

leged) the blood test for drunkenness as used in various parts of the world.

9. That this Convention urges the Minister to enquire what drinks will be provided for service men and women in camp during the Christmas and New Year festivities, and requests that he give the necessary authority for aerated drinks, soft cordials, and pure fruit drinks to be provided for these occasions for those who would prefer them to alcoholic drinks, and the latter be provided only for those who make request for them.

10. That this Convention considers that, with regard to the drinking of alcoholic liquors at dances and in the vicinity of dance halls, police supervision is not vigilant enough, and many of the offenders are insolent and defiant, and therefore urges stricter police supervision, with prosecutions following each "raid."

11. That the Rugby Union and all other sporting bodies of a similar nature be approached regarding the playing of games on Sundays. This Convention urges that such games, whether private or organised, should be played on days other than Sundays, as disregard of the sacredness of that day is detrimental to the character-building of the young people of today.

Marlborough

12. To ensure the full use of the Handbook, it be supplied to all officers, the cost to be borne by the Educational or Organising Fund.

Nelson

13. That children be listed on White Ribbon Cradle Roll without parent's signature to Pledge Card.

Note.—It is felt that the work is handicapped, because of reluctance on the part of the parents or guardians to sign, whereas, once the names are gained for the Roll, the access to homes is also gained for a regular flow of Temperance Literature, along with Birthday Cards.

LATE REMITS

Wellington District

That in view of many newspaper advertisements of films stressing violence and sex matters as inducements for viewing such films, this Convention urges the Government to arrange for an adequate censorship of film advertisements.

Dunedin Central

1. That the issue of "No Licence" be submitted to the electors of every licensing district; including ALL districts where a Licensing Trust is in operation.

2. That in order to offset the dangers associated with the enormous increase in wine production in N.Z., we urge the Government to utilise the Te Kauwhata experimental grape-producing areas for the purpose of producing non-alcoholic fruit and health beverages.

3. That a letter be sent to the Minister of Education asking that the

teaching concerning alcohol and its effects be made a compulsory subject under the heading of "Hygiene."

4. That we support the resolution from the World Convention in regard to Peace, pledging our whole-hearted support to the United Nations as the potential instrument for attaining World Peace; and declare our opposition to propaganda against any nation.

Southland District

That the attention of the Government be drawn to the Dominion-wide flaunting of the law with regard to the using of children for selling tickets for raffles, or other forms of gambling.

That this Convention affirms its conviction that the re-instatement of capital punishment would be the means of lessening crime in N.Z.

HERE AND THERE

NEWS FROM NIUE ISLAND

Our Dominion Treasurer, Miss Gibbs, has received a very welcome letter from Mrs. Beharell of Niue Island; in which the writer recounts the story of the "White Ribbon" movement in Niue. After many years of functioning, Mrs. Beharell says that "the 'White Ribbon,' or 'Liponi Sea' stands firm as ever. It is pleasant to note the pride in the little white bow. The laws formed by me with the consent of Miss Gordon and Miss Slack as suitable for these people still hold good and are adhered to. These women discipline themselves, or are disciplined by their village committees. The laws are simple. As I said before, I am sending the sum of £8 for capitation fees for 1948 and 1949, the rest to be sent in badges."

Mrs. Beharell also speaks of the interest shown by Lady Ferguson and Lady Freyberg in the group of "White Ribboners." Lady Freyberg said she found them "charming."

The letter concludes with the writer's good wishes for Christmas and New Year.

The N.Z. sisters of these Niue W.C.T.U. members all join in sending their loving greetings and best wishes for their continued pleasure in their membership of a world-wide society. How nice it would be to see some of them here in New Zealand, perhaps at Convention or in some of our ordinary meetings.

An occasional article about their work would be greatly appreciated here, both by our Maori and Pakeha members.

to us as He said to Jeremiah, many centuries ago: "Thou therefore, gird up thy loins and arise, and speak to them all that I command thee. Be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them . . . and they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee, for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee."

THE LICENSING BILL IN THE HOUSE

By Victoria Grigg, M.A.

During the passage of the Licensing Bill, towards the end of last year, we sat in the gallery of the House, and were very disturbed by the attitude of members to the Bill.

The Acting Prime Minister stated that he had a great pile of telegrams and letters from Church and Temperance organisations, urging the postponement of the Bill for further consideration. We felt thankful to God that our churches had this matter at heart. A deputation of protest from the Maoris came all the way from the King Country. However, these protests were brushed aside; and all sorts of concessions were granted to the Trade—more than they had dreamed of obtaining.

It is surely a bad sign for the community that **trade representatives have stated that they were well pleased with the Bill**, except that they would have liked a nine-year interval between the polls. It seemed a miracle that they had not received that concession, in addition to everything else.

A matter that distressed us deeply was the passing of legislation allowing Maori women to take drink away from hotels, and Maori women to enter liquor bars. We could hardly believe our ears when we heard members urging the lame excuse that Maori women felt inferior to white women because they did not have the same rights in regard to liquor. We are glad to say that some members begged the Government not to allow these increased facilities to the Maori people. Unfortunately, the voting was on party lines, and the legislation was passed by a very small majority. It seemed really incredible that members could have so little regard for the real welfare of the Maori people.

Whose "headache" will the results be? Certainly, **not the Trade's.**

Unfortunately, it will be that of people like our own members who already have enough worries through the effects of drink among the Maoris.

We would urge each one of you to get busy immediately in preparation for the coming Referendums.

1. Talk about them to other people.
2. Rouse enthusiasm for our cause.
3. Point out the dangers of legalised off-course betting, and the opening of liquor bars in the evening.
4. Urge others to record their votes.

The prophet Jeremiah went through life deeply burdened by the sins of his nation. He spoke of them as being "my pain perpetual and my wound incurable." "I sat not in the assembly of the mockers nor rejoiced," said he. "I sat alone because of thy hand, for thou hast filled me with indignation."

Let us thank God that He has filled us W.C.T.U. women with indignation at the evils we see sapping our nation's spiritual life. Our God says

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