best, may take place before the next Poll. We are accessories before the fact. What is to be done about it? First pray; if you really pray you will see the way to work. Use every opportunity to make known to others the dangers that confront us; drinking in restaurants, later closing hours, etc. Let us keep clearly in mind these facts—more facilities for drinking mean more drinking; more drinking means more intoxication; more intoxication means more loss of character, life, health, happiness, goodwill, peace on earth. We must see to it that our preparation for this reform is well and truly made so that when the time comes for action as it does day by day, we may be ready. Educate! Educate! Educate ourselves and others.

REPORTS FROM DOMINION OFFICERS

DOMINION TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1st to April 30th.

N.Z. Fund: £1 each—Sydenham, Remuera (two years), South Invercargill, Masterton, New Plymouth, Tauranga, Avondale, Napier, Feilding, Palmerston North, Titirangi, Eden, Maungakaremea, Wellington Central, Hamilton, Brooklyn, Blenheim; 10/- each—Picton, Warkworth, Karori, Foxton, Remuera, Point Chevalier, Linwood, Levin, Mrs. Pirrett, Tinwald, Onehunga, Ponsonby, Kohi-St. Heliers. Dunedin Central, £3/3/-; Upper Hutt, £2; Wellington, £2; Northland District, £1/10/-; Riccarton, £1/1/-; New Brighton, £1/1/-; Auckland District, £6/10/-; Takapuna, 15/-; Mrs. Tremaine, 2/6; Auckland, £3/3/-.

N.Z. Headquarters Fund: Remuera (two years), £1; Picton Y.P.C.U., 10/-; Waipawa, 6/-; North Brighton, 10/-; Reefton, £1/10/-; Riccarton, £2; Auckland District Executive, £5; Brooklyn, £1.

Organising Fund: Sydenham, £2/2/-; Mosgiel, £1/16/-; New Plymouth, £3; Northcote, £1/4/-; Edendale, 15/-; Remuera (two years), £2/1/6; Winton, £2/2/3; Picton Y.P.T.C.U., 4/-; Waipawa, 18/-; Auckland Evening Branch, 6/-; Hawera, £2/8/-; Woolston, £1/10/-; Christchurch Central "Y's," 7/-; Waimate, £5/5/-; Balclutha, £1/2/6.

Maori Fund: Stratford, 5/-; Remuera, 5/-; Waipawa, 10/-.

Franchise Day Collection: Sydenham, £1; Remuera, 10/-; Waipawa, 10/-.

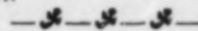
World's Missionary Fund: Remuera, 10/-; Ashburton, £1; Shirley-Richmond, 10/-; Wanganui East, 9/-; Pahiatua, 10/8; Waipawa, 7/6; Reefton, 10/-; Feilding, 17/3; Levin, 8/6; Warkworth, 7/-; Woolston, 6/6; Hastings, 9/-; Oxford 11/2; Auckland, 17/-.

Caravan Fund: Warkworth, £1; Dargaville, £1/11/10; per Mrs. Hunt, £1/1/6; South Invercargill, £1/1/-; Mrs. Mackie, £5; Geraldine, £1; Mrs. Harding, 2/-; Hokitika, £9/7/6; Cambridge, £1/1/-; Tauranga, 13/9.

Y.P.C.T.U. Trust Fund (Per Miss Appleby): Sales of stamps, £4/10/-; Donations, £3/3/-; Collection (Speech Evening), £5/7/3.

M. B. LOVELL-SMITH.

Note.—Treasurers, please obtain your Handbooks from Mrs. Ross, Literature Department.



Total Abstinence makes for Efficiency: Alcohol is a foe to Efficiency.

A reckless driver is seldom wreckless long.

"God give strength the evil to forsake,
The cross of Truth to bear.
And love and reverent fear to make
Our daily lives a prayer."

God give you much strength and courage as you march with Him to victory.

Your sincere friend,

C. E. KIRK,

Dominion President.

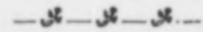
MEMBERSHIP REPORT

March: St. Albans, 1 transfer; Tauranga, 1 new member; Dunedin Central, 2 new members.

April: Dunedin Central, 3 new members; Spreydon, 2 transfers; Woolston, 1 new member; New Brighton, 1 new member; Blenheim, 1 new member; Richmond, 2 new members, 1 transfer. but as such displays can be very worth-

C. TOOMER,

Cor. Secretary.

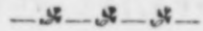


LIST OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE WHITE RIBBON"

From 1st January to 8th May, 1947.

Dargaville, 2; Whangarei, 1; Epsom-Greenlane, 2; Mt. Albert, 1; Hamilton, 1; Taumarunui, 2; Tauranga, 4; Waipawa, 1; Waipukurau, 1; Wairoa, 1; Foxton, 3; Levin, 1; Pahiatua, 1; Wellington, 2; Masterton, 2; Blenheim, 3; Motueka, 1; Nelson, 2; Bryndwr, 1; Christchurch, 3; Greymouth, 1; North Brighton, 1; Opawa, 2; Riccarton, 3; St. Albans, 1; North Canterbury District, 4; Dunedin, 1; South Dunedin, 1; Mornington, 1; Oamaru, 2; Port Chalmers, 1; Gore, 2; Invercargill North, 1; Maori Dept., 9. Total to date, 65.

A. D. GRIGG.



DELEGATES TO WORLD CONVENTION

We note from the last number of the "Union Signal" that among delegates expected at the World Convention are two from Korea, five from China, two from India, two from Australia, two from New Zealand, one from Columbia, two from Sweden, one or more from Cuba, fifty from England, twelve from Scotland and ten from Ireland. News of other countries to be represented arrives every day. Mrs. Boole says: "Pray for the Convention, and God's guidance in all our planning."

WOMEN IN THE NEWS WOMEN CABINET MINISTERS

It is good to note that women are more and more coming into their own in public life. The hill has been steep to climb, but the crest is being reached. In Australia, the first woman Cabinet Minister has been appointed in Mrs. Cardell-Oliver, M.L.A., of Western Australia, and we are glad to know that Miss Mabel Howard, of Christchurch, Member for Sydenham, has also received this honour. Mrs. Cardell-Oliver will have the portfolio for Education and Health, and it is expected that Miss Howard's department will be ————??

The first woman Cabinet Minister to be appointed in England was Miss Margaret Bondfield, who in 1929 became Minister for Labour in the Ramsay MacDonald Labour Government. Miss Ellen Wilkinson, whose death occurred recently, held Cabinet rank as Minister for Education.