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THE EDUCATION OF GIRLS.

(Extracts from a Paper read at the Secondary Schools Conference, Wellington, by Miss Nancy Jobson, M.A.)

(Concluded.)

The scientific inheritance is evidently the first upon which the child can enter, because she immediately comes into contact with the scientific facts in the world around her. Therefore the scientific is the first form her education most readily takes, but therewith should go some part of the aesthetic inheritance which so many fail to receive. In childhood at least the child learns science from the observation of Nature, and therein lies beauty. Surely the marvel and the glory of the universe, the wonder of the heavens, the loveliness and the perfection of a flower, the splendour of a sunset, the unfolding of green leaves in Spring, the sound of many waters, the music of the wind in the trees are all parts of her aesthetic as well as of her scientific inheritance. Let us keep about the girl the heaven which lies about her in her infancy; let us prevent the shades of the prison house from too soon closing in upon her; let us teach her from her earliest days to see the beauty of Nature around her, so that in the years to come she may, like Antaeus of old, find new strength and unfailing refreshment in her contact with Mother Earth. Therewith she will find some of her moral and religious inheritance, for the hand of God will be in everything, and some part of her literary and artistic inheritance

will also come to her: in the nature myths of Greece; in poetry, story and legend; in the reproduction of the statues of the Greeks; in good pictures drawn from various sources—and thus simply these elements are interwoven, and thus begins the child's education.

As the child advances, the various branches of Science are to be gradually taken up. Of these, Botany, Astronomy (studied, of course, with a telescope), Physiology, and Geology are more adapted to girls' requirements than Physics and Chemistry, save Household Chemistry, but some knowledge of all is desirable. The work in all these subjects must be as practical as possible, and not encumbered with too many technical terms or other stumbling blocks.

Home Science should be part of the work of every Secondary School, and should be taken by the majority of the pupils, though Commercial and other Technical Courses may be relegated to the Technical Colleges. Though the Domestic Course should not be begun till the third year, First Aid and Health lessons should be given in both Primary and Secondary Schools. These should consist first of all of simple instruction in the primary laws of health, especially those engendering love of fresh air and personal cleanliness, with the hatred of dirt in any shape or form. In the Secondary School these Health lessons should be specially adapted to the requirements of the adolescent girl, and should not be given by any member of the school staff, but by some wise and capable mother or

woman doctor who well understands girlhood nature and girlhood needs. With the Domestic Course should be continued at least English and History, and to the ordinary branches of Domestic instruction should be added training in the care of children and in home furnishing, with special attention to choice and harmony of colours. Emphasis should be laid upon thrift and the principles of true economy—upon everything, indeed, that will make the home beautiful and a joy for ever to its inmates—the best and the most attractive spot on earth.

The chief part of the literary inheritance must certainly be English, and one of the chief aims of every teacher should be to instil into her pupils the love of good literature as of the highest in all the other arts. In the Primary School a satisfactory mastery of simple grammatical principles and technicalities of composition should be gained, together with some knowledge of English literature. In the higher forms of the Secondary Schools I would suggest the inclusion among our text-books of some of the excellent translations of Greek plays, both tragedy and comedy. This branch of literature would open up fresh avenues of thought and culture, and produce a less blurred mental picture of the wonderful civilisation and literary achievements of the Greeks, bringing home to us in these latter self-satisfied days the greatness of the debt we owe to that enlightened and cultured people whose language is now cast into the outer darkness, where none the less its beauty can never pass into nothingness.

In the development of the aesthetic side of a child's nature Music and Singing play an important part, and must therefore be given a place in the regular work of every school. Singing in unison and in harmony and reading at sight must be thoroughly taught: the ear must be trained and the taste cultivated to some appreciation at least of the highest in the wonderful world of sweet sounds.

Closely allied with Singing is Elocution—by which must be understood the art of speaking, of producing and modulating the voice, an art which should be taught by an expert in every school. To speak English is not (as too many people seem to think) merely to utter it more or less grammatically in a careless, slovenly fashion, but to enunciate it clearly with varying and appropriate tone and expression. No school girl is too young to be trained to do this; on the contrary, the training should be begun at the beginning of her school life (such practises as that of shouting tables, etc., being banished for ever from the Primary Schools), and should be continued until satisfactory results have been achieved. Particular attention must be paid to Reading. Intelligent and well-modulated reading is an eminently desirable and, indeed, essential accomplishment, adding greatly to the beauty and the appreciation of good literature. Instead of being, as it is at present, a very rare accomplishment among our girls, it should be the natural result of their training and education.

As the chief part of the child's institutional inheritance, History must take an important place in any system of liberal education. It should be taught to the very young in the form of interesting stories of heroes of all nations of past and present days, but in some chronological order. Our own times should then be considered more particularly, and the past gradually unfolded with increasing detail. Certain dates must be learnt accurately, if only as footmarks in the halls of time, and it is most important that the child should receive a vivid impression of the social conditions and realities of every period. Lessons should be illustrated from contemporary literature by picture, song and story. In the Secondary Schools a general survey of Ancient History should be possible, though not necessarily with much detail. Translations

of ancient writers and historians should be read in part and referred to, and some knowledge of ancient art and craft should be received from pictures or photographs of relics of antiquity. At the same time English History should be continued with more research into historical by-ways, and with some attention to contemporary European History. Civics should be included and stress laid upon the meaning and the history of manhood and womanhood suffrage and upon the use of the vote. History should certainly be taught by specialists, and thereby become to the youngest girl the fascinating and educative study it should be.

We now pass to the last but by no means least important aspect of Education—the Religious and Moral. Without this element no system can be complete, and if a girl be deprived of it she cannot hope to reach the ideal of womanhood. All that can ennoble and uplift the moral nature of the child and enable her to stand upon a higher plane is hers by inheritance, and no man, politician or otherwise, has the right to deny it to her. Let all sectarian dogma be banished from school teaching and let the illuminating and ennobling influence of the fundamental Bible truths and of the example of the Divine Man vitalise our whole educational system. To hold up as examples to school children other great men of the past, yet to deny them the greatest and noblest of all, the only divine and ideal example, to bid them study Literature, yet withhold the Books of Books, is simply ludicrously illogical and fatally foolish. The religious element must be given its proper place in Education.

In conclusion, I would again urge that the aim and the ideal of the Education of girls should always be the ennoblement of womanhood and the restoration of the home to its proper sphere of influence. Whether a girl is to be a doctor, a teacher, a typist, a factory worker, she must primarily be trained to become a pure and noble woman, possessed of a high sense of honour and justice, and a fine sense of courtesy and reverence, exercising the refining and purifying influence which lies in her power alone.

In short, we must train our girls so that whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things

are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and any praise, they may think on these things.

FACTS.

Government statistics show that all the industries of the United States of America, taken together, employ 359 wage-earners for every one million dollars of capital invested. These same statistics show that the liquor industry employs only 81 wage-earners for each one million dollars of capital invested.

Loss of hours from work in Moscow, because of drinking, has decreased 31 per cent. under Prohibition.

The last four months in England, with restricted hours for trading, as against the same period in 1915, show a decrease of 1,505,000 barrels, and 4,517,000 gallons of spirits.

South Australian Brewery Company shares, which before the war were quoted at £2 7s, were sold during August last at £1 6s 6d. They've got six o'clock closing there now.

Canada is going dry. The liquor traffic has been wiped out of the whole of the Dominion of Canada with the exception of the Province of Quebec. New Brunswick goes dry next May, and British Columbia will turn off the tap next July. In all other parts Prohibition is in force now. Evidently Canadian statesmen are cleverer than New Zealand ones. They have learnt the lesson from the war, that alcohol is a nation-destroyer.

EARLY CLOSING IN SYDNEY.

A prominent police official states that since the alteration of the hours from 11 to 6, the men under his charge have had their duties made a great deal lighter. There had been an appreciable reduction in the number of cases of drunkenness, and in various other ways much good had been done. The streets were easily cleared, there was less rowdyism, and disorderly scenes which often followed indulgence in strong liquor were less frequent; while there were fewer cases of assault, and indeed an all-round reduction in certain offences to which drink was a contributing factor.—*"Age."*

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.

MAORI DEPT.

Dear Sisters,—I have not yet received reports from any Unions except New Plymouth for my Maori Department report for Convention. I would remind Unions that even if they have been able to do little or nothing in this department this year, it would be very helpful if their Superintendents would communicate with me, letting me know the reason, or giving suggestions in connection with this department of our work from their Unions. Since last month New Plymouth has donated £2 to this fund. Hoping to receive some material for my report soon, as it will have to be sent in soon for printing.—I am, yours in Union service,

N. F. WALKER,
N.Z. Supt. Maori Dept.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

Will all Unions who have worked Mothers' Meetings, either as a distinct department or in conjunction with other kindred departments, kindly report before the end of the year to

MRS X. JONES,
Ngaere, Taranaki.

WORK AMONG SEAMEN.

The Superintendent of Work Among Seamen wishes to thank the following Unions for parcels received for the mine-sweepers:—

Palmerston North.—5 Balaclavas, 4 scarves, 5 pairs mittens, 2 pairs socks, and 7s 6d in money.

Waipawa, Hawke's Bay.—28 pairs socks, 2 pairs mittens, 2 flannel shirts, 5 singlets, and 13s in money.

Cambridge.—10 pairs mittens, 7 Balaclavas, 2 pairs socks, 4 undershirts, 2 waistcoats, and 12 scarves.

Oxford.—4 scarves, 4 Balaclavas, 1 pair socks.

Dannevirke.—Parcel of clothing.

Fellding.—6 pairs socks, 2 scarves, 5 Balaclavas, 1 pair mittens.

Ponsonby.—1 knitted vest, 1 undershirt, 5 pairs socks, 12 pairs mittens, 2 Balaclavas, 2 cholera belts, 1 pair slippers, 1 scarf.

The Ngaere Union has kindly sent 12 ditty bags and 12s towards the contents for Christmas gifts to our sailors.

The Superintendent will be glad to receive reports from the Unions regarding work done in this connection during the past year, as soon as possible.

MRS R. HATCHWELL.

"Devonia," Lyttelton.

PEACE DEPARTMENT.

"Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men."

(By Mrs Harrison Lee-Cowie, Peace Superintendent, W.C.T.U.)

"I heard the bells on Xmas Day,
Their old familiar carols play."

Muffled and faint and far-off are the merry strains of past Christmas bells; and the war of shot and shell has drowned the Angel's song on Bethlehem's plains. We stand in a shattered world to-day, with bleeding nations, gasping in death agonies around us, and our stricken hearts crying up to the Living God for mercy and for peace. What can we do to bring about a cessation of this awful war? Jesus said: "Love your enemies. Bless them that curse you. Pray for them that ill-treat you and spitefully use you," but in this war there are perplexing problems for those who love God and would gladly obey Him. We are not fighting Germany because we have any hatred to her. We are fighting for Belgium's honour, for woman's purity, for childhood's sanctity. At any rate, these have been the claims on Christian people in every part of the Empire, and for righteousness, not for enmity, mothers have given their sons, and wives their husbands, to slay or be slain. What, then, can we do to bring about world disarmament, and God's law of love in every land? Prayer and penitence are potent to-day as in Nineveh's time, and national sins loom large in every land. Our first step should be individually and collectively to **Repent**, to forsake sin, to hate and abhor every form of evil, and to crush down the hydra-headed iniquities in our own communities. Prayer, pleading, passionate, persistent prayer should rise from every heart, and flow out in floods of spiritual fervour from every church. The hardest thing in the world is to pray.

We can knit, we can sew, we can collect, we can give, we can love, we can weep; but we cannot pray. Until we can really pray we cannot have prevailing power with either God or

man, and I want my Christmas message to every White Ribboner to be: A call to prayer and penitence on behalf of both individual and national sins. Let us begin, and soon the fire will flame out in other lands and burn up the decay and rottenness that have corrupted and destroyed the dying nations. Let the earth throb with the Angel's song of "Glory to God." Let the human heart catch up the chorus, "Goodwill to men." Let angels and men, friends and foes, face towards the cradle of Christ on this coming Christmas morn. And with a new tenderness, a new spirit of love and faith, we will sing—

"I hear the bells this Christmas day
A new and wondrous carol play,
For war and strife and hate shall cease,
And all men dwell in God's great peace."

EDUCATIONAL BUREAU.

Dear Sisters,—Will you kindly send me reports of work done in your Unions during the year in connection with this department, as soon as possible.—Yours for God, Home, and Humanity.

FLORENCE YOUNG.

No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert West, Palmerston North.

Y'S AND MEDAL CONTESTS.

Dear Sisters,—Will the various Unions kindly send to me reports of work done during the year by the Y's, and if any Medal Contests have been held during the year, send me a report of any work, however little it may be, before December 30th, so that I may forward to Convention?—Yours in the work,

S. EVANS.

Abel Smith Street, Wellington.

MORAL INSTRUCTION.

Since last month replies to circular and reports have been received from Pukekohe, Tinwald, Bluff, Waipukurau, New Brighton, Gisborne, Timaru, and two very full reports from Nelson and Palmerston North.

Several District Unions have not reported, probably waiting for Branch reports. I hope all Unions who have not yet done so will send reports immediately.

MARY McCARTHY,

Supt. Moral Education.

Dunedin, December 9, 1916.

PRESS DEPARTMENT.

Dear Sisters,—Will all Secretaries or Superintendents of local Press Department please send along brief reports of work done in connection with the above during the year, which is about to close? A post-card will answer the purpose well. Please do not delay.—Yours in His service,

(Mrs) ANNIE DUXFIELD,
Dominion Supt. Press.
Wanganui East, Dec. 6th, 1916.

BACKBLOCKS.

Will all Unions who have done work for Backblocks please send report to Mrs Israel, 193, Harris Street, Gisborne, by December 31st?

DOROTHY DIX ON MOTHER LOVE.

Dorothy Dix says:

"Those of us who believe in suffrage for women believe that the most valuable gift that women will bring to the service of their country, when they are permitted to serve it, is this passion of motherhood. We believe that we need mothers in politics, and that the whole human race is crying to be mothered. We believe that when women have a vote there will be no more child labour; that the life of a baby will be thought to be as valuable as that of a pig, and that millions will not be spent for the conservation of the lives of animals and nothing for those of children.

"Blessed be mother love, the one love that never fails and never wears; the love that clings the closer to us the more others turn away from us and the more we need it."

LLOYD GEORGE ON DRINK PROBLEM.

To a deputation from Temperance Council of Christian Churches: "We shall never do our best in the war unless we succeed in curtailing the mischief which is being inflicted upon the efficiency of the nation by excessive drinking. I shall be very disappointed if this war ended before people of this country realise that the future destiny of this Empire depends upon our settling this question once and for all."

TELL GIRLS FOR ME NOT TO DRINK.

A young woman, a witness in the recent "white slave" scandal, sat in the office of the District Attorney in New York. "Tell girls for me," said the girl, "not to drink. It was drink that brought me here. It was drink that brings almost every girl here who comes to this end.

"There's a lot been said during this vice investigation about the men who prey on young girls, joping the drink that girls are given, or putting knock-out drops in their liquor. Believe me, every drink that a girl takes is dope. Every drink is a knock-out one for her.

"It doesn't need to have drugs put into it. The liquor is enough in itself, for when a girl takes a drink I think her guardian angel takes leave of her.

"They say a woman can't stand alcohol. I believe it. Drink goes to a girl's head, and it goes to her heart. It excites her emotions, and makes her do foolish things that she would be incapable of doing when she was cold sober.

"I have never met a girl who had taken the wrong turn of the road who didn't tell me that she had done it when she was so befuddled with liquor that she didn't know what she was doing, and I've never heard a man discuss whether a girl was good or bad that he didn't begin by stating whether she drank or not.

"I was not a drinking girl, but one night I went to a party where there was much wine, and many toasts were drunk; and when I woke up next morning, I thanked God that my mother was dead.

"Tell girls for me that the only girl that is safe is the girl who never drinks anything stronger than tea or coffee. The devil may have tempted Eve with an apple, but he uses a cocktail now, and ruin and disgrace lie in the bottom of every glass.

"If you could keep girls from drinking there would be few such as I. It is drink that sends us to the gutter, and to the potter's field after it has robbed us, in a few short years, of youth and health and beauty and the respect of our fellow-creatures, and of all that makes life worth having."—Exchange.

OBITUARY.

The Temperance cause has suffered another severe loss in the death of Mrs D. C. Cameron, who died at her residence, Duke Street, Dunedin, on November 15th. Although the mother of a large family, which absorbed a great deal of time, she rendered valuable service to the public in many ways. It was in connection with Temperance work that she was best known. She, with her husband, joined the Pioneer of Dunedin Lodge in 1872, and have remained in active membership ever since. Mrs Cameron has been a Grand Lodge officer for the past twenty-one years. She occupied the position of Grand Superintendent of Juvenile Work, and was District Secretary of the I.O.G.T., Secretary of the Pioneer Lodge, and Secretary of the South Dunedin W.C.T.U. For some time she was a member of the High Street School Committee, and took a great interest in educational affairs. She was also an energetic delegate to the School Committees' Association. She is survived by her husband, nine sons, and two daughters. One son, who left with the Main Body, returned wounded. Two others are still in France, and to these two the mother's last words and thoughts were directed.

Those who worked with her in the Union, and knew her personally, used frequently to wonder how she managed to overtake so much. She was faithful to the smallest duty, regular in attendance at all meetings, and in all weathers, and though of later years had to come from her home in the north to the Union in the south end of the city, was never late.

The funeral took place on Friday, the 17th, at the Northern Cemetery. There was a large attendance of the officers and members of the W.C.T.U. and many other Temperance societies. Several took part in the Good Templar service at the grave. And as we left our sister sleeping, and thought of the great gap in our ranks, we prayed that others might be led to follow her example, and give themselves, their time, their talents, as willingly as she did for the Uplift of Humanity.

"Women will purify every place they enter, and they will enter every place on the round earth."

WOMEN POLICE.

26, Tui St., Fendalton, Christchurch,
December 4, 1916.

Dear "White Ribbon" Sisters,—

It is a matter for congratulation that the demand for women police is now being taken up so vigorously throughout the Dominion. The honour of having set the movement on foot belongs to our Union, and we should not rest until the reform is an accomplished fact. Will all Unions make a point of passing resolutions urging the employment of women police? If your annual meeting has not yet been held, see that a resolution is ready for that meeting. Where the annual meeting is past, then the ordinary meeting must serve. Copies of the resolution should be sent to the acting-Premier, the Hon. Jas. Allen, and the Minister in charge of Police Department, the Hon. A. L. Herdman. As there seems to be some doubt as to what the duties of women police would be, I append schedules of the duties of these officers in the Australian States:—

Sydney (New South Wales)—

1. To keep young children from the streets, especially at night.
2. To assist in the prevention of truancy from school.
3. To watch the newspapers and to put the detectives on the track of those who are apparently endeavouring to decoy young girls by advertisement or by other means.
4. To patrol the railway stations and wharves when long-distance trains and steamers come in, in order to guard and advise women, girls, and children who are strangers and have no friends waiting for them.
5. To patrol slum neighbourhoods, to look after drunken women, and to obtain assistance for the latter's neglected children.
6. To keep an eye on houses of ill-fame and on the wineshops and hotels frequented by women of the town, in order to prevent young girls from being decoyed and drugged with liquor, or entrapped.
7. To protect women and girls in public parks, and when leaving work in the evening.
8. To assist, when practicable, in enforcing the rules concerning pedestrian traffic.

Adelaide (S. Australia)—

The women are sworn in just as are the men constables, and are endowed

with the same official powers as the men.

Civilian dress is worn, with a small "S.A. Police" badge, which is hidden, and is only produced when required.

These women meet all long-distance trains, and see that women and young girls who may be strangers to the city are provided with respectable lodgings. Sometimes, if they miss friends who have promised to meet them on arrival, the woman officer will pilot them to their destination. They also meet all oversea boats at Port Adelaide and the Outer Harbour, and occasionally they patrol the wharf.

Each evening two women constables patrol the streets, parks, and pleasure resorts from 8 o'clock till 11, checking unseemly behaviour on the part of women and girls. They see that all children under 14 years of age, **unless in charge of an adult**, are off the streets by 8.30 p.m.

Women and girls loitering about the streets are kept under surveillance.

If they find it necessary to warn a girl loiterer, they also endeavour to reach her home and see that her relatives are informed of the girl's danger.

The watchhouse cells are visited each day, and, when necessary, the families or young children belonging to women prisoners are given help.

Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

C. HENDERSON,

Legal and Parliamentary Supt.

CALENDAR FOR 1917.**WORTH NOTING.**

We have received a capital calendar for 1917, entitled "Worth Noting." It contains 365 quotations dealing with war and peace. These quotations are culled from many sources, and are varied and beautiful. They breathe the very Christmas spirit of Peace and Goodwill to ALL men. If any of our readers at this time of trouble wish to take their minds from thoughts of hate and bitterness, they cannot do better than get this little book, with its message of love and brotherliness.

Copies cost 9s per dozen, or single copy for 1s. Orders are to be sent to Miss Eva Cato, 45, St. Mary's Road, Ponsonby, Auckland.

WAR SAVING.

The National Organising Committee for War Saving in London publish the following "hints":—

Use gas coke wherever possible instead of coal. Coal and coke mixed in equal proportions will give a steady red-hot fire, and last longer than coal alone.

Remove partially burned embers when you go to bed, and put them aside on the hearth to cool. They can be used next day. Sift the cinders and bank the fire with the partially burned coal thus recovered.

Bank the fire down with small coal slightly damped, and press down. This is a simple method of keeping in the fire without waste of coal.

Insert firebricks at the sides of the fire when the grate is needlessly large. The firebricks become red-hot, and retain heat for a long time.

How to Save Coal.

One feeding of coal on a fire will last 12 or 13 hours.

One cwt. of coal will last one fire seven days, burning continuously day and night.

For 1 cwt. of coal mix 16oz. of common salt with 8oz. common soda, and about two-thirds of a pint of boiling water to dissolve salt and soda. Keep in a bottle with a cork cut to allow the solution to be well sprinkled. Be sure the coal is well moistened with the solution. The result is very little smoke, a bright incandescent kind of flame, and long duration of fuel.

Some coal requires a stronger mixture. Then increase the quantities of salt and soda, but same proportion of water.

Boiled sea water is better than fresh.

The smaller the coal, the better the result, and greater heat.

ENGLAND'S BOOZE BILL.

During the first twenty months of the war England spent on an average two and a-half million dollars a day for booze; that is enough to buy 300 aeroplanes or three super-Dreadnaughts every fortnight.

During this same twenty months of war the peasants of boozeless Russia saved more money in the saving banks than England did in 15 years from 1900 to 1914, both years inclusive.

1917 CONVENTION.

Dear White Ribboners,—

Just a little letter to give you a hearty invitation to the 1917 Convention, which is to be held in the Queen City in March next, opening on the 21st. We are looking for an inspiring time, and trust that there will be a delegate present from every Union in the Dominion. Will delegates who desire hospitality during Convention please let me have their names as early as possible, so that we may know the number to provide for? We pray that God's blessing may attend our gathering, and that the outcome may be an uplift to our great cause throughout the Dominion.—Yours in W.R. bonds,

NELLIE DEWAR,

Corresponding Secretary.

Auckland W.C.T.U.

MOTHERS' PENSIONS.

The Canadian Convention of the W.C.T.U. passed the following resolution:—

"Realising that the child must have its part in the State craft of our country, and that no country can be moral unless it cares for and unites its interests in favour of the little child; and that the neglected child will grow and permeate and undermine our wasted prosperity and evade our laws, thus becoming a menace to society, and later joining the criminal ranks.

"And whereas the child is a national problem, and the nation's greatest asset, we believe the mother to be the God-given and proper guardian of the child.

"Resolved, that steps be taken to urge the Government to introduce legislation for mothers' pensions, thus making provision for needy and destitute mothers with dependent children, on whom devolves the responsibility of providing for their maintenance."

The British War Office has recently recognised women in a new way by appointing several hundred London teachers, under the rank of Corporal or Sergeant, to give cooking lessons in the English training camps. This initiative was taken as a result of reports of waste in the camps.

LIQUOR-SELLER THE CRIMINAL.

Judge Pollock, in passing sentence upon a murderer, gave utterance to the following remarks:—

"Divine and human law declare, Thou shalt not kill. You stand before the bar of justice confessing to having committed the revolting crime of murdering, in cold blood, the woman you promised to love, honour, and protect. Another crime, that of attempted self-destruction, could justly be laid at your door. The innocent babe which came to bless your home has been robbed of a mother's tender care. You having pleaded guilty, now await the sentence of an offended law.

"Your only excuse in mitigation is that you were drunk when you committed the deed—a plea which can only be received to save you from the gallows.

Liquor-Seller the Criminal.

"I do not know, and, under the present state of our laws, I never want to know, who sold you the liquor, under the influence of which you committed this unnatural crime. Let that man's conscience bring such remorse that its energising power will never let go, until the largest possible reparation be made.

"Whoever he was, and wherever he may be at this sad moment; whether his place of business is in the well adorned and highly decorated room, where tempting viands appeal to the taste; where sweet music delights the ear and lulls to sleep the reasoning faculties; or whether it was in the lowest, dirtiest, man-abandoned, God-forsaken and death-dealing charnel house of despair, where only abides thoughtless and sullen greed for gain, it matters not; before the bar of God, if not of man, he stands alike with you morally responsible for this horrible crime.

"The trouble is he is not here with you to receive a merited punishment.

"The statute says 'All persons concerned in the commission of a public offence, whether they directly commit the act constituting the offence, or aid, or abet in its commission; or who by fraud, contrivance or force, occasion the drunkenness of another for the purpose of causing him to commit any crime, are principals in any crime so committed.'

"If your partner in this offence were here, he would plead by way of

defence that he did not 'by fraud, contrivance or force' occasion your drunkenness—a plea which would have to be sustained.

"How much longer will the Courts be deprived of authority to do complete justice between their fellow-men? An enlightened and long-suffering public will some day, and that very soon, rise in the majesty of its power, and demand that the Legislature strike out the words 'by fraud, contrivance or force' and 'for the purpose of causing him to commit any crime,' and boldly declare that he who in any manner sells intoxicating liquor to another as a beverage, under the influence of which a crime, whether of murder or of some lesser offence is committed, is equally guilty as a principal in any crime so committed. Such a law would distribute the blame, and place it upon all those responsible for the crime."

PATRIOTIC FUND.**W.C.T.U. TRUST ACCOUNT.**

Brought forward, £1905 15s 10d. Opotiki (Mrs Holman), £18 10s; Wanganui (Mrs Siddells), £1 8s 6d; Devonport (Mrs Little), £1 3s; Auckland (Newton), (Mrs Garroway), £3 0s 6d; Epsom (Plummer), £2; Normanby (Linn), 11s; Napier (Clare), £7 13s; New Plymouth (Griffin), £5; Timaru (Avison), £1; Takapuna (Dewar), £9 12s; Tokomaru (Davis), £1 10s 6d; St. Albans (Roberts), £8 5s 4d; Warkworth (Cox), £1 0s 6d; Opotiki (Holman), £3 10s; Greymouth (Sweetman), £8; Marton (Shriggie), £1; N.E. Valley (Sanders), £6 10s; Whangarei (McLeod), £2; Christchurch (Paterson), £48 17s; Blenheim (Hay), 15s; Stratford (Birdsall), £1; Greytown (Houlder), £3 5s; Turakina (Hamilton), £1; Wellington Central, £1; A Friend, Napier, 5s. Total, £2043 12s 2d; error, £71—£1072 12s 2d.

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Heeki hei Inu—Ka korori te heeki kia hukahuka, ka hoatu he tipune huka mete miraka, ki roto, a ka inu ai ete turoro. Tino pai atu tenei hei whakaora inga tinana ngoikore.

Kaihi Purini—Kia kotahi kapu raihi, kia toru kapu miraka, me tetahi wahi pata nohinohi. He pai hoki te heeki mo roto. Kia kotahi haora mete hawhe, e ata tunu ana. Me penei hoki te Heeke Purini, engari kia ahua nui atu te miraka i tenei.

Matene Hupa—Te wheua hipi me tango nga momona. Meatia te wheua kite hopane kia ngaro ite wai. Me hoatu he aniana, he tote hoki. Ka waiho ai kite taha ote ahi. Kua hei kaha te koropupu. Kia toru haora e ata koropupu ana. Kite kore he aniana o roto i tenei kai, he pai atu monga pepe, te wai anake, me mea ki runga ite rohi.

Piiwi Tii—He pai te Piiwi Tii mo te turoro. Kia kotahi pauna piihi ka tango ai inga momona (ngako) ite tuatahi; a ka tapahi ai kia nohinehi e miiti. Me whakatu kiroto inga kapu waimatao, kia rua, ka waiho ai monga meneti tekau ma rima. Kamutu tena pangae ki roto ite hopane, ki runga ite ahi, a ka waiho ai kia tino roa e haere ake ana kite koropupu. Waiho atu kia ata koropupu monga meneti kotahi tekau. Kua hei wareware kite kuhu tote ki roto, kia rite kite hiahia ote turoro.

Paare Here—Kia kotahi pune nui Paare kite kapu wai: me horoi te Paare ite tuatahi; Kawai ho ai ki roto ite wai mo te Kotahi haora. Kamutu tena me kohua monga haora etoru. Kite hoki te wai me hoatu tonu, kia rite kite meiha ite tuatahi. Kamutu te kohua, ka tatari ai. Ka hipoki ai ki tetahi taora ma ka waiho ai ki tetahi wahi hauhau.

Otimira Here—Kia kotahi pune Otimira kia kotahi kapu wai wera. He rite tonu te mahi ki ta te Paare Here. He pai enei kai mote turoro, mote pepe ranei kua tae kite iwa marama.

Wai Paare—Kia kotahi pune nui ote Paare, kia rima kapu wai. Ka

maoa tenei me tatari. Mehemea he Paare Here tau, tangohia kia kotahipune nui ote Here kia rima pune wai koropupu. He horo ake te mea kite Here, mehemea he Here kei te maoa.

Wai Paare—Monga pepe tino nohinohi. Kotahi pune nui ote Paare me horoi ite tuatahi, ka hoatu ki rote inga kapu wai ewha. Me ata koropupu monga meneti erua tekau kite hoki te wai me hoatu ano he wai koropupu kia rite tonu ai te rahi ote wai, a maoa noa. Kamutu tena, me tatari. Na me hoatu kia toru pune rahi Wai Paare, kia kotahi pune rahi miraka mote kainga kotahi ote pepe. Me whangai inga haora e rua a kia tae kinga wiki tekau ote pepe, me hoatu kia toru pune rahi Wai Paare, kia kotahi pune rahi mete hawhe miraka.

Ko etahi Paare, ko ratou ingoa koia enei i mau ake nei—Patent Barley, me te Neaves Food, ki roto inga tini. He kai kino rawa manga pepe. No reira engua whaea onga tamariki kua a koutou pepe e whangaia kinga Paare tini ko nga Paare tika e hanga rite ana kite raihi te ahua. Ko nga Paare kino ko nga Paare Paura nei. Kite kai te pepe i enei Paare Paura ka mate ite korahapuru.

Tinitia Pihiketi (Ginger Biscuits)—He pai atu hei ngaungau monga pepe kua whai niho, hei whakapai inga toto mete puku.

Kia kotahi kapu tirikara, kotahi kapu huka (he pai atu te huka mangu, brown sugar) kia ono pune rahi pata kia wha pune nui wai-mahana. Me whakarewa enei ite tuatahi. Ka mutu tena, me hoatu kia kotahi pune tinitia Paura kia rua tipune houa, kia kotahi tipune tote, a ka hoatu tonu he paraoa a kia kite rano koe kua hanga pakeke nga mea; a ka pepehi ai kia tino pararahi. Kaoti tena tangohia mai tetahi onga taupoki onga tini nonohi, ka tapahi ai te Paraoa, kia rite te rahi mete ahua ki tetahi o aua taupoki. Me tunu kiroto ite ahi tino wera. He tino tini nga pihiketi e oti i tenei meiha. Ka maoa nga pihiketi me waiho kia matao a ka kuhu ai ki roto ite tini. Me mau tonu te taupoki o taua tini keikuhu te hau maku, a ka ngawari nga pihiketi, a kahore e pai hei kai.

Otimira Pihiketi—Kia toru kapu paraoa, kia kotahi Kapu otimira, mea ai i enei ki roto ite riihi, ka homukumuku ai ite hawhe kapu pata ki roto, me te hawhe kapu huka, mete hawhe tipune houa. Ka pokepoke ai kite

miraka kinga heeki erua ranei. Pepehia kia pararahi ka tapahi ai. Me tunu kite ahi kahore e tino wera, mote 30 meneti.

NATIVE RACES AND DRINK.

Striking testimony as to the evil effect of drink upon the subject races in South Africa, the Gold Coast, British Columbia, and Ceylon, was given at the recent annual meeting of the Native Races and the Liquor Traffic United Committee. The Bishop of Willesden who presided, referred to the terrible effect of smuggled spirits upon the Indians of British Columbia, where he spent eighteen years. Miss Theodora Williams, who has worked for many years in the Transvaal, said the evil of the illicit sale of liquor to natives of the Rand was of enormous extent.

Rev. Stephen J. Gibson, of the Gold Coast, spoke of the deplorable results of spirit trading in that land. He felt aghast, he said, at the ravages of alcohol. Mr D. B. Jayatlaka appealed for support for the Temperance party in Ceylon, on whom trouble has fallen owing to recent riots, with which they had no connection whatever. The whole of the Buddhist Temperance leaders had been imprisoned under martial law, without charge, without trial, and without opportunity to prove their innocence. One result of the Government action was that the Temperance organisation, in which 50,000 male heads of households had been enrolled, was falling to pieces, and another was that toddy rents were rising—in one area they had sold for £9000 more than last year—the vendors believing they would sell more liquor now that the Temperance movement was checked.

THE FOE BEHIND.

"What is going on? Why, at the present moment we are engaged in a European war of huge proportions, and what are we allowing? We are actually allowing another army to hang on our flanks, to snipe our soldiers, destroy our strength, to take our food, and to rob us of our resources. We are allowing the army of brewers and distillers to do this all the time."—Sir Victor Horsley, F.R.S., in "Joyful News."

VENEREAL DISEASE.

UNIVERSITY'S CO-OPERATION.

(From "Sydney Daily Telegraph").

Sydney University has taken up the venereal disease problem, and a society has been formed to go fully into the question.

At a big meeting in the Union Hall recently, with the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (Sir Thomas Anderson-Stuart) as president, the Society for Combating Venereal Diseases was constituted.

Sir Thomas Anderson-Stuart said that he had come closely in touch with the venereal diseases question in his position as chairman of the Royal Prince Albert Hospital. The establishment of night clinics there had done a lot of good. They had been overwhelmed with patients, and that showed that there was an urgent necessity for something to be done to alleviate the evil. The proposed association could help a good deal. It was largely due to the University's representation that the Defence Department had established prevention tents in most of the camps. (Applause).

In his introductory address Professor Wilson, chairman of the Professorial Board, said the war had brought many realities home to us, and had cleared our visions of a considerable amount of sentiment and artificiality. The problem of venereal disease involved a great many complex issues, deeply rooted in the human nature, in the social organisation, in the family, and in the State. By itself the problem might be regarded as simple. But its association with moral delinquency complicated the matter. The difficulty lay in the moral stigma. It could not be denied that generally, contagion was the result of moral delinquency. On the other hand, it was a grave error to look upon the frequent pathological results as an ethical punishment. (Applause). The physical and pathological consequences could be avoided, and that placed the question outside the domain of ethical consideration. Society should aim at nothing less than physical immunity—the moral consequences could not be avoided. Venereal diseases should be treated under the same rules as other contagious diseases. An outstanding public question was bound up in it, namely, the State reputation for vice. It had been urged that sexual impulse was impervious, and of a fixed inten-

sity, but no evolutionist could admit that public and private morality was unprogressive. We have already advanced from promiscuity to polygamy, and then to monogamy. He refused to sanction, in his own mind, the permanent maintenance of outcast women. (Applause).

Professor D. A. Welsh moved that the society be formed. He thought the world had come to a wider and saner outlook on sexual questions than had prevailed in the past. The war had brought us to a greater reality of the importance of dealing with venereal diseases, and the question came second only to the great struggle. The case bore two aspects—immorality and disease. One was a moral lapse and the other an infection by microbes. The prevention and cure of immorality was an educational process, but the treatment of the disease had to be tackled with scientific weapons. Therefore, two great objects had to be achieved—improved public morality and improved public health. The church must surely be in despair of its hold on the people if it clung to such a straw as the contention that the treatment of venereal diseases would tend to remove the fear of vice, and increase immorality. It was time that sex hygiene was taught candidly, and not in the furtive manner which has been adopted. (Applause).

Dr Molesworth, of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, said the effort to deal with the problem from a medical point of view alone, was practically hopeless. The sociological and educational aspects were more important than the medical treatment. From his experience he knew that the disease should be tackled from all sides.

Mr Dooley says, "Prohibition may not entirely prohibit, but it has made drink wrong to take, hard to get, and terrible bad when you get it."

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JUVENILE DEPRAVITY.

Revelations made in the Auckland Police Court lately have aroused an intense feeling of grief and indignation throughout the Dominion. A little corner was lifted of the covering which is so carefully spread over the dark plague spots to be found in our cities. It is well that we should see things as they are, but it is better that we should get a glimpse of things as they ought to be. These evils are not necessary, but are largely due to the low ideals held by so many

on the subject of purity. An equal standard must be demanded from both sexes. Two causes were given for the awful state of things revealed in Auckland. First, lack of parental control; second, lowness of the age of consent. The conditions of modern life have rendered it much more difficult for the parent to control the child in its teens. Girls go to shops, colleges, factories, and countless places of business; there they mingle with associates of whom their parents know little or nothing, and over whom they have no power of choice. Children travel to and from school and business in trams and trains, and there mingle freely with people unknown to their parents. Then our fine climate tempts the girl shut up all day in school or office to go for an evening ramble in park and promenade, and there unscrupulous men wait to destroy them. Would we go back to the days when girls spent their time bending over fancy work in almost harem-like seclusion? Certainly not; the age of the chaperon has passed, but alas! the age of the self-respecting girl has not yet fully dawned. How can we protect them? With singular unanimity, magistrate, jury, probation officer, Education Board, and social reformer are asking for women police. They would be no experiment, for they have been tried and proved capable in America, Great Britain, Australia, and other places. Women, tactful and resourceful, are needed to patrol our parks and streets to take home young girls who are out at night, to keep a watchful eye on men who accost girls, and entice them with joy rides and other devices to ruin them. There is a great work awaiting women police here. The Auckland Magistrate lamented the fact that a girl so young could legally consent to her own ruin. All workers among the women who lead lives of shame tell us that they started on this life before 21, and most of them before 18. Said a Commissioner of Police: "If you get a girl safely past 20, there is little danger of her becoming a prostitute." How necessary to guard the girl, then, till at least 18! We believe that the State should protect a girl's honour as long as it protects her property. Had that taxi-driver swindled the girls out of property the law could have punished him, but because he only robbed them of their purity and innocence, no law

can touch him. When will our laws recognise that property is not the most valuable thing in the world? Young lives are worth more to the State than any amount of property. We cannot afford to let men of immoral life ruin and blast the future mothers of our race. We must arouse ourselves and thunder at the doors of Parliament until it passes laws to protect our girls. Women police must be appointed and the age of consent raised.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING IN DUNEDIN.

On December 6th a meeting was held in the Town Hall, Dunedin, to urge the appointment of women police. It was organised by the W.C.T.U., and was thoroughly representative. Members were present from 20 kindred societies. The chair was taken by Canon Curzon-Siggers.

The first resolution was moved by Mr Mark Cohen, Editor of the "Evening Star," and seconded by Mrs Peryman, Editor of the "White Ribbon." It was: "That this meeting of representative citizens of Dunedin, in view of the fact that the appointment of women police has given great satisfaction wherever tried, urge the Minister of Justice to immediately appoint women police." This was carried unanimously.

The second resolution was proposed by Mr Gilkinson, and seconded by Mrs M. A. Jackson (President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and a member of the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board): "That for every centre a woman should be appointed as a 'protector' and adviser of young women and children, with the authority and standing of a Justice of the Peace; that such a 'protector' should be authorised to attend all Courts in all cases where any woman or child is concerned, and to interfere if she considers it desirable."

Mrs Major Colvin and Dr. Edith Siedeberg spoke in support, and it was carried unanimously.

The third resolution was proposed by Rev. W. Hay, and seconded by Mrs Don (Dominion President of the W.C.T.U.): "That copies of these resolutions be sent to the Acting-Prime Minister and the other members of Cabinet, and that the co-operation of all organisations aiming at social

reform in the Dominion be invited to obtain these necessary reforms."

Mrs Galloway supported the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Mr C. E. Statham, M.P., thought a very good case had been made out, and the result of his enquiries into the objections raised by the Attorney-General might well be that he would cast his lot in with the advocates of reform and do his best to have these reforms given effect to. Mr J. M. Dickson and Mr Walker, M.P.'s, also expressed themselves in sympathy with the movement.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN LIQUOR BILL.

From the 1st of July, 1915, to the 30th June, 1916.

During 1914 not less than £1,551,730 had been spent in alcoholic liquors, an increase over the preceding year of £48,762. In the year ending June 30th, 1916, there had been spent £1,257,697 a decrease compared with preceding year of £294,033. The cost per capita had decreased in the same time by 12s 11½d, which is gratifying as the previous five years have shown a consistent increase of nearly 1s 6d per head per annum.

During the same period the report of the Commissioner of Police shows that crimes against the person decreased last year by nearly one-half. There was a decrease of 11 per cent. in cases of drunkenness.

ALCOHOL AND EFFICIENCY.

Messrs Ames and Co., of Massachusetts, found that 375 men could turn out 8 per cent. more shovels during the months of May and June of the Prohibition year than 400 men produced in the same months of the following year, when drink was sold.

The Carnegie Steel Company issued an order which declared that hereafter all promotions of whatever character will be made only from the ranks of those not indulging in intoxicants.

The Strasburg Gasworks prohibited alcohol and supplied tea and malt coffee instead, with the result that £800 was distributed in bonuses on account of the increased output which resulted under these conditions.

FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS.

School was over, and Miss Grant sat at her tea-table enjoying a well-earned rest. A sharp ring at the door bell was followed by the entrance of a visitor. Myra sprang up with outstretched hands, and cried, "Oh, Uncle Bob! What an unexpected pleasure! Sit down and gossip, and forget the cares of State for a time."

The visitor was an old friend of her father's. Together they had left old Scotland's shores, and together they had reached the young colony of Arcadia, and shared in the dangers and discomforts of pioneer life. Late in life Mr Grant had found his vocation as Rector of the Orford Boys' High School. On the death of his young wife, he had devoted himself to the education of his daughter, and under his tuition Myra had taken high academic honours. His friend, Robert Cameron, had entered politics, and was now Arcadia's Minister of Defence. Daughterless himself, he was much attached to the daughter of his old friend, while to Myra Uncle Bob was the ideal hero, as her father had been her ideal of a saint.

"Well, Myra," said Uncle, "still delighted to teach the young idea how to shoot, or are you ready to come and be my private secretary?"

"Nothing as common as that," said Myra, smiling. "Only the portfolio of Education will satisfy me."

"Ha, ha! Very good!" laughed the Minister. "All things come to her who waits, if she only waits long enough. But seriously, my child, I want your help. Cabinet to-day discussed your pet project—the appointment of women police. As you know, the Minister in charge of the police is averse to the proposal; but I have been much impressed with the work they have done elsewhere. Three Australian States have appointed them, and in each they have made good. To-day I expressed my determination, as head of the Defence Department, to appoint women patrols to the military camps unless police women are appointed."

"How brave of you, Uncle, to beard the lion in his den!"

"Well, puss, you surely did not think that women had a monopoly of moral courage, did you? Under pressure, the Minister has agreed to appoint three police women in our garrison town of Fairley."

"Well done! A step in the right direction!"

"Yes, my child; but wait a minute. My colleague has challenged me to find suitable women, and I have accepted his challenge. I depend on you to enable me to make good. Will you be our first police woman?"

"Uncle, you take my breath away. Fancy me a member of the police force!"

Very seriously Mr Cameron replied: "Myra, your father urged this reform, believing it would safeguard the young life of our Dominion. For his sake, and because I believe in his insight, I am forcing a trial here. Much depends upon getting the right woman. If our first appointees are failures, my colleague will refuse to appoint more, and reform will be delayed. I ask you to come to the help of those who are standing in slippery places."

The girl's eyes filled with tears. "Give me a few days to think it over," was all she said.

After a little more talk, the Minister went away, and left Myra to her thoughts. Ere she retired for the night, Myra knelt down and spread the matter before the Lord, and asked for His guidance.

The following evening Myra went to see her old nurse, Granny Morris. The old lady was seated at her window, with her Bible on her knee, and greeted her nursling with a tender smile.

"All alone, Granny?"

"Yes, dear, and I'm troubled about Nancy."

"What is the matter with her, Granny?" asked Myra.

"Nancy is not bad, only foolish and unbalanced. Lately she has been going out for motor rides with a gentleman of whom I know nothing. She takes no heed to what her old Granny says; thinks I am old-fashioned. I wish we had women police to look after girls like Nancy, and save them from disgrace and ruin. My dear, my heart is very heavy for my foolish little girl."

Myra comforted her as best she could, and then set out for home.

As she passed through a dimly lit park, she heard a familiar laugh, and looking up, beheld Nancy approaching in company with a well-dressed middle-aged man.

"Good evening, Nancy," said Myra. "Granny is lonely, and wants you."

"Alright, Miss Myra, I'm going home soon."

Nancy's flushed face and tainted breath betrayed the fact that she had been treated to wine, and Myra's heart ached as she saw the girl and her companion turn down a dark avenue.

"If I only had a badge of authority, I might have saved her," reflected Myra.

A young couple were approaching, and as soon as the girl saw Myra she accosted her. "Miss Grant, if I come along with you now, can I get the book you spoke of?"

"Certainly, come with me." The girl moved off with Myra, and the man slunk away as his prey escaped him.

"Forgive me for addressing you, Miss Grant," said the girl. "You must think I am rude to address a perfect stranger as I did you."

"It is all right. I think you wanted an excuse to leave your companion. Is it not so?"

"Yes, I was introduced to him, and he seemed so clever and entertaining that I consented to go for a walk with him. I refused a glass of wine he offered me. When we got in here he behaved so rudely that I was frightened. We passed a policeman a little way back, but I did not like to speak to a man about what he might think was my imagination. I was glad to see you."

Myra saw the young girl home, and went to her own home very deeply moved by what she had seen.

The next afternoon Mrs Walker called to see Myra. They were friends of old standing, and had been classmates. Mrs Walker was the wife of Fairley's leading lawyer, a man of high character and great mental attainments. "Myra," said her friend, "I'm bubbling over with indignation. Philip says we women are wicked not to get women Court officials appointed. To-day he was in Court when that case was being heard of the young girl ruined by her own father. The Court was cleared. Philip says the evidence was the most disgusting he has ever listened to. And to our eternal infamy that child had to stand alone and tell all the revolting details to a Court composed wholly of men. Was this right? Does not common decency demand that this thing shall stop? Should

not women deal with these cases, as they do in many other places? Myra, we should not like our own daughters to have to undergo such an ordeal; then should we not work and agitate till no other woman's daughter has to submit to such an outrage on decency? Many vile men escape because mothers won't allow their children to give evidence of injuries done to them."

Soon after Mrs Walker took her leave, and Myra was left with food for thought.

That evening Myra fought her battle, and made her choice. On the one hand, she saw a path of high scholastic promise. She knew that she could rise to the head of her profession, and occupy a place of honour and wealth. On the other hand were no brilliant prospects, just the dreary drudgery of work amid uncongenial surroundings. But Myra had heard the call, "Follow Me," and knew that the Master called His disciples to follow Him up the path of sacrifice as well as of service. Her choice was made; not in the stately halls of learning would lie her future work, but in the silent park and the busy street. Then kneeling down, she consecrated herself to the service of the suffering and the sinning.

"Father in heaven," she said, "Thou hast shown me the need, and I believe Thou hast called me to this work. Only, I pray Thee, that as I go forth in this new untrodden path, I may heart Thee say, 'Certainly I will be with thee.'"

On Sunday afternoon Myra found Mr Cameron in his garden. Going up to him, she said, "Uncle Bob, I'll be a police woman."

"Have you got your inspiration, then, dear?"

"Yes, Uncle, I've heard the call." Then she told him of the incidents in the park, and repeated what her friend had told her of the Police Courts. With passion vibrating in her voice, she said: "Uncle Bob, I've given my life to save girls who have never had the chance that I have had. If I can save them from ruined lives, it will be work worth doing. And never again, while I am here, shall a poor girl alone stand and tell her story of ruin and disgrace to a Court of men."

The Minister stooped and kissed her brow. "God help you, my child, to

realise your dreams of service! Make good, and the work will spread till whatever place women have to go, there shall women officials be found to help them. Aye! even into the Halls of Parliament."

THE LIQUOR PRESS INSTRUCTS UNITED STATES VOTERS.

Elections will be held on November 7 throughout the United States. It is the duty of every man in the liquor business, wholesale, retail, importer, jobber, domestic wine-growers, cooperage men, bottle manufacturers, and every other man who has an interest, directly or indirectly, to take an active part in Congressional elections. Every effort should be made to defeat the nation-wide prohibition candidates. Get your candidate on record. Let him tell the public where he stands on this issue. If he is honest, he will not hesitate to state frankly his attitude on national prohibition. If he favours nation-wide prohibition, that is his business, but our side must work to defeat him. Keep awake to the needs of your business. Put your Congressional candidate on record.

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The Salem Brewery is now making loganberry jam.

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.)

WANGANUI EAST.

Nov. 25. Annual meeting, 22 members present. Mrs Duxfield presided. Reports from Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents of Departments were adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Duxfield; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Blair, Ambury, and Andrew; Rec. Sec., Mrs Ambury; Cor. Sec. and Treas., Mrs Andrew (all re-elected). The Superintendents of Departments were: Cradle Roll, Mrs Walpole; Home Meetings, Mrs Larking; Maori Work Mrs Patterson (collector); L.T.L. Work, Mrs Duxfield; "White Ribbon," Mrs Melvin; Literature, Mrs Marshall; Good Citizenship and Moral Education, Mrs Brewer; Press, Mrs Andrew; Pianist, Mrs Dowsett. Two new members were initiated. A social cup of tea brought a very profitable meeting to a close.

KAIKORAI.

Nov. 24. Annual meeting. Reports from Secretary and Treasurer were read and adopted. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Martin; Sec., Mrs Hamilton; Treas. and "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Comerville. Mrs Don was present, also visitors from Unions. Vote of thanks to Rev. Sutherland for use of class-room to meet in. Decided to send a message of sympathy to Mrs Isitt. Announced that £8 2s 7d had been collected for Dominion Patriotic Fund.

INVERCARGILL.

Nov. 7. Mrs McKenzie in the chair. Deep regret expressed at Mrs Macalister's resignation owing to absence from Invercargill. Mrs Baird reported re Temperance essays. Resolved to write Hon. J. A. Hanan pointing out that the present Temperance wall-sheets are not up-to-date, and respectfully suggest that this be remedied. Decided to run tea and rest tents at the Summer Show as usual. Letters of sympathy to be sent to Mrs Brewster, Mrs Dobie, and Mrs Ersman. Resolved to send a strong protest to the City Council in regard to some offensive picture show posters appearing on the hoardings. First Church Band of Hope reported a membership of 62. Three new members initiated.

WAKAPUAKA.

Nov. 2. Third meeting held after formation of Union. Fair attendance. Two new members. Decided to hold annual meeting on November 30th. Mrs Field came out from Nelson and addressed the meeting on "Social Evils."

Nov. 30. Annual meeting held, attendance fair. Report was read and adopted. The following officers were re-elected:—Pres., Mrs G. Wastney; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Withers, Brown, A. Dodson, and W. Frost; Sec., Miss M. Dodson; Treas., Miss Snook; "W.R." Agent, Mrs J. Flower. Mrs C. Withers was elected assistant-Secretary. Mrs Wastney will represent our Union at the Convention when held.

CAMBRIDGE.

Nov. 7. Mrs Shepherd presided over fair attendance. Decided to have a flower stall in Main Street on "Mothers' Day" in aid of Red Cross Fund and Children's Hospital. Members also decided to collect literature for Y.M.C.A. at Trentham.

FEILDING.

Nov. 26. Annual meeting; good attendance. Reports read and adopted. Good work is being done with the L.T.L.; a fine band of young people, over 60 in number. Good report of Dorcas work. After the business and election of officers, the L.T.L. provided the ladies with afternoon tea and entertained them with singing. A vote of thanks to Miss Moore and the young people closed one of the best annual meetings held in Feilding.

WOODVILLE.

Nov. 28. Annual meeting, attendance good. Mrs Perkins presided. Reports read and adopted. £13 18s was collected for our Patriotic Fund. Provincial Convention had been held in Woodville, and was voted "one of the best." Three cases of clothes were sent to Sir John Kirk's ragged school. A branch of the L.T.L. had been organised. Union had taken part in Temperance services in Methodist Church. Cradle Roll numbers 150. Election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Perkins; Vice-Pres., Mrs Jackson; Sec., Mrs Thompson; Treas., Mrs Pryde. Regret was expressed at Mrs Davie's retirement owing to ill-health.

AUCKLAND.

Nov. 8. Weather bad; attendance good. Letters of sympathy to members who have lost relatives. Arrangements made to help in celebrating Mothers' Day. Mrs Cook gave an address. Three new members initiated.

Nov. 22. Decided to hold a public meeting, to be addressed by Rev. Inglis on "Drink and the War." Mr C. J. Parr, M.P., to address the Union on "Temperance in Canada."

Resolution of sympathy with Mr L. M. Isitt in the loss of his son and his brother. Mrs Smeaton addressed the meeting, and four new members were initiated. Resolved: "That the members of the W.C.T.U. protest against the action of the City Council in renewing the license of a certain taxi-cab driver." The license has since been cancelled.

WAIPIKURAU.

Dec. 1. Annual meeting. Reports were read and adopted from Secretary, Treasurer, and L.T.L. Superintendent. Copies of the speech by the Minister for Public Health were distributed among the members. Officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harding and Sowry; Sec., Mrs H. French; Treas., Mrs Robinson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Nicholson; L.T.L. Supt., Mrs Hopkirk.

NELSON.

Nov. 14. Resolution of sympathy with Mrs Watson, who has lost a second son at the Front, also with Mrs F. Isitt. Resolved to send boxes of clothing to the Belgians. Balance-sheet for Sale of Work showed a credit balance of £31 16s 2d. Arrangements for annual meeting. Acting-President nominated to act while Miss Atkinson is in England. Letter received from Mrs Parker acknowledging sympathy sent to her on the death of her brother, Lord Kitchener. A member transferred from Hamilton Union.

Nov. 24. Special Good Citizenship meeting. Mrs Field spoke on venereal disease and the failure of regulation in France and Austria.

Dec. 1. Annual meeting. Secretary's report, also reports from Brightwater, Wakapuaka, and Wakefield, and the balance-sheet were read and adopted. 171 members and 80 in auxiliaries. Officers elected: Pres., Miss Atkinson; acting-Pres., Mrs Watson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Field, Hockey, Hill, Lambert, and Dickson; Sec., Mrs Knapp; Treas., Mrs Brown; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Whitford; Cradle Roll, Mrs Hockey and Mrs Day; Literature and Moral Education, Mrs Field; Backblocks, Mrs Moyes; Good Citizenship, Mrs Judson; Librarian, Mrs Emmett.

Dec. 5. Public meeting. Address by Rev. J. A. Rogers. Musical programme and afternoon tea. Miss Atkinson presented with a bag on the eve of her departure for England. Resolved: "That we again urge upon the Hon. A. L. Herdman the great need for the appointment of women police for the protection of young people and for dealing with women concerned in Court cases." The women of New Zealand feel very strongly the indifference of the Ministry to this matter, as they consider it of vital importance to the welfare of the young of both sexes." Copy to be sent to Mr Herdman. Collection for the Union funds of £1 2s.

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WHANGAREI.

Nov. 7. Present 7 members and 2 visitors. Mrs Reeve sent reply to a letter of sympathy. Miss Dewar acknowledged parcel and cash donation sent to Auckland District Gift Sale. Deputation appointed to wait on teachers of public school asking their co-operation to make "Mothers' Day" a success. Decided to hold a special meeting to arrange for "Flower Day." Decided to hold annual meeting next month.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Dec. 8. Mrs Don presiding. The report and balance-sheet were read by Miss McCarthy, who has been acting-Treasurer since the passing to higher service of Mrs Cameron. During the year meetings had been addressed by Mrs Peryman, Miss Henderson, Mrs Don. Collection for Patriotic Fund realised about £4. The petitions for six o'clock closing were numerous signed. Since July the meetings have been held in Reed Hall.

GREYMOUTH.

Nov. Annual meeting. Weather stormy; attendance poor. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs W. Mason, junr.; Treas., Mrs Sweetman; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mesdames Stewart and Perry; Evangelistic, Mrs Walton; "White Ribbon," Mrs Brown. Report and balance-sheet read and adopted. The monthly prayer meetings had been well attended. Prizes had been given to Band of Hope children. Cradle Roll increasing in numbers. Several active members have been lost by removals.

NAPIER.

Nov. 1. Attendance fair. Decided to let Miss Austin have Willard Hall free for her lecture on "Purity."

Nov. 16. An "At Home" in Willard Hall. Good attendance of members and friends. Mrs Venables spoke on our organising work. Staff-Captain Greenfield gave an account of the Salvation Army work among the boys at the Front. A solo and afternoon tea followed. One new member was initiated.

DUNEDIN.

Dec. 5. Annual meeting. Mrs Hiatt presided. Opened with prayer and Scripture reading. Splendid attendance. Reports of Treasurer and Secretary read and adopted. Officers

elected. One new member initiated. Recitation by Miss Alice Campbell, who gained highest points at Band of Hope competitions. Bright, interesting meeting closed with Benediction.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Dec. 7. Annual meeting. Mrs Houlder presided. Attendance fair. Minutes of the previous annual meeting read and confirmed. The Rev. W. Shirer read the balance-sheet of the Girls' Association, and reported that he had received £104 during the year, made up from rents, subscriptions, and a donation of £50. Mr Shirer received a hearty vote of thanks, and was re-elected Treasurer of the Building Fund. Secretary's report read. On Willard Day the Rev. Mr Poole gave an address. Franchise Day was celebrated; address given by Lady Stout on "Woman's Opportunity." Two Jumble Sales realised £13. Red Cross had been assisted. The 6 o'clock closing petition had been largely signed. Reports were also read from Masterton, Greytown, and Petone, which were very encouraging. Mrs Evans's report on Good Citizenship, and Mrs Boxall's on Sabbath Observance, visiting laundries and factories, and Girls' Association. The balance-sheet was presented by Mrs Brackenridge, which, though not complete, showed a membership of 112 members to date; receipts £121 15s 10d, and expenditure £116 17s 11d. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Houlder; Sec., Mrs Dunnett; Treas., Mrs Boxall. Mrs Webb was re-elected "W.R." Superintendent, but all other elections of superintendents were postponed till next meeting.

URENUI.

Nov. 28. Meeting adjourned from previous Wednesday owing to bad weather. Report of L.T.L. work received. Decided to make bags for soldiers. Afternoon tea handed round by Mrs Wilton.

HAWERA.

Nov. 30. Annual meeting. A resolution strongly advocating the appointment of police women was passed unanimously. Officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Bone; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Best, Browne, Dixon, Kenrick, Squire, Sellar, Young, and Miss Maunder; Cor. Sec., Mrs Browne; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff; Treas., Mrs

Best; Assistant Treas., Miss Taylor; Cradle Roll, Mrs Bischoff; Literature, Mrs Tonks; Backblocks, Mrs White; Scientific Temperance, Mrs Best; Maori Work, Mrs T. Tait.

GISBORNE.

Oct. 30. Two new members received. President undertook to take a parcel of purity literature to a member. Decided to order some of Defence Department pamphlets. Reply received from Borough Council in answer to our appeal for more drinking apparatus in our town; also to fly nuisance. Vote of sympathy passed with Mrs Akroyd.

Nov. Annual meeting, 32 present. A travelling bag was presented to Mrs Graham, who is retiring from the President's chair after many years of faithful service. £3 6s donated to Organising Fund. Reports of officers and superintendents read and adopted. Officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Goffe; Sec., Mrs Malcolm; Treas., Mrs Wilkes; Vice-Pres., Mesdames East, Graham, and Hingston.

WANGANUI.

Dec. 1. Annual meeting, Mrs Blamires presiding. Attendance good. Reports read and adopted. Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £9. Officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Hague Smith; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Upton and Ross; Sec., Mrs Upton; Treas., Mrs Siddells; Press Reporter, Mrs Bott; Pres. of Y's, Mrs R. J. Smith; "White Ribbon," Mrs Grant; Purity, Mrs Blyth; Literature, Miss Tucker; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Heatly; Sick Visitor, Miss Brechin; Evangelistic, Mrs J. Grant; Organist, Mrs Matthews.

BLUFF.

Dec. 1. Annual meeting. Secretary gave a brief resume of the work done during the year. The balance-sheet was most satisfactory. Officers were elected. Arrangements made for examination of essays on Temperance wall sheets, and also for presentation of prizes.

ASHBURTON.

Nov. 14. Attendance good, some from auxiliary Unions attending. Letters of sympathy to be sent to members sick and in trouble, also to Mr Isitt in the death of his brother. Donations to the sum of £2 5s received. Mrs Lill addressed the meeting.

Dec. 5. Annual meeting. Reports read and adopted. Secretary's report shows much work done. Balance-sheet has a credit balance of £2 7s. We have 54 members and 80 "White Ribbon" subscribers. Reports read from Branch Unions and Superintendents of Departments. Decided to ask the Minister to appoint women police. Officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Watson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Miller, F. Frost, Oldrieve, and McArthur; Sec., Miss Trevurza; Asst. Sec., Miss Watson; Treas., Mrs Lill; Asst. Treas., Mrs Dent; "White Ribbon," Miss Butterick; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Watson; Literature, Mrs McEwen; Rest Tent, Mesdames McEwen and Sutton; Scientific Temperance, Mrs Buchanan; Bible in Schools and Sabbath Observance, Mrs Lill; Maori, Mrs Andrews; Press, Miss Trevurza; Notable Days, Mrs Brown; Flower, Mrs Ferriman; Evangelistic, Mrs Oldrieve; Good Citizenship, Mrs Lill; Social, Mesdames Leadley, Brown, and Dent.

NGAERE.

Nov. 14. Meeting held at Mrs Tarrant's, 10 present. Mrs Morrison and Mrs Witham to be a committee to select prizes for essays by school children. One new member received.

GREYTOWN.

Nov. 29. Annual meeting, District President in the chair. President and Secretary re-elected, and Mrs Cox elected Treasurer. Minutes of anniversary meeting read by Secretary.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Nov. 16. A Lady Liverpool gift afternoon. Mrs Holland gave an interesting address on the work done by this fund, and how the gifts were appreciated by the Canterbury boys. Donations received: Gifts valued at £2 10s 2d, cash £1 7s, and 29 pairs of socks. Musical programme and afternoon tea.

TINWALD.

Nov. Annual meeting. Officers elected:—Pres., Mrs Stevenson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Marshall and Jennings and Miss Hickman; Sec., Mrs McKay; Treas., Mrs Clay; Evangelistic, Mrs Smith and Miss Hickman; Press, Miss Sutton; "White Ribbon," Mrs Copland; Cradle Roll, Mrs Johns. Decided to order pamphlets from the Defence Department. Arranged to present prizes for Temperance essays at a social afternoon on December 7.

OXFORD.

Oct. 31. Motion of sympathy with Mrs Dohrman in the loss of her son, and with Mrs Brighting. Decided to donate the hire of tent to Red Cross Fund. Letters were dealt with from Superintendents of Departments. The examiner of essays from school children reported that the essays were re-

markably good. Three prizes had been awarded to each of the three larger schools, and one to a smaller school. Mrs Ryde gave a report of the Provincial Convention.

Nov. 28. Annual meeting. Votes of sympathy with Mrs L. M. Isitt, Mrs Blighting, and Mrs Wilson. Reports and balance-sheet read and adopted. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs G. Ryde; Sec., Mrs T. Gainsford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; Cradle Roll, Mrs R. H. Gainsford; Evangelistic and "White Ribbon," Mrs D. Hawke; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Comyns. Decided to hold a gift afternoon in aid of the Lady Liverpool Fund.

N.E. VALLEY.

Nov. 23. Annual meeting. Reports and balance-sheet read and adopted. Membership, 81. Votes of sympathy with families of late Rev. F. Isitt and Mrs D. C. Cameron; also with Mrs Gray. Decided to offer prizes for essays and recitations to Valley Bands of Hope. Votes of thanks to retiring officers. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Peart; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hislop, Begg, and Gray; Treas., Mrs Sanders; Backblocks, Miss Dagger; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Wright; Organist, Mrs Robertson.

MATAURA.

Nov. 24. Mrs Loudon presided. Five members present. Our next meeting to be held on January 26; all members requested to be present. Come with hearts aglow with enthusiasm in the work, and cheer up the few who remain.

TIMARU.

Nov. Annual meeting. Reports read and adopted. Sailors' Rest reported 1079 visits paid by 889 visiting seamen; 100 Bibles and Testaments and 70 bundles of literature had been given. Votes of sympathy with Mrs F. and Mr L. M. Isitt. Letter re pamphlet from Hon. G. Russell. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Rule; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Brooker, Trott, Liddle, Clay, Black, and Bruce; Sec., Miss Avison; Treas., Mrs Cave; Cradle Roll, Mrs Grant and Miss Evans.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Nov. 17. Annual meeting, well attended. Reports were read and adopted. £88 had been collected for the Patriotic Fund; 1300 woollen comforts had been sent to the mine-sweepers; and 143 garments to Red Cross. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames McDonald and Evans; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. Smith; Cor. Sec. and Press Reporter, Miss Helyer; "White Ribbon," Mrs Port; Cradle Roll and L.T.L., Mrs Remington; Purity, Mrs Withy; Hygiene, Mrs McDonald; Literature and Work Among Seamen, Mrs

Nimmo. Votes of sympathy to Mrs Kelly, Mrs Stairman, Mrs Isitt, and to Mr and Mrs L. M. Isitt.

Dec. 1. Home Meeting at Mrs Kershaw's. Mrs Cobbe, of Napier, addressed the meeting, and two new members were enrolled.

PAHIATUA.

Dec. 7. Annual meeting. Work done in eleven departments. Ten new members gained. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Clara M. Neal; Sec., Mrs H. Godfrey; Treas., Mrs W. W. McCordle; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Cotton, Cheekley, and J. D. Wilson; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs H. Godfrey; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Bentley; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs H. Sedcole; Drawing-room Meetings, Mrs J. D. Wilson.

PATEA.

Annual report. The year has been hard owing to five of our active members leaving. Though we won the banner last year, it has been a case of holding on this year to keep the Union together. Now things are looking brighter, and we hope for a good year next year. Our Cradle Roll numbers 24, and our L.T.L. 48 members; 28 members of L.T.L. signed the pledge for the first time.

OTAMATEA.

Tihema 4. I u ano he huihuitanga mitini roopu Karaitiana wahine Otamatea ite i onga ra o Noema ite whare o tetahi ongamema o Te Anwe Tikitiki ite rua onga haora ite ahiahi. Ka karakia te perehitini ka whakamutua kite inoi ka puare te whare munga take Marama. Hemihi nate perehitini ara na nga mema katoa, moto matou tuakana Te Anwe Tikitiki. Rua ora ake nei ia i tona mate taimaha a kua tae mai nei ano ki tenei huihuitanga a tatou. Kaati e hoa nuinatu te hari o matou ngakau kia koe kua tae mai nei ano kaati matematua ano tatou katoa e manaki. Kaati kei te nui ano te aroha kia koe E hoa e au i runga ite taimahatanga o tou tinana a kua pa mai nei ano he powutanga kia koe ara kia tatou katoa ite matenga o tatatou mokopuna tungane tamaiti hoki o James Tepene i mate nei hoki ia ite haerenga mote whawhai moto tatou king and country. Kaati ane inoi tatou mo tona Wairua. Kia tae kite rangatira tango. Kaati kahai itu he mitini mate nei roopu ite marama o kotopa ite taimaha o te mate ote mema kua whaka marama tiake i runga nei. Kaati i tu ano he huihuitanga ma tenei roopu ite 3 onga ra o Tihema nate perehitini Rutera Karena. I karakia ananano i whakamutu kite inoi ka puare te whare munga take. Koohi Marama, Kote wehewehetanga ite moni hei u tunga manga mema e toru mote piana ote Horo Aotearoa. Kaati pahi ana tana take ma Rutera Karena. Te anwe Tikitiki Mereana Peraniko. E utu te toenga kote moni kua rite a kua tukua tana moni E te

Maari Woodhead Kaati nui mate matua tatou amanaki whakamutua kite inoi.

AROPAOA.

Noema 16. I tu te mitingi ate roopu karaitiana kite whare o Netana Manakau. Na Paratene Hemana i whakapuarite ite mutunga ate karakia katu te Perehitini. A Heretina P. Hemana ka whakamihia kite roopu kia ora te roopu kia ora nga kaumatua munga tamariki katoa keite koa tooku ngakau mo tatou kua noho huihui nei tatou i roto ite whare. Kotahi haere maire e ooku hoa aroha i roto ite ariki kia penei ano to tatou noho huihui ki tato kite tika e whaia nei e tatou mana tatou e arahi kite huarahi ote marietanga hoira aku kupu kia tatou mate atua tatou e tiaki. Mata Harana e whaka paiana kinga kupu ate perehitini hoira he take taaku kota tatou koki mote tau 2s 6d kote paunga hoki tenei o te tau e tika ana kia koki tatou whakaaetia ana e nga mema katoa kohia ana te moni e £2 2s 1d. Whakamutua i konei nga korero ka whakakapia kite karakia.

L.T.L. REPORTS.

WANGANUI.

Nov. 27. Long-looked-for pledge-signing. Weather very wet. Attendance, 60. Mr Noble gave an address. 47 children signed the temperance pledge. Legion has a membership of 109, all keenly interested.

OKAIAWA.

Just closed with a fine entertainment, and have £5 in hand as the result.

Y's REPORT.

WANGANUI.

Nov. 27. Social evening to arouse interest for the annual meeting. A pouring wet night spoilt the attendance. A very enjoyable time spent.

Dec. 4. Annual meeting. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Smith; Vice-Pres., Miss J. Chisholm; Treas., Miss D. James; Sec., Miss Tarrant; Asst.-Sec., Miss L. Tipper; Organist, Miss B. Smith; Asst., Miss D. Chisholm; Evangelistic, Miss Ford; Asst., Miss E. Tipper; Press Reporter, Miss D. Smith. Decided to adjourn till last Monday in January. Letter of thanks to Baptist ladies for use of sewing machine, and to Mr Sanow for use of room. Decided in future to have paper written by the girls at our meetings, and suggested that we exchange papers with local Bible Classes.

IN THE FIELD.

My stay at Katekate, Bay of Plenty, covered thirteen days, every one of which was more or less wet, while for three consecutive days the deluge continued with hardly half an hour's intermission. Happily, Mrs Baines had talked up the Union so well before my arrival that little visiting was needed, and on November 15 I organised with 24 members, and they should do well.

Tauranga was to be reached by motor, and I watched for that vehicle for just an hour and a quarter, it having got stuck in the mud on the way from Waihi. However, it arrived in due course, and I noted with interest that a prominent ornament attached to the side was a strong spade, evidently intended to facilitate the digging-out process. This implement was not, however, required during my occupancy, though at one stage all the passengers were requested to alight and plough along up a muddy hill, where the road had been mended with ti-tree. We certainly could not complain of monotony, for upon sundry occasions we were flung violently up into the air in a manner painfully suggestive of Tom Brown's blanket-tossed experiences on his first night at school. However, we came down again, and were able to reply in the affirmative to the chauffeur's anxious enquiries as to whether we were "all there." Tauranga was reached at last, and a warm welcome to her home was received from the President, Mrs F. N. Christian. This energetic lady had already sent out invitations to 70 women to attend at Wesley Hall "to meet Miss Powell." The gathering was quite a success, and eight new members were secured. The Union had held no meetings for about two years, and had grown discouraged in consequence of having lost so many members by removal. This difficulty was overcome, as, before I left, we had secured a number of new members. The annual meeting was held on November 22nd, when officers were elected and arrangements made for starting Cradle Roll and L.T.L. work. The following day I spoke to the children in the public school, describing the Legion. This concluded the work in Tauranga, but there was no boat for Opotiki until the following week, while the coach journey was out of the question, being very expensive,

and occupying three days. So I spent a few days with my old comrade, Mrs Chappell, doing a little visiting, and at 11 p.m. on Tuesday embarked on the "Ngatiawa." The ladies' cabin on the little craft was immediately over the screw, and when we commenced to move I concluded that by morning I should be a candidate for the nearest mental hospital. However, the night was fairly calm, the adaptability of human nature came to the rescue, and, assisted by the reflection that life is a matter of contrasts, and that to the boys in the trenches that cabin would have been heaven, I retained my sanity. Opotiki was reached at 8.30 the following morning, and I was welcomed to the home of the President, Mrs J. T. Thompson, and on the Friday an Executive meeting was held to arrange a programme of meetings.

M. S. POWELL,

Dominion Organiser.

Address for this month: Isca Mt., St. Clair, Dunedin.

ORGANISING FUND.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following amounts have been received for the Organising Fund since the last report:—

Waihi Union (per Miss Powell), 10s; Hawera Union, £2; Woodville Union, £1; New Brighton Union, £1 5s; Greytown Union, 9s 6d. Total, £5 4s 6d.

The expenditure for the same period has been £10 15s 6d.

NELLIE RENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer, Organising Fund. Auckland, 2nd December, 1916.

Ashburton, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom: Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 87; 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, Pampallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princeps St. Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pampallier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Mrs Ogilvie, Victoria St., Rielmond.

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, 1st 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. Ryecroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs Reeves; "W.R." Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.

"Any bottles? Any rags?"

"Queer combination you deal in, my friend."

"No, not so queer. People as has bottles generally has rags."

Christchurch District. Rooms, Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs I. McCombs, 26, Tai Street, Fendalton; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. D. Martin, 572, Gloucester 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, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 72, Heriot Row; Cor. Sec., Rec. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs G. Macartney, 156, Eglinton Road, Mornington; Supt. **WHITE RIBBON**, Mrs Anderson, 82, Duke St.; Treas., Miss Reid, Bishopscourt, Roslyn.

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 Lillwall.

Feilding. 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., St. Paul's Hall; Pres., Miss Moore, c/o Mr. W. H. Bain, Feilding; Rec. Sec., Miss Jordan, c/o Mr H. Feild; 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, Kaiti; 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 Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Sweetman; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs T. Brown; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Perry.

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, 8 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 Cameron.

Hawera meets in Wesley Hall, R-gent Street, on the last Thursday, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Bone, Dive's Av.; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff, Turuturu Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Browne, Ropata St.; Treas., Mrs Best, Milmo St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Tonks, Campbell St.

Henderson. 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Gilbard, "Homeview"; Vice-Pres., Mrs Platt, Gt. North Rd.; Mrs Williams, Gt. North Rd.; Sec., Mrs McKay, Gt. North Rd.; Treas., Mrs Paltridge, 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.

Invercargill South. Meets every second Tuesday, in Amethyst Hall, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pasley, Centre St.; Georgetown; Sec., Mrs Parkin, Bowmont St.; Treas., Miss Pyle, Amethyst Hall, Bowmont St.; Press Cor., Mrs Smart, Etrick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Sullivan, 19, Conon St.; Cradle Roll Supts., Mrs Cooper, Oteramika Road, and Mrs Bruce Wallace, Ythan St., Appleby.

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

Lytelton. 1st Wednesday, Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Whithy; Sec., Mrs Bromley; Treas., Mrs Clark; "W.R." Agent, Miss Elsie Clark, "Waratah," W. Lytelton; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs S. Booth.

Mania. 2nd Friday, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs J. J. Patterson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Prkinson 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 Eyton; "W.R." Agent, Miss Tindall.

Messiel Meets in Presbyterian Hall, 2nd Wednesday at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pinfold; Sec., Mrs Eccersoll; Treas., Mrs E. Wilson; "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 Chellew, 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 G. Densem; Vice-Pres., Mrs L. Bycroft and Mrs Vincent; Sec., Mrs Kendall; Treasurer, Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs Kendall.

New Plymouth District. last Wednesday, 2.30 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, Weka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford, Mount St.

Opotiki. 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m., Pres., Mrs Jas Thompson; Sec., Mrs T. Fleming; Treas., and Supt. "W.R." Mrs Holman, Otara; Supt. L.T.L., Mrs Goodall; Cradle Roll, Mrs Evans.

Oxford. last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall; Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Sec., Mrs T. Gainsford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, Sr., and Mrs Clark; Evangelistic, Mrs D. Hawke; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Comyns.

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 Bard, 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. Mrs J. Fountain; 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 Comrie; "W.R." Supt., Miss Goldsworthy.

Rangiora. last Friday, ante-room of Institut 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 Pres. Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Mrs Valentine; Maori Work, Mrs Butcher, Wai-iti 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.

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 Rangī," 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 last Friday at 2.30 p.m. in Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Duxfield; Mahoney St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Blair, Aubury, and Andrew; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Andrew, Mackay St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Ambury, Mackay St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Melvin, Young St.

Wanganui District. 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlour, Pres., Mrs Blamires; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. McKenzie, 43 Wicksteed 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.

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

Wellington Central. 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis St.; Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Wadestown; Cor. Sec., Miss Helyer, Tonk's Gv; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. H. Smith, 77 Austin 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 Davis, Station St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Cole; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Thompson, Fox St.

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