

wonderful bodies. In my opinion it is nothing less than criminal to allow a child to face the world without knowledge about these intimate questions. Home teaching is the safest. Parents' sacred duty and privilege is to begin early. Early education concerning the divinity of the body, continued guidance during youth, the creation in every boy of a respect for womanhood, and in both boys and girls respect for marriage relations, is imperative. The necessity of every child being equipped with knowledge should be the concern of every man and woman in the Dominion. There is literature at our Headquarters which will help parents in this sacred responsibility of teaching their children. These are preventive measures. Remedial measures I shall briefly touch on. First to publish the blessed truth that Jesus Christ is able to save to the uttermost, however deeply sin has besmirched the soul and body. Second, there is a cure when venereal diseases are taken in time, and relief even at later stages. Free treatment is available at every public hospital in the country. Self-treatment, non-professional treatment and quack remedies are worse than useless. The only safe way is for patients to receive continuous treatment from a competent doctor, and this is supplied at all hospitals. Thirdly, our part in remedial treatment is "To rescue the perishing, care for the dying, snatch them in pity from sin and the grave. Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen, tell them of Jesus the mighty to save."

**GAMBLING.** We have spoken of three destructive forces, there is a fourth which undermines the moral stamina of the nation. Gambling is a vicious habit which adds nothing to the common good. Easy money is offered without giving an equivalent. One of the parties is always dissatisfied, therefore gambling is definitely anti-social. A street of houses in London owned by bookmakers is termed Mug's Alley.

In lotteries, the prize which one person pockets is largely composed of sums from men and women who could not afford to lose; furthermore, the prizes are an almost irresistible temptation to those who know the pinch of poverty. A lottery for patriotic purposes hides its ugliness behind a veil of patriotism. The worthiness of a cause can never justify a form of appeal that encourages gambling, for in gambling chance determines the destination of the prize. Men and women have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, but in gambling a risk is taken to get something for nothing or next to nothing. God said: "Thou shalt not covet." Covetousness and greed become the dominant characteristics of the gambler. May vision be given to us to hurl this anti-god custom from our country. This is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith. Every power of evil may be overcome. Fortified by prayer, and belief in the invincibility of God's power we will not slacken on a single front till the day of victory. Mrs. Rowntree Clifford in

a recent address said: "Our difficulty is not unanswered prayer but unasked prayer. Ask, seek, knock. Keep on knocking even though the knuckles bleed. Get your prayer linked with the prayers of everybody, everywhere."

Fortified by prayer, stand upon your feet, and go forward, speak, gain the ear and heart of friends and foes. This is the most important work of our life. Souls are perishing. God is yearning over a fallen world. We are called to the work of rescue, and of building a better New Zealand. We need God's help and, oh, the honour of it, God needs our help. If we will put enough love and enough prayer into this campaign the victory will be beyond our expectation. May He give to our Government the courage to shake itself free from the vicious pressure of the liquor trade. May God give to the Churches restless consciences till they rise up with one accord and smite these evil forces with all the power that Christianity wields. May God lead the W.C.T.U. to greater heights of love and self-sacrifice towards all who have been caught by the forces of evil, in the name of Christ Who says now as He said of old: "Certainly I will be with thee."

Jesus Christ has blazed the trail for us. We must not fail Him in training our children to love God, to love His word, to love to pray to Him. We must train them to hate that which is evil, to be total abstainers, to love purity and beauty. Suffer the children to come unto Me, said Christ. I cannot close without inviting you to join with us in following Christ's example and blazing the trail for those who are coming along the road of life, the children on whom the future of our country depends.

This is the time to stand upon your feet, and listen to the voice of our Leader, and then go forward gladly to serve Him in this great field. There is scope in the W.C.T.U. for every woman to do something. Come into our ranks and help us to hurl from our beautiful country these things that are such a tremendous hurt, and help us to build for God, for Home and Humanity.

### AUCKLAND SCHOOL OF METHODS.

April School of Methods was well attended. The President, Mrs. Hugh Kasper, gave a few practical maxims of value to aspirants to public speaking. Showed the importance of expression, articulation and delivery.

Appreciation of this advice was demonstrated in the high order of the speeches of her audience, which followed, prepared and extempore.

The departmental work under review this session was "The White Ribbon," detailing plans of work to increase circulation in each Union.

Session, which opened with National Anthem, closed with Benediction.

## WORLD'S WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

February 12, 1943.

EDITORS OF OFFICIAL  
W.C.T.U. PAPERS.

Dear Friends,—

Thank you so much for sending me your paper each month. I read it with interest and note the progress of temperance work in your country. The war has disrupted many things, but the papers come through with greater regularity even than some of the letters.

I notice that some of you have published my leaflet, "The White Ribbon in War Time." I hope others may do so. This saves you postage, and perhaps reaches more people than could be reached in any other way.

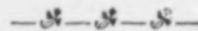
Will you kindly call attention in your paper to the fact that Mother's Day is one of the Red Letter Days in the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union? I am enclosing a copy of the Call. Will you please print it and emphasise the fact that this is a project in which we are all interested? Each country is to arrange the details.

The National papers and the White Ribbon Bulletin keep White Ribboners around the world in touch with one another. We long for the time when we can freely correspond with all our Federated Societies.

Faithfully yours,

ELLA A. BOOLE,

President, World's Woman's Christian  
Temperance Union.



### CALL FOR MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 9, 1943.

The second Sunday in May is Mother's Day. It is intended as recognition of individual mothers and or motherhood. Last year we enlarged its scope so that it became mothers' appreciation of the sacrifices the sons were making in World War II. May we not this year combine the tribute to one's own mother by each member of the family, and the appreciation of all the family for the sacrifices that sons are making in the war to save civilisation? Let us observe it in the home by acts of kindness for mother; observe it in the Church through special tributes to motherhood; and in the community by a meeting in which all patriotic organisations may share and voice their tributes to the men in service.

May this message, written to the men in service in South Africa, voice our pledge and promise:

"When you go away we will be with you! In all your wanderings we will think of you;

In your time of danger and loneliness we will pray for you!

When you march we will march with you;

When you come back we will rejoice and the re-union will bring peace once more to our hearts."

Faithfully yours,

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Temperance Union.