

## MORE REPLIES TO WANGANUI CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

The following are replies from Ministers regarding the Resolutions which I had forwarded to them. I have numbered them according to the numbers given in the "White Ribbon" of April last.

From the Hon. K. J. Holyoake,  
Minister of Agriculture

**No. 16.** "Further to my letter of June 28th, I have obtained a report whether it is practicable and economical to manufacture unfermented grape juice at the Te Kauwhata Horticultural Station.

"It is estimated that the cost of producing and packing grape juice would be 3s. 2d. per quart bottle and this would probably retail at 4s. per quart, or 2s. per 10 oz. bottle. At this price it is believed that grape juice would be hard to sell in competition with aerated waters at approximately one quarter the price. Difficulty has already been experienced by firms in Auckland who endeavoured to popularise apple juice and other fruit juices. As the cost of grapes is about four times the cost of apples I do not propose to experiment with the production of grape juice at Te Kauwhata unless a market for a considerable quantity of grape juice at a price which fully covers production costs is assured."

From the Hon. E. B. Corbett,  
Minister of Maori Affairs

**No. 22.** "... The Licensing Amendment Act, 1948, so far as it affects the Maori people, was discussed at length by a very representative meeting of Maori elders at Otaki at the time of the Rangiatea Centennial Celebrations. It was then agreed that this legislation had not yet had a fair trial and that, despite criticism to the contrary, the position had improved. Police reports confirm this.

"It was also pointed out that those who over-indulge in liquor, would continue to do so, regardless of what restrictions were placed on them."

From the Hon. T. Clifton Webb,  
Minister of Justice

"I am now in a position to reply in more detail as to the resolutions of your Dominion Convention referred to me.

**"No. 6.** There is at present no provision directed to preventing young lads from entering hotel bars, but consideration is at the moment being given to making provision on these lines, and I may assure you that the problem is being carefully watched.

**"No. 7.** The Court has power to prohibit an offender where the circumstances render that course advisable. I do not think that it would be proper to provide that the Court must issue a prohibition order against an offender whenever his indulgence in strong liquor has been a contributing cause of the accident. In some circumstances the issue of a prohibition order may be appropriate, but not in other cases,

and I am satisfied that the exercise of the power should be left to the discretion of the Court.

**"No. 8.** In our system of justice, the legislation provides the maximum penalties for offences. I think that the penalties provided by law for sexual offences are adequate. The actual penalty imposed in any case is fixed by the Court, and Government has no control over that.

**"No. 17.** I do not think minimum penalties are advisable, and I consider that it is wiser to leave the decision, as to what is the appropriate penalty to be imposed in any particular case, to the Court, which hears all the relevant evidence. I may say that, even where the offences to which you refer do not include the causing of bodily injury to a person, substantial penalties are provided by the law—imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or a fine not exceeding £100—and the offender's driving licence may be endorsed or cancelled.

**"No. 23.** The discretionary power given to a Court in certain circumstances to suppress the name of the person charged is seldom exercised in the case of serious crime, and is subject to some statutory limitations. I am satisfied that this discretion, vested in the Court, is properly and sparingly exercised, and should be retained."

I trust that the various District Executives are preparing remits to send forward for the 1951 Convention, and that they will reach me in good time, preferably before December 31st.

V. A. JAMIESON,

Legal and Parliamentary  
Superintendent.

57 Layard Street,  
Invercargill.

## MRS. F. N. CHRISTIAN

We extend a very warm welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Christian, who recently returned from their trip overseas, where Mrs. Christian attended the World Convention of the W.C.T.U. at Hastings, England.

## PURE GRAPE JUICE

Pure grape juice, which can be diluted with water to taste, is being made by Jas. Thompson, Clyde Orchards, Te Kauwhata. We can help to advertise this by asking for it at our grocers, with the request that it be stocked. Encourage this production of non-alcoholic Grape Juice! Thompson's Pure Grape Juice.

## ALCOHOL AND MURDER!

"Over-indulgence in alcohol was the immediate cause of many murders," said the Public Opinion Group, Wellington, in submissions to the joint Parliamentary Committee on Capital Punishment.—N.Z. Herald, October 12th, 1950.

## REPORTS AND NOTICES

### Reports for Dominion Superintendents, Important

"Will all Unions please report their year's work in each Department to the Dominion Superintendents of these Departments as soon as possible after their Annual Meetings and before the end of the year? The names of Dominion Superintendents will be found in the Handbook, which every Union should possess.

### Maori Department

Would all Unions who have done any work at all for our Maori work throughout the year, report to me as soon as possible? Thank you.

M. LONG, Bute Road, Brown's Bay,  
Auckland, Dominion Superintendent,  
Maori Department.

### Evangelistic Department

This Department is worked by all Unions so please report work done, special meetings of Evangelistic nature and prayer meetings held.

A. SHERMAN,  
Evangelistic Supt.

Dear "White Ribboners,"

It would help considerably if subscriptions were paid in as soon as possible, so that we may not be too busy over the holiday period. This is always a busy period for Postal Authorities, and we can help by posting early.

So far, I have received very few used stamps, and you will remember that, at our Dominion Convention, it was decided that the effort would help the New Zealand Fund.

Yours in Service,

E. M. APPLEBY,  
Business Manager.

Miss C. M. McLay, Dominion President, regrets that, acting under medical advice, she is unable to accept nomination for Dominion office.

Mrs. Underhill wishes it to be made known that she is not available for nomination as Dominion Recording Secretary.

## LEGACY AND DONATION

At their recent meeting in Wellington, the Dominion Officers were advised by Miss Gibbs, Dominion Treasurer, that a legacy of £34 had been bequeathed to the W.C.T.U. from an Anonymous Deceased Estate in Auckland and that a donation of £25 had been given by a donor who wished to remain anonymous. The officers expressed their deep appreciation and were much encouraged at this interest in our work.

## DUNEDIN CONVENTION HOSPITALITY

Would delegates please send names as soon as possible to Miss Armit, 21 Bullen Street, Maori Hill, Dunedin.