

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



My Dear Comrades,

Convention is over and we have entered once again on a new year of service. There are some changes in the personnel of the Dominion Executive. We welcome to the Executive our new Dominion Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Chesswas; Acting-Editor of the White Ribbon, Mrs. V. Singleton; Business Manager, Miss E. Appleby. There are ten changes in Superintendents of Departments, which please note carefully when you receive the Handbook. It is interesting to find that two former "Y" members have now taken on the work of Departmental Superintendents. The new Business Manager also started in the work as a "Y" member. We welcome all these new officers most cordially. The very sincere appreciation of the work of retired officers and Superintendents has been expressed by Convention.

The need for more aggressive Temperance work among children has been again stressed. We must begin at the right end of the problem of drunkenness and save the child from becoming a drunkard. "As the hope of the earth is the springtime, so the hope of the Race is the child." Wherever possible try to start even a small group of Band of Hope or L.T.L. The Literature Dept. will supply you with helps for the work.

The Five-Year Plan is our "Plan of Work" and it provides plenty of scope for originality in winning new members, W.R. subscribers, L.W.R. members, and generally extending the great work of the Union.

I have been asked what should be done in the event of a Union being in danger of lapsing through lack of officers or other cause. No Union may "lapse" itself. Where a difficulty arises, the District Officers must be advised immediately and they should try to provide officers or some assistance until the Union is established again. The District officers should report the matter to the Dominion Corresponding Secretary

"Within the Veil"

MRS. BESSIE LEE-COWIE

A TRIBUTE

It was in the year 1923, shortly after I came to New Zealand, that I first met Mrs. Lee-Cowie. I was a representative to the Auckland Sunday School Union from the Sunday School where I taught, and one evening when I went to the usual monthly meeting there was a large gathering to hear, as I learned, Mrs. Lee-Cowie speak on her return from a world tour. I was tremendously impressed by Mrs. Lee-Cowie. She was the finest woman speaker I had ever heard. I was too bashful to speak to her as many others were doing, but on the way home, I asked my Sunday School Superintendent to tell me something about the lady who had spoken. Taking a book from under his arm, he handed it to me and said, "Read this, and you will learn something about her." The book was her autobiography, "One of Australia's Daughters." Always interested in biography, this book interested me tremendously, and when I thought of what she had become, and what she had been enabled to do for God and Home and Humanity, I wrote to her, on the spur of the moment, offering my services to her or the work, in a secretarial or other capacity, after business hours. She wrote me a beautiful letter and an invitation to meet her. The result was my initiation into the "Y" work of the W.C.T.U.

I came to know Mrs. Lee-Cowie intimately, and my first impression of her as the finest woman speaker I had ever heard was deepened and enriched as I sat at her feet to hear her teach and

and, if possible, an Organiser will be sent to assist.

It is a serious matter to allow a Union to lapse. It has often taken the best years of a woman's life to build up and maintain a Union, and each officer should endeavour to always have a woman in training to take her place should occasion arise. Remember "discouragement" is the chief weapon in Satan's armoury.

I would pass on to you an encouraging thought which I received from an Easter study. "They overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb." "This is the basis of our opposition to Satan. In the finished work of Christ on the Cross is found the weapon by which we can fight every manifestation of evil and put the enemy to flight. Calvary is the only place where he will admit defeat. To know how to bring the victory of the Cross on to the battlefield and claim its fruits for the lives of men, is to find obstacles vanishing and prayer being wondrously answered." Rev. Gordon Watt, M.A.

Yours for Victory,

CATHERINE M. McLAY.

preach. Her ability as a Preacher is unquestioned. She was a woman of God's Word, and a great prayer warrior. She sought the Holy Spirit's guidance alone, and all her sermons, her writings and her poetry bear the impress of the Holy Spirit. She walked with God. As a teacher of the "Word" she was unequalled, and numbers of us who listened to her, realised the grasp of the Truth possessed by her and lived out in a life that testified to the indwelling Holy Spirit. One could not help growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ as she imparted to us the Truth as it is in Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Lee-Cowie was a soul winner, and very many can testify to that fact, but in addition to that she realised the new converts must be fed (a fact largely lost sight of in our Churches today) and she possessed the ability to a large degree, to instruct and teach the "Babes in Christ" how to walk in the way of holiness "Being not conformed to this world." She was uncompromising in her attitude towards evil, especially the Liquor traffic, and feared not the face of man.

It was a privilege, a joy and an inspiration to know her, and she being dead, yet speaketh. To live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die.

"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

ANNIE M. McLAY.

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MISS MAUD MARGARET RUNCIMAN

Ponsonby Union

Miss Runciman received the "Home Call" on the 19th March, after a life of service in the W.C.T.U. Miss Runciman joined the Ponsonby Union shortly after it was resuscitated by Mrs. Lee Cowie and was a loyal worker, until illness overcame her last November. As Superintendent of the Scientific Temperance department for many years, she never failed to give her temperance fact at every meeting. She was a loyal follower of the Master, whom she dearly loved and served.

R. A. Clarke.

MRS. M. A. RANSOM

Levin Union

With the recent passing to Higher Service of Mrs. M. A. Ransom, in her 98th year, the Levin Union has lost a devoted member.

Deeply interested in the Temperance cause, she used her gracious influence to carry on the fight against the great evil of intemperance. To the end, her interest and prayers were ever with the work so near to her heart.

The loving sympathy of the Union goes to her family. "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."