

## DOMINION OFFICERS' REPORTS

### ESSAY COMPETITION

Forty-two entries were sent in for this competition from twenty-three places. The winners are:

First prize, MARTON FRANCIS, Christchurch.

Second prize, Beverley Aderman, New Plymouth.

Third prize, Joan Marx, Te Awamutu.

Viva Thompson, Ashburton, Gwen Sinclair, Dunedin, and Judith Moss, Te Awamutu, were "Highly Commended"; while Ruth Murray, Ashburton, and Valerie Hansen, Gisborne, received the "Very Good" mark. We heartily congratulate the winners of prizes, and these others who must have run them up fairly closely.

### POSTER COMPETITION

Sixty-eight posters were sent in, from twenty-three places. The winners are:—

First prize, Raymond Northe, Napier.

Second prize, Denise Wilkinson, Fendalton, Christchurch.

Third prize, Beulah Ferguson, Ashburton.

Douglas Grierson, of Kio Kio, Otorohanga, is "Very Highly Commended"; and Colleen Fyle, Whangarei, Willie Taane, Waitomo Caves, and Jimmy Joseph, Te Kuiti, are all "Highly Commended."

To all of these boys and girls, hearty congratulations are sent. It is hoped that all the children who entered will receive some small recognition of their efforts at the hands of the nearest local Union, unless they are prize-winners.

C. TOOMER,

Dominion Corresponding Secretary.

### AN ADDRESSOGRAPH

Because of changes looming up in the "White Ribbon" department, in the near future, it appeared to be inevitable that an Addressograph would have to be added to the office equipment for "W.R." wrappers; which work has been faithfully done by about twenty ladies each month. We are delighted to announce that, owing to the generosity of the Dunedin Central Union, the Addressograph is now an accomplished fact. A cheque for £83 5s., the total cost of the machine, including a number of stencils, and a cabinet container for the same, has been received from the Dunedin Central Union.

G. C. GIBBS,

Dominion Treasurer.

### DOMINION TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1st to December 31st, 1948  
Headquarters Debt Reduction

Christchurch, £50; Nelson (anonymous), £11/7/6; Tauranga, £10/10/-;

## "The Year Before Us"

Shadowed by the ghosts of dead hopes in regard to some alleviation of the Liquor Problem in New Zealand as the climax to four years of expectation; and still suffering from the blow struck in the Licensing Act; we must turn our eyes to the future. Its tasks are awaiting us. We must face them. Were we to fail, who would dream of undertaking them?

Are we down-hearted? Well, what do we mean exactly by "down-hearted"? If we mean despairing, hopeless, defeated, then we are NOT down-hearted. If we mean that disappointment, sorrow, and indignation have their part in our feeling towards the legislation which went through the House in December, then we must confess that we are suffering keenly in that way.

What effect is it to have on us? Will it mean that some will fall away; or that some, hitherto full of hopeful enthusiasm, will allow the canker of frustration to rob them of their joy in the great service?

Will it, on the other hand, drive us to a fresh dedication to that service of God, Home, and Humanity? Let us look at this possibility.

It is true, as history abundantly proves, that the strength of possible resistance can never be known till it is fully tested. It is when the prospect is darkest, and the danger most threatening, that the latent powers spring into new and strong activity. It is then, too, that God manifests Himself in unexpected and overwhelming ways. The Bible contains instance after instance of this; and even in our own memory, this has been proved.

We have seen, in the legislation just carried out, the shameful spectacle of a pandering to the wealth and power of an Evil which has gained ground at the expense of womanhood, youth, manhood, social purity, security from accident, moral stability and spiritual development. The challenge is to us to work as never before to prove that no failure on the part of our legislators to safeguard these most vital and precious things can stop the Hosts of God in their march to final victory. We can do no other than prepare for the next pitched battle, due to take place early in March, if not sooner.

We should organise now. In places where the Alliance is functioning, co-operation should be offered; but independent action should not be delayed. The distribution of literature, obtainable from our own Department and from the Alliance can be proceeded with at any time. Such opportunities as are offered for publicity as A. and P. Shows, Flower Shows, etc. should be used. Young people are showing interest in the fight; and the "Youth for Christ" movement has, in some instances, offered very practical help.

Our strongest weapon is one not available to the enemy. That is Prayer. No Union is too small or insignificant to organise meetings for special prayer. No one can estimate the power of such gatherings.

Let us then "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might . . . putting on the whole armour of God and . . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Let no dismay overtake us, or any fear that Evil can finally overcome Good.

Dunedin Central, £5/5/-; Kaiapoi, £10; Pukekohe, Blenheim, Hastings, Upper Hutt, New Plymouth, each £5; Richmond, £2; Leigh, £1; Onehunga, £2; Dargaville, £4; Spreydon, £1/1/6; Otorohanga, £1/5/-; Petone, 10/-; Oxford, £3; Picton, £2; Wellsford, 15/-; Napier, £2/2/-; Lawrence, £1/12/6; Wanganui East, £1; Gonville, 12/6; Masterton, £1/10/-; Te Kuiti Maori, 11/-; Roskill, £1; Inglewood, 10/-; Lyttelton, £1/10/-; Dannevirke, 15/6; N.E. Valley, £1/14/6; Whangarei, £2/10/-; Invercargill North, £1; Opotiki, £3; Dargaville, £2/10/-; Titirangi, £1; Wairoa, £1/10/-; New Brighton, £1/10/-.

### Headquarters General Fund

Gore, £2; Te Awamutu, £5; St. Albans, £1/1/6; Auckland, £5; Springlands, 10/-; Takapuna, £1/12/-; Woolston, 10/-; Otahuhu, £1/11/3; Wellington, 10/-; Onehunga, £1; Papanui, 10/-; Invercargill, £3/10/-; Nelson, £1/13/-; Timaru, £1; Wellsford, 15/-; Riccarton, £1/1/-; Opotiki, £1; Lawrence, 10/-; Mornington, 10/-; Dunedin Central, £5/5/-; Gonville, 10/-; Maungakarama, £1; Carterton,

£1/6/6; Hamilton, 11/-; Pukekohe, 10/-; Ponsonby, 10/-; Woodville, 10/-; Stratford, £1/5/-; North Brighton, 10/-; Kaikorai, 10/-; Christchurch, £5; Palmerston North, £2; Epsom, £1/10/-; Kaiapoi, £1; Lyttelton, £1; Wanganui Central, £1/10/-; Cambridge, £1; Brooklyn, £1; Remuera, 10/-.

### N.Z. Fund

Waimate, N.E. Valley, Invercargill, each £2; Spreydon, Woolston, Springland, Onehunga, Tinwald, Petone, Carterton, Hamilton, Stratford, Roskill, Eden, Richmond, North Invercargill, Dargaville, Remuera, Feilding B. of H., each 10/-; Hastings, £1/2/10; Gore, £1/10/-; Masterton, £1/10/-; Feilding, 17/-; Kaikorai, 5/-; Tauranga, £1/6/6; Papanui, 2/6; Oxford, £1/2/5; Picton, 4/2; Timaru, £1; Riccarton, £1/1/-; Lawrence, £1/5/6; Mornington, Gonville, St. Heliers, Otorohanga, each 5/-; Lower Hutt, 9/5; Epsom, £1/10/-; Timaru, Waipukurau, Wanganui Central, Sydenham, Cambridge, each £1; Dannevirke, 6/-; Devonport, 6/-.

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