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## PETITION FOR SIX O'CLOCK CLOSING.

For many years we have been learning what a deadly enemy to our race is strong drink. A century ago even Christian people spoke of wine as "a good creature of God." But public opinion changed, and the next step was to regard it as a medicine, and its moderate use not to be harmful, but only to be given up for the sake of the weaker brother. Now it has been banished by U.S. physicians from their pharmacopoeia, and by all advanced medicos is regarded as a poison. There was a time when our Courts discussed the question as to when a man was drunk. Now one scientist has decided that question by saying, "If a man takes a tablespoonful of alcohol, he is drunk to the extent of a tablespoonful until his system has expelled the poison."

But it has required this war to show what a deadly enemy to national efficiency is strong drink. Lloyd George said: "We are fighting three enemies, Germany, Austria, and Strong Drink, and Drink is the worst foe." Sir John Madden said: "This war has clearly shown that drink is the foe which Britain has most to fear, and in the fight against this foe there must be no relenting." General Joffre says: "Every patriot should fight against alcoholism." A senior warrant officer in the Canadian camp at Salisbury Plain writes home: "Every tragedy on Salisbury Plain has been directly caused by drink. As I write, within a few yards of me lies

a Montreal boy with his throat cut while crazed with drink."

In N.S.W., 3000 men, who had undergone on an average four months' training, were all lost to the Army through drink. We can rarely take up a paper in our own Dominion without seeing some account of a soldier in trouble, and always drink is the cause. In Hawera Court a trooper, up on three counts for stealing, due to drink, pleaded for another chance, and said he wished to serve his country, and that he would take out a prohibition order against himself and enlist under another name.

The Standing Sanitary Committee of N.S.W. Military Experts reported to the Defence Minister on the drink question as follows:—"In our opinion there is no other single cause which has so profound an effect on the health and efficiency of the troops."

The seriousness of the position has been emphasised by many men in prominent positions becoming total abstainers. Nine Cabinet Ministers are now teetotallers: Lord Kitchener, Mr McKenna, Sir Edward Grey, Mr Bonar Law, Mr Lloyd George, Mr H. Samuel, Sir John Simon, Mr Runciman, and Mr A. Henderson.

But the unpatriotic brewers and publicans, who are making money out of the nation's ruin and disgrace, have raised such a commotion, and vested interests have proved so strong, that the British Government cowered before them, and instead of totally prohibiting the sale of alcohol, restricted the hours. In certain

areas the sale has been restricted to 5½ hours daily. Mr Addison, replying to a question addressed to Lloyd George in Parliament last January, stated that in the areas where sale was restricted, the reduction in drunkenness was approximately 50 per cent. In the N.E. Coast area it was 37 per cent.; in the Liverpool and Mersey area, 46 per cent.; in the Midland area, 63 per cent.; in West Riding area, 53 per cent.

In Liverpool, during the five months before control, the convictions for drunkenness were 5752; and for the five months after control they were 3464. The Liverpool Licensing Justices reported: "Apart from figures, general observation shows a better condition in the amenities of the streets, a diminution of those offences usually associated with drunkenness, and a general improvement in public order."

In 1914 (5 months of war included) the convictions for drunkenness in London were 67,654, the highest for many years. After reduction of hours for sale of liquor the convictions dropped 43 per cent.

For 5 years ending 1914 the Victorian Drink Bill rose each year. In 1915 it dropped £1,584,506. Two causes were assigned for this, the first the Patriotic Pledge crusade, and the other 9.30 p.m. closing of bars from July 6th.

Whenever there is disturbance or riot the hotels are closed. We never hear of shops or churches being closed, only hotel bars. Senator Pearce, Federal Defence Minister,

closed them during the recent disgraceful military riot at Sydney. Sensible people are asking why the bars were not closed before, and then the riot would not have taken place. Temperance bodies and churches in this Dominion are uniting to demand from our Government 6 o'clock closing in the interests of economy and efficiency. South Australia and Tasmania have carried it by referendum. The figures were:—

	Tasmania.	S. Australia.
6 o'clock ...	42,713	100,418
7 o'clock ...	427	839
8 o'clock ...	1,093	2,087
9 o'clock ...	1,871	9,865
10 o'clock ...	26,153	1,966
11 o'clock ...	560	61,530

Now is the time to work and show our politicians that there is a general demand for restriction of hours. Let us spare no effort to collect signatures.

It is also suggested that we follow the example of the sister States in Australia and organise public meetings and rouse enthusiasm. Also let each elector send to his or her member and let them know that their constituents expect them to support early closing.

The national sin of intemperance is the greatest source of our weakness. It is just as patriotic to fight the foe within as it is to fight the foe without. Cannot the women of New Zealand put as much strength, energy, and determination into the fight against alcohol as our boys "at the Front" put into the fight against Germany?

Take it as a fact that the most patriotic thing you can do just now is to canvass with our petition.

For God, and Home, and Native Land, strain every nerve to secure 6 o'clock closing. It will prove a long stride on the way to National Prohibition.

Since penning the above we hear that the Christchurch Prohibition League has asked all ministers in Canterbury to get their congregations to pass resolutions in favour of 6 o'clock closing, such resolutions to be forwarded to the Premier. Also to suggest that each member sends two postcards in favour of it, one to the Premier and one to their own member. Will our sympathisers everywhere do likewise.

### IN THE FIELD.

Upon arrival at Feilding on March 3rd, I was taken from the train to an Executive meeting, and afterwards to "Tasma," where I was once more entertained in the home of Mrs J. C. Thompson. The ordinary meeting, which had been postponed, took place on the following Tuesday, the attendance being good, and considerable enthusiasm shown. Later on two home meetings were held, and by kind invitation of the respective Presidents, the Presbyterian and Methodist Missionary Unions were addressed, new members being obtained at all these functions.

Next came the Convention at Wanganui, and following that I had the privilege of organising a branch of the Y's, forty strong, Mrs Don occupying the chair.

On Wednesday, 29th, Hawera was reached, and here I was kindly entertained by Mesdames Bone and R. A. S. Browne, the next day giving an account of the Convention to the Union, as no Hawera friends had been able to attend consecutively.

On April 11th I went to Eltham, spending several days in visiting and working up for a meeting, which was held on the 18th. This was poorly attended, but the place will need further attention.

Easter was spent in the pleasant home of Mrs Alan Douglas, New Plymouth, and on 26th the monthly meeting took place. This was attended—by invitation—by several gentlemen, and a joint committee formed to arrange for the systematic canvass of the town in connection with the petition for six o'clock closing of bars, which was taken up very heartily. A day was also spent at Waitara organising this canvass.

Ngaire was reached on May 1st, and the following day a goodly number of White Ribboners and friends assembled at the house of Mrs Morrison, my hostess, when the petition canvass was arranged, and delegates for the Provincial Convention, to be held in New Plymouth on 31st, were appointed. Immediately after the meeting I left for Stratford, where I visited all the members within reach, working up the meeting for the 4th. Although a number of our best workers were away for the Easter holidays, we had a fine meeting, every

member present (save one, who lived seven miles from everybody!) undertaking to do her share with the petition. One new member was received. It was decided that the time was inopportune for organising at Toko or Midhurst.

MARY S. POWELL,

Dominion Organiser.

Miss Powell's address: Until June 3rd, care Mrs Allan Douglas, Plymouth; afterwards care Mrs R. S. Browne, Hawera.

### GREAT PATRIOTIC EFFORT.

Anzac Day, 1916.

Beloved Comrades,—You will be glad to know that the demand for cards has been excellent, and already I have in hand some £200.

I have been urgently cabled for to go to N.S.W. for the poll on June 10th, and recognising the great importance of the 6 o'clock closing movement, I have acceded to their request. This means that my co-Treasurer, Mr McKinney, Y.M.C.A., Tay Street, Invercargill, will have to receive all monies and send receipts after May 23rd. I know you will see how very urgent is the appeal, and permit me to go "to the help of the Lord against the mighty" in our Sister State.

The whole campaign is thoroughly organised for our fund, so sisters dear, you will have nothing to worry over, but the filling of the cards. Do your utmost and your best, and the dear Lord Himself reward you.

Ever yours in His glorious service,  
B. L. COWIE.

### WHISKY.

Whisky is a good thing in its place. There is nothing like it for preserving a man when he is dead. If you want to keep a dead man put him in whisky, if you want to kill a live man put whisky in him.—From a recent decision of the Mississippi Supreme Court.

The "White Ribbon" will be posted to any address on receipt of 2s 6d, payable to Mrs Peryman, Port Chalmers.



**MRS PERYMAN'S ADDRESS ON  
MUCH-NEEDED SOCIAL RE-  
FORMS, delivered at the Wanga-  
nui Convention on Tuesday  
Evening, March 21st.**

We have often thought that when once a question was settled right, it was settled for always; but our experience with reference to the C.D. Acts proves that the price of safety is vigilance. Women, for 18 years after their enfranchisement, worked against the C.D. Acts, and at last got them removed from the Statute Book, and thought therefore that this question was finally settled. Yet now we are threatened with the re-introduction of something very similar.

I am speaking to-night, not from the attitude of the man of the world, but from that which Christian mothers should take up, a mind perfectly open to truth, and free from prejudice. Naturally, we do not like to discuss this subject, but when our national existence depends upon our banishing the evil, we must act with decision. Let the glorious sunlight fall in upon a dirty spot, and you have done a good deal to clean it up. Slavery existed from the earliest times, and it took a very long time to get rid of it. Now we are right up against the worst possible form, sex slavery. The old lie is still being quoted, man's physical necessity requires the degradation of woman. If there were not this class of woman, we are told, it would not be safe for other women to walk the streets. Are we strong women, then, going to put the weak and helpless in front of the battle, so as to protect ourselves? If women will stand together they will do much to solve the problem. Righteousness and science go hand in hand, and modern science is only just catching up to God's word, where we read, "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." When God created the human race, can we believe that He required the degradation and awful slavery of thousands? This old lie is responsible for the double standard of morality. For instance, in the case of an illegitimate child, the mother's name **must**, the father's **may**, be registered. When the Bill dealing with this was before Parliament, one member proposed that both parents should be treated alike, and what was the

answer? "No! the fathers of these children are married men; it would never do to let their wives know." Are we women children, to be blindfolded? This same old lie is responsible for the White Slavery trade and all its horrors. Girls have to be drugged and dragged and stolen to supply the trade. If you uphold this lie, you must be prepared to give your own daughter.

In a hostel in San Francisco girls from Japan and China were kept as slaves. One of the mission sisters succeeded in getting in, and arranged to take away one girl who longed to get out. According to a preconcerted plan, the girl waved a handkerchief at the window, then she disappeared, and by no means was the sister able to gain entrance, but after some time she learned that that girl had been seen, had been dragged from the window, and kicked to death.

Sin always brings disease. We may try to make it safe for men to sin, but we can't succeed. God has set His seal against that. Sometimes we are told we are making a fuss about nothing with reference to our soldier boys at the Front. But facts must be faced. Of those who have volunteered some have been diseased before they go, and many more have been sent back diseased. The authorities realise this disease must be stopped. They know they have not a hope of getting the C.D. Acts restored, so they try to get similar legislation for both sexes. But it is the women that are thought of first. All last session, in the discussion, not once was it asked that men be stopped—always women. What sort of man is he that can lead an innocent girl to the altar, then go home and make her diseased with a horrible disease?

All the weight of evidence is against these Acts. Without exception the medical men at Home say that where these Acts are enforced, the disease is worse. They do not prevent the evil, but aggravate it. When first they were put on the Statute Book at Home, they were protested against by Florence Nightingale and others on these grounds:—

(1) They placed the persons and honours of women in the power of police. Cases are known of innocent girls having been victimised.

(2) An offence, to be dealt with in Court, must be clearly defined. That

is impossible in the present case, if there were such an offence, the men would be guilty equally with the women.

(3) It is unjust to punish the victims, and let those who caused the suffering go free.

(4) The punishment is of a degrading character.

(5) The attempt to regulate vice made young men suppose that the state was rendering vice safe.

Nowhere have these acts put out disease, which is a national curse, and unless we grapple with it, it will be our national ruin as it was the ruin of ancient Rome and ancient Greece, and in modern times, of Spain in the Netherlands. Contrast the Jewish people, whose virility of race is chiefly due to the fact that they are for the most part free from this vice.

The Government is convinced that in face of the number of soldiers that have been sent back from Egypt suffering with venereal disease, something must be done, and is willing to adopt any workable suggestion that may be made. The medical men are trying to deal with it, but we must not be led astray into thinking that any re-introduction of the C.D. Acts, even in a modified form, as in the proposed Public Health Amendment Act, will do away with the disease. Compulsory treatment defeats its own object, for these diseases, unlike diphtheria, etc., can be hidden, and if the people knew they would be detained, they would not go to a doctor.

The best suggested measures for the evil are:—

(1) Voluntary treatment, paid for by the Government. This has already been tried in Sydney, and is doing good.

(2) Most will be done by education. We must educate all Union members to understand the subject, and realise its awful importance, and educate the boys and girls that they may not through ignorance fall into impurity and evil ways, and may be strong to withstand temptation. The best professors are now teaching that purity of life is essential for strong manhood, as for strong womanhood.

(3) Remove all sex disabilities that the best women may enter Parliament and influence directly the country's laws, and may act as magistrates, jurors, and policewomen. It is a barbarous custom for women and girls to have to give evidence in cases of

this kind before men, and many scoundrels get off free because the mothers will not take their girls before a court so constituted.

(4) Overthrow the Drink Traffic, which by all persons of experience and intelligence, is admitted to go hand in hand with this evil. According to the doctors, drink is a great predisposing force, and on the other hand alcoholic patients have less resisting power against the disease. This is an uphill fight, but we must plant our standard and never halt until all the world recognise our demand, "A White Life for Two."

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### "NOUGHT TO YOU."

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Would that every hotel proprietor and every man who feels inclined to invite a soldier to drink could appreciate the force of the following lines written:—

And you—a patriot in your prime,  
You waved a flag about his head,  
And hoped he'd have a high old time,  
And clapped him on the back and said:

"You'll show them what we British are,  
"Give us your hand, old boy," to shake!"  
And took him round from bar to bar  
And made him drunk for England's sake.

That's how you helped him. Yesterday  
Clear-eyed and earnest, keen and hard—  
He held himself the soldier's way,  
But now they've got him under guard.

That's nought to you. You're all right,  
Your easy conscience takes no blame,  
While he, poor boy, with morning's light  
Just eats his heart out—sick with shame.

Why should you care? You understand  
Nothing of all his bitter pain  
YOU have no regiment to brand,  
YOU have no uniform to stain.

### DEPUTATION TO MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.

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On Tuesday afternoon, May 2nd, the deputation (Mesdames Atkinson and Evans) appointed by Convention to wait on the Minister for Education re Scientific Temperance Instruction in the schools, were received by the Minister. They took with them the chart that had been forwarded to Convention by Mr J. W. Maunder, and also a copy of the chart and manual supplied by Mrs Neal, Superintendent for Scientific Temperance. The Minister was greatly interested in both of these, considering the former eminently suitable for the higher standards, especially if the sheets could be printed in larger type, so as to be easily read when hung on the wall. The subject matter in them appealed to him as being excellent. It was most unfortunate that the manual belonging to them had been lost in transit, as he considered that of equal importance with the charts themselves. Mrs Neal's chart and manual also aroused very great interest, particularly the graphic representation of the effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human body and on the efficiency of the workers. The Minister requested the presence of the Director of Education, Dr. Anderson, but as he was away, Mr Caughley came instead, and after examining the charts, he expressed the highest opinion of their value, being most struck by the coloured graphs and the general suitability of Mrs Neal's sheets for school use.

The Minister referred to the circular that he had sent last year to the Inspectors, and again stated that he considered Scientific Temperance ought to be a compulsory subject, and that he had requested the Inspectors to intimate to teachers that they were going to examine on the wall sheets.

An exceedingly interesting conversation followed, in which the Minister deplored the fact that modern education was to a large extent receiving a wrong bias in making boys and girls regardless of the true dignity of labour. It was the tendency for them to aim at being clerks and typists, instead of going on the land or taking up domestic work. He was grieved to find that while the commercial classes in the High Schools and Technical Schools were crowded, comparatively little use was made of

the facilities provided for agricultural or domestic science courses. He wished that parents would realise that six or twelve months' study of Latin or French was really of very little value, and the time would be far better spent in work of a more practical nature, that would fit for life on the farm or in the house.

Another lamentable fact was the unwillingness shown by boys and girls to give assistance in the home as soon as they began to attend the Secondary and High Schools.

After thanking the Minister for his courteous and sympathetic reception, the deputation withdrew.

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### AS TRAINMEN SEE ALCOHOL.

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(From the Railroad Trainmen, official organ of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.)

Railroad men throughout the United States have received a document dedicated to "the well being of the general public." It is from the pen of a "safety first" advocate. It is a New Year's pledge, circulated by the Frisco system. Summarized it is as follows:—

"Alcohol: It is bad company and unsafe to be with. It throws switches wrong; it reads orders wrong; sends orders wrong. It receives orders wrong; it calls red white; it never calls white red. It makes caution orders without effect; it makes slow flags without colour.

"It makes one meeting point another; it makes wakeful men sleepy.

"It makes duties dangerous, hot boxes cold, rough journals smooth. It makes pilots and footboards death traps. It makes good men bad men; it makes two limbs one and it makes widows and orphans. It is against safety; unsafety is its name.

"Statistics show that it has killed more people than all the wars of the world since the dawn of history.

"It has been said and proven that it sank the Titanic."

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### FIRST WOMAN IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

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Miss Pressley-Smith has been appointed Secretary to the British Legation at Christiania, Norway.



## THE BELGIAN CANAL BOAT FUND.

(Letters received by Miss Newcomb in reply to parcels and money sent by her).

17-19, James Street,  
Oxford Street, W.

The Belgian Canal Boat Fund (which in Belgium goes by the name of L'Oeuvre des Cantines Scolaires) is supplying a real need. The condition of the children behind the firing line is truly pitiable. Many of them for want of safe shelter were forced to live in the trenches with the soldiers. They had very little clothing and insufficient food.

The Belgian Government have taken a large number of these children and established them with their teachers in various Chateaux in Northern France given over for that purpose.

The Belgian Canal Boat Fund have undertaken to feed and clothe a colony of 120 little girls at Chateau les Vieux Le Paulu in charge of Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. There is also a colony of 80 boys at St. Jacques-sur-Darnetal, which looks to the Belgian Canal Boat Fund for boots and clothing for the little fellows, who have scarcely anything to protect them from the winter cold.

At Furnes, the Fund has undertaken the feeding of 300 children who have not yet been removed from the danger zone. It is here that Mrs Innes-Taylor, Miss McNeill and Miss Saunders are in charge of our depot. Every day they prepare and serve out the mid-day meal, and the Goute to these 300 children. On account of the danger of bombardment by day, the children are taken out to two huts at a little distance from the town. One of these huts is used as a school and the other as a dining room.

When the sound of bombardment becomes very loud, Mrs Innes-Taylor tells us that the children start singing to drown the noise. One day a bomb fell near the huts, much to the consternation of everyone. No harm however was done.

Last time they were not so fortunate. A bomb dropped from a Taube into Furnes, and injured both Miss McNeill and Miss Saunders. They were conveyed to the hospital at Le Panne, where they are doing well and hope soon to be back at work.

The children at Furnes, like those in Northern France, have to be provided with warm clothes and boots for

the weather is intensely cold, and there is much rain. There are also women and old people who are being helped through our Fund.

Twenty old couples of between 60 to 80 have no blankets for their beds, and clothing of all kinds, new or old, is badly needed.

(Letter from Mrs Innes-Taylor).

Furnes, October 7th, 1915.

Dear Mrs Adamson,

You cannot imagine the delight of the parents at having their children in safety all day long, and the poor ones at the thought of the good meal each day. The children's appetites are big, especially the boys. There are 86 children (boys and girls) from 5-7 in the juvenile class, all the boys salute and the girls curtsy as they come into the refectory, each child holding its fingers to its lip so as not to speak. When all are seated prayers are said, and the instant the final amen is spoken, there is a deafening rattle of spoons on the enamel plates. We stand at the ends of the tables and serve; it takes about an hour and a quarter to serve the two batches. We have got some fine trenches along the side of the school, and when the firing is very severe we shall put all the children there.

Yesterday and the day before we had more shelling than was comfortable, but fortunately the shells fell about 400 yards away from us. The first day we made all the children sing so that they should not notice the whistling of the shells, but it went on so long we took them out of the school and played games with them in the yard. Generally they leave school at 5, but when we are being bombarded we keep them until all danger is passed. To-morrow we start giving clothes, etc., to the children who are most in need of them. To-day we received a visit from M. Helleputte, who was delighted with everything, and most grateful. He was accompanied by M. Pyle, the Bourgemestre of Furnes, who thanked us in the name of the town of Furnes, and asked me to thank the committee and contributors who have so generously helped our fund. The people here cannot do enough to show their gratitude.

We have already a good many poor people whom we clothe, and amongst whom we distribute small quantities of cereals weekly, also condensed milk to babies and sick people, fresh milk being almost impossible to secure, and

we have some consumptive patients who depend absolutely on the milk supplied by us.

The weather is getting very cold, and there are many without blankets.

You have no idea how damp it is in Flanders. A woman came yesterday with six children, her house had been destroyed and they sleep in a stable and have no covering. I clothed the children and gave them 3 quilts. I will now tell you how we arrange the meals. The day we give a Hotch Potch we use 100 kilos potatoes (given by the government) six pounds of bully-beef, 30 loaves of bread, six tins of syrup, 12 tins of condensed milk (for a drink). Coal is given by the Government. The children have Hotch Potch twice a week, pea soup once, bean soup once, cabbage soup once, quaker oats once. Syrup twice a week, jam twice, butter twice, cocoa once, coffee twice, milk 3 times. If you can keep up the supplies as they are now we can manage splendidly.

We are a few miles from the fighting line, and constantly under fire, trying to continue the education of young Belgium. Surely people will listen to such an appeal and give freely. We have just had a pretty serious accident a few yards from our shop. A soldier brought an unexploded shell from the trenches and tried to empty it. The result was one killed and three wounded.

I want to tell you about Mlle. Hei. When I arrived at Furnes six weeks ago, she came to see if she could do anything to help us. She is a daughter of a very well-known deputy. Without her I could never have got things so quickly in working order; she worked day and night with us, and lent us everything she could, and went round begging plates and dishes from house to house. The people of Furnes are devoted to her. She has just been decorated by King Albert for her courage, as since the beginning of the war she has worked at Furnes station, last winter caring for the wounded, and she was the only person—man or woman—who stayed in the station whilst it was being shelled, and helped those in the train which caught fire when the town was so severely shelled. She helped the wounded in the streets, and even helped bury the dead.

We have a cat, and we need it with all our flour and stores. I hope to be able to write a full account of the progress of the work every week.

## WOMEN ELECTED TO SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

### CHRISTCHURCH AND NORTH CANTERBURY.

Sydenham: Mrs Hunt (W.C.T.U.)  
 Elmwood: Mrs Hindle  
 Woolston: Mrs Newton (W.C.T.U.),  
 Treasurer of Committee; Mrs Mc-  
 Jarrow  
 Somerfield: Mrs Clarke, Mrs Man-  
 hire  
 Addington: Mrs Merry, Mrs Pratt  
 Waltham: Mrs Wilson, Mrs Besley  
 Cashmere Hills: Mrs T. E. Taylor  
 (W.C.T.U.), Mrs Lamb (W.C.T.U.)  
 Shirley: Mrs McKay (Secretary).  
 Bromley: Mrs Christian (Chair-  
 woman)  
 Aranui: Mrs Reeve (Chairwoman),  
 Mrs Sprosen  
 New Brighton: Mrs Beeby (W.C.  
 T.U.), Mrs Clark (W.C.T.U.)  
 Sumner: Mrs Fountain-Barber, Mrs  
 W. G. Roberts  
 West Lyttelton: Mrs Clarke (W.C.  
 T.U.)

### NORTH CANTERBURY.

Glentunnel: Mrs McLaughlin, Mrs  
 Tranter  
 Hurunui: Mrs Boucher  
 Mackenzie: Mrs Thomas (Secretary),  
 Mrs Saunders  
 Spotswood: Mrs R. Wilkinson  
 Domett: Mrs Hughes  
 Eiffelton: Mrs McQuilkin

### SOUTH CANTERBURY.

Geraldine: Mrs W. H. T. Brown.

Mrs Nelson, Secretary of Hikurangi  
 W.C.T.U., has been elected on the  
 School Committee of that town. She  
 is the first woman to have a seat on  
 Hikurangi School Committee.

South Invercargill: Mrs Morrison,  
 Mrs Parkin, and Mrs Garrett  
 Wellington: Mrs Webb and Mrs  
 Wright  
 Hamilton West: Mrs Henderson  
 (W.C.T.U.), (4th time)  
 Hamilton East: Mrs Hercus and Mrs  
 Jones (W.C.T.U.)  
 College Street, Palmerston N.: Mrs  
 Hodder (W.C.T.U.)  
 Tiritea, Palmerston North: Mrs  
 Young (W.C.T.U.)

The above list is not a complete  
 one, but it is all who have been re-  
 ported to us. Will Unions kindly  
 send post-card to Editor giving names  
 of women elected to any local bodies,  
 so that we may have a complete list?

## PATRIOTIC FUND.

Our energetic Organiser, Mrs Lee-  
 Cowie, interviewed the Minister for  
 Internal Affairs re permits for mem-  
 bers collecting for Patriotic Fund.  
 The Minister agreed that only Dis-  
 trict, Presidents, Secretaries, and  
 Treasurers need have permits signed  
 by himself. So if any collector is  
 asked for her permit for collecting,  
 she can refer to her district officers,  
 who hold permits for their districts.

After May 23rd all monies for this  
 fund are to be sent to Mr McKinney,  
 Secretary Y.M.C.A., Tay Street, In-  
 vercargill.

### Received for Patriotic Fund.

	£	s.	d.
On Account of Sale of			
House ... ..	100	0	0
Mrs Scott (Normanby) ...	2	2	0
Miss Powell ... ..	2	0	0
Miss Williams ... ..	5	0	0
Mrs Birdsall (Stratford) ...	15	10	0
Mr H. Warden (Wyndham) ...	0	10	0
Invercargill District ...	71	0	0
South Invercargill ...	2	7	6
Nelson ... ..	7	3	6
Wellington Central ...	5	10	0
Wanganui ... ..	10	0	0
Invercargill Central ...	70	0	0
	£291	3	0

The whole £10 from Wanganui was  
 collected by one member (Mrs Hewett)  
 from 10 people. She asked a pound  
 from each, **and got it.** Now, sisters,  
 there is an example for us to follow.—  
 Yours in faith,

B. LEE-COWIE, Treasurer.

## OF INTEREST TO TAXPAYERS.

Rockford, Ill., which has been with-  
 out saloons for several years, has only  
 one policeman to each 1,800 persons,  
 while wet cities of the same size  
 employ one policeman for every nine  
 hundred or one thousand inhabitants.  
 Kansas City, Kansas, employs only  
 half as many policemen as before sa-  
 loons were banished from the city.  
 Newton, Kansas, employs only one  
 policeman for its 10,000 inhabitants.

This is only one of the many ways  
 in which a city's expenditures are  
 reduced as the result of a No License  
 policy.

## GENERAL BIRDWOOD'S WARNING TO THE TROOPS.

General Birdwood, in a message  
 dated Cairo, March 17, specially warns  
 New Zealand and Australian soldiers  
 against strong drink, and urges the  
 men to determine not to give way to  
 it, and to remember the honour of  
 New Zealand and Australia is in  
 their keeping.

"Alas, 'tis true, 'tis pity, and pity  
 'tis, 'tis true." The Australian and  
 New Zealand Governments license  
 men to sell poison to our soldiers, and  
 the General warns the men not to  
 take the poison, lest they sully the  
 honour of their native land.

Who sullies the honour of our  
 land? The Ministers who license the  
 sale of the poison, or the boy who  
 drinks the licensed poison?

## THE LORD'S PRAYER.

They were ordinary soldiers, just the  
 common Jean and Hans,  
 One from the valley of the Rhine, and  
 one from fair Provence.  
 They were simple-hearted fellows—  
 every night each said his prayer,  
 The one prayed "Vater Unser," and  
 the other "Notre Père."

Then they met beyond the trenches,  
 and they ran each other through.  
 Just the ordinary kind of work the  
 soldier has to do.  
 As they lay there close together, on  
 the still October air,  
 Hans was gasping, "Vater Unser,"  
 and Jean whispered, "Notre Père."

So they went to find the Father. He  
 will understand, thought Hans—  
 For He knows and loves the Rhine-  
 land. But Jean thought of fair Pro-  
 vence.

And St. Michael came to meet them,  
 and he smiled to see them stare,  
 When he told them Vater Unser was  
 the same as Notre Père.

So these two went together, and they  
 stood before the throne,  
 And prayed to God to make good  
 speed and send St. Michael down.  
 "Mais oui," said Jean, "je crois  
 qu'on n'aura plus de cette guerre,  
 Quand on saura que Vater Unser est  
 le même que Notre Père."

—C. A. Richmond.

Christian Commonwealth, January 12,  
 1916.



## MOTHER TO THE RESCUE.

When the boys filed into Gerald Bennett's room after having almost broken down the door with knocks and deafened his ears with class yells, to each of which was added the usual complimentary clause, "What's the matter with Bennett? He's all right," the astonished boy scarcely knew what to do or say first. He stood looking from one to another in dazed fashion, and finally found voice to say, "Why, hello, boys! Glad to see you. Catch on to some seats and make yourselves comfortable"; then he flurried about sweeping sweaters, tennis rackets, caps, etc., from chairs, and when chairs and bed and trunk had been appropriated by the unexpected guests, pushing back books and papers to make room on the table. Not until they had fallen upon him with rhythmical blows, counted as they fell, did he realise that his birthday was the occasion of the boisterous surprise. When he had gained his breath after the last "sixteen and one to go on" he managed to say, "Why, boys, I call this white of you to remember a fellow this way. My folks have always made such a lot of my birthdays that I was just a bit down in the mouth because I couldn't go home for it. Gee! what's all this?"

The boys were spilling the contents of boxes, paper bags, and pockets over the table, floor, and bed—peanuts, apples, pop-corn, "wienies," candy—a miscellaneous assortment of stuff sufficient to supply nightmares to the crowd.

"And this isn't the whole show, either," announced Gus Randal as he burst into the room, scooped books and other paraphernalia from the table, and chucked them into the closet to make room for an ice-cream freezer. "Bob'll be here in a minute with the dishes and the beer."

The beer! Gerald turned first red and then white, and a shiver went down his spine. A sudden pall of blackness seemed to blot out all the bright light of comradeship that had so unexpectedly flashed upon him. He had been rather lonely the first few months of school. Naturally shy, he had not made friends easily, and some way he had come to feel that he should never be popular with the boys, and that dread disease homesickness was beginning its inroads.

Then this wonderful surprise! The boys did like him. They had found out and remembered his birthday in this generous fashion—but beer! His thoughts flew back to the little pledge card bearing his boyish signature which his mother kept in her Bible. What should he do? What should he say? How say it? Oh, it was too cruel! The boys would surely be offended if he protested, they would leave him to himself, lonelier than ever. "A self-righteous crank" they would call him—or worse still, a weak "goody-goody," "a coward afraid of a harmless glass of beer." Of course he knew that he was right and they were wrong, but it was useless to try to convince that gang of irresponsible boys. All these thoughts flashed with lightning swiftness through his mind in the few minutes that seemed like ages before Bob Marshall kicked open the door and set down a basket of dishes and a big pail in which long-necked bottles nestled in a bed of crushed ice.

They were setting the table now, and were so busy that no one noticed the agony of doubt and dismay that held their host silent and inactive. Suddenly his decision was made. It would be nonsense for him to try to convert the whole crowd all at once to his way of thinking, and if he refused to have the beer opened in his room they would think him a priggish cad. He would make no fuss, but let them go on, and then, in an off-hand, casual way, quietly turn down his own glass. They might laugh at his abstinence, but they would not be hurt or angry. They would still be his friends. In vain did his conscience whisper, "Coward! Coward." In vain did the words of his mother's white ribbon pledge, "or allow my premises to be used—," re-echo in his mind. "Circumstances alter cases" responded the sophist tempter. After all, these boys were the only ones who had remembered his birthday. Not a word had come from home, not even from his mother, and he had been all day just a little grieved about it.

Everything was ready; they were calling for him to take his place as host. He flung scruples aside, and braced himself for the ordeal.

Another knock at the door, and he opened to an express messenger who set a big box inside, remarking as he handed him the book to sign,

"Mistake in delivery somehow. Ought to have been here this morning. Marked 'urgent and perishable,' so we thought best to deliver it even if it was past hours."

"From home!" cried Gerald delightedly, as he tore off the wrappers from the stout box. "I thought it strange mother had forgotten me." And he lifted into view a big white cake. Wrapped in tissue by its side were the sixteen tall bright candles, and a note, which read:

"With every candle goes a loving memory of the year for which I stands. May the next year bring as joyous thoughts of my true loyal boy as have those years just passed. If you can ask in some of your friends to share the cake with you, mother will be glad."

"What do you think of that, boys?" cried Gerald, reading the last sentence aloud. "You see you were not uninvited after all."

Uprose the every ready shout: "What's the matter with mother? She's all right! Who's all right? Mother! Mother! She's all right, all right!"

There came a sudden stiffening of Gerald's backbone. Instantly he knew what to say. As soon as the cheer had died away, his voice responded with a ring in it that commanded attention.

"I say, fellows, mother wears the white ribbon. I signed the pledge when I was only a kid. She always keeps it in her Bible. Do you think I ought to put beer on the same table with her birthday cake?"

A chorus of voices answered:

"No!" "Sure not!" "No!" "Chuck it, boys, chuck it!" "Fool stunt to get it, anyway." "Ditch it, I say."

And while Gerald put the candles in place, ready hands seized the obnoxious beer pail and set it in the corridor, closing the door upon it with a bang.

"Mother to the rescue as usual," thought Gerald, happily, as he plunged the knife into the heart of the luscious cake.—Mrs E. B. Gittings, Boulder, Col.

## IMPORTANT.

Will Unions kindly notice that all communications for "White Ribbon" should be addressed to Mrs Peryman, Port Chalmers.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.

## PEACE DEPARTMENT.

Dear Comrades,—In my most difficult department, I have been asking God what message could I give you, and the only answer has been, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight."

The wars in Europe, Asia, and Africa still appal and horrify us, and any who lift up their voices for peace are considered in some way to be reflecting on the millions who are engaged in strife.

Under these circumstances, dear sisters, I can only urge you to lay foundations deep and true, on which God's eternal peace can be built hereafter. Get your churches and communities to put out of their midst all that makes for folly and sin. Plead for more prayer, more worship, more humility.

Let "sacrifice" and "service" be our key-notes. Plead with every member and friend to "follow after the things which make for peace." At every Union meeting give a seed text that may grow in the family and communal life, such as—

"Blessed are the **peacemakers**."

"Commit thy way **unto** the Lord, trust also **in Him**, and **He** shall bring it to pass."

"My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives."

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace and goodwill to men."

"Put up thy sword; they that take the sword shall perish by the sword."

"I say unto you, love your enemies; bless them which curse you, and do good to them which spitefully use you and persecute you."

"New Zealand, New Zealand, how often I would have gathered thee under My wings as a hen gathereth her chickens, but—"

If only we as a people walked with God, and in simple loving faith obeyed His will, we could claim every promise in the 91st and 103rd Psalms. "He that putteth his trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain" (Isaiah 57: 13 to 21).

The nation is made up of individuals, and I plead with you, beloved comrades, to personally do your glorious share in abolishing the things that make for strife, and hasten the reign of the Prince of Peace.

With loving greetings to every branch.—Yours loyally,

BESSIE LEE-COWIE,

Peace Supt.

Amethyst Hall, Invercargill,  
May 6, 1916.

## TO-NIGHT.

"For all who watch to-night, by land or sea, or air;  
O Father, may they know that Thou are with them, "even there."

For all who weep to-night, the hearts that cannot rest;  
Reveal Thy love, that wondrous love, which gave for us Thy Best.

For all who wake to-night, Love's tender watch to keep,  
Watcher Divine, Thyself draw nigh, Thou who dost never sleep.

For all who fear to-night, whate'er the dread may be,  
We ask for them the perfect peace, of hearts that rest in Thee.

Our own beloved to-night, O Father, keep, and where  
Our love and succour cannot reach, now bless them through our prayer.

And all who pray to-night, Thy wrestling hosts, O Lord,  
Make weakness strong, let them prevail, according to Thy Word."

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### ROYAL COMMISSION ON SOCIAL DISEASES.

At last the Royal Commission set up by the British House of Commons to take evidence and make recommendations for treatment of venereal diseases has brought in its Report. This report has been summarised by several leading dailies in this Dominion, and so is doubtless familiar to our readers.

The Commission recommended:—

No system of notification should be adopted for the present.

Free modern treatment in all hospitals.

Facilities for diagnosis and free treatment should be organised by larger local authorities, the Imperial Exchequer to contribute 75 per cent. of the cost.

On these two points the findings of the Commission agree with the atti-

tude taken up by the W.C.T.U. We have always opposed compulsion, and urged facilities for free treatment.

The Commission also recommended that social disease be an incapacity, by law, for future marriages, and th unanimously approved of the proposition of the English Divorce Commission that venereal diseases shall be a ground for divorce. Doctors' communications to patients in this relation should be privileged.

We are pleased to see that the Commission urges education of the young in sex physiology, and goes a step further in the right direction, and says that instruction should be based on moral principles and spiritual considerations, and not merely on the physical consequences of immoral conduct. Another fact emphasised by the Commissioners is that abstinence from strong drink is a decided factor in lessening this great evil.

The evidence taken showed plainly how great a menace to our national existence is the sin of impurity. Venereal disease is directly the result of immorality. Chastity is the only remedy for it.

The Commission favoured the prohibition of all advertisements of remedies, and while saying that certain drugs had proved of value in the treatment of the disease, did not assert that any of them had proved a cure.

We shall have more to say on this report in a later issue, but we cannot but feel that it marks a decided advance in public opinion. It should for ever settle the question of the C.D. Acts or any form of State Regulation of vice.

### A RUSSIAN TRAVELLER'S TESTIMONY.

The Daily Chronicle of December 1, 1915, contains a striking testimony from Mr J. S. Dane as to the benefits of prohibition in Russia. He says:—"I have returned recently from a trip through Russia and Siberia. I can positively state that in no hotel, club, or shop can any spirits, wine, or beer of any kind whatever be obtained. There is an impression in Great Britain that the Russian interdict only applies to vodka, but I can assure you that it applies to every form of alcoholic liquors."

### A MOTHER'S CHOICE.

Yes, I know there are stains on my carpet,  
The traces of small, muddy boots;  
And I see your fair tapestry's glowing  
All spotless with blossoms and fruits!

And I know that my parlour is littered  
With many old treasures and toys,  
While your own is in daintiest order,  
Unharmd by the presence of boys!

And I know that my room is invaded  
Quite boldly all hours of the day,  
While you sit in your own unmolested,  
And dream the soft quiet away.

Yes, I know there are four little bed-sides  
Where I must stand watchful each night,  
While you may go out in your carriage,  
And flash in your dresses so bright!

Now I think I'm a neat little woman,  
I like my house orderly, too,  
And I'm fond of all dainty belongings;  
Yet I would not change places with you!

No! keep your fair home with its order,  
Its freedom from bother and noise!  
And keep your own fanciful leisure;  
But give me my four splendid boys!

—Sel.

### CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S VOTE CLOSES IMMORAL HOUSES.

On February 17th, 1915, in accordance with California Red Light Abatement Act, Superior Judge Sturtevant closed four immoral houses, ordered the confiscation of the personal property of the tenants, and of the furnishings and furniture in the houses, and decreed that the places must remain vacant for one year.

This decree, according to legal authorities in San Francisco, will have the effect, if sustained by the higher Courts, of closing every immoral resort in the State.

### VOTE AS YOU'VE BEEN PRAYING.

"Josiah, put your slippers on,  
And cease your needless chatter;  
I want to have a little word with you  
About a little matter.

"Josiah, look me in the face,  
You know this world's condition;  
Yet you have never cast a vote  
Right out for Prohibition.

"I heard you on your knees last night,  
Ask help to keep from strayin',  
And now I want to know if you  
Will vote as you've been prayin'?

"You've prayed as loud as any man,  
While with the tide afloatin',  
Josiah, you must stop such work,  
And do some better votin'.

"We women pray for better times,  
And work right hard to make 'em;  
You men vote liquor with its crimes,  
And we just have to take 'em.

"How long, Josiah, must this be?  
We work and pray 'gainst evil;  
You pray all right for what I see,  
But vote just for the devil!"

"There now, I've said my say, and  
you  
Just save your ammunition,  
And vote the way you've always  
prayed,  
For Total Prohibition."

—A. M. Brunner.

### THE FAMILY.

Two great, strong arms; a merry  
way;  
A lot of business all the day;  
And then an evening frolic gay.  
That's Father.

A happy face and sunny hair;  
The best of sweetest smiles to spare;  
The one you know is always there.  
That's Mother.

A bunch of lace and ruffy frocks;  
A Teddy bear; a rattle-box;  
A squeal; some very wee pink socks.  
That's Baby.

A lot of noise; a suit awry;  
A wish for candy, cake, and pie.  
My grammar may be wrong, but my!  
That's me!

—B. E. W. in "Woman's Home Companion."

### WE CANNOT WIN WITH DRINK.

In a recent speech in Manchester, Captain Arthur Evans, M.S. (a distinguished surgeon, now serving at the front), after referring to the action of the King and the way admirals, generals, statesmen, pressmen, novelists, and doctors are supporting the lead, said: 'Now, when we are up against serious things, when the verities are being revealed, the new advocates of temperance have discovered what we taught long ago. We cannot win with drink, for drink and the best are incompatible. The world's tragedy and the world's need have led great folk to see what drink really is and does. What temperance people have long and truly taught, war is publicly demonstrating, shouting it from the house-tops. Man cannot be best in body, brain, or soul with alcohol. Alcohol wipes out the best bit! The keen edge of muscle and nerve, the fine impulsive processes of thought, and those highest powers whereby all communicate with and become part of the divine and the highest.'

### HOW'S THIS FOR AN EPITAPH?

Here lies a poor woman who always  
was tired,  
She lived in a house where help was  
not hired.  
Her last words on earth were, "Dear  
friends, I am going  
Where cooking ain't done, nor wash-  
ing, nor sewing.  
But everything there is exact to my  
wishes.  
For where they don't eat, there's no  
washing of dishes,  
I'll be where loud anthems will al-  
ways be ringing;  
But having no voice, I'll get clear of  
the singing,  
Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn  
for me never,  
I'm going to do nothing for ever and  
ever.

"I can keep no terms with a vice  
that fills our gaols, that destroys the  
comfort of homes and the peace of  
families, and debases and brutalises  
the people of these islands."—Lord  
Chief Justice Coleridge.

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## News of the Unions.

(The Editor cannot promise to insert anything in the next issue that does not reach her by the 8th of the month. Correspondents are requested to write their Reports as concisely as possible, on one side of the paper only. Newspaper cuttings are unsuitable.)

### PETONE.

March 7. Mrs Rouse presided. Attendance good. It was passed that Mrs Burd (as delegate of Petone Branch) vote as she thought best for the benefit of all members at the Conference.

March 22. At Home. 26 present, amongst whom were ladies from Lower Hutt, Mrs Rouse (President) in the chair. Speeches were given by Rev. Todd, Mr Grinstead, and Mr and Mrs Collins. Songs were sung by Mesdames Franklin and Ewen, and Misses Rogers and Colton. Recitations by Mrs Cole and Miss Gladys Ashby. Afternoon tea was dispensed by Mrs McPherson, who was given a very hearty vote of thanks.

### SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

March 14. Meeting held in Amethyst Hall, Mrs Pasley presiding. Attendance good. The coupon scheme was explained, and it was agreed to take up this work, and Mrs Smith was appointed coupon collector. Decided to adopt the One Win One campaign for this year. Three new members were initiated and welcomed, making our roll number 43. A most helpful and interesting article on "Individual Influence," written by one of our boys in Egypt, was read by one of the members, and was followed by an earnest address bearing on the same subject by the President.

April 11. Mrs Pasley presided, 20 members present. Mrs Morrison was appointed Sick Visitor for the month. Mrs Hunter gave her report of Convention, which was exceedingly interesting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to her. Four members were nominated as candidates at the forthcoming School Committee election. One new member was welcomed. The President reported having secured suitable space in tram cars for Union advertisements at a reduced rate, satisfaction being expressed at the result of her efforts.

### WANGANUI Y's.

Miss Powell and Mrs Don organised a Y. branch of the W.C.T.U. at Wanganui on March 20th. The officers elected were: Mrs Matthews, Pres.; Miss T. Chisholm, Cor. Sec.; Miss D. Campion, Record. Sec.; and Miss D. Twembo, Treas. Thirty-nine members were enrolled. Decided to hold meetings at Trinity Parlour 1st Monday in each month; 3rd Monday to be given to the Orphanage for

the purpose of sewing for the children. A "Flower" superintendent was elected to distribute at the hospital. Several members offered to help canvass the town for 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars. A very bright future is anticipated for our Y branch.

### WARKWORTH.

Thursday, 30th March. Mrs Hamilton presided over a large attendance. Mrs E. Morrison, as delegate, gave her report of the Wanganui Convention. She was able to urge the necessity of nominating capable women to stand for election on school committees. Also Mrs Cowie's Dominion Patriotic Scheme was greatly approved of. Mrs Southern pronounced the Benediction, and the meeting closed.

### MATAURA.

March 31st; the President in the chair. Correspondence from Dr Barnardo's home re receipt of box. Our Union forwarded £9 collected for Patriotic Fund, and Y.M.C.A. work. Word was received from Minister for Defence that our telegram, re shouting intoxicants to returned soldiers would be considered. Decided to start working up material for a box for mission work.

### STRATFORD.

At our usual monthly meeting on Thursday last we had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Powell. After our President (delegate to Convention) had given a short outline of some of the business done there, she called upon Miss Powell to address us, promising to give more Convention news at next meeting. Miss Powell arranged for social afternoon, suggesting that friends who were not members of Unions be the guests. Two new members were enrolled.

### WHANGAREI.

April 4th. Mrs Whalley (Vice-President) in chair. Arranged that secretary should write Hikaurangi Union, re Miss Evan's visit. Also arranged that Executive meet Tuesday, 11th, to arrange for entertainment of Miss Evans. The secretary to write letter of condolence to Mrs McLeod, in her recent bereavement. Miss Griffen, who has lately returned from U.S.A., kindly gave a short and interesting address on "The Great National Convention," held at Seattle, showing the powers of the Women's Temperance Work there.

### FEILDING.

February meeting rather small. Telegram sent to Hon. Allen re resolution against shouting for soldiers. Letter of thanks from Palmerston Union for donations from our members to the Patriotic stall at the Palmerston A. and P. Show.

March meeting well attended. Miss Powell, Dominion Organiser, gave a splendid and helpful address. She told of the origin, and many branches

of work, homes for friendless girls, old people, etc., where needy cases were relieved. Tea was handed round. Many were added to our members. Miss Powell was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. During Miss Powell's visit, several drawing room, and missionary meetings were held. She visited many homes, and we hope to do better in the future.

March 30th. Mrs Lee-Cowie addressed a large and appreciative audience on the influence of mothers on their children, and the progress of the temperance movement. She referred to many of those who had gone to the front who were ruined for life by immorality and strong drink. New members were added to our Union. At a public meeting held in the evening, Mrs Lee-Cowie spoke on "The War and the Liquor Traffic." Reference was made to prohibition in Russia, Canada and America; also the 6 o'clock closing of hotels in Australia.

### GREYMOUTH.

April 27. Attendance good. Report of Convention was received from our proxy, Mrs Brown, and most hearty thanks were tendered to her. Rev. E. D. Patchett gave us valuable assistance and encouragement. Congratulations to be sent to our Borough Council for the work of inspection, etc., now being carried on. Cards were given out for our Patriotic Fund, and also paper for signature re early closing of hotel bars.

### NGAERE.

Mrs M. T. Phillips, delegate, gave a very interesting report of Convention. She also explained the great patriotic effort being made by the W.C.T.U. to raise funds for work amongst our soldiers, and distributed collecting cards.

May 3. "All Round the World" sung. Our President absent, owing to her husband being ill. Mrs Morrison (V.P.) took the chair. Miss Powell spoke in her usual happy manner on the work to be done during the coming year. Mrs Phillips reported having received many signatures to 6 o'clock closing petition.

### WANGANUI DISTRICT.

April 7. Sister Moody-Bell kindly took the chair in the unavoidable absence of President and Vice-Presidents. The accounts and balance-sheet of Convention, resulting very satisfactorily for the local Union, were presented by the Treasurer. Various letters of thanks to be written, including one to Mrs Morrison, acknowledging kind gifts. Mrs Heatley was appointed Superintendent Good Citizenship, also empowered to work the petition (we are expecting) for 6 o'clock closing. One member (Mrs Siddells) is standing for re-election on School Committee. The question of electing a Maori Superintendent was held over till next meeting. There is a large field for work here,

as besides the number of Maoris living in and around the town, there is a "pah" on the other side of the river within easy walking distance. Two new members joined.

May. Delegate gave her report of Convention. Mrs Upton was elected Superintendent of Maori Work, and Mrs W. Grant for Notable Days. Decided to accept Mrs McKenzie's (Queenstown) offer to come to Wanganui for a sale of her Indian work. Part of the proceeds to go to our Y.M.C.A. funds. Okaiawa Union sent their proxy (Miss Tucker) a velvet-bound copy of Mrs Heiman's work. Blocking out the town to work for the petition is well in hand. A vote of sympathy was passed to our Secretary on the death of her father. Two new members joined.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

March 8. The Red Cross tea organised by the W.C.T.U. was most successful. Several stalls, arranged for flowers, cakes, sweets, etc. Mrs Houlder (District President) received the guests, and during the afternoon Mrs J. P. Luke gave a short address, emphasising the necessity of New Zealand women continuing their good work. Songs were contributed by Mrs Richardson, Misses Bouttall and Peryman; Mrs Castles recited, and Miss D. Richardson gave a pretty fancy dance. Collection of £6.

April 7. Sixty members and friends met in the Constable Street Rooms to say good-bye to Mrs Peryman, who was leaving for Port Chalmers. Mrs Houlder referred to the work done by Mrs Peryman and her knowledge of the W.C.T.U. movement throughout New Zealand. Mesdames Evans, M.A., McDonald, Wright, Atkinson, Boxall, and Lill cordially endorsed all that had been said. Mrs Houlder presented the guest of honour with a leather bag on behalf of the members. Mrs Peryman feelingly replied, and said she would miss the friends left behind. Mrs Wright spoke of the united effort to be made for the Patriotic Fund for providing comforts for the men in the trenches. The Y.M.C.A. officers would be asked to administer the money.

April 13. Mesdames Brierley and Wright presented reports on the work done at the Wanganui Convention.

May 14. Mrs Houlder (President) presided. Mrs Boxall (Evangelistic Superintendent) opened the meeting. The members of the central union were present, and the afternoon was spent in making arrangements for the 6 o'clock petition. Two members, Mesdames Wright and Webb, were again elected on the school committee. Mesdames Brown and Boxall were elected Secretary and Treasurer respectively for the Patriotic Fund.

#### BLUFF.

May. There was a large attendance of members. Arrangements were made for canvassing the town in fav-

our of early closing of liquor bars. A resolution of sympathy was passed and sent to Mrs Maclaren, on the death of her husband, Rev Maclaren, of Partick, Glasgow, at one time minister of Bluff Presbyterian Church. Mrs Maclaren was the first President of the Bluff branch of the Union.

#### EDENDALE.

Usual monthly meetings, except last month, have been held here. This branch of the Union has actively protested against shouting for soldiers locally, and also forwarded a resolution to the Defence Minister. The Temperance Patriotic effort realised £11 2s, fourteen members having cards. An interesting report of the Convention recently held was sent by Sister Moody Bell, for which we are indebted to her.

#### GREYTOWN.

May 3rd. Mrs Whincop was in the chair, and as delegate to the annual Convention, gave a very interesting address. The Cor. Secretary's report showed an increase of 128 in membership over last year. Twenty-seven delegates were attending their first Convention. The banner was won by Patea Union with an increase in membership of 166 per cent., next Winchmore, Green Street, 143 per cent; Normanby and Dannevirke, each 125 per cent.; Lower Hutt, 120 per cent. The Organising Treasurer's balance-sheet showed credit balance of £99 3s 3d.

May 4th. Half-hour devotional meeting. Miss Henderson wrote re 6 o'clock closing petitions, the work of getting them signed being taken up eagerly by our members. Our President urged all members to work hard with the "Dominion Fund" collecting cards. Our members collected £1 10s for the Lady Liverpool Fund; decided to spend it on chocolate. Decided to hold our annual pay-up social on June 1st. Afternoon tea was enjoyed by those present.

#### KAIAPOI.

April 26. Mrs Laishley (Vice-President) presided. Collecting cards for Patriotic Fund were distributed amongst members. Arrangements were made for procuring signatures to the petitions for six o'clock closing of liquor bars. Secretary reported that the entire control of the Band of Hope for a year was given to the W.C.T.U. Mrs Laishley was elected Superintendent, and three members were appointed to arrange the programme for the first meeting of the Band of Hope. One new member of the W.C.T.U. was initiated.

April 28. In response to an invitation, several members of the Kaiapoi District Union visited Rangiora. Mrs Jameson read her report of Convention, and a reading was given by Miss Blackwell. A discussion took place on the best methods of working in connection with the Red Cross

Society. Musical items were given by Mesdames Withers and Ayers, after which refreshments were partaken of.

#### N.E. VALLEY.

March 23. A good attendance of members, Mrs H. B. Gray presiding. The Treasurer and Secretary read their reports for last year, which were very satisfactory. A letter was sent to the Hon. J. Allen asking if he would do his best to prohibit the practice of shouting for soldiers. The following officers were elected for present year:—Pres., Mrs Hislop; Vice-Pres., Mrs Begg; Treas., Mrs Sanders; Sec., Miss Begg; Cor. Sec., Mrs Peart. Mrs Hislop, who was very warmly welcomed home from her long holiday in Australia, gave a very inspiring talk on the Australasian Convention, also the six o'clock closing in South Australia, which was won by the magnificent majority of 20,000 votes.

April 27. Mrs Hislop spoke very feelingly on "Let not your hearts be troubled," and urged those present in the rush of life to look well after their souls. We were delighted to have Mrs Don and Mrs Peryman with us, who both gave us interesting talks, also Miss Macarthy, who gave an account of the recent Convention. During the afternoon Miss Monagan sang a solo. One new member was received. Mrs Gray moved a resolution of sympathy with Mrs Ogg (a member) in the death of her husband.

#### SAWYER'S BAY.

May 3. Union met in the Presbyterian Church. A fair attendance of members, who were pleased to welcome a new member to the Union. Mrs Allen presided, and after a few opening remarks, introduced Mrs Peryman, who gave a stirring address on the work of the W.C.T.U. at the Front, and also the effort of the Union to have passed the Six O'Clock Closing Bill.

#### WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

March 17. Mrs A. R. Atkinson presided. The following resolution was passed:—"That this Branch of the W.C.T.U. protests against any attempts to introduce the C.D. Acts in any form, on the ground that they have been proved to increase, rather than to check, venereal diseases, by creating a false sense of security. The Union urges the Government to provide, without delay, free hospital dispensary treatment for all patients voluntarily presenting themselves for treatment, this being the course advised by Sir Jonathan Hutchison and other eminent authorities. The Union further urges that a vigorous campaign of educational teaching by suitable lectures, be inaugurated by the Government, giving plain warning as to the lasting effects of transgression, and indicating the truth that personal chastity provides the only safeguard against these diseases, and the serious task, not only of



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grave injury to the men and women themselves, but almost certainly to their future children, and providing further, that these lectures shall explain clearly that the highest European medical authorities argue that no remedial measures or palliatives can ever effect a cure, and that while they may relieve the suffering of the patient they can never ensure safety for the wife and future children, and further point out the harm that these remedies do by creating a false sense of security." One of the members of the Union read an original paper, written by a returned member of a medical corps, dealing with the temptations that visit the Expeditionary Force on its arrival at Cairo.

April 14. Mrs A. R. Atkinson presided. Mrs McDonald gave an interesting account of the doings of the Convention, and explained fully Mrs Lee-Cowie's scheme, by which it is expected that the W.C.T.U. will raise a large sum of money for our soldiers at the Front. At the conclusion of her report, Mrs McDonald was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for her excellent report.

### WAIMATE.

The monthly meeting was held on May 12th, Mrs Stewart (President) in the chair. Miss McCarthy gave report of Convention. Afternoon tea was provided. Reports sent to both local newspapers, very fully reported in "Waimate Times."

### NORMANBY.

Feb. 2. Material was purchased, and members are making sand bags for the Front. We held a picnic at Ngaere on 17th February (Willard Day), friends from Hawera, Okaiawa, Matapu, and Ngaere and Stratford joining us. A very enjoyable day was spent. 15s was voluntarily given to our Red Cross Fund. A paper was read by Mrs Patterson on Russia and her drink trade.

March 8. At home held at Mrs Barkla's, 22 present. President gave a short address, and Mrs Saunders read a report of Convention. Six new members joined, and seven for the Cradle Roll. Afternoon tea was handed round.

March 22. Special meeting to deal with the papers sent out for 6 o'clock closing, members taking up the work with good heart; also to get Mrs Cowie's cards handed to members, all agreeing that it was a great and good work for our W.C.T.U. to take up.

### HENDERSON.

April 19. Meeting held in Presbyterian Church, and was well attended. One new member joined. Report received from members who had catered for the Soldiers' Club on the 7th of April. Mrs Little, from Devonport, gave us a delightful account of the Wanganui Convention. Mrs Little has a happy knack of giving a concise but vivid word picture of each speaker, so presenting the scene at the Convention to us, that every member caught the spirit of enthusiasm and earnest devotion to our aims. Mrs Lee-Cowie's patriotic proposition was at once acted on, and plans sketched out to raise at least our quota towards the scheme. Mrs Lee-Cowie has a special place in our regard, as she attended here with Miss Evans to start our Union.

### KAIKORAI.

March 31st. Mrs Martin presided. Decided to collect for the W.C.T.U. Patriotic Fund. Decided to nominate a lady candidate for school committee.

April 29th. Mrs Martin presided. Mrs Don was present. Arranged to start work at once with Patriotic Fund Cards and 6 o'clock closing petitions.

### ASHBURTON.

March 28th. Special meeting to say farewell to Mrs W. J. Elliott. A short, but excellent programme, which was much enjoyed. Mrs W. K. Watson referred to the good work done by Mrs Elliott during the past five years, and expressed regret at her departure, and on behalf of the Union presented her with a leather hand-bag. The recipient briefly responded. A cup of tea was handed round, and a pleasant half-hour spent.

April 11th. Attendance good. Mrs W. K. Watson in the chair. Resolved. "That the Union endorse the action of the President in sending a protest to the Ashburton A. and P. Association regarding the facilities for procuring liquor through a so-called side show, at the recent Patriotic Show." After discussion, it was decided that the balance of the money collected by Miss Butterick and others towards the cost of the Rest Tent be handed over to the Secretary of the A. and P. Association as a donation to the Wounded Soldiers' Fund. Mrs Lill submitted her report of Convention, and was thanked by the Union for her excellent effort. Cards were distributed among the members to collect money for the

patriotic effort. Decided to take an active part in obtaining signatures to the petition forms for closing hotel bars at 6 o'clock.

### LOWER HUTT.

May 2. Pleased to say Lower Hutt is progressing quietly but surely. Most of the members are taking the petition forms for the 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars, hoping to get them all filled with names, so that the Bill may be passed at the next session; also taking collecting cards for Mrs Lee-Cowie's scheme for patriotic effort for Y.M.C.A. work at the Front. Our attendances are still small, but those who do attend are very enthusiastic in the work. Names of officers are these:—Pres., Mrs Routly; V.P., Mrs Franklin; Treas., Mrs Frethy; Sec., Mrs T. Collins.

### NEW PLYMOUTH.

Feb. 24. Willard Day celebrated by a social afternoon, when Rev. F. Hales gave an address on the words "Now, Barabbas was a robber," showing how alcohol robbed church, school, and home too often of their best and most promising boys and girls and men and women. One new member was initiated, and one received from another Union. A good collection was taken up.

March 15. Four of our chief officers were present at the Wanganui Annual Convention, which instilled into them the necessary energy to carry out the work planned.

April 26. A combined meeting of the Union and the No-Liense League to enthusiastically launch the six o'clock petition. Miss Powell was present. Petition forms are being filled like magic, and no one need be afraid of a refusal. Planned for Provincial Convention on May 31st at New Plymouth.

May 1. Sent off £5 to Mrs Lee-Cowie for Patriotic Fund.

### INVERCARGILL.

April 4. Mrs Macalister presided. The reported progress of collections for the W.C.T.U. Patriotic Fund for our soldiers at the Front is most satisfactory, our auxiliary Unions having responded generously, and the local members are in most cases sending in filled-up cards. Special efforts are to be made at once to endeavour to influence public opinion upon the desirability of having hotel bars closed when the soldiers are allowed leave from the training camps, also that 6 o'clock closing and the prohibition of

shouting for soldiers is most desirable. Mrs Hunter read her most excellent report of Convention, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs McKenzie informed the meeting that Mrs Bonthron, the pioneer of Temperance reform in Invercargill, is at present staying in town, and would be pleased to meet any members of the Union. Although Mrs Bonthron is over 81 years of age, she still takes a deep interest in our work, especially in the Band of Hope or Loyal Temperance Legion work. In conjunction with the South Invercargill Union we are taking a space in the tram cars for advertising our Union meetings.

May 3. The petition forms re 6 o'clock closing of liquor bars were distributed and streets allotted to each canvasser. Arrangements were also made to obtain signatures in the vestibules of the different churches, as the people enter. Reported that three members of the South Union had been elected for the South School Committee, i.e., Mrs Morrison, Mrs Parkin, and Mrs Garrett. Noticing by our local papers that information upon the political status of women overseas was invited by the British Women's Dominion Suffrage Society for their triennial Conference, which is to be held in London in July, Mrs Baird and Miss Birss were appointed to send a report to care of Miss Agnes C. Slack. Convention number "W.R." and other literature were on the table for sale.

#### DUNEDIN.

May 2. Mrs Don presiding. Resolved to have a Sale at the Winter Show, profits to go to patriotic effort. Arrangements were made for thorough canvass for signatures to petition for early closing. The Trades and Labour Council, Salvation Army, and churches were all asked to assist. An invitation was received for all members to attend prayer meeting held weekly in Hanover Street Baptist Church, and to join in supplication for "our boys at the Front."

#### OPOTHELI.

April 13. Social afternoon to welcome Mrs Wm. Goodall back from the Convention, Mrs Jas. Thompson presiding. There were 40 ladies present. A motion of sympathy was passed with Mrs Redders in the death of her son. Decided to have a stall on the street on Saturday in aid of the field kitchen for New Zealand soldiers at the front. Mrs Goodall gave a splendid report of the work and business that passed at Convention. Vote of thanks to Mrs Goodall. Afternoon tea was handed round.

#### GISBORNE.

Usual meeting held March 28th, 21 present. Decided we take up the proposal for Patriotic Fund, and collect for same. Mrs Coleman, "White Ribbon" Agent, resigned. The following telegraphic reply was

received from the Hon. Allen:—"I have to thank you for your kind telegram of congratulation on my opinions regarding shouting. I also hope that we may end the practice." Mrs Malcolm read an account of a deputation which waited upon the Hon. Russell while he was here re "shouting" and 6 o'clock closing. They did not consider they got much satisfaction from him. Decided to have a social and receive delegate's report at April meeting. Collection taken up to help defray legal expenses re Mrs Walker and the Hospital Board seat. Carried that a case of warm clothing be collected and sent to Dr. Barnardo's Home at the end of the year.

#### TIMARU.

Annual social held at the Sailors' Rest on 28th. Mrs Rule presided. Attendance good. Hon. J. Allen replied, re "shouting," that the question would not be neglected. Report of Sailors' Rest showed a very quiet month. Mrs Rule gave an account of Convention, and all were much interested. Decided once more to canvass for signatures for closing hotel bars at 6 o'clock. Decided to send a special contribution to the War Fund. Mrs Brooker gave account of her visit to the Hospital. The patients are very grateful to our members who visit them and take a few comforts and speak a few words of cheer. Mr Grant and Mrs Clay appointed visitors for April. One new subscriber for "White Ribbon."

#### MATAKANA.

Last November our President gave an address to the school children on the Temperance Wall Sheet. After the address the children were asked to write essays on the subject, prizes to be given for the best essay, and Rev. Southern to act as judge.

March 2. Four prizes were awarded for temperance essays, which reflected great credit on the writers. Union invited school children and parents to the prize-giving. The President read out the selected essays. Miss Lily Roke sang "Is There Room for Mary There?" and the prizes were distributed. Members of the Union provided afternoon tea under the trees.

#### NELSON.

Special meeting held on February 28th for the passing of a resolution against the practice of "shouting" by soldiers, and asking that it should be immediately prohibited. The resolution was forwarded to the Minister of Defence. Secretary was directed to write a letter of sympathy to Mr Hammond, Sydney, in his efforts to obtain 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars. A hearty vote of thanks was given Miss Weymouth for her valuable help in the work of the Union.

The Richmond Union was formed at a meeting held for the purpose on

March 8th, Miss Atkinson presiding. The Union consists of 22 members, two being initiated on the occasion, with Nurse Field President, Mrs Woods Secretary, Mrs Burrough Treasurer, and five Vice-Presidents: Messdames O. Sutton, Hunt, Cropp, Ashcroft, and Price. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday. The first business of the new Union was the passing of the anti-shouting resolution. The members are intending to take up Band of Hope work.

April 11. Convention report postponed to next meeting. Mrs W. Hill appointed Local Treasurer for Patriotic Fund. Many members took cards, and Miss Weymouth undertook to distribute more cards. Arrangements made for canvassing for 6 o'clock closing petition.

April 12. Richmond Union met, and decided to assist with Patriotic Fund and early closing petition. The usual monthly intercessory service was held on last Monday in the month; attendance was small.

#### MANAIA.

Feb. 8. Ten members present, one visitor. Mrs Hunt elected as delegate to Convention. The sum of 6s 6d was collected for Red Cross Fund. One new member initiated; eight new members for Cradle Roll.

March 14. Eleven members present, four visitors. The Treasurer having resigned owing to illness, Mrs Judd was elected for the position. One new member initiated, one new member for Cradle Roll. The sum of 11s 6d, also one Balaklava, was collected for the Red Cross Fund. Several interesting items from the "Vanguard" were read and discussed.

#### AUCKLAND.

Feb. 9. Delegates were appointed to confer with the Executive of the No-License League in regard to the printing of suitable literature for house to house distribution in connection with literature campaign. Superintendents were appointed for the various departments of work as follows:—"White Ribbon" Agent, Miss Pudney; Moral Education, Miss Evans; Bible in Schools, Miss N. Dewar; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs Pudney; Cradle Roll, Miss Cato; Visiting Sisters, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Wright; Home Meetings, Mrs Darby; Maori Work, Miss Wilson; Back Blocks and Camp Literature, Mrs Thorpe; Sabbath Observance, Mrs Stainton; Notable Days, Mrs Dick; Evangelistic Work, Mrs Jamison. Resolved: "That in view of the serious crisis through which we are passing, and the urgent need for the highest national efficiency, this meeting of the Auckland W.C.T.U. is of opinion that immediate steps should be taken by the Government to reduce the consumption of liquor by taking effective steps to put down the practice commonly known as 'shouting.'" Arrangements were made to supply refreshments, etc., to the Soldiers'.



Club for two weeks, and a number of ladies present offered their services for the work. Miss N. Dewar was appointed delegate to represent us at Convention.

#### NAPIER.

April 4th. President in chair; fair attendance. No members present were willing to be nominated for school committees. Mrs Mens was appointed "White Ribbon" agent. Mrs Ball Supt. for Home meetings.

April 19th. Special meeting, good attendance. Mrs Neal presided. Musical items were given. Mrs Venables gave her report of Convention, which was interesting and instructive, and for which she was heartily thanked. Collecting cards for the Patriotic Fund, and petitions for six o'clock closing were taken by a number of members. Supper and collection for the Organising Fund closed the meeting.

May 2nd. President in the chair; good attendance. Resolved that a meeting of business men of the town be called by circular for the purpose of furthering our efforts in connection with the 6 o'clock closing petition. Mrs Venables was appointed President of the District Convention. Mrs Ingram resigned as Corresponding Secretary, owing to sickness at home. Decided to send a letter to Mrs Ingram expressing sympathy and appreciation of her work, and deep regret at her resignation. Mrs Chetlew was then appointed Corresponding Secretary. Resolved that in view of the strong resolutions unanimously passed at Convention against the medical proposals, and also of the investigations made by the British Royal Commission, which show that "notification" is impracticable, with which decision the Minister of Public Health, Hon. G. W. Russell, fully agrees, "I propose that we, the Napier Branch of the W.C.T.U., desire to rescind the resolution passed on August 4th, 1915, in favour of the medical proposals, and now vote against them."

May 3. Meeting for business men was held; a fair attendance, and good work done. Petitions were given out and districts allotted. A combined committee of ladies and gentlemen was formed.

#### DEVONPORT.

eFeb. 17. Frances Willard Day celebrated by an addition of four members. Delegate to Convention was elected, and directions for voting decided on.

March 28. An "At Home" to farewell our President. Reply received from Hon. J. Allen re treating of soldiers. Report of Dominion Convention was read. Members took collecting cards for our patriotic effort. Mrs Mann was the recipient of a handbag and purse, given by members as a small token of our esteem and appreciation of her work for our

Union. Mrs Mann came to a weak Union, and has left a strong one. Miss Lillwall was appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent.

April 27. Message read from Ashburton, introducing Mrs Elliot, our Methodist minister's wife, who has been an active member of Ashburton Union for five years. Mrs Elliot was heartily welcomed. Letter received from Mrs Budd, who could not be present, on account of illness; vote of sympathy passed. Message from our late President, Mrs Mann, encouraging us to go forward with our "Win One" campaign. Mrs Cranch was unanimously elected President for remainder of year. Six o'clock closing petitions taken by members to canvass for signatures.

#### PORT CHALMERS.

May 11th. Mrs Johnson presided, and gave a report of Wanganui Convention. In connection with No License League, very full arrangements made for giving every adult at the Port a chance to sign the six o'clock closing petition. Members took cards to collect for Patriotic effort.

#### WHERE ARE YOU SLEEPING TO-NIGHT, MY LAD?

Where are you sleeping to night, my lad?

Above ground—or below?

The last we heard you were at the Front,

Holding a trench, and bearing the brunt;

But—that was a week ago.

Ay!—that was a week ago, Dear Lad,

And a week is a long, long time,  
When a second's enough, in the thick  
of the strife,

To sever the thread of the bravest life,  
And end it in its prime.

Oh, a week is long when so little's  
enough

To send a man below;

It may be that while we named your  
name

The bullet sped and the quick end  
came—

And the rest we shall never know.

But this we know, Dear Lad, all's  
well

With the man who has done his best.  
And whether he live, or whether he  
die,

He is sacred, high in our memory;  
And to God we can leave the rest.

So, wherever you're sleeping to-night,  
Dear Lad,

This one thing we do know,  
When "Last Post" sounds, and He  
makes His rounds,  
Not one of you all will be out of  
bounds,

Above ground or below.

—John Oxenham.

#### LABOUR AND PROHIBITION.

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**Ashburton.** 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 37; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevurzon, 169 Peter Street; Asst. Sec., Miss Wise, Short St.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Lil, Willowby; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

**Auckland** District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompaier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Miss Evans, G.F.S., Wellesley St.; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princeps St., Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompaier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Miss Pudney, 16, Wallace St., Ponsonby.

**Blenheim** District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Pres. Mrs. A. Jackson; Sec., Mrs. D. P. Sinclair, Box 27; Treas., Mrs. Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. W. Parker, Grove Rd.

**Cambridge**, first Tuesday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. W. D. Shepherd; Sec., Mrs. A. Wallace, Weld Street; Treas., Mrs. C. H. Rycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Reeves; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. T. Watson.

**Christchurch** District, Rooms cr. Mauchester and Worcester Streets. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., M. J. I. McCombs, 25, Tui Street, Fendalton; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Day, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Martin, 245, Madras Street; Treas., Mrs. Patterson, Latimer Square; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Williams, 21, Philip St., Linwood.

**Dannevirke**, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. W. F. Knight, Tahoraiti; Sec., Mrs. Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett, The Manse.

**Dunedin** District, 1st Tuesday, Congregational Church Hall, Moray Place, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. H. Driver, "The Chalet," Newington; Cor. Sec., Miss Nicol, 16, William St.; Rec. Sec., Miss Mazengarb, 362, George St.; Treas., Miss Winnie Reid, Bishopscourt, Roslyn; Supt. Sailor's Rest, Mrs. Pearson, Corner Union and Castle Streets; Supt. White Ribbon and Writing Pads, Mrs. Anderson, 32, Duke St.; Press Cor., Miss L. Neil, 5, Park St.

**Devonport**, Second Thursday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Cranch, Cameron St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Budd, Elliot and Sheppard; Sec., Mrs. A. Little, 31 Church St.; Treas., and Supt. W.R., Miss Le Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lilliwail.

**Feilding**, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., St. Paul's Hall; Pres., Miss Moore, c/o Mr. W. H. Bain, Feilding; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Bridge, Manchester St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. C. J. Thompson, Denbigh Street; Treas., Mrs. Williamson, The Hill; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Burnley; Railway Box, Mrs. Shearer.

**Gisborne** District, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs. A. Graham, Kaiki; Cor. Sec., Mrs. F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. F. S. Malcolm, Aberdeen Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Goffe, Ormond Rd.

**Greymouth** District, last Tuesday at 3 p.m., in Sailor's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs. Gaskin; Sec., Mrs. J. Hayes, Tainui St.; Treas., Mrs. Sweetman; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. T. Brown.

**Greytown**, Last Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Presbyterian Sunday School. President, Mrs. Whincop; Secretary, Mrs. Banks; Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Tate; W.R. Agent, Miss McWhinney.

**Hamilton** District, first Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. J. M. Jones, Clandlands; Sec., Mrs. W. Auld; Treas., Mrs. Jenkins, Clandlands.

**Hastings**, 2nd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Harrison, 202 Gray's Rd.; Hon. Sec., Mrs. Griffiths, Market St.; Treas., Mrs. Collinge, Riverslea; Evangelistic, Mrs. Stewart; Purity, Mrs. Martindale; Maori Work, Miss McKeown; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Gray.

**Henderson**, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Gilbert, "Homeview"; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Platt, Gt. North Rd.; Mrs. Williams, Gt. North Rd.; Sec., Mrs. McKay, Gt. North Rd.; Treas., Mrs. Putridge, Rathgar Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. Platt, Gt. North Road.

**Invercargill** District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Allen's Hall; Pres., Mrs. C. H. Macalister, Gladstone; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Baird, Mrs. J. McKenzie, Mrs. Lee-Cowie and Mrs. Garrett; Sec., Mrs. F. J. Lillcrap, Earn Street; Treas., Mrs. James Hunter, 110, Don St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Hunter, 110, Don Street.

**Kaipoi W.C.T.U. Assembly Rooms**, Union meets last Wednesday in the month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Brighting; Sec., Miss Blackwell, "Tae Willows"; Treas., Mrs. T. G. Blackwell; W.R. Supt., Mrs. Ward.

**Kaikorai**, last Friday in month, Presbyterian Hall, Kaikorai; Pres., Mrs. Martin, Kaikorai; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs. Somerville, Shetland St., Kaikorai; Cradle Roll, Miss Gardner, Hereford Street, Roslyn; Sec., Mrs. Hamilton, Main Road, Kaikorai

**Lytelton**, 1st Wednesday, Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs. Whitby; Sec., Mrs. Bromley; Treas., Mrs. Clark; "W.R." Agent, Miss Elsie Clark, "Waratah," W. Lytelton.

**Mania**, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs. J. J. Patterson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Prakinson and Hunt; Treas., Miss York; Sec., Miss Craig; Cradle Roll, Miss Ricketts; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Hunt.

**Masterton**, 1st Tuesday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Devonport; Sec., Mrs. M. Flanagan, 4 Cole Street; Treas., Mrs. Sutherland; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs. Russell.

**Matakana**, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Church, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Witten, Tawharanui; Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. Roke; Sec., Mrs. E. Roke; Treas., Mrs. Melville; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Eytan; "W.R." Agent, Miss Tindall.

**Mosgiel**, Meets in Presbyterian Hall, 2nd Tuesday at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Pinfold; Sec., Mrs. Wilson; Treas., Mrs. Accersoll; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Morton

**Napier** District, 1st Tuesday, Willard Institute, Carlyle St., 3 p.m. Pres. Mrs. G. W. Venables, Ashridge Rd.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. F. Freeman, Latham St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Chelley, Macdonald St.; Treas., Mrs. S. Clare, Morris St.; Asst. Treas., Mrs. Mens; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Dodds, Oldham and Freeman; Home Meetings, Mrs. Ball, Park Road; Supt. Cradle Roll and Flower Mission, Mrs. Walker, Nelson Cres.; Purity, Mrs. Oldham; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Mens, Nelson Cres.

**Ngaruawahia**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church; Pres., Mrs. T. E. French; Vice-Pres., Mrs. L. Bycroft and Mrs. Vincent; Sec., Mrs. W. A. Porter; Treas., Mrs. S. Whitburn; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs. Kendall.

**New Plymouth** District, last Wednesday, 3 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres., Mrs. Allen Douglas, Pandarves St.; Sec., Mrs. W. Bruce, 251 Molesworth St.; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Miss Taunt, Victoria Rd.

**Normanby**, Second Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall; Pres., Mrs. Scott; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Clement; Sec., Mrs. Saunders; Treas., Mrs. Lynn; Cradle Roll, Mrs. K. Hall; White Ribbon, Mrs. Dickson; Literature, Mrs. Hayward.

**Norsewood**, 3rd Wednesday, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Oliver; Sec., Miss A. E. Olsen, "Willow Park"; Treas., Mrs. S. Frederickson; "W.R." Agent, Miss M. Olsen, "Willow Park."

**Nelson** District, Second Tuesday, Temperance Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Miss Atkinson, Fairfield; Sec., Mrs. Knapp, Alfred St.; Treas., Mrs. A. Brown, Waka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Whitford, Mount St.

**Opotiki**, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m., Pres., Mrs. J. G. Murray; Sec., Mrs. J. R. Sinclair; Treas. and Supt. "W.R." Mrs. Holman, Otara; Supt. L.T.L., Mrs. Goodall; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Pearson.

**Oxford**, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall; Pres., Mrs. G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Sec., Mrs. Conway, East Oxford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. D. Hawke; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Gainsford, senr.

**Palmerston N. District**, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Crabb, Fitzherbert St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hills, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Hodder, 46 Ferguson St.; Treas., Mrs. Clausen, Cook St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs. Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

**Petone**, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney St., 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Rowse, Udy St.; Vice-Pres., Miss Kirk, Mesdames Corner and McPherson; Sec., Mrs. Burd, 87 Cuba St.; Treas., Mrs. Donoghue; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Barrow; Flower Mission, Mrs. McPherson; Home Meetings, Mrs. Ashby; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. Wilson; Literature Mrs. James.

**Ponsonby**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Queen's Hall, Paget St.; Pres., Dr. F. Keller; Vice-Pres., Mrs. C. I. Harris, Mrs. C. R. Vickers, and Miss Caley; Sec., Mrs. Plummer, Coronation Rd., Epsom; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Plummer; Treas., Mrs. M. A. Bailey, Ponsonby.

**Pukekohe**, Methodist Church, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Frost; Sec., Mrs. Haslem; Cor. Sec., Miss Usher; Treas., Mrs. Gornie; "W.R." Supt., Miss Goldsworthy.

**Rangiora**, last Friday, ante-room of Institute Hall, 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Cobden Cox, High St.; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Patchett, Southbrook.

**Sheffield**, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Road Board Office; Pres., Mrs. McIlraith, Annat; Sec., Mrs. Pettit, Kirwee; Treas., Mrs. W. Kennedy, Annat.

**Stratford**, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs. Reeve; Vice-Pres., Mrs. L. Lily; Sec., Mrs. Reeve, pro. tem.; Treas., Mrs. Birdsall.

**Takapuna**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Takapuna Methodist, and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs. Fulljames, East Coast Rd.; Sec., Mrs. Carter, Lake Town Rd.; Treas., Miss Rushbrook, Milford.

**Timaru** District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Arcade; Pres., Mrs. Rule, North St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs. Cave, Raymond St.; Evangelistic and Press, M. S. Lamb; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Valentine; Maori Work, Mrs. Butcher, Waititi Rd.; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. Stead, Sailor's Rest.

**Tuakau**, 2nd Thursday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Hunter; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Madill, Lee, Long and Graham; Sec., Mrs. C. Bycroft; Treas., Mrs. Goldsmith; Supt. Band of Hope, Miss Worthington; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Burns; White Ribbon Supt., Miss Dwen.

**Taneatua**, 2nd Thursday, in Presbyterian Church, at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Yeoman; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Raven; Sec. Mrs. Johnson; Treas., Mrs. Mairs; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. Schofield.

**Waimate**, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 3 o'clock; Sec., Mrs. Geo. Dash, Box 27, P.O.; Treas., Mrs. S. J. Hitchens, "Te Rang," Mill Rd.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. G. H. Graham, Rhodes St.

**Waipawa**, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Jas. Bibby; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McLean, Bott, and Maslin; Sec., Mrs. H. McLean; Treas., Miss Johnson; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs. S. Bott.

**Wanganui East** meets alternately in Baptist and Presbyterian Churches, last Friday at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Andrews; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Hicks; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Duxfield, Okoia, Wanganui; Treas., Mrs. McLeod, Wanganui E.

**Wanganui** District, 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlour, Pres., Mrs. Blamires; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. McKenzie, 46 Wilson St.; Rec. Sec., Miss McAnemy; Treas., Mrs. Siddells; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. W. Grant.

**Warkworth**, last Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Schoolroom, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs. Hamilton, The Grange; Sec., Mrs. Miller; Treas., Mrs. Cox; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. S. Morrison; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs. Miller.

**Winchmore**, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Hanson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Prebble, Mrs. Blair and Mrs. McIlroy; Sec., Miss Shearer, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs. Moore; White Ribbon Agent Mrs. Glassey.

**Wellington District**, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs. Houlder, 108 Wallace St.; Sec., Mrs. Spearman, 6 Dawson St., Berhampore; Treas., Mrs. Brackenridge, 45 Waripori St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs. Webb, Hall St.

Girls' Association Rooms, Constable St., Newtown. Evening Classes and Socials. All girls invited.

**Wellington Central**, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Alliance Rooms, Manners St.; Pres., Mrs. A. R. Atkinson, Wadestown; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Evans, Abel Smith St. Rec. Sec., Mrs. Port, Pirie St.; Treas. Mrs. Helyer, Oriental Bay; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs. Port, Austin St.

**Waipukurau**, 2nd Thursday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs. Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Nicholson; Sec., Mrs. H. French, Main St.; Treas., Mrs. Robinson; Organist, Miss Moffat.

**Woodville**, meets 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m., in Ormond St. Hall; Pres., Mrs. Perkins, Ross St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. Jackson; Sec., Mrs. Thompson, Fox Street; Treas., Mrs. Davie, Station St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Cole; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Thompson, Fox St.