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SEX DIFFERENTIATION IN EDUCATION.

The Education Council has recommended, and the teachers have approved, that in our system of education we make a difference in the education given to girls and to boys. When we question the opinion of such experts we almost feel like the "fools who rush in where angels fear to tread"; and yet we cannot help asking why our children in schools should be classified according to sex and not according to ability. Englishmen of a bygone era closed all

Government positions to nonconformists—i.e., to all who would not conform to the rites and ceremonies of the Established Church. 'Tis little more than a century since these disabilities were removed from Jews and Roman Catholics. A Jew might be as wise as Solomon, with a genius for leadership like Moses; a Roman Catholic as capable an organiser and administrator as Loyala, but their religion barred them from using their gifts in the service of the State. Across the path leading to the Government service stretched a fence on which was inscribed, "No Noncon-

formist need apply." Long after this fence was removed a second barrier of sex, bearing this inscription, "No woman need apply," guarded the divine right of the male to all the well-paid professions. The records of the past tell how hard our pioneers worked to remove this fence, and at length a small breach was made, opening the way to the medical profession. In this new Dominion the breach was widened, and we are proud of the fact that the Assistant Editor of this journal was the first lady in the British Dominions to hold a University degree. And up to the pre-

sent the pathway to higher education has been opened to every child in this Dominion without either class or sex distinction. Why then should we create artificial distinctions? Why not give every child an equality of opportunity? In citizenship, as in service, there should be neither sect nor sex. Our education could be materially improved by a closer linking together of its different parts. From the Kindergarten, through the primary school, on to the secondary school, and then to the University, there should be, as nearly as possible, a continuous course of study, one preparing the way for the other. The Kindergarten should lead up naturally to the primary school. The course there might be much simplified by teaching fewer subjects, and those more thoroughly. Pupils should reach a standard approximating to the present Standard VI. between the ages of 12 and 14 years. After this the child should begin to specialise. Public money has been wasted and the time and patience of the secondary school teacher has been exhausted by trying to fit square pegs into round holes. The girl who is a born dressmaker, or the boy who is fitted by nature to reign as "chef" at some large establishment, is sent by the parent (who has the right to decide as to where the two years gained by the Proficiency Certificate shall be spent) to College, and there frets his heart out over the study of Latin and Mathematics, which he hates, and for which he has no natural ability. At the end of two years the child leaves, disgusted, his Proficiency Certificate wasted as far as preparing him for his life work. There is also great waste of money caused by overlapping; we have colleges teaching Shorthand and Bookkeeping, and Technical Schools with classes for Latin.

When the required standard has been reached to leave the primary school then, on the report of the teacher, supplemented by the inspector's examination, the children should be divided broadly into two classes, those who are adapted, by natural gifts and inclination, for (1) a Technical Course, and (2) a University Course. The classification should be made by experts, and not left to the decision of a parent. At the secondary schools they could be further

subdivided, and every child be given an opportunity to develop the best in them, both for their own sakes and for the benefit of the State. At this stage probably a difference would be apparent between the courses selected for boys and those for girls. Given a free classification according to natural bent and ability, few boys would select, say, cooking or dressmaking; but if there is a Worth among the boys, or a natural born "chef," by all means let them be trained along those lines. On the other hand, probably only a minority of the girls would be drafted into a Mathematics and Science class. But should a Madame Currie be in our midst, give her the opportunity to develop her scientific gifts. Women have risen high as Scientists, and have excelled at Mathematics, yet these classes for some time to come would be largely composed of boys. But the classification should depend on ability and not on sex. Examinations should be reduced to a minimum. At the adolescent period neither boy nor girl should be worried much with examinations. So long as they are doing good and satisfactory work the State should allow them to go on without everlastingly wanting to examine them. The stress of examination affects the girl more than the boy, probably because she worries more over the examination, and the nervous strain reacts on her physically. Over and over again it has been demonstrated to a certainty that women have greater powers of endurance than men.

Especially now is there a need of women workers. "Woman's place is in the home," says the ordinary man, quite overlooking the fact that thousands of women have to earn that home for themselves, and should not be denied the training that fits them to hold their own in the industrial and commercial world. The State is clamouring for women workers to replace men who have gone to the front. Is this a time to impose a sex limitation on their education? Certainly not. Develop the talents of every girl for the service of the State. Their ability as nurses was always allowed, and yet for centuries prejudice barred their entrance into the medical profession. The whirligig of Time brings many changes, and here is one. The country that

for long refused to allow women to qualify as doctors is now asking for women doctors, not only to replace male doctors wanted at the Front, but actually to go to Malta and other military hospitals. Hundreds of ex-teachers and University graduates throughout this Dominion are wives and mothers, and by their capable management of home and children give the lie to the statement that Higher Education unfits women for ordinary home duties. In the Victorian period girls were taught that it was their sole duty in life to be some man's wife. What followed? It became the sole aim and object of every woman's life to "make a good match." Wealth counted more than character. Could a woman do her children a greater injury than give them a drunken or immoral father? Would any amount of wealth make up to them for the deadly taint in their blood? And respectable, good women committed this wrong because they had never been taught to earn their own living, but only to keep some man's home. From any return to such a state of affairs, good Lord deliver us! Chicago has a College course in motherhood, and every girl would be the better for such a course, but it only takes a few months of their school life. Given a woman as mother whose brain has been trained and cultivated, she can always get expert advice. Plunket nurses and doctors are always willing to help, and she can **intelligently** follow their directions. Should we make a difference here between the sexes? Perhaps not. Girls to be trained as mothers. What about the fathers of their children should they not be trained also? The average boy is as fond of a baby as his sister until he gets laughed out of it. Encourage that fondness. Don't laugh at the boy who enjoys a game with his sister and her doll. Teach the boy the responsibilities of fatherhood, and then for love of the children who are to be his in the future, he will keep the present clean and unsullied, so that he may pass on a goodly heritage to those children. Sadly must we face the fact that for many girls this war has lessened their chance of a happy marriage. The boys who should have been their husbands lay stark and cold beneath the blood-red soil of France, or on Gallipoli's sunny slopes. Shall we not give them the

very best training for service? Shall we not fit them to serve God and country in other ways?

In addition to mental training should go the spiritual education. In the last extreme it is always character that counts. Give a girl high ideals of duty, teach her to do her duty faithfully to the smallest detail, and then, whether in her own home or in the office or the shop, will she so work as to hear at last the Master's "Well done! good and faithful servant."

PRESIDENT'S LETTER.

Dunedin, January 3, 1917.

My Dear Sisters,—

Because of the sadness due to the war, one feels almost ashamed to be happy, yet I am going to wish you all a Happy New Year. Many are mourning the loss of brave sons, some who have given their lives for their country; some have sons in the hospitals, in the trenches, and in the camps, and as women best understand all that these things mean to a mother's heart, we cannot get away from the gloomy war shadow. And then we are disappointed because, in spite of our great effort to get the liquor traffic restricted, we seemed to make no progress, and according to figures, drunkenness is on the increase throughout New Zealand. And yet, in spite of all, once more I say to every sister "A Happy New Year." Someone has said "Happiness is a great love and much serving." We do not know what 1917 has in store for us, neither do we know for what God is preparing us in His school, for what work on earth or in Heaven, our business is to do our work well in the present place, whatever that may be, and in the doing of it we shall be blessed. From all round the world news has come, and is still coming, of the restriction and annihilation of the Liquor Traffic, and we never know the hour when the tide will turn in New Zealand, and the opportunity come for the last fight that will free us from the enemy, and see our White Ribbon mast high over Prohibition territory. In the meantime, trusting in God, let us go forward with a patient, dauntless effort, with a good courage, and love in harmony, with

the unconquerable love of God. I hope every Union will make an effort to send a delegate to Convention. Will those who cannot go pray specially for the gathering in Auckland, that wise plans may be made for future effort, that all present may be inspired and enthused, and that from the Northern City there may go through the Dominion fresh impetus and increased determination to keep at it till we rejoice in victory, and thus win for ourselves and others in every sense of the word "A Happy New Year."—With loving greetings, yours in the work,

RACHEL DON, Dom. Pres.

DOMINION STOCKING LEAGUE.

At this time, when economy is being urged upon us from all sides, it will be interesting to take a glance at the work of the Dominion Stocking League. This Society first started work in Dunedin in 1910. It certainly was a Heaven-born inspiration to take the worn-out stockings, which few value, and most throw away, and out of them fashion warm and dainty clothing for the underfed, ill-clad waifs of the London streets. From small beginnings the work has grown, and now not only worn stockings, but all kinds of worn-out woven clothing are taken and made into dainty suits, caps, scarves, etc. First the stockings are sterilised, and then all the good parts are cut out to be used.

The first annual report was issued in September, 1911. It was then called the Baptist Women's Missionary Union Stocking League. This year a branch has been formed at Roslyn, in addition to the original one at Hanover Street. The total number of garments for 1911 was 417. These were despatched to missionaries in India, and the remainder were sent to London, and there divided between the West Ham Central Mission and Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

In 1912 branches were formed at Gore and Mosgiel, the former contributing 100 garments, and the latter 106. The Dunedin branch, with a membership of 43, made 754 garments. These were again forwarded to India and London.

In 1913 six new branches were added to the three, making nine in all—Dunedin, Gore, Mosgiel, Bluff, Kelso, Oamaru, Wellington, Berhampore, and Khandallah. This year the name was altered to the Dominion Stocking League. It was now spreading throughout the Dominion, and was quite undenominational. The number of garments this year numbered 1670.

In 1914 Dunedin doubled its membership. The number of garments made was 4837. This year, in addition to the usual recipients, a large case was sent for the widows and orphans of those who had fallen at the Front. This year Lady Liverpool became Patroness of the League. At the annual meeting, in September, members decided to hold special meetings to make clothing for the Belgian refugees, and so enthusiastically did they work that by November 25th, 2341 garments were ready to be shipped. These were sent to the High Commissioner, who, in acknowledging their receipt, said: "The kind gifts of your League have been very highly appreciated by the recipients. The clothing is admirable, and in almost every child's garment was a coin of some sort."

In 1915, branches were formed in Hastings, Auckland, and Wellington. Every year a display of goods is made before they are packed to be sent away. The display this year was wonderful, and nobody looking at the jerseys, dresses, caps, babies' boots, etc., so tastefully made and so beautifully ornamented with hand needlework, would credit that the whole was made from cast-off stockings of all sizes and all shades of colour. Mrs McLaren, 604, Cumberland Street, Dunedin, is Dominion President. If any lady is desirous of starting a branch of the League in her own town, she can get full particulars from Mrs McLaren, also patterns of all garments to be made. Surely these workers are to be praised who utilise what would otherwise be wasted, and from a pair of stockings, whose worn-out feet are the despair of even the most enthusiastic darning, fashion beautiful and useful suits, dresses, caps, and other things too varied to be mentioned, to keep warm the poor waifs of London and the stricken Belgian refugees.

OUR LAST DAY IN NEW ZEALAND.

We have received a copy of the "Pakeha," the paper published on board the ship of that name while carrying our 17th Reinforcements to the Front. To while away time many competitions were held, one being an essay on "Our Last Day in New Zealand." As the first prize essay was written by the brother of the Editor of the "White Ribbon," perhaps it is fitting it should find a place in our columns.

Prize Essay.

"DER TAG," September 23, 1916.
Special Order, 17th Reinforcements:
Reveille, 3.30 a.m.
Breakfast, 5.30 a.m.
Roll Call.
Entrain for Wellington.

Did anyone need a second call? No; straw had been burned and pallasses returned the previous day. Three-thirty, and the long, last, eagerly-looked-for day had started. "The Day Has Come." Yes, after 17 weeks of "Supplying Shortage," 17 weeks of "Lectures on Soldierly Spirit"—minus, of course, 17 days' final leave (I nearly forgot it)—the 17th Reinforcements were on the move. "Good-bye. Glad as I am to leave you, I liked you well." Once entrained, we soon lost sight of camp and township, on past the lake, and then "Over the hills and far away." A wild rush at Kaitoke, tea and sandwiches, and soon we reached familiar ground. Past the scene of vigils and desperate battles; next, Trentham. Good old Trentham slides past; and then Wellington, and detrain. Many have friends waiting—Yes, Kaiser Bill—friends who have rallied from all parts of New Zealand to bid "God Speed" to the men who are moving from the uttermost end of the globe to fight side by side with those who will prove to you that "Murder is not Kultur." Our next stage, to the wharf, was short, and we soon beheld the ship that was to be our home for the next seven or eight weeks. "Pakeha"—surely a fitting name for the boat that carried Maori and Pakeha to the other side of the world to fight a common foe. The checking of rolls, and sorting of men and swags, was quickly dealt with, and soon all were settled in their new home. A "catch-as-catch-can" dinner, and we made ready for

our parade through Wellington. Assembling on the wharf, units were marched to allotted places on Waterloo Quay, and halted. And now the hour had come, the hour that many, if not all, had looked to with fear and dread. The parting moment was near—wives, children, mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers; yes, and good and true comrades—all gathered for a final kiss and hand-shake, well knowing that for some it would be for ever; believing that some would look their last on the land that all held so near and dear to them. And those old comrades of the class, resplendent in new uniforms and Sam Browne belts, Perry, O'Connor, Stubbs, Deal, Doughty, Drew, Luke, and all the rest, who had achieved that laudable ambition, to hold the King's Commission in the British Army. Hector McLeod, with his gifts of telescopes and compasses, was in his usual place, ever quietly carrying out his work. But parting moments are fleeting, and soon we are on the move, here and there, wives, sweethearts, and sisters marching arm-in-arm with those they love. With bands playing inspiring music, we march through the crowded street, wheeling on to Lambton Quay, and past the saluting base. There are only occasional bursts of cheering—feeling is too deep; it does not run to cheers—hearts are stirred and eyes are wet. A shout and a wave of the hand, or a hand thrust out, a hurried shake, a hearty "Good-bye, good luck," from an old comrade, or, perhaps, a kiss from some one dearer still; and so it goes on until we again reach the wharf and quickly embark. But not before the ladies had further shown us how their hearts went with us: fruit, lollies, "Lucy Hinton," and other gifts were showered on us as we mounted the gangway. His Worship the Mayor and Mrs Luke, who is surely the best Mayoress that Wellington ever had, were at their old places; tireless as ever, buzzing about to see what more could be done for the comfort and welfare of the troops. As soon as all were safely on board the gates were opened, and friends and loved ones rushed to the ship's side. With dropping tears, husky throats, and waving handkerchiefs, last farewells were shouted, and as our floating home became a thing of life, we quickly got beyond the reach of shore—and heavy hearts, ashore

and afloat, realised that the parting, so dreaded, was past, and our last day in New Zealand was over.

TO MOURNING PARENTS.

O friends, whose feet have lately trod
In footprints of the Son of God!
And learned through sorrow's mystic
lore

The bitter agony He bore,
Shall such as I presume to share
The depth of suffering you bear?
O, weak indeed are words of mine
To comfort sorrow like to thine!
Tho' poet sing in highest strain
Immortal notes of love and pain,
Or paint in glowing rhapsodies
The morning land beyond the skies,
Nor yet, may these diviner arts,
Bring soothing balm to bleeding
hearts,
While tear-dimmed eyes, with longing
glance,
Turn to a grave "Somewhere in
France."

Pass summer days of throbbing pain
To winter snow, thro' autumn rain;
And then again, spring bud and
bloom,

To scenes of vernal loveliness,
Shall transform all the wintry gloom,
When, yielding to the soft caress
Of balmy winds and gentle showers,
Earth breathes herself in smiling
flowers.

But never can the bird song sweet
Make music like the lost one's feet,
Not all the melody in store
Can recompense for loss you bore.
Since silence aches around your
hearth,
Where once rang songs of boyish
mirth,
The fairest depths of azure skies
Shall but remind you of dear eyes
Asleep on France's blood-wet breast.
Yet, breaking hearts! God knoweth
best.

And He who in the past bright years
Lent you this treasure, heeds your
tears,
And when anew your grief upstarts,
When all your hard-won peace departs,
Shall send His Comforter Divine
With ministry of love, to shine
Into your sad and chastened hearts,
Till bitterness from grief departs.
When Love shall triumph over pain,
And Faith shall pierce the clouds
again,
For perfect life that never ends,
And bliss that all earth's joy trans-
cends,
Is now the blessed gift divine
That him God asked you to resign.

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WORK AMONG THE YOUNG.

(A Paper by Mrs Duxfield.)

"For it is not the will of your Heavenly Father that one of these little ones should perish." These words were uttered by the Saviour of mankind. "Train up a child in the way that he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it," said Solomon. If we fully appreciate this latter statement, made by the wisest man that ever lived, we will realise somewhat the very sacred duty that devolves upon each and all of us.

On the walls of one of the foundling hospitals in London there is a painting of great value, representing the infant Moses after having been rescued from the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh's daughter, and being placed by her unconsciously in the arms of his own mother to nurse, accompanied with the pathetic demand, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will pay thee thy wages"; and "So it seems to me," says a writer, "that God is calling aloud to our people to wake up from their indifference and apathy, from their greed and selfishness, and give its first care to train up the children in the way they should go.

The subject is one of great importance to the home, the school, the church, and the whole nation. Who can estimate the value of **one** child, and the great possibilities that lie within, for good or evil? If we save the child we save the nation. But if we neglect this sacred duty, ruin, moral and physical, will befall our nation. Do we, as W.C.T.U. women and mothers, appreciate and grasp the opportunities that come to us to train up our children, and those committed to our care, in the way they should go, and thus prepare them to meet and resist temptation which is certain to lie in their path sooner or later on every hand? Are we doing our duty in this respect?

In connection with the W.C.T.U., we have many departments of work—somewhere about thirty—but none, in my humble opinion, is more important than the children's departments. Firstly, we have the Cradle Roll, where the mother promises to bring up her child to total abstinence and purity. She promises nothing for herself, but for her child, etc. Then from the Cradle Roll the children are drafted into the Loyal Temperance

Legion, and it is to this latter auxiliary I wish to draw your special attention.

Article 11 of the L.T.L. Constitution says: "Its object shall be the building up of character, the educating of the boys and girls in the principles of total abstinence and purity, and the **training of them to become efficient workers along all lines of reform.**"

Surely a worthy object! Not only have we the privilege of educating the children in the principles of total abstinence and purity, but opportunity is given in which we can train them to become **efficient workers along all lines of reform.**

Article III. says: "The officers shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and Pianiste. The officers shall be chosen quarterly from the pledged members, and shall be under the supervision of the Superintendent (appointed by the W.C.T.U.) and assistants." In other words, the children elect their own officers and conduct their own meetings on proper Parliamentary lines, thereby training them to become efficient leaders in after life.

After a Legion has been fully organised, the first three or four lessons should be given from the leaflet entitled "Parliamentary Rules for Boys and Girls," the first essential being that the children **must** know how to conduct their own meetings along Parliamentary lines. The blackboard can be used, and in this way questions and answers memorised, taking, of course, about six questions at one time.

Article V. says: "Each boy and girl must, upon entering the Legion, assent to the following rule: 'I promise to be quiet and orderly and attentive to the instructions of our leader and to all the exercises of the meetings, and to be thoughtful about the great questions of temperance, purity and self-control.'" Every boy or girl should be taught the seriousness of a promise, and then there will be no difficulty in having properly controlled meetings.

The L.T.L. is entirely undenominational. Three outstanding features are (1) The teaching regarding alcohol and the liquor traffic, (2) teaching Parliamentary Law, (3) singing. The latter is very important. All children love singing, and by this means the

meetings can be made very bright and attractive for every one. **Make chorus singing a feature**, the boys and girls sitting apart—girls on the right hand and boys on the left. A healthy rivalry may in this way be created, viz., girls will endeavour to learn the choruses (written on blackboard) more quickly and sing better than the boys, and vice versa. Meetings conducted on these lines will **never** be dull or uninteresting.

Now, with regard to the address or object lesson, which must be made the **outstanding** feature of all meetings, and are usually given by the Superintendent or sympathetic friend. One need never be at a loss for material to work from. The L.T.L. Dominion Superintendent can supply **all books**, from which excellent, simple addresses can be taken. The chart, with manual, is also most useful. (See "White Ribbon," September, 1916, pages 4 and 5.) Marching songs, recitation books, dialogues, and everything else necessary for a well equipped L.T.L. may be obtained from the Dominion Superintendent. Experience teaches the wisdom of commencing the L.T.L. session at, or immediately after Easter in the country, and from July till Christmas holidays in the towns. Hold meetings every week, and close at the end of six months with a good entertainment, when the best items learned during the session may be given. An offering should be taken up by the Treasurer at every meeting, and from this source and what is made from the entertainment enough will be in hand to pay for hire of building, books, pledge-cards, etc. If there is a credit balance, the W.C.T.U. Organising Fund may be helped. After three months' instruction, have pledge-signing night, which should be made most impressive; parents and friends being invited for the occasion. It is good to have a competition during the session. Grade the children, and get them to write an essay on some suitable topic connected with the work, or an especially interesting address which has been given. Endeavour to create such an interest that the children will take a pleasure and delight in working for the L.T.L.

And now a word, dear sisters, to those who may be in charge of this God-given work. A leader must be firm, punctual, unselfish, tactful, enthusiastic; must love the children and her work. If the Superintendent

puts plenty of life, vigour, enthusiasm and fire into her work it will be returned twofold by the children. If the reverse, then we shall find uninteresting, dull meetings. **A great deal depends upon the leader.** If one good leader cannot be found, then several can work together.

I appeal to all White Ribboners to push the L.T.L. Department, realising that the boys and girls of to-day will be the men and women of tomorrow. It will be from the ranks of the L.T.L. that we must look for future leaders. Let us **each** and all do our **duty**. The results we can leave to Him whose reward will be, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

IN THE FIELD.

My last report left me at Opōtiki, where several days were spent in visiting, and on December 5th we held a meeting, when a few new members were secured and several "White Ribbon" subscribers. The results of the week's work were not very remarkable, but the friends were pleased to have had a visit. The Union is very isolated, but is in a healthy state, and will keep the flag flying.

I had to wait two days for the boat, and then, as it was not calling at Tauranga, go around by Auckland, where I was kindly entertained by the President, and was able to discuss the work with her, as well as with Miss Dewar.

Returning to Hamilton, I found my hostess, Mrs Jones, had been summoned to the hospital to the bedside of her husband. Mrs Auld kindly provided hospitality until I left for the South.

At Kaiapoi I met Mrs Patchett (Secretary of the Rangiora Union) at the house of Mrs Blackwell, and arranged to work up her Union as soon as possible after the holidays, and in Christchurch had a chat over the work with the Dominion Corresponding Secretary, and on my way to Dunedin met the Provincial Secretary by arrangement.

M. S. POWELL,
Dominion Organiser.

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THE WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

The Women's International League, formerly the British Section of the Women's International Committee for Permanent Peace, was the outcome of the International Congress held at the Hague in April, 1915. The general basis of the Congress was set forth as follows:—"That international disputes should be settled by pacific means," and "That the Parliamentary Franchise should be extended to women." This basis was retained by the Women's International League, its declared fundamental object being "To establish the principle of right rather than might, of co-operation rather than conflict, in national and international affairs." The means proposed for the attainment of this object are twofold—(1) "The development of the ideals underlying modern democracy in the interests of constructive peace." These ideals are common to practically all the organisations founded during the last two and a half years, which have for their object the raising of the standard of international life. They include the education of the people in their responsibilities as regards international relationships, the education of the young in co-operative principles, the reference of international differences to arbitration or conciliation, the denial of the right of annexation by conquest, the abolition of private profits in the manufacture of armaments, and the promotion of liberty of commerce. (2) The emancipation of women and the protection of their interests.

It will be seen that the object of the League is not to bring the present terrible war to immediate conclusion, but rather to instil into the minds of the people such principles as would make it impossible for such a catastrophe to recur in the future, and to work for the building up of a new national and international life, based upon principles of peace, co-operation and mutual help, in which the power of physical force shall be replaced by the influence of moral and spiritual ideals. The members feel that upon women, as non-combatants, rests the special responsibility of keeping this ideal before the public mind, the peace which they desire to see firmly established being no negative thing,

but that spirit of peace which must express itself as an active force in the individual, social and national life, binding together the interests of all the different peoples, and bringing about an alliance which shall rest upon mutual love and helpfulness, instead of self-seeking. The W.I.L. is thus "dedicated to the task of encouraging in ourselves and others this ceaseless effort, and of helping to mould institutions in accordance with the vital policy laid down by the International Congress at the Hague."

The headquarters of the movement are at Amsterdam, the Secretary's address being Miss Rose Manus Keigersgracht, 467, Amsterdam. Miss Jane Addams, U.S.A., is the International President, and the Chairman of the British Section is Mrs H. M. Swanwick, well known as a tireless worker in the cause of peace. Early in 1916 the W.I.L. sent out a "Call to the Women of the British Dominions Overseas," inviting their co-operation in the furthering of their aims, and suggesting that the leaders of our various Women's Societies should form organisations in the different colonial centres, which should carry on work along similar lines. One such branch has already been established in Auckland, having been inaugurated last March; it now numbers close on 100 members, and is active in support of all efforts which tend to promote the objects of the League, bringing what pressure they can to bear upon the Government for the initiation of needed social reforms. Similar branches have also been formed in Wellington, Christchurch, and Hamilton, and it is hoped that other centres will follow their lead, and that the movement may spread throughout the Dominion.

It is of the utmost importance at the present juncture that there should be greater and more widespread interest in all public affairs amongst the women of the country, and that they should combine to work for those ideals which they feel will best further the highest good of the race. For we cannot separate our own interests from those of the whole, and it is surely fitting that in a country that was among the first to enfranchise its women, there should be found that united and earnest support of every effort put forth in the cause of righteousness and peace, which alone can ensure its success.

1917 CONVENTION.**IMPORTANT NOTICE.**

Dear Sisters,—

The next Annual Convention will open at Auckland on Wednesday, March 21st. District Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers, New Zealand Superintendents of Departments, Organisers, in addition to the New Zealand officers, have, *ex officio*, a seat in the Convention. District Presidents have also a seat on the Executive during Convention, and in the absence of the President from Convention, the District Secretary or Treasurer may take her place. The Executive is to meet on Wednesday morning at 10 a.m., and it is desirable that every District Union should be represented.

Every Branch may send to Convention one delegate for every 100 or fraction of 100 members, but no delegate can represent more than one Branch. Any Union unable to send a delegate may have a proxy appointed, but for this it is necessary to send me word and to enclose sealed directions as to voting for N.Z. officers, and also as to voting on the notices of motion. Of the latter there are five, and as they deal with matters of some importance, Unions should make a point of discussing them, if they have not already done so, at their February or March meeting, in order that delegates may be better able to represent the views of their Union. They are as follow:—

(1) By Mrs Crabb: "That any Union finding itself unable to send one of its own members as delegate to Convention, shall have the power to choose as its representative any member of the W.C.T.U. in its own district. Such representative shall be instructed by the aforesaid Union as to voting for Dominion officers and any amendment to the Constitution."

It will be remembered that this was moved (in the main) by Mrs Crabb (for Mrs Scanlon) at the Wanganui Convention, but it was lost, because there was a second part which, if carried, might, as Mrs Peryman pointed out, create an impossible position for the entertaining Union. The President ruled that the motion must be accepted or rejected in its entirety, and it was accordingly lost. Unions now have another opportunity of expressing their wish as to the present

method of providing representation by means of proxies.

(2) By Miss Maunder: "That Article 4 of the Constitution be amended by the insertion after the words 'of the "White Ribbon"' of the words 'and Superintendents of Departments shall have a seat in the Executive meetings held during the sitting of Convention.'"

(3) By Mrs Houlder: "That Article VI. of the Constitution be amended by omitting the words 'the N.Z. Superintendents of Departments' after the words 'shall nominate,' and adding after the words 'officers of Executive' the words 'and Superintendents of Departments,' and in Clause 2 by adding after the words 'officers of the Executive' the words 'and Superintendents of Departments.'"

The purpose of this motion is to enable any Union to nominate Superintendents of Departments, just as it can now nominate the Dominion officers, instead of the Superintendents being nominated, as now, by the Executive. Failing nomination by a Union, the Executive would exercise, as now, its power of nominating.

(4) By Mrs Evans: "That the N.Z. Vice-President's travelling expenses to Convention be paid by the National Treasury."

(5) By Mrs Evans: "That the whole or part of the Dominion Superintendents' travelling expenses to Convention be paid by the National Treasury."

In this connection Unions are reminded that at last Convention a small Sub-Committee was set up to revise the titles and scope of the various Departments of our Dominion W.C.T.U.; and the report of this Sub-Committee will be dealt with before this notice of motion is taken. I would also draw attention to the fact that the motion proposes "the whole or part" of the travelling expenses be paid; that is to say, Convention is asked to affirm or otherwise the desirability of such payment of expenses, without committing itself unreservedly to a large expenditure, should the motion be carried.

I would again urge all Unions to discuss these matters, and make sure of sending instructions for voting if they are unable to send delegates and desire proxies appointed. Last Convention there were several cases of Unions asking for proxies to be appointed, yet failing to send sealed

instructions as requested, or perhaps telegraphing them at the last moment. Let all Secretaries of Unions take note of this, and act in good time.

Still more important is it that each Union should send through its Secretary or otherwise the name and status of its delegate—or delegates—to me, and also **to the Secretary of the Auckland District Union.** All that is needed is two post-cards, with name of Union and name and status of delegate (President, Secretary, Delegate, etc.), one addressed to Miss N. Dewar, Auckland, and one to me, address given below. Attention to this point will lighten the labours of our Auckland sister, and will prevent disappointment and delay. Let these cards be sent, if possible, immediately after the appointment of the delegate.

All members of Convention must present their credentials either at the reception or at the first session.

With best wishes to each Union for a successful New Year's work,—I am, yours in the work,

KATE M. EVANS,

Dominion Recording Secretary.
Address: C/o Mrs Hemus, Moturakau,
Ponsonby Road, Auckland.
January 9th, 1917.

THE BATTLE SONG OF TRUTH.

What though the day be lost, and
every warrior slain!
A million years are His to win the
field again.
The triumph is to God, however long
the strife;
For sin and death must yield to Him,
the Lord of Life.

The planets are in league against the
hosts of night;
The sun itself goes forth to battle for
the right.
The ages fight for God! Shall we
the contest yield?
Arise, ye sons of truth, and sweep the
hostile field!

—T. C. Clark.

THANKS.

Mrs F. W. Isitt and family wish to thank all friends who sent messages of sympathy to them in their recent bereavement. The number was so large that it is impossible to reply to each personally, so Mrs Isitt and family wish, through our columns, to send to all friends thanks for their kind sympathy.

EQUALITY OF SACRIFICE.

Sounds nice, does it not? Our statesmen talk largely about it, and yet no statesman in the British Dominions dares to enforce it. They are compelling mothers to sacrifice their sons, wives their husbands, children their fathers, young men to leave behind farms and businesses to go to ruin, but they dare not compel the brewer to give up his iniquitous business. And yet upon the word of Admirals, Generals, and Army doctors we know that if the brewer were to give up his business, then fewer lives would be needed, munitions and much-needed reinforcements delayed by drunken workmen and drunken firemen. The efficiency of all is greatly reduced by using alcohol. Still does the Government refuse to stop the waste. Food is badly needed, but no statesman dares to refuse the brewer his supplies of grain and sugar. Little children are deprived of their lollies, and their mothers cannot make jam for want of sugar, still the brewer must not be stinted of his sugar to waste. Equality of sacrifice! Humbug!

COMPENSATION.

Is Lloyd George's scheme of State Control only another way of compensating the liquor traders? Does the Government intend to buy out breweries and distilleries only to close them? Well, if so, we believe it will be a good investment for the State. In fact, hardly any money cost would be too great to pay for deliverance from this evil. But why should we pay to enrich a trade monopoly which the Government has the power of closing on the ground that it is dangerous to the public good? Everybody else is told that they must be prepared to sacrifice for the public weal. Why not compel "the trade" to make a sacrifice?

MILITARY SERVICE BOARD.

We have followed the proceedings of this Board very closely. We cannot help wondering why the Government, who have laid it down as a rule for their guidance, that all must sacrifice for the State in her time of need is the same Government that refused, in response to an overwhelming demand from the people, to force the liquor trade to sacrifice four hours out of fourteen trading?

ROUMANIAN PATRIOTS.

When Roumania drew the sword she followed the example of her great ally Russia, and entirely prohibited the sale of intoxicating liquor. Her Minister of War and other leaders were the owners of vineyards, in which grapes were grown for wine-making, and of plum orchards, in which plums were grown for the distillery, but they decided to sacrifice their pecuniary interests for the common good. Pity we don't breed that brand of statesman here.

ORGANISING FUND.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

Lower Hutt, £1 6s; Wellington District, £6 2s; Gisborne District, £3 6s; Gore, £1 12s; Timaru (additional), £2 17s; Eltham, £1 2s; Edendale, Mosgiel, and Patea, £1 each; Greymouth District, £2; Stratford, £1 2s; Ngaere, £2 10s; Nelson and Napier Districts, £5 each; Otautau, £1 10s; Whangarei and Tuatapere, 15s each; Dunedin District, £6; Petone, 14s; Ashburton District, £2 8s; Takapuna, 5s; Invercargill District (part), £2 13s 6d; per Miss Powell, collections £1 1s 10d, donations 10s. Total, £51 9s 4d. Expenditure for same period, £14 7s.

As will be seen, the Unions are responding finely to the appeal for funds, and the account is mounting up very satisfactorily, but there is still room for those who have not yet received honourable mention.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer Organising Fund.
Auckland, 6th January, 1917.

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NOMINATIONS FOR N.Z. OFFICERS.

Auckland nominates: Pres., Mrs
Don; Cor. Sec., Miss Henderson;
Rec. Sec., Mrs Evans; Treas., Mrs
Bendely.

32nd Annual Convention

Of the N.Z. Women's Christian
Temperance Union, to be held in
Auckland, March 21 to 29, 1917.

AGENDA.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21st.

10 a.m.—Executive Committee. Meet-
ing of N.Z. Officers and District
Presidents.

7.30 p.m.—Public Reception.

Note.—If District President is ab-
sent from Convention, District Secre-
tary or Treasurer is entitled to a seat
on Executive.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22nd.

9 a.m.—Convention called to order by
President. Crusade Hymn, "Give
to the Winds Thy Fears." Read-
ing of Crusade Psalm responsively.

CRUSADE PSALM.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise the
Lord, O my soul.

While I live will I praise the Lord.
I will sing praises unto my God while
I have any being.

Put not your trust in princes, nor
in the son of man, in whom there is
no help.

His breath goeth forth, he returneth
to his earth; in that very day his
thoughts perish.

Happy is he that hath the God of
Jacob for his help, whose hope is in
the Lord his God:

Which made heaven and earth, the
sea, and all that in them is; which
keepeth truth forever:

Which executeth judgment for the
oppressed:

Which giveth food to the hungry.
The Lord looseth the prisoners.

The Lord openeth the eyes of the
blind: the Lord raiseth them that are
bowed down: the Lord loveth the
righteous.

The Lord preserveth the strangers;
He relieveth the fatherless and widow;
but the way of the wicked He turneth
upside down.

The Lord shall reign forever, even
Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
Praise ye the Lord.

Prayer.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Re-
port of Executive Committee. Ap-
pointment of Committees on Cour-
tesies and Resolutions, Convention
Letter Writer and Press Reporters.
Corresponding Secretary's Report.
Treasurer's Report. Organiser's
Report.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Let-
ters of Sympathy. Miss Maunder's
Notice of Motion. Mrs Crabb's
Notice of Motion.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call. Min-
utes. Organising Treasurer's Re-
port. Mrs Houlder's Notice of
Motion.

3 p.m.—President's Address.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd.

9.30 a.m.—Devotional Meeting.

10 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. De-
partmental Reports: Maori Work
(Mrs Walker), Evangelistic (Mrs
Johnson Wright), Mothers' Meet-
ings (Mrs X. Jones), Home Meet-
ings (Mrs Jones, Hamilton), Unfer-
mented Wine (Mrs Gaskin), Nar-
cotics (Mrs F. S. Wright).

12—Noon tide Prayer. Mrs Evans's
Notice of Motion re Vice-President's
Expenses. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call. Min-
utes. Resolutions. Reports:
L.T.L. and Cradle Roll (Mrs Neal),
Scientific Temperance Instruction
(Miss Maunder), Work Amongst
Seamen (Mrs Hatchnell), Good
Citizenship (Mrs Judson).

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

7.30 p.m.—Model L.T.L. Meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24th.

Harbour Excursion.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25th.

7 p.m.—Convention Service.

MONDAY, MARCH 26th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotional Meeting.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Re-
port of "White Ribbon" Editor.
Report of Business Manager. Ap-
pointment of "White Ribbon" Editor
and Business Manager. Reports:
Prison and Reformatory Work (Sis-
ter Moody-Bell), Sabbath Observ-
ance (Mrs Boxall), Medical Temper-
ance (Mrs Neal).

12 o'clock.—Noon tide Prayer. Re-
solutions. Reports: Bible-in-
Schools (Mrs Houlder), Flower Mis-
sion and Relief Work (Miss E. C.
Cole).

12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call. Min-
utes. Report of Sub-Committee for
Revising Scope and Titles of De-
partments. Resolutions. Plans
for 1917 Campaign.

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotional Meeting. Fa-
vourite Quotations.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Re-
ports: Rest and Refreshment Booths
(Mrs Upton), Educational Bureau
(Mrs Young), Notable Days (Mrs
Harrison), Peace and Arbitration
(Mrs Lee-Cowie), Military Camps
(Miss Helyer), Y's and Medal Con-
tests (Mrs S. Evans). Unfinished
Business.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Reso-
lutions.

12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call. Min-
utes. Mrs Evans's Notice of Mo-

tion, re Payment of Dominion Superintendents' Travelling Expenses to Convention.

3 p.m.—Paper on Proportional Representation, followed by practical illustration of same, or School of Methods, or both combined.

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

8 p.m.—Public Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions. Favourite Hymns.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Reports: Literature (Mrs Dearlove), Back Blocks and Railways (Mrs Israel), Home Science (Mrs Macdonald), Press (Mrs Duxfield). Resolutions.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Report: Legal and Parliamentary and Anti-Gambling (Miss Henderson).

12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call. Minutes. Report: Purity and Moral Education (Miss Macarthy). Paper or Address on Work of the Y's.

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

7.30 p.m.—Intercessory Service.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Appointment of Tellers. Election of N.Z. Officers. Appointment of Superintendents. Resolutions.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Question Box.

12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Unfinished Business. Votes of Thanks. Conclusion.

Note.—Members of Convention are to have an opportunity one afternoon of visiting the new Auckland Boys' Grammar School.

Unions are requested to send in suggestions for 1917 campaign, and also questions for Question Box, the latter to reach the Recording Secretary not later than the morning of Wednesday, March 28th.

THE PLACE OF THE CHILD.

This is the dawn of the children's day. We use the term "dawn" advisedly, for full-orbed day is not yet for the child. Still, never as now, was so much time, thought, expense, trouble, expended on child-life. The mandate has gone forth that each child shall have his chance. But the interpretation of that chance depends upon the interpreter. Interpreter and interpretation are one.

The State is concerned for the physical, mental, material, and moral well-being of the child, where this does not clash with vested interests, as in the matter of the open bar.

Of all efforts to secure to the child his inalienable rights, it might well be said, "These things ought ye to have done," but here comes in the crux of the matter,—“and not to leave the other undone.” What is that other? Surely any interpretation of giving the child his chance that leaves God out of count. From our standpoint, the Christian standpoint, the State is found wanting that omits the Bible as the foundation of all education, discarding it not only as useless, but as an actual menace to the child. What the State depreciates we prize above all else,—the Gospel that alone makes “wise unto salvation.” In its attitude toward child-life the State is not alone paternal, not alone humanitarian. The State has an eye to business. It has come to recognise in the child its chief asset. It gives its wisest statesmanship to consider how to fit him to be a pillar of the State; how to conserve and to augment its interests; how to fit the embryo citizen for his task. Shall we, “the children of light,” be less wise where higher citizenship is at stake than “the children of this world”? We have touched upon the difference that exists between ourselves as Christians, as those to whom the solemn charge has been committed.

“Take this child, and nurse it for Me,” and the most benign, best-ordered earthly State that fails to recognise this prior, higher claim. Our objective is different. We are working, or seeking to work, from the standpoint of eternity. If true to our trust, our stand is for God, then humanity. The State belongs to the order of things that now is, and caters for the things of time. It has no ear for the command, “Seek ye first the Kingdom

of God and His righteousness, and all the things (material) shall be added unto you.” Have you and I, reader?

Christianity gives the child his place as does no other religion. “Feed My lambs” takes precedence of “Feed My sheep.” It is the Divine order. In the religions of the East there is neither place nor message for the child. The heart of childhood is crushed out of it in heathen lands. No tribute to child life marks out its last resting-place. “Baby Tower” in China receives its piled-up heap of unhonoured small humanity. How different this when Christianity, if even but an influence, is in evidence!

But we believe in child conversion as did the early Christians. In the catacombs of Rome such records run, “Here lies Sosmus, a believing child of believing parents; he lived two years one month and twenty-five days.” And of another, “Here rests in peace Urcia Florentina, a believer; she lived five years eight months and eight days.”

The fact that our Redeemer entered this world a babe, and went through all the phases of development like any ordinary child, has always fascinated us from our earliest years. And is there not something in all babes that reminds us of the Babe of Bethlehem? The poet has truly said, “Heaven lies about us in our infancy.”

Then how tender and intense the love and sympathy of Him, the children's Saviour. He watched them as they imitated their elders in their play, and drew a lesson: He “called a little child unto Him, and set Him in the midst,” to demonstrate how entrance alone could be secured into the Kingdom of Heaven, and when He would enforce the lesson of humility, it was again a little child He made His object lesson.

When the disciples would have driven the children away as too small and insignificant for the Master's notice; too young for inclusion in His great soul-saving campaign, He only drew them the nearer to Him, with the burning words of love's entreaty, “Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Having regard to this command, say, reader, what should be your attitude and mine toward child-life? In what way are you and I trying to give effect to the command, not alone its letter, but its spirit?

GERTRUDE COCKERELL.

DOMINION SUPERINTENDENTS, ATTEND!

Will all Dominion Superintendents of Departments please take notice that their reports should be in the hands of the “White Ribbon” Editor before the end of this month?

PALMERSTON NORTH SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE COMPETITIONS, 1916.

**MAORI GIRLS' SCHOOL,
TURAKINA.**

FIRST PRIZE ESSAY.

(Written by H. Tekauru, age 17.)

It is a very important thing for man to be able to choose the right kind of drink to quench his longings when thirsty. Many people would rather prefer to have the bad kind of beverages than the good pure drinks, such as water, milk, tea, cocoa, and coffee. Water is the most important. It is the only drink that can quench your thirst. Water has been the drink of both man and beast from days immemorial. It is the gift of God to man. The birds of the air and the flowers of fields cannot live or grow without water. No mortal thing, such as animals and plants, could live without water. When God first made man He gave them water to drink. At the present day many a man, and woman too, would look at the gift of God with contempt. Next in importance comes milk. Good, pure milk is a nourishing food for the body. Tea, coffee, and cocoa are also good, because they are harmless, if they are not too strong. Then there is also the hot, fiery alcoholic drinks, which I am very sorry to say most of the men in our country crave after. These drinks are nothing else but a curse to man. It is the beginning of all criminality, the symbol of wickedness. There are many people who, through drink, have gone down, down in this world, and perhaps committed crime after crime, just because their better self has been killed by the different alcoholic drinks in which his evil self delights. These drinks kill the power in the body of man that helps to keep away disease germs. It also hinders the growth of the body. There have been many sick cases, where people have died of a certain disease, just because they take alcohol, where in other cases sober people have been able to pull through the same disease, because their minds are clear and their bodies are healthy. The person who drinks, in the course of time will become ignorant of the difference between right and wrong. Many a home has been broken up because of drink. The man loses his

affection for his wife and children, and does not care what becomes of himself as long as he is somewhere near a public-house. Perhaps that man had been a good Christian man before he took to drinking, and had unfortunately fallen into the company of wicked men that are toppers, and use dirty language, who influenced him to fall in with their ways and habits, and being a man weak in character, he was unable to resist the temptation. Thus causing their quiet, peaceful home to be broken up, and instead of sitting round the fire with his children on his knees, telling them Bible stories, as he was accustomed to do, their peaceful abode was turned into a habitation of wild drunkards. When his sons grow up to be men, they are apt to follow his example, unless the mother exercises her stronger influence over them, bringing them up to know the evils that come through drink, and also to have higher ideals in life; to save the money they earn to buy the little things they need rather than waste it on drink. You see it does not only harm the body and moral sense of man, but it also harms the pocket. I am sure that if it had not been for the drink traffic, there would not have been so many starving people in London. Most of the men who work in the factories in England, when they receive their wages, even if it is the only few shillings they possess, make off for the nearest public-house, with not a care for those at home. All these things happen day after day, and yet it does not seem to make any difference to the trader. He sees all the misery and sin around him caused by the drink he sells, yet what does it matter to him? He is happy as long as he is storing away the drinker's money into his bank. What a difference it would be to New Zealand if the alcoholic drink trade was abolished in the country. What a healthy country it would become, and what a high example it would set. We would have good cause to be proud of our little island home. Do the dwellers in New Zealand think that? No! Most of them do not. They do not care to follow their King's example, and all the leading men in England. They keep putting men into Parliament that drink alcohol themselves, and when it comes to voting they favour the drink people, thus enabling them to get the drink

trade to stop in the country. As long as drink is allowed to stop in the country, New Zealand will never become a great Dominion. Our New Zealanders have made a great name for themselves, a name that will last for ever in the history of the Empire, but what a greater name those at home would have made if they had stopped drink from coming into the country altogether!

**PARENCA-RAUMATI UNION
(Maori W.C.T.U.).**

A letter has been received from this our farthest north Union. They are a very loyal band of women, who are working for God and facing difficulties bravely. They assure us that they will keep true till there are none of them left. Bravo! "True till Death" is the motto for every White Ribboner in this Dominion, whether Maori or European.

THE FARMER FEEDS THEM ALL.

The politician talks and talks,
The actor plays his part,
The soldier glitters on parade,
The goldsmith plies his art,
The scientist pursues his germs
O'er this terrestrial ball,
The sailor navigates his ship,
But the farmer feeds them all.

The preacher pounds the pulpit desk,
The broker reads the tape,
The tailor cuts and sews his cloth
To fit the human shape,
The dame of fashion, dressed in silk,
Goes forth to dine, or call,
Or drive, or dance, or promenade,
But the farmer feeds them all.

The workman wields his shining tools,
The merchant shows his wares,
The aeronaut above the clouds
A dizzy journey dares;
But art and science soon would fade,
And commerce dead would fall,
If the farmer ceased to reap and sow,
For the farmer feeds them all.
—"Scientific Farmer."

MAYOR CHANCES HIS OPINION.

The Mayor of Seattle (which city has lately gone dry) confessed to a reporter: "I voted wet, and am ashamed of it. I haven't had a woman in my office crying and saying that her husband hasn't turned in any money in six months. I have not had this occur since the first of January, when the saloons were closed. There used to be four or five a day."

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.)

NGAERE.

Dec. Annual meeting held at Mrs Morrison's. Secretary read a report of year's work. Treasurer's report and balance-sheet adopted. £9 had been collected for the Patriotic Fund, and £6 for St. John Ambulance. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs X. Jones; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Ellis, Morrison, and Phillips; Cor. Sec., Mrs K. Tarrant; Rec. Sec., Miss E. Ellis; Treas., Mrs Whitham.

MOSGIEL.

Dec. 13. Mrs Pintold in the chair. Attendance fair. Decided to donate £1 to the Organising Fund. President gave an address on "Duties of W.C.T.U. Members." Mrs Collie entertained members to afternoon tea.

WHANGAREI.

Dec. 5. Present, 11. Report of year's work read by Secretary. One new member initiated. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Whalley; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Williams, Heather, Galpin, and Miss Griffen; Rec. Sec., Mrs McLeod; Treas., Mrs Hughes; "W.R." Agent, Mrs McKinnon; Cradle Roll, Mrs Coulton. 15s was voted to the Organising Fund. Vote of thanks to Mr Jack for help re Mothers' Day. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Dec. 7. Annual meeting. Reported that 12s had been collected for prizes for Temperance essays, and 13s 6d for Lady Liverpool Fund. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Hall; Sec., Mrs Smith, 344, Wainoni Road, Christchurch; Treas., Mrs Nicholas. Decided to resume our meetings on third Thursday in March.

NAPIER.

Dec. 13. Annual meeting held in Willard Hall. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Venables; Sec., Mrs Chelley; Treas., Mrs Clare; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Mens; Home Meetings, Mrs Jenkins; Flower Mission and Cradle Roll, Mrs Walker; Evangelistic, Mrs Dodds. Mrs Chelley elected delegate to Convention. Following resolution passed, and Secretary to forward to Miss Henderson:—"The Napier Union desire to place on record its appreciation of what has been done by the N.Z. Executive to get women police appointed, and trust

that they will continue the advocacy of this much-needed reform until the Government of New Zealand grant the request.

OPOTIKI.

Dec. 14. Annual meeting, 40 present. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Goodall; Sec., Miss D. Morice; Cradle Roll, Miss Lichfield; "White Ribbon," Mrs Francis. All other officers were re-elected. Miss Powell paid us a visit, which was very profitable. Special meeting held for young girls. Miss Powell gave a talk to members on the origin and work of the W.C.T.U. We were inspired by Miss Powell's visit, and say, "Come again soon." Balance-sheet showed £145 raised for patriotic purposes. Balance in hand, £5.

AUCKLAND.

Dec. 13. Annual meeting, Mrs Cook presiding. On the invitation of the Mayor, the President and Treasurer were appointed to represent the Union at a public meeting of women to consider social conditions in the city. Miss Weymouth appointed Organiser for Auckland Union for three months. Reports and balance-sheet were read and adopted. £53 13s 5d had been cleared by a sale of gifts. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs Cook; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Thorpe, Garroway, and Mason; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor; Treas., Miss Dewar. Hospitality Committee formed to arrange homes for delegates to Convention. Mrs Whitehouse was appointed to watch for strangers, and give them a welcome to the meetings. A letter of thanks and donation was given to the Central Mission for use of hall during the year.

FITZROY.

Dec. 5. Annual meeting. Attendance good, Mrs Douglas presiding. Reports were read and adopted. A Patriotic Sewing Guild, organised since June, had forwarded 123 garments to the Mayoress. Mrs Kibby, "White Ribbon" Agent, had secured several new members. Officers for next year: Pres., Mrs Douglas; Sec. and "W.R." Reporter, Mrs Scott; Treas., Mrs Tolme. Decided to hold meetings first Tuesday in the month.

NELSON Y's.

Dec. 8. Annual meeting. Secretary's report gave 65 members on the roll. Chief feature of the year's work has been the commencement of the L.T.L., which has 98 members, and is controlled by the Y's. Treasurer's report gave credit balance of £11 os 8½d. Decided to send a delegate to Convention. Officers for next year: Pres., Miss Hayes; Vice-Pres., Misses Sutherland and Shone; Sec., Miss Knapp; Asst. Sec., Miss Ching; Treas., Miss Phillips; Asst. Treas., Miss McConchie; Press Reporter, Miss Kenning; L.T.L. Supt., Miss Sutherland.

TAURANGA.

This Branch has been reorganised by Miss Powell, and now numbers 33, largely due to Miss Powell's efforts. Decided to send £1 to the Organising Fund. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs F. N. Christian; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Christian, Ryan, Neal, Petchell; Cor. Sec., Mrs Turner; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hammond; Treas., Mrs Chappell; "White Ribbon," Mrs Petchell; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ridley; L.T.L., Mrs Turner. Decided to elect two visitors each quarter.

NGAERE.

Jan. 2. A well-attended meeting. Reported that prizes had been presented to school children for temperance essays; that a large parcel of literature sent to Trentham Camp. Arranged to hold a Cradle Roll picnic, and also to join with other Unions in a Frances Willard Day picnic. The suggested grouping of departments, published in "White Ribbon," was read, and the following resolution passed:—"With a view to the saving of time and expense, and to the prevention of overlapping of work, we the members of the Ngaere W.C.T.U. heartily approve of the above suggestion."

TINWALD.

Dec. 7. Social afternoon for the purpose of presenting the prizes won by the school children in the recent temperance essay competition. The President was in the chair, and Mrs Watson (District President) and Mrs Lill (District Treasurer) were on the platform, and gave short addresses. Afternoon tea was handed round. The prizes, numbering fifteen, were donated by the Tinwald W.C.T.U., Messrs Ferriman, of Ashburton, and Clark, of Tinwald. They were presented by the President. The National Anthem closed a pleasant afternoon.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Dec. 13. Annual meeting. Mrs McCombs presided. Good attendance. The annual report was read and adopted. Reports were also received from New Brighton and Lyttelton Unions. As a result of the members' work, a large number of garments have been made and forwarded to the Red Cross and Lady Liverpool Societies. A lecture given by Mrs Mickle in aid of the Red Cross and Lady Liverpool Funds realised £40. Mrs Weston, one of our senior members, sold practically all the tickets by personal canvassing. The Union also took an active part in 6 o'clock closing campaign. The Union's luncheon booth at the Agricultural Show was a great success. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs McCombs; Cor. Sec., Mrs Day; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. D. Martin; Treas., Mrs Patterson. Mrs Williams elected "W.R." Superintendent.

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MAORI REPORTS.

ARAPAOWA.

Jan. 3. Ite temitingi ate Roopu Karaitiana kite whare Otamatou Perehitini; Kawhakuparetia ete Perehitini; Eheretina P. Hemana ite mutunga. Kawhai korero aia kite roopu. Kai ora te roopu katoa kei te hari toku nga kau mokou tou. Kahui mai nei kimu a ito ku aroaro ite mea kei te hari hoki ahau mo tatou iti akina mai nei ite nei tau kua pahura ake nei; hetau hou tenei kua ho mai kimua ia tatou toku hiahia kia mahi ano tatou inga mahio pai; kia arahi na ai tatou ete atua kia kaho tatou kite takahi inga mea kino ingare e takoto mai nei imua ia tatou. Kia inoi atu ano tatou kite atua kia whakaparetia mai nga kuaha ote tiki inga ra katoa e ora ai tatou mana tatou etohutuhu, kinga mea pai ehiahiatia na ei a kia mahia e tatou mate atua a tatou e awhina kia ora katoa tatou katu ake ko Hemi Parapara kia ora to matou Perehitini menga mema katoa ano hoki ote roopu kua tae mai nei tatou kitenei tau hou kati ra keite whakapai ahau kinga korero a ate Perehitini e tohutohu nei kia tatou kati kei tou tonu toku ngakau kite pupuri ite mea pai kia ora katoa. Katu korihi Peti Waiti keite pai nga korero ate Perehitini e pera ana noho ki taku korero meta tenei onga mema kua mutu ake nei kotoku hiahia tena ete Perehitini kia u tatou kite pupuri inga kupu ote atua kati kia ora te matou. Kia matua a Paratene Hemana e awhina nei koe ia matou katu kongra mema katoa ote roopu he whakapai kinga korero ate Perehitini meto matou kau matua meama tou tamariki hoki keite pai tonu kote Perehitini me karakia tatou kito tatou matua niu ite rangi hei whakamutunga mo ta tatou mitingia keite 15 onga himene kite Weteriana 20 kinga hate.

OTAMATEA.

Hauere 4. I tuana he huthuitanga mate nei roopu Karaitiana Wahine Otamatea ite whare ote Anwe Tikitiki ite 1st onga ra o Hanuere 1917. I te tekau matahi onga Haora ite ata: Kaati nate Perehitini I whakapare te mitini kite karakia a ka himetia 23 onga himene a Kapuare te whare monga take. (1) Take tuatahi ko ohi tau mete koohi marana ka koohi ai ia mema ite 3s 6d ite mema kotahi. Kaoti ka pahitia tena take ote Perehitini. (2) Take tuarua he whakamihia kite mema hou tu u mai nei ki

tenei roopu Kia Tuhi K. Paikea. Kia ora ano koe iroto te manaki tanga ate matua ara tatou katoa iroto i teneitau hou. (3) Take tuatoru he mihi nate nei roopu ki o ratou tuakana roopu ote Houhanga via Dargaville mo ta ratou moni awhina i tuku mai ai ki tenei roopu, ite tanga mai o ratou ite wa ite ai te hui hura ite kowhatu ote (late President Makereta Mu) ite 25 onga ra ote marama kua huri ake nei iroto ite wa ote Tau 1916. Kote moni i tukuna mai ete roopu ote Houhanga £5 pauna. Kaati keite nui ano hoki te mihi kio matou hoa roopu Oruwharo mo ta ratou moni i tuku mai ai kite nei roopu hei awhina ano ma ratou mo taua hui tu nei. Kote moni £1 pauna.

Kaati I whiriwhiri poti mote Pres., hou Sec., hou tru hou. Kaati tua ano ko nga mea ta whiti i tunga ano ite pototanga 8 nga mema katoa. I whaka mutu te huihuitanga kite karakia.

L.T.L. REPORTS.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Good meetings at all branches during 1916. Great progress has been made at Terrace End and West End. The banner presented by Mrs Crabbe was won by Terrace End, they having gained most new members. After Woodville Convention, Mrs Duxfield paid a visit, and introduced the new method. The children elected into office in all branches now conduct their own meetings. Four Executive meetings have been held. Terrace End and Campbell Street helped with Dr. Barnardo's collections, also with the collection of flowers for Red Cross Day. Decided to hold an examination on the new charts early in 1917. A combined entertainment was held to raise funds, and £3 was given to Y.M.C.A., and £2 for L.T.L. funds. New members during 1916: Campbell Street, 10; West End, 38; Terrace End, 50; Fitzherbert, 3. Total on the roll, 229. Superintendent, Mrs E. Carter; Secretary, Mrs F. Coles.

Since the Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Children was founded, about thirty years ago, it has dealt with 758 thousand offences of cruelty, affecting over two million children, and of these cases 90 per cent. were due to drink.

OUR MERCANTILE MARINE.

With a view to accelerating the output of merchant vessels on the Clyde, the Shipbuilders' Federation has sent a memorial to the new Prime Minister, urging that the immediate total prohibition of the sale of all alcoholic liquor throughout the kingdom should be applied to all classes and individuals alike. The memorial adds that a meeting of Clyde and West of Scotland shipbuilders and marine engineers unanimously considered that the nation should be required to submit to this sacrifice. Perhaps if this be done we may get vessels to take away cheese from our over-crowded stores.

DO YOUR BEST.

QUESTIONS FOR WHITE RIBBONERS.

Have I done my best to be present at each meeting?

Have I done my best to make the meetings interesting?

Have I done my best to help in the different parts of the programme?

Have I done my best to interest those who are not already interested in W.C.T.U. work?

Have I done my best in visiting the sick and the shut-ins?

Have I done my best in giving to the different calls for the extension of the W.C.T.U. work?

Have I remembered to pray earnestly for the work?

Have I made any sacrifice for the work's sake?

WHAT'S HIS'N IS HER'N.

The Missouri State Court has decided that a wife has the right to demand from her husband the free use of his motor car during his absence from home. In a recent case, where the husband, a travelling salesman, had stored his car in a garage, leaving instructions not to let his wife use it, the Court ordered the garage owner to release the car whenever the wife desired its use.

HE KUPU KINGA WAHINE HAPU.

E ki ana nga rata matau o Enga-rangi he he te whakaaro ote wahine hapu e, kite kai tonu ia ite waina, ite taute, ite Parani ranei, i aia e hapu ana, e ka ora ia me tana kohungahunga. Ko te kupu anga rata ko ia nei tetahi take e ngoikore ai, e tuoi ai te kohungahunga kite whanau taua wahine. A ka kai tonu i taua wai-piro, e kore nga miraka o ana u e whai momona hei oranga mo te tamaiti.

Ko tenei tetahi onga ture ote whakaponu onga wahine Hurae mo nga wahine Hauhau (Mohammedan) Kahore e whakaaengia ana e o ratou iwi kai inu ite wai-piro ite wa e hapu ana e whakangote ana ranei ia ratou tamariki. Ko te nuinga onga tamariki onga matua kai wai-piro, e mate ana, imua ite taonga kite tekau ma wha onga tau. Kite ora nga tamariki, ka paangia tonutia enga mate tini-penei me te mate kohitu.

E nga hoa aroha, hei a tatou te mana. Kite ki ake tatou, nga whaea onga tamariki, e kore tatou e kai i enei wai-piro, e kore ano e uru ki roto inga toto onga tamariki te hiahia ki nga wai kaha. Tuarua-ka momona te miraka onga u ka whai tote ora nga tinana onga tamariki. Kaua koutou enga wahine hapu, e inu ite taute; he rite taua mea kite paihana. Ka uru kingatoto ote kohungahunga a ka kore e tupu nui te tamaiti, a ka kore hoki e tupu kaha.

Me kaukau koe, kia rua kaukau ite wiki ite wa e hapu ana koe. Kaua hoki e noho tonu ki roto ite whare; me whai haereere koe i roto inga ra katoa. Kaua hoki e kai inga ka i tino kaha, penei me te kotero mete kaanga-wai. He kine enei mote kahungahunga.

Ka e whanau koe, kaua e wehi kite horoi ite pepe whanau hou. Me horoi kite wai-mahana, me te hopi pai. Me kuhu tonu te pepe ki roto ite wai a ka horoi ai kia tino ma nga paru o tona tinana i mua ite whaka kakahutanga. Ma tenei ka ora ai te hiako o te pepe. Kite kore e pai te horoi ate whanautanga mai ka uru nga paru ki roto ite hiako, a ka waiho he mate mo taua pepe a tona nuinga ake. Koia nei te take e kite nei tatou inga tamariki e paangia ana e nga mate kino ote hiake, penei me te hakihiaki.

Tuarua iho: ko te pito o te tamaiti me horoi kite wai inga ra katoa a ka mea ai kitetahi kareko tawhito, ngawari hoki. Kamutu tena me takai

te hope ote pepe kite kareko, kia kore ai te pito e tino puta mai. Konga kakahu pai mote pepe he wuuru. Kaua e kakahutia kite paranareti. Kote take ko tenei mea he horo kite wera, mehemea ka tata kite ahi. He pai te paranene, mete wuuru.

E whae ma, kite kore tatou e kaha kite tiaki pai ia tatou tamariki, e kore e tupu ake he iwi kaha mo muri ia tatou nei.

I tuhia enei pukapuka irunga ite whakaaro ote kai-tuhi kia hoatu e ia etahi whakaaturanga pai hei awhina inga wahine katoa. Kote hiahia tenei kia whakamatauria e koutou nga tohutohu o roto i enei pukapuka kia ata mohio ai koutou kite tika, kite he ranei. Ko eneikupu katoa he mea tango ake iroto inga pukapuka matau o nga rata pakeha.

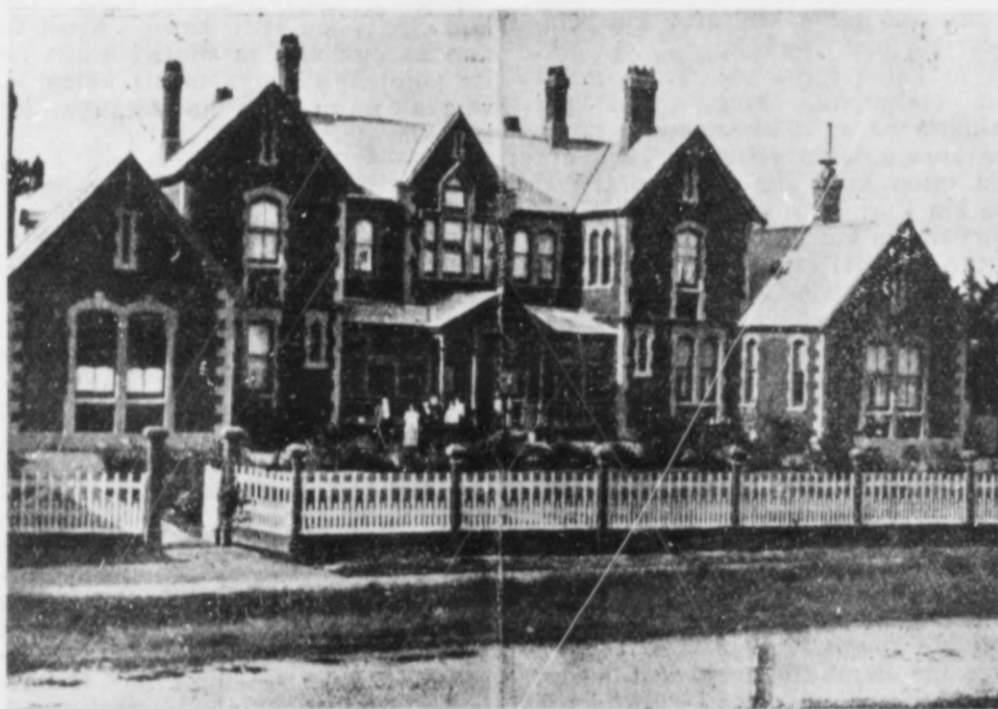
PATRIOTIC FUND.

Rectified Account (Dec. List)	...	...	£1972	12	2
Mrs Lee-Cowie	...	...	150	0	0
Mrs Nelson (Hikurangi)	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs Clair (Napier)	...	...	1	5	0
Mrs Smith (Gore)	...	...	0	7	6
Mrs Medland (Great Barrier)	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs Pattison (ChCh)	...	...	2	5	0
Mrs Findlay (Auckland)	0	10	0
Mrs Helyer (Wellington)	0	8	0
Invercargill W.C.T.U.	3	0	0

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In addition to the above, Invercargill has handed £46 to Local Parcel and Red Cross Funds, and the Patriotic Committee gave £1 for £1 of £250 first given, so our fund should really stand at nearly £300 more. Praise God for generous hearts and liberal souls. I will be with you at Convention to give final report.—Yours gratefully,

B. L. COWIE.



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SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**

Dear Sisters,—I should like to remind our Unions that in January all Superintendents of Departments will have to forward to our N.Z. Secretary a report of all work done throughout the Dominion by each Union.

I, as N.Z. Superintendent of Sabbath Observance, will be glad if the Secretaries will forward to me any report of work done during the past year as early in the New Year as possible, so that I in turn may forward mine.

I also wish to thank Gisborne, Timaru, and Pahiatua, who have already sent me a line re this branch of our work.

I hope we shall be able to show much better work done this year than we did last. Wishing the members of all our Unions a bright and useful year, and praying that we as women may ere long rejoice, because peace has been restored to the world.—Yours, in White Ribbon bonds,

(Mrs) A. E. BOXALL.

"Te Maru," 40 Pirie St., Wellington.

NOTABLE DAYS.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

Our next notable day is on February 17th, "Frances Willard Day," when the collection goes to the World's Missionary Fund.

We trust that all who can will have special addresses or social afternoons, or perhaps some could arrange an open-air function. Probably this will be the first meeting for the year, as some Unions rest during December, and others during January. Mrs Young will probably have some helpful papers to lend enquiring Unions. We trust good work will be done in our "Red-Letter Day Department" this coming year, although we realise that while this heavy war-cloud rests over our fair land it is somewhat difficult to keep our interests before the public.

I regret to say very few reports are yet to hand of work done during last year. If this should meet the eye of any who have not reported, please send me a report as soon as possible.

Wishing all our White Ribbon sisters, a Happy, and above all, a Peaceful New Year,—Yours in the work,

LOUIE HARRISON,

Supt. Notable Days.

List of Notable Days.

February 17th: Frances Willard Day. Collection for World's Missionary Fund.

June 15th: White Ribbon Day. Collection for Maori Fund.

July 27th: T. E. Taylor Day. Collection for object to be decided by each Union.

September 19th: Franchise Day. Collection for N.Z. Fund.

PURITY AND MORAL EDUCATION.

During the month, Patea, Grey-mouth, Invercargill (including Gore and South Invercargill), Pahiatua.

I hope every Union that has done anything in this department will report before the end of the month. Still several District Unions unreported.

Defence booklets now procurable.

M. McCARTHY, Dom. Supt.

WHATEVER IS—IS BEST.

I know as my life grows older,
And mine eyes have clearer sight,
That under each rank Wrong somewhere

There lies the root of Right;
That each sorrow has its purpose,
By the sorrowing oft unguessed,
But as sure as the sun brings morning,
Whatever is—is best.

I know that each sinful action,
As sure as the night brings shade,
Is somewhere, sometimes punished,
Though the hour be long delayed;
I know that the soul is aided
Sometimes by the heart's unrest,
And to grow means often to suffer,
But whatever is—is best.

I know there are no errors
In the great Eternal plan,
And all things work together
For the final good of man,
And I know when my soul speeds onward,

In its grand Eternal quest,
I shall say, as I look back earthward,
Whatever is—is best.

THANKS.**OTAMATEA MAORI UNION.**

The Editor thanks our Maori sisters for their kindly New Year wishes. We admire this far north Union, which is so bravely keeping the flag flying. We hope they may have a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

ELECTIONS.

We hope all "White Ribboners" will be on the look-out for the Municipal and Charitable Aid Board elections. Try and get women members for these Boards, and, above all, be sure and record your vote. Make sure your name is on the roll. It is the Parliamentary Roll which is used.

VICTORIA MEMORIAL HOME, INVERCARGILL.

We have received the annual report for the year ending July, 1916. It is encouraging and highly satisfactory. This Home sets itself to aid any woman or girl who needs assistance, and much of its work cannot be chronicled under any head. Twenty-eight women were received into the Home during the year. Of these, 14 returned to their homes, three went to other institutions, seven to situations, and four remained in the Home. Sixteen children passed through the Home during the year. Ten of these were born in the Home. Of the 16, three were sent to other institutions, two boarded in licensed homes, ten were taken home with their mothers, one remaining in the Home. The girls are trained to domestic duties, and this year, in addition to this, have been taught to sew and knit for patriotic purposes. The Home has a nice garden, and grow vegetables for their own consumption. The balance-sheet shows a credit balance of £205 18s 2d.

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

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princeps St. Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Mrs Ogilvie, Victoria St., Richmond.

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

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

Christchurch District. Rooms, Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs I. McCombs, 26, Tui 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, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. F. Knight, Taboraiti; 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, 32, Duke St.; Treas., Miss Reid, Bishops Court, 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. 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Rd.; Sec., Mrs F. S. Malcolm, Gladstone Rd.; Treas., Mrs F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Rd.

Greymouth District. 1st 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. 1st Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, Clandelands; Sec., Mrs W. Auld; Treas., Mrs Jenkins, Clandelands.

Hastings. 2nd Wednesday, St. Andrew's Hall, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Moore, Stortford; Sec., Mrs F. C. Griffiths, Market St.; Treas., Mrs Martindale, Market St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cameron; Vice-Pres., Mrs Clapham; Asst. Sec., Mrs Boyle, Lyndon Road.

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

Henderson. 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Gilbert, "Homeview"; Vice-Pres., Mrs Platt, Gt. North Rd.; Mrs Williams, Gt. North Rd.; Sec., Mrs McKay, Gt. North Rd.; Treas., Mrs 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 James Baird; Vice-Pres., Mrs J. McKenzie, Mrs C. H. Macalister, Mrs H. Lee-Cowie and Mrs Garrett; Rec. Sec., Mrs Frank Lillcrap, Earn St.; Cor. Sec., Sis. Moody Bell; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs James Hunter, 110, Don St.

Invercargill South. Meets every second Tuesday, in Amethyst Hall, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pasley, Centre St., Georgetown; Sec., Mrs Parkin, 30 Bowmont St.; Treas., Miss Pyle, Amethyst Hall, Bowmont St.; Press Cor., Mrs Smart, Ettrick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Sullivan, 19, Conon St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Cooper, Oteramika Road, and Mrs Bruce Wallace, Ythan St., Appleby.

Kalapoi 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.

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

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

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

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

Mosgiel 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, Maedonald 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. Densen; Vice-Pres., Mrs L. Bycroft and Mrs Vincent; Sec., Mrs Kendall; Treasurer, Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs W. Bycroft.

New Plymouth District. 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres., Mrs Allen Douglas, Pendarves 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. Fredericksen; "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. 1st 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 Burd, 37 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 Plumme; Treas., Mrs M. A. Bailey, Ponsonby.

Pukekohe. Methodist Church, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Vant, Beresford St.; Vice-President, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Wilson; Rec. Sec., Miss Usher; Cor. Sec., Mrs Haslem, East St.; Treas., Mrs Wilson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Stevenson; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mee.

Rangiora. 1st 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. 1st Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Arcade Pres., Mrs Rule, North St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Evangelistic and Press, 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 8 o'clock; Sec., Mrs Geo. Dash, Box 27, P.O.; Treas., Mrs S. J. Hitchens, "Te Rangi," 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 H. Smith, Liverpool St.; Sec., J. Upton, 165, Victoria Av.; Treas., Mrs Siddells, Guyton Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Bott, Wicksteed Street; "W.R." Supt., Mrs W. R. Grant, Harrison Place.

Warkworth. 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Schoolroom, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs Attwood; Sec., Mrs Hamilton; Treas., Mrs Cox; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Tiplady; 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 Hodgson, 108 Wallace St.; Sec., Mrs Spearman, 6 De la Rue St., Berhampore; Treas., Mrs Brackenridge, 45, Victoria St.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Webb, Ball St.

Girls' 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 Davie, Station St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Cole; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Thompson, Fox St.