

## President's Message

Dear Friends,—

Let us give thanks for the opportunities for service, the service of prayer as well as the service of deeds: the news of Unions formed or re-organised: the outlook of forward "Y" work: the increasing interest in the scientific teaching as to the harmful results of the consumption of beverage alcohol. One could fill a page stating reasons for thankfulness. While we exercise our privilege, and duty, of thankfulness let us be keener than ever to do our part in wiping out this terrible drink evil.

Before we make any decisions as to the best requests to make to Cabinet Ministers, etc., let us be sure that the thing we are advised to ask for is really good, always remembering that our Pledge is to pray and work for the **abolition** of the liquor traffic, that traffic which destroys more health and happiness than any other one known factor, and which does nothing in return for that destruction except put money into the pockets of greedy people.

We, who believe that it is not the will of our Father that any should "stumble or be made weak" through this deadly poison, must redouble our efforts, never doubting that victory will come.

Those who fight **with** God are those who **win**.

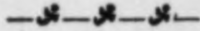
"We have God's own promise and that **CANNOT** fail."

With cordial greetings,

Your friend,

C. E. KIRK,

Dominion President.



## LIST OF NEW SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE WHITE RIBBON"

From 9th May to 10th July, 1947

Maungaturoto, 1; Epsom-Greenlane, 2; Henderson, 1; Tauranga, 1; Eltham, 1; Raetihi, 3; Levin, 1; Feilding, 1; Palmerston North, 2; Foxton, 1; Napier, 1; Brooklyn, 13; Springlands, 2; Blenheim, 1; Bryndwr, 1; Opawa, 1; Dunedin, 2; Port Chalmers, 3; Maori Dept., 1; Lower Hutt, 1; Hawera, 1; Gisborne, 1; Mt. Albert, 1. Total, 43.  
Total from 1st January, 108.

## DONATIONS TO "WHITE RIBBON" DAY FUND

The following donations to "The White Ribbon" Day fund are gratefully acknowledged:—

New Plymouth, 16/4; Dargaville, 4/-; Feilding, 13/6; Miss Watt, Feilding, 5/5; Blenheim, £2; Northcote, 10/-; Dargaville, 6/-; Dannevirke, 6/-; Napier, 10/-; Mornington, 8/6; Port Chalmers, 10/-; Upper Hutt, 10/-; Wellington Central, 10/6; Onehunga, 14/3; Hawera, 14/-; Hastings, 14/10; Reefton, 10/-; Wellington, 8/-. Total to date, £10/11/4.

A. D. GRIGG,

Business Manager.

## WORLD CONVENTION

### News From Our Delegates

We are delighted to receive the following letter, with one for the Y.P. Supplement from Mrs. Kasper, from our delegate, Mrs. Mackie.

2308 Ashmead Place,  
Washington.

4th July, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Christian,—

We have been in Washington nearly one month, and will be leaving on the eleventh for Chicago, Evanston, Denver, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, etc.

We are being treated royally here. New Zealanders are truly "on the map" in America. I will give you a brief outline of our doings.

We have visited White House, and I was greatly impressed with its simplicity. "Period" furniture, certainly—nothing pretentious, though. The crystal chandeliers are exquisite.

This week the W.C.T.U. women have been so good to us. Miss Smart took us to a sitting of the House, and we heard Father Walsh and Dr. Poling on "Military Training." It was interesting to me, naturally. We also listened to the Senate in session. We met some of the Senators in their offices. Senator Capper is a very kindly old gentleman, and is with us in Temperance work.

Miss Smart is doing really outstanding work as the Legislative Director for the W.C.T.U. She is a qualified lawyer.

Mrs. Frommet, a member of the Union, and second Vice-President of the district, invited other W.C.T.U. women to a very beautiful luncheon at her home, and one of the guests drove us to Mount Vernon. This will always be a green spot in my memory as long as I live. It is absolutely beautiful—the avenues of green trees, some flowering specimens, and the wide, winding roads, with thousands of yellow and rust lilies in clusters—well, it is so glorious, I wish you could have seen it too.

When we arrived at Mount Vernon we were escorted through the home of George Washington—as he left it. It is so well worth seeing, and from the upstairs windows one gets a very extensive view of the Potomac River. Mrs. Frommet and I walked down to the tomb of George and Martha Washington. I was given a large piece of ribbon from the wreath sent by "White House." I cut it in half and gave Mrs. Kasper a piece.

One day we visited the New Zealand Legation. Sir Charles and Lady Berendsen were away at New York, but we are invited again to see them both. Miss Coates, our late Prime Minister's daughter, chatted with us, and a Miss Fraser, of Waimate, who knew friends of mine there. They have helped us very much, as we have been able to visit prisons, having a car and driver at our disposal. We shall be seeing children's courts, women's prisons, boys' homes, etc.

Thursday next, a picnic is being arranged for us by another group of W.C.T.U. ladies there, to the Monastery and famous Water-lily gardens, supposed to be unsurpassed in the world. Last Sunday afternoon, we were at Dumbarton Oaks. I have not seen a garden like it anywhere, and the Museum was interesting. My dear husband used to get International Literature from there and I was glad to see the place.

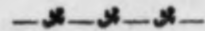
I am just putting things down as they come into my head, as I must memorize things; so if it appears somewhat disjointed, you will quite understand. We have been to the top of the Washington Monument in a lift which carries 33 people at once, and is in use all the time, people coming and going. The view from the top is extensive and beautiful. We have visited Abraham Lincoln's monument many times, and when it is lighted up at night it is a thing of beauty and a joy for ever in art. Also to see the Capitol lighted at night is marvellous. We visited the Walter Reed Hospital, and spoke over the air to 2,000 beds. We have seen and visited a Masonic Home for Women, and a place for Career Women. **Everybody** seems to be considered in Washington.

I can tell you with pride, New Zealand has the eyes and ears of the world, and I am very proud to be one of her beloved people. We have certainly led the way in many reforms and if we can bring something back which will be of use, we will certainly do our best. Strangely enough, I am taken all the time for an English woman. I say, "No, no, I am New Zealand-born." Little Dr. Howard, a Quaker and a Senator, asked, "Are all the ladies tall, like you, Mrs. Mackie?" I was amused. By the way, you know the next World Convention is to be in London; Sweden next.

Americans have very little home life. Most of the meals are taken in eating houses. That is why we have enjoyed being invited to friends' homes.

I am so impressed with the little squirrels. They are fairly tame, and the bird life is different from ours. Hummingbirds, robin redbreasts, the cardinal, etc., etc. The insect life is

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Upper Hutt, 1 new member; Sydenham, 1 new member; Bryndwr, 1 new member; North Brighton, 1 transfer; Papanui, 1 transfer; Wellington Central, 1 new member, 1 transfer; Tauranga, 1 new member, 1 transfer.

C. TOOMER.

New Unions and Branches organised by Miss C. M. McLay as follows:—

Ohinematu "Y" Branch, 19 members; Te Kuiti Union, 8 members, Pakeha; Otorohanga Union, 20 members, Mixed; Te Kuiti Union, 37 members, Maori.

Re-organised by Mrs. Reed:—

Petone, 1 new member.