

# President's Letter

My Dear Sisters,

The W.C.T.U. is constantly confronted with great problems. God must trust us when He gives us such important work to do for Him. Three major evils are striving for the mastery, viz., drink, immorality and gambling. War makes a greater opportunity for the evil one to propagate these vicious habits. The W.C.T.U. has been called by the Saviour of men to stand in the breach. Shall we say, By God's grace "the line shall not break where I stand."

The desire of the missionary societies in Africa is to plant a line of mission stations right across the continent to prevent the onward sweep of Islam. Can we do less to save others from these soul destroying evils which are so manifest to-day.

In your fight against immorality ever remember that there is only one moral standard. It takes two to be immoral. Both are equally reprehensible. It will not cure the evil to punish one and let the other go free to continue his vile practices in besmirching other lives. Hold aloft the standard of purity. The pure in heart shall see God. There is nothing finer in God's universe than a pure-minded man and woman. Teach purity to your children till they love that which is pure. Read again the front page article in the last W.R., also Miss Kirk's letter. The orgy of gambling for patriotic purposes is sapping the moral standards of our people. No compromise with gambling is our motto. I am glad to know by the letters received from several ministers from different parts of N.Z. that churches are taking action against the ancient enemy strong drink. May God give them greater power; for the Christian Church could bring victory.

For all anxious and bruised hearts may the Comforter bring messages of hope and peace.

"They cannot be where God is not,  
On any sea or shore;  
Whate'er betides, Thy love abides,  
Our God for evermore."

Yours in hope,

JESSIE HIETT.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

July 1st-August 1st, 1942.

### World's Mission Fund:

Lower Hutt 4/-, Marton 2/-, Frankton 5/-, Pukekohe 5/-.

### New Zealand Fund:

St. Albans 10/- Lower Hutt £1, Marton 5/-, Waianiwa 10/-, Mt. Albert 10/-, Temuka £1, Pukekohe 5/-, Hokitika £5, Gore £2, Mt. Eden £1, Ch.Ch. Technical College £2/2/-.

### New Zealand Headquarters Fund:

Bryndwr 5/-, Frankton 7/6.

### Organising Fund:

Tinwald 18/-, Frankton 7/6, Ashburton £5, Temuka £3/1/6, Pukekohe 12/-.

### Maori Fund:

Lower Hutt 7/10, Warkworth 6/-, Pukekohe 5/-, Mt. Eden 11/10.

D. K. ROBINSON,  
Assistant Treasurer.

# WELLINGTON UNION.

## SPECIAL MEETINGS.

On July 15th Wellington Union had a small attendance, owing to severe weather, to hear a talk by Miss Atkinson on the women of Turkey. The District President, Mrs. Sired, was in the chair, and welcomed visitors.

The speaker gave a brief resume of Turkish history up till the last war and the Turkish revolution of 1920. Between that date and 1935 the emancipation of Turkish women was made complete. She has advanced from a life of complete seclusion to equality with man in every profession. In 1930 she acquired the municipal franchise and four years later the republic granted her the vote for the National Assembly and also made her eligible as a candidate for the Assembly which corresponds to our House of Representatives. At the first election after these privileges were granted 17 women were returned as members out of a total membership of 399. In other fields woman has also proved her worth and adaptability.

Mrs. Bade moved a vote of thanks which was followed by a short discussion of great interest. Afternoon tea.

August 12th: Mrs. Bade (President) took the chair for a lecture by Miss England on the women of Russia, when there was a very good attendance of members of this and other unions and friends. Solos were sung by Miss Atkinson, and tea was served.

Miss England said that the emancipation of Russian women had begun during the last century when thinking Russians were inspired by England's example of liberty and greatly influenced by the works of England's Charles Dickens. Russia's government frowned on these ideals and suppressed those who followed them. But after the Revolution in Russia during the last world war women were placed on a footing of absolute equality with men in professional walks of life as well as in factory and farm work. Women's skill in all three types of work has proved outstanding. Home life and children are provided for by special nursery schools and creches and excellent care of mothers before and after child-birth. As a result of these privileges prostitution is practically non-existent and the methods of the schools are cultivating responsible, happy young citizens of the U.S.S.R.

Several questions were asked the speaker, after which Mrs. Grigg, business manager of the "White Ribbon," proposed a vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation.

## WHITE RIBBON DAY FUND.

Donations from 13th July to 13th Aug., 1942: New Plymouth, 10/-; Ponsonby, 7/0; Styx, 5/-; Mt. Eden, 5/6; Wellington Central, 8/-; Northcote, 1/6; Gore, 15/-; Wellington, 10/-; Brooklyn, 10/-; Johnsonville, 5/-; Total, £3/17/6. Total to date, £19 14/1.

A. D. GRIGG, Business Manager.

## DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

### NORTH AUCKLAND.

July 30th. Met at Dargaville. Miss Edmed presided. Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Goodall led in prayer. Miss Edmed spoke of good citizenship, reminded how breweries had prospered, and spoke of other organisations who were helping in fight against alcohol. A membership campaign is our next important matter.

### AUCKLAND.

August 3rd. Mrs. H. Kasper presided. Devotions, Miss Queen. Report of N.C.W. by Mrs. Long and Liquor Control Council by Miss Read and Mrs. Williams. £5/5/- donated to Auckland Patriotic Association. Arrangements for Provincial Convention in October. Decided to take usual stall for Merchant Navy Street Appeal. Report of first aid classes by Mrs. Joiner, 86 packets of dressings; 37 of swabs and 57 bandages had been made.

### SOUTH CANTERBURY.

July 21st. Mrs. Robinson presided and conducted short devotional service. A motion of condolence was passed with Mrs. Richards in her recent bereavement, also all relatives who have suffered bereavement in the battle being fought at the present time in Egypt.

Correspondence from Mrs. Mitchell with regard to the visit of the organiser to the district was discussed and dealt with and arrangements put in hand.

Miss Fyfe stressed the necessity for Temperance teaching in all our efforts. Donations were appreciably received from Ashburton £2, Rakaia £1 for district funds.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to the President of New Zealand Farmers' Union for the resolution passed at the annual conference Wellington dealing with the question of restricted production and the sale of liquor. National anthem, Benediction.

## DAY OF PRAYER.

Marlborough District, held in Presbyterian Church, July 30th; good attendance of women. Hourly sessions, commencing at 10 a.m., were conducted by Mrs. N. Forbes, Mrs. J. Stewart, Mrs. W. B. Wilson, Mrs. L. Bayley and Mrs. P. Stevens. Sessions consisted of hymns, prayers and a short address by the leader, and proved helpful and uplifting.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT.

	New Members.	Transfers.	Hon. Members.
Ponsonby	4	1	—
Kohi-St. Heliers	1	—	2
Papanui	1	—	—
Lipwood	2	—	15
Spreydon	—	1	—
Invercargill Sth.	4	—	—

L. M. MITCHELL.

August 10th, 1942.