

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My Dear Comrades,

I send you greetings and every good wish for this New Year. I also wish to thank all who have so kindly written to me and whose prayers have upheld me during the past months. Our Heavenly Father has graciously answered prayer and I now feel that I am on the road to recovery of health. We are all keenly looking forward to Convention in Dunedin and I commend this very important event in our Union work to your perseverant prayer.

To meet in an atmosphere definitely created by prayer and goodwill means assured success, confidence and satisfaction.

In this New Year, which will be a tremendously important one for the whole world, let us all remember daily the great motto under which we serve—"For God, and Home and Every Land"—and use the weapon of "All-Prayer" to uphold and strengthen our White Ribbon Sisters, world-wide, who are again anxious-hearted and many suffering bereavement and loss of home.

For our own beloved Land and our Mother Country let us be constant in prayer. For our own Premier and all associated with him in the Government; and for the United Nations that wisdom from on high might be sought and followed.

Yours, in the White Ribbon bonds,
Catherine M. McLay.

REMITTS FOR CONVENTION, 1951

Auckland

1. That newspapers and periodicals refrain from accepting advertisements from the New Zealand breweries falsely inferring by photos or script, that the regular consumption of liquor, even in moderation, is a virtue, and an asset to the Home and to the Nation.
2. That this Convention considers that girl apprentices, including Maori girls, should have the same monetary assistance as boy apprentices, when through force of circumstances they are obliged to live away from home.
3. That this Convention urges that the Brewers be requested to refrain from publishing advertisements depicting a woman or women drinking intoxicating liquor, as it is degrading to Womanhood.
4. In view of so much pernicious literature being sold to children, this Convention strongly protests against such literature being allowed into the country.
5. That this Convention strongly protests against women, and especially young women with children, drinking in hotels.
6. That special inspectors be appointed by the Minister in Charge of Police, who will travel up and down New Zealand to check upon the hotel bars, and how they are run, especially in regard to after-

hour trading, and that these inspectors submit their reports and recommendations to the Commissioner of Police and also to the Minister in Charge of Police.

Manawatu

7. That the importance of casting a vote at the Licensing Elections be brought before members, and
8. That all particulars in regard to Licensing Elections be published in the White Ribbon.
9. That this Convention strongly protests against amending the Licensing Act to enable liquor to be supplied to men at Public Works Canteens.

Hawke's Bay

10. The Napier Union suggests that Dominion Convention be held at some time other than early in the year, as heretofore. (As Unions do not commence meetings before February, as things stand, it is rather difficult to make plans so far ahead as November, when the last meetings of the year are usually held. Quite often, would-be delegates have had to take their holidays round about Christmas, and are unable to leave home so soon again.)
11. Believing that gambling is a denial of Christ, and is an evil which is growing at an alarming rate; the Napier W.C.T.U. would respectfully urge that Convention support the churches in their protest re the broadcasting of race commentaries, results and dividends. This constant broadcasting must naturally foster the spirit of gambling, amongst young folks, especially, and help them to believe that gambling is just a natural part of life.
12. The Napier W.C.T.U. would like to know if attractive Band of Hope Badges are procurable at Headquarters, and if not, could such be obtained from England or elsewhere?
13. This Convention would ask that further representation be made to Parliament re a two-issue vote on the Licensing question, for we feel that many people who now vote State Control would vote Prohibition on a two-issue ballot paper. A suggestion was made that a petition be circularised among the churches asking for support for this request.
14. This Convention urges that steps should be taken to make it illegal for children to enter hotel bars for any purpose.
15. This Convention urges that serious consideration be given to the commencing of a fund for the purpose of establishing temperance hotels, combining forces with other temperance organisations.
16. That an effort be made to have the Gaming Act re-worded, making

17. That the Minister of Agriculture be approached with a request that part of the crop from Te Kauwhata vineries be put on the market as grapes, thus enabling many to purchase same who would otherwise be unable to do so.
18. Or that part of the crops from Government vineyards be converted into dried fruits, e.g., raisins, currants, etc.

Marlborough

19. That the Law be investigated regarding the quantity of liquor allowed to be served to customers in hotel bars.

Nelson

20. We would respectfully urge the Government to prohibit the sales of contraceptives by any other dealer than a registered chemist, and to prohibit definitely such a sale to any juvenile.
21. We are of the opinion that, as the theory of evolution is not based on fact, our young people of school and college age should not receive the biased opinion of teachers in this direction. Such teaching is very largely responsible for the undoing of the Christian conception of the dignity of Man, and the rejection of Creation as contained in the Holy Writ.

Christchurch

22. That Parliament be urged to prohibit the taking of babies or children of any age into hotel bars.
23. That when the question of granting a new license for a suburban district is mooted, the residents of that district should have the right to vote as to whether they have the license or not.

Dunedin

24. That in view of the grave peril of drinking among very young people, the law regarding the serving of minors be rigidly enforced, as frequently minors are before the Court for drunkenness.
25. As one of the greatest health-giving drinks is pure grape juice, we urge the Government to cultivate more grapes for unfermented grape juice.
26. That where a man is arrested and known to be implicated in the cause of a serious accident, his name should not be suppressed in the case of intoxication.
27. We emphatically protest against so much grain being used for the manufacture of alcoholic liquor.

Southland (Winton)

28. That we urge for a stricter censorship of all reading matter, especially novels and so-called "comics."