

FINDINGS OF DISCUSSION GROUPS ON DEPARTMENTAL WORK Dominion Convention, 1949

GROUP 1

Backblocks, Literature and Library, Bulletin, Maori and Home Meetings. Leader: Miss C. McLay.

Backblocks. Good literature should be sent to camps, aerodromes, forestry camps, etc. "W.R." should be included. Old Christmas cards with texts pasted on are useful for back-block Sunday Schools. Stickers on envelopes do good work.

Literature and Library. Leaflets can be distributed through newspapers at small charge. House to house distribution very good. All methods recommended. Library little used. Suggestion of opening a fund for new books. Each Union advised to send for catalogue costing 3d; and to use library.

Bulletin. Many do not know of this, which contains world news of our work. 1/6 per annum; and published bi-monthly. Valuable for presidents and members in preparing addresses.

Maori. Speakers on Maori work very helpful. Recommended that Unions interest themselves in Maori women and children. Hold a Home meeting or a lantern meeting in a Pa. Have speaker to give address on our work.

Home Meetings. Should be held with the view of gaining new members, and for Poll Campaign work. Appoint Superintendent who should find homes for meetings. Good opportunity for training speakers. Homes of "Shut-ins" advised for meetings.

GROUP 2

Little White Ribboners, Loyal Temperance Legion, Bands of Hope. Leader: Mrs. Brewer.

Continuity in work desirable. Eight-year-olds leaving C.R. should be enrolled in L.T.L. or B. of H. Mothers should be visited and asked to sign the Pledge. Birthday cards, especially for 7- and 8-year-olds, should be attractive. Letters should go to 8-year-olds as they are transferred.

L.T.L. Valuable in taking up younger ones and providing hope for future "Y" members. B. of H. difficulty is lack of Leaders. Some churches are having "Happy Hours" for children, advantage being taken of opportunity for scientific temperance teaching. Question of attractive pledge cards postponed because of difficulty in procuring.

GROUP 3

Good Citizenship, Anti-Gambling. Leader: Mrs. Hiatt.

Good Citizenship carried out in helping to relieve aged and blind people, sending parcels to Britain, and in other practical ways.

Anti-Gambling. Illegal for boys under fourteen and girls under sixteen to sell anything in the streets. Other women's organisations might be appealed to asking them to refrain from

holding raffles, etc. Our views to be set out and sent to the "Justices' Quarterly."

Suggestions from World Superintendent of Anti-Gambling: (a) Appoint a Superintendent for the department, who will gather some keen workers round her. (b) Try to obtain openings for talks to youth groups, high school and teen-age youth. (c) Protest against all gambling projects for gambling in connection with churches. (d) Watch for all contraventions of the laws against betting and gambling. (e) Endeavour to get articles or letters on the subject into the local Press from time to time. (f) Prepare leaflets and printed matter for distribution dealing with your local conditions.

GROUP 4

Evangelistic, Bible in Schools, Sabbath Observance. Leader: Mrs. Spence.

Devotional exercises should be divided among members. One Principal of a secondary school had expressed the opinion that a full-time qualified person should be employed for giving religious instruction in schools. Christian people should stand firm and by their example encourage others to preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath.

GROUP 5

Legal and Parliamentary, Press, Notable Days, and Educational. Leader: Mrs. Chesswas.

Legal and Parliamentary. Letters sent to Members of Parliament should be as concise and brief as possible. Urge all friends to vote.

Press Reports are acceptable if worth while matters are reported. All Unions and districts should have a reporter.

Notable Days could be varied; not necessary to observe all the same every year.

GROUP 6

Scientific Temperance Examinations, Sunday School and Bible Class Temperance, "Y" Branch. Leader: Miss V. Jamieson.

Suggestion that medals might be replaced by something less expensive, so that more could be awarded. Sunday Schools and Bible Classes could be approached by means of strips and addresses. Members urged to try to form small groups which would soon grow. Youth Rallies and After-Church gatherings recommended.

GROUP 7

Social and Moral Hygiene and Health and Nutrition, Methods. Leaders: Mesdames Mountjoy and Kasper.

Hygiene, etc. Children should be encouraged in clean habits both in

W.C.T.U. FORWARD MOVING THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN

OBJECTIVES:

2,000 new members.
1,500 new W.R. Subscribers.
3,000 new C.R. members.

Formulated February 22nd, 1949.

Begin to report as from March 1, 1949.

Report quarterly to The Editor, Fairlight, Tauranga.

Your first **Union report** (March-May) should be posted not later than **June 10th.**

REPORT THUS:

Name of Union.
Number of NEW members.
Number of NEW "White Ribbon" subscribers gained.
Number of NEW "Cradle Roll" members gained.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Each District is asked to report New Unions and "Y" Branches formed. When such are formed please send full particulars, i.e. **Date of formation, officers elected, number of members, to the Corresponding Secretary** as early as possible, in ADDITION to the report for the "White Ribbon."

NOTE.—Secretaries are asked to circulate this out and keep for reference during the "Five Years."

LITERATURE DEPARTMENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,
One of the suggestions in the "Five Year Plan" introduced by our new Dominion President, is for the continuous distribution of Temperance Literature, etc.

There are already new leaflets in this department, and from now until the Poll in November, there will be continuous supply. **WATCH THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT ADVERTISEMENT.** Send for sample.

The value of wearing our badge was stressed at Convention, and these are again in full supply.

Now that the longer evenings are on hand, may I remind you of our Temperance Films? The large 16 mm films are sound films, and the 35 mm are the silent strips. These are very suitable for Bands of Hope or at Youth meetings. Full particulars will be supplied on application.

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mind and body, and to confide in parents for solving their difficulties.

Health. Much valuable substance lost by cooking vegetables too long and in too much water.

Methods. Departmental work should be organised. Concentrate on gaining scattered members and honoring members.