

Within the Veil

Mrs J. S. Holm—Dannevirke Union

One of our valued members for many years, Mrs Holm, passed away recently. For twenty years our sister conducted the Bible Class in the Methodist Church, and many young women owe their Christian foundations to her faithful teaching.

For nearly twenty years she was the energetic secretary for the British and Foreign Bible Society, during which time the collections rose from £29 to £300. For nine years Mrs Holm was Secretary of the W.C.T.U. and was always a most faithful worker. For fifteen years she was Welfare Officer for Women and Children. A widow for 40 years, she unstintingly and unobtrusively spent her life for others; her crown will not be starless.

Mrs E. E. Williams—Devonport Union

In the passing to Higher Service of Mrs Williams on August 24th, the Devonport Union and the Cause of Temperance in the District have lost a loyal and devoted member throughout many years. Coming to Devonport Union from Auckland, she was our very able President for 23 years, and when she retired four years ago on account of her husband's health she was made a Life Vice President of the Union, in honour of the service she had rendered.

Years ago, our Union presented Mrs Williams with the 30 years' Service Badge. In the Auckland District Executive she was Corresponding Secretary for some years and on retiring was appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent, and was also a Dominion Superintendent at one time. Always one of the Lord's faithful followers, she has ended a long life here for she was 86 years of age.

Devonport members attended the funeral service at St. John's Anglican Church, Northcote.

Mrs C. Cave—Timaru Union

In the sudden Home Call on August 27th of Mrs Cave, in her 83rd year, Timaru Union has suffered the loss of a valued member who had served as President, and for three years had been our honoured Patroness. She had been District President for South Canterbury and also had been on the Committee responsible for the building of the Sailors' Rest.

Although failing health had prevented attendance at meetings, Mrs Cave was always ready to help in any way she could to maintain the honour of the W.C.T.U., and younger officers seeking her advice and help felt challenged afresh by her zeal and consecration.

Her service was not devoted to our work alone. A prominent worker in the Anglican Church, her fine Christian character endeared her to many. Having been a school teacher she was always interested in educational matters.

The funeral service at the house was attended by representatives of our Union, and most sincere sympathy is extended to her son in Dunedin and her daughter, Miss M. M. Cave (Timaru).

Miss Christina McKenzie—Dunedin Central Union

Miss Christina McKenzie passed into the presence of her Lord on August 30th, 1957. She gave her heart to her Saviour at the age of 14 and lived a consistent Christian life all down the years. Hers was a selfless life, always was she thinking of others. For many years she taught in Sunday School. For 10 years she was Matron of College

House, Palmerston North, and was greatly respected by the Principal, teachers, staff and pupils. For five years she was Matron of Feilding Agricultural High School, where she had a wonderful influence on the pupils.

Miss McKenzie was a member of Dunedin Central Union since 1939 and was a real battler for temperance, never being afraid to show on which side she stood.

- During the last four months of illness and weakness, she bravely met each day, never complaining, and now is safe in the Home prepared for all who love the Lord. To Mrs J. Hiatt, who nursed her with devoted love and care and who mourns her beloved sister, is extended the loving sympathy of all our W.C.T.U. members in her deep sorrow.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Miss C. Jamieson whose letter published in "The Times", of 30/8/57, is printed below, writes to make the suggestion that such letters, following a similar pattern to this one, could be sent by our members to many newspapers in the Dominion. Such correspondence to the Editor will create a greater interest than small advertisements inserted in the papers. Newspapers will not publish a letter from another newspaper, but it is a simple matter to arrange the facts of this letter, for instance, in a different way. The following letter appeared in the Correspondence Column under the caption, "Liquor Reforms".

Sir,

There seems to be quite a clamour in some quarters for drinking hours in this country to be changed, especially for drinking to be permitted up to 10 p.m.

Before any such change is contemplated, very serious consideration should be given to the matter. How will it affect our homes? How will it affect our young people? Will it lessen the tragic number of deaths on the roads? Answers to these questions may be found in information supplied from New South Wales after the introduction of 10 o'clock closing there.

It will be admitted that the welfare of the children in our homes is of vital importance to the well-being of this land. Ten o'clock closing of hotel bars began in N.S.W. on February 1, 1955. On March 1, 1955, the Sydney City Mission (Glebe) reported: "Tragic results of 10 o'clock closing. Many more women going to hotels, leaving children unattended. Marked increase in drunkenness."

"The Sun," Allowan, reported on March 4, 1955: "Deplore practice of locking children in cars. Have to use public address system to get parents."

Beverly Hills: "Lot of trouble over children in locked cars outside hotels, screaming heads off."

Rev. G. H. Carr (Penrith) on March 17, 1955, reported: "Many more women, mostly young, going into hotels. Children in cars in pyjamas. Four children on a mattress in a truck, crying."

Rev. W. Lindsay (West Hyde), February 10, 1955: "Three children locked in one car; two in another. Also children on hotel stairs in night attire."

According to a broadcast on the churches' verdict on 10 o'clock closing, "There are now two 'swills', an after work 'swill', and a 10 o'clock 'swill'. Women drinkers have greatly increased. Press reports in N.S.W. show that pretty generally 50 per cent. of those unsteadily leaving licensed