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MEMBERS OF THE AUCKLAND CONVENTION OF THE W.C.T.U., 1917.

The Convention of 1917 was a memorable one. It met in the Queen City of the North. Its keynote was Advance. The spiritual tone was distinctly marked in every session. Politicians and reformers addressed it on

six o'clock closing; an ex-Cabinet Minister conducted an election on the basis of proportional representation; a lady lawyer addressed it on "Women in Parliament"; the Rev. Knowle Kimpton preached a mighty Conven-

tion sermon in the Baptist Tabernacle to the assembled Delegates. Convention is over. May its holy influence and deep spiritual tone inspire us for our year's work.

Thirty-Second Annual Convention

OF THE

N.Z. W.C.T.U.

HELD IN

**Baptist Tabernacle, Queen Street,
Auckland, March 21st to 29th,
1917.**

(Abridged.)

Convention opened with devotions, President basing her address on Joshua i., and giving as keynote to Convention the words, "Something for Thee."

Roll call, 89, 53 being new members.

Proxies arranged for 12 Unions.

Members of Convention.

New Zealand Officers.—Mrs Don, Dominion President; Miss Henderson, Dominion Corresponding Secretary; Mrs Evans, Dominion Recording Secretary; Mrs Bendely, Dominion Treasurer; Mrs Peryman, Editor "White Ribbon"; Miss Rowell, Dominion Organiser; Mrs Walker, Maori Organising Treasurer; Mrs Lee-Cowie, World's Missionary, also N.Z. Superintendent for Peace and Arbitration.

District Presidents.—Mrs Crabb (Palmerston N.), Mrs Rule (Timaru), Mrs Cooke (Auckland), Mrs Helt (Dunedin), Mrs Houlster (Wellington), Mrs Venables (Napier), Mrs Gote (Gisborne), Mrs Watson (Nelson).

District Secretaries.—Miss N. Dewar (Auckland), Mrs Sinclair (Blenheim), Mrs Dennett (Wellington), Mrs Taylor (Auckland, Recording Secretary), Mrs Griffen (New Plymouth), Mrs Upton (Wanganui), Mrs Chelley (Napier).

District Treasurers.—Mrs Clausen (Palmerston N.), Miss Dewar (Auckland), Miss Taunt (New Plymouth).

Superintendents of Departments.—Mrs Duxfield (Press), Mrs Dearlove (Literature), Mrs Judson (Good Citizenship), Miss Maunder (Scientific Temperance), Mrs J. Wright (Evangelistic), Mrs Neal (L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Medical Temperance), Miss Macarthy (Purity and Moral Education).

Delegates.—Mrs Pate (Invercargill), Miss Begg (N.E. Valley), Mrs Allan (Sawyer's Bay), Mrs Robinson (Ashburton), Mrs Comyns (Oxford), Mrs Napier (Christchurch), Mrs Martin (Christchurch), Mrs Hill (Nelson), Mrs Emmett (Nelson), Mrs Westney (Wakapuaka), Mrs Banks (Greytown), Mrs Atkinson (Wellington Central), Mrs Murgatroyd (Petone), Mrs Lumley (Palmerston N.), Mrs Robbins (Palmerston N.), Mrs Chittenden (Lower Hutt), Miss Checkley (Pahiatua), Mrs Andrews (Wanganui E.), Mrs Scott (Normanby), Mrs Parkinson (Maniaia), Mrs Philipps (Stratford), Miss Ellis (Ngaere), Miss Ol-

sen (Norsewood), Mrs Hopkirk (Wai-pukurau), Mrs Moore (Hastings), Mrs Hancock (Woodville), Mrs Brown (Morrinsville), Mrs Watson (Cambridge), Mrs Cliff (Hamilton), Mrs Garraway (Auckland), Mrs W. Taylor (Auckland), Miss Wilson (Auckland), Mrs Little (Devonport), Mrs Gilbert (Henderson), Mrs Nelson (Hikurangi), Mrs Roke (Matakana), Mrs Logan (Onehunga), Mrs Francis (Opotiki), Mrs West (Otahuhu), Mrs Penning (Takapuna), Mrs Plummer (Ponsonby), Mrs Chappell (Tauranga), Miss Griffen (Whangarei), Mrs Morrison (Warkworth), Mrs Collier (Wanganui), Mrs Heard (Waihi), Miss Jordan (Feilding), Mrs Jarvie (Te Kuiti), Mrs Todd (Birkenhead), Mrs Scott (Marton), Mrs Manukau (Paahi), Mrs Noda (Otamatea), Mrs Nathan (Auckland), Mrs Hamana (Paahi).

Y. Branch Delegates.—Mrs R. Smith (Wanganui), Miss Knapp (Nelson), Miss Waterman (Oxford).

Proxies.—Mrs Shepherd (for Masterton), Mrs Neison (for Greymouth), Mrs Bishop (for Tinwald), Mrs Jemison (for Waimate), Mrs Martindale (for Winchmore-Greenstreet), Mrs Scanlon (for Hawera), Mrs Goodall (for Port Chalmers), Mrs Fulljames (for Kaiapoi), Mrs Jamison (for Wai-pawa), Mrs Black (for Bluff), Mrs Bycroft (for Richmond), Mrs Dickin (for Lyttelton), Mrs Napier (for South Dunedin).

Report of Executive meeting, that Wednesday afternoon's work in Agenda Paper would be taken Saturday morning, and that nominations for any Superintendent of Department would be received from any delegate up to Wednesday morning.

Notice given re appointment of Resolutions Committee.

Appointments made for Committee of Courtesies (Misses Dewar), Convention Letterwriter (Miss Powell), Press Reporters, and Agent for Sale of Newspapers (Miss Weymouth).

Greetings received from Pahiatua, Wanganui I.O.G.T., Palmerston N., Auckland Total Abstinence Society, Auckland I.O.G.T., Otago and Auckland Band of Hope Unions, British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union, Sweden W.C.T.U., Mrs K. Lent Stevenson, and Nambour Union, Queensland (samples of sugar cane manufacture).

Corresponding Secretary's report: 97 Unions at end of 1916, 93 adults, 4 Y's. Total membership, 3639.—Adopted.

Treasurer's Report and Balance-Sheet: Credit balance at beginning of year, £82 8s 10d; receipts, £146 14s 5d; expenditure, £142 14s 8d. Credit balance at end of year £86 8s 7d.

Banner Contest: Absolute increase: Auckland District, 86. Next in order: Nelson District, 57; Nelson Y's, 46; Palmerston N., 45. Percentage of Increase: Nelson Y's, 219 per cent. Next in order—Hikurangi, 175 per cent.; Morrinsville, 170 per cent.—Adopted.

Organising Treasurer's Report and Balance-sheet: Credit balance at beginning of year, £101 5s 2d; receipts, £172 18s 3d; expenditure, £135 4s 8d. Credit balance at end, £138 18s 9d.

Aggregate Balance-sheet of Branches: Balance at beginning of year, £456 19s 9d; receipts, £3736 19s 4d; expenditure, £3391 2s 3d. Balance at end, £802 16s.

Assets and Liabilities of 10 Unions: Assets, £4667; liabilities, £975. Excess of assets over liabilities, £3692.—Reports adopted.

Organiser's Report: Work mainly in North Island—Taranaki, Waikato, Bay of Plenty. Seven new Unions formed, one Union revived, seven L.T.L.'s formed.—Report adopted, with tributes paid to Organiser's devotion and her efforts on behalf of the "White Ribbon."

Minutes of last session of 1916 Convention read and confirmed.

Letters of sympathy to Mrs Daldy, Mrs Webb of Ormondville, wife and family of Rev. F. W. Isitt, Mr Oldham and Miss Harrison, Mrs J. Hunter of Tuakau, Mrs Jones of Hamilton, Mrs Cranch of Devonport Union, relatives of Mrs J. Kent of Ponsonby, and of Mrs D. C. Cameron of Dunedin.

Miss Maupder moved notice of motion re N.Z. Superintendents of Departments having seat on Executive during session of Convention.

Amendment moved to place on Executive Superintendents of certain Departments only. Consideration postponed till after report of Subcommittee on Classification of Departments dealt with.

Resolved: "That our tenderest sympathy be conveyed personally by our delegates, or by letter, to mothers and friends of fallen soldiers wherever they can be reached; that this resolution of our whole Convention be conveyed in such a manner as to show our love to those who have suffered for our safety, and to draw them to our ranks."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions (Mrs Atkinson). Roll call, 101. Minutes.

Greetings from Masterton, Wanganui East, Mrs Webb, Paaki Union, Mrs E. B. Miller.

Mrs Houlster moved notice of motion re nomination of N.Z. Superintendents of Departments by Unions, with addition that names be sent in to Corresponding Secretary and referred to Executive.—Motion carried.

Mrs Crabb moved notice of motion re appointment of proxies. After considerable discussion, it was lost.

Presidential address. Adopted by acclamation. High appreciation of its excellence expressed by many members.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23rd. MORNING SESSION.

Devotions (Mrs Lee-Cowie). Roll call, 99. Minutes.

Greetings from Mrs Gaskin, Nelson Union, Wanganui E., Wellington Cen-

tral, Auckland City Prohibition and Temperance League.

Reports Considered.—Maori: Still no Organiser. Good work done through distribution of Maori leaflets. Short account given of progress made by Fanny Thompson, being trained at Turakina for mission work among her own people, now 16, an earnest follower of Jesus Christ.—Adopted.

Evangelistic: Persistent effort should be made to lead others to Christ. Mothers' Meetings, Home Meetings: Might be combined with patriotic meetings. Narcotics: Smoking habit increasing among women. Unfermented Wine: Adopted.

Resolutions: 1. That all Unions be urged to join in a prayer campaign against the common foe—Strong Drink. 2. That the time has arrived when, in order to check the spread of venereal diseases, all men and women should produce a clean certificate of health in this matter from a doctor before a marriage certificate can be issued. Considerable discussion. Amendment moved: That Government be urged to introduce a Bill protecting doctors in replying truthfully to questions from an engaged person or from parent or guardian of same, as to health of fiancé in the matter of venereal disease. Amendment lost. Original motion carried.

Moved that work of N.Z. Department Work Among Sailors and Seamen be divided, and a N.Z. Superintendent appointed for each Island. Considerable discussion. Motion lost.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions (Mrs Walker). Roll call, 101. Minutes.

Mrs Evans moved notice of motion re payment of Vice-President's travelling expenses to Convention from N.Z. Treasury.—Lost.

Resolutions.—3. That the Government be asked to take effective action to check the rapid increase in the cost of living, which is placing such a very heavy burden on those least able to bear it. We would point out—(1) That according to the Government Statistician's latest computation, it now costs £1 7s 2d to purchase food commodities which could be obtained for £1 in 1909-1913, and that as a consequence the old age pensioners have had the purchasing power of their pensions so reduced that the weekly allowance of 10s will now only purchase what could have been purchased for 7s 4d. (2) That other sections of the community are suffering great and unnecessary deprivations because of the ineffective means taken by the Government to cope with the cost of living problem. (3) That while some sections of the community are being thus penalised, other sections have been permitted to take advantage of their country's stress and suffering to pile up millions of war profits. (4) That as the principal and greatest increases have taken place on necessary commodities which are pro-

duced within the Dominion, it is within the power and province of the Government to prevent the exploitation of the dependents of the soldiers by the less patriotic sections of the community.

Mrs Lee-Cowie presented her report of the Patriotic Fund, showing sum total amounted to £2333 11s.

Rigid economy had been exercised, expenditure being only £8 odd. Minister for Internal Affairs warmly complimented the women on result of their efforts. Mrs Chittenden was warmly thanked for her good work in collecting over £115. Mrs Cowie referred also to the excellent service of Mr McKenney, who had taken charge of fund during her absence in New South Wales. Hearty vote of thanks passed to Mrs Cowie.

After the afternoon tea adjournment, following remit from Christchurch Union was moved:—That as the Government has found ways and means to exempt ministers of religion from the operation of the Conscription Act, we strongly urge that it should consider the claims of those who have conscientious and religious objections to military service, and we suggest that Cabinet should instruct the Minister of Munitions to send certificates of exemption in these cases on the ground of "public interest," as is done in the case of ministers whose churches have no doctrines opposed to war. Discussion showed that delegates felt strongly on both sides, and eventually, following the principle of avoiding, when fundamental principles are not involved, that which tends to produce cleavage in the ranks of the W.C.T.U., the motion was withdrawn.

Reports.—Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Band of Mercy: This work most valuable, spreading rapidly, capitation fee of 3d a year suggested for L.T.L., and monthly magazine, "Young Crusader," highly recommended. Scientific Temperance Instruction: Suggested request more articles on the subject in "School Journal," and again urge Minister for Education to make teaching of it compulsory. Work Among Seamen: Adopted.

Hearty welcome given to Mrs Napier, well known Temperance worker in Dunedin in early days, recently returned from Scotland.

MARCH 24th.—SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs J. Wright). Roll call, 94. Minutes.

Greetings from Ashburton and N.E. Valley.

Reports.—Good Citizenship: Greater co-operation of Unions asked for. During past year little or no notice taken of appeals and suggestions made through "White Ribbon" or by circular as to election of School Committees and Education Boards. Proportional Representation. Discussion as to various work included in Good Citizenship department. Purity and Moral Education: Similar failure to respond to suggestions and circular.

Sets of books on Sex Hygiene for lending. Prison and Reformatory Work. Sabbath Observance: Adopted. In reference to latter, statement made as to referendum to be taken in Ohakune re keeping picture shows open on Sunday, and decision passed that Organiser should proceed to Ohakune to assist in working up public opinion against this secularisation of the Sabbath. Unanimously carried: That this Convention views with uneasiness the growing desire of picture proprietors to run their shows on Sunday. It protests emphatically, on physical, moral, and spiritual grounds, against this extension of Sunday labour and of the secularisation of the Day of Rest.

Referring to failure of Unions to respond to appeals from Dominion Superintendents, the President emphasised the point that every letter or leaflet received from the National Office **must** be brought before the Union, and that if there is no local Superintendent for the particular department concerned, it is the duty of the Secretary to attend to the matter.

MARCH 26th.—MONDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Upton). Roll Call, 101. Minutes.

Greetings from Matakana, Tuatapere, Mrs Barton of Sydney.

"White Ribbon" Editor presented her report. 2215 subscribers, increase of 93; credit balance of £10 9s 9d, satisfactory, considering increased cost of paper and postage. Thanks accorded to Mr Lynneberg, the Auditor. Balance-sheet showed receipts £308 4s 3d, expenditure, £297 14s 7d; certain amounts due for advertisements, chiefly from Unions, and a large amount, nearly £140, due for subscriptions. Price of printing and publishing would be raised from April 1st by 2s per 100, involving increased expenditure of £26 per annum. Four ways suggested for meeting difficulty: increase subscriptions or reduce size of paper, or use inferior paper, or obtain more subscribers—450 more required. Unions urged to appoint "W.R." agents, if not already done, and endeavour to gain more subscribers, especially among non-Union members, thus paving way for increased membership.

Considerable discussion ensued. High tributes paid to splendid work of Editor. Disapproval expressed of Executive's recommendation to use cheaper paper. Finally decided to defer use of cheaper paper for two months, members to try meantime to obtain more subscribers, and also more advertisements. Report and balance-sheet adopted. Orders given for Convention number amounted to over 1100.

Reports.—Medical Temperance, Bible in Schools, Flower Mission and Relief Work, including Patriotic Work. Adopted after short discussion. The President reminded delegates that while Unions and members were quite at liberty to work for organisations outside W.C.T.U., e.g.,

Dr. Barnardo's Homes, no Union funds ought to be voted to any other than Union purposes.

Welcome given to Mrs Millar, a well-known Temperance worker of Dunedin.

AFTERNOON.

Devotions (Mrs R. Smith). Roll call, 101.

Rev. J. Dawson, of N.Z. Alliance, addressed Convention, by invitation, making a strong appeal on behalf of the 6 o'clock closing petition circulated by the Alliance. He believed success was more hopeful than last year, and if a united front were shown, the demand would be conceded.

A deputation from the Auckland No-License League, consisting of Rev. P. Smallfield, Canon Haselden, and Mr W. Spragg, waited on Convention to offer greetings and good wishes, and ask co-operation in the attempt to obtain 6 o'clock closing. Mrs Atkinson, in the name of the Convention, briefly thanked the deputation.

On resuming after afternoon tea, it was resolved to send a letter to Rev. Knowles Kempton, thanking him for the inspiring service and the helpful address delivered before Convention on Sunday evening.

Hearty welcome extended to Mrs Baillie, a White Ribbon visitor from Western Australia.

Mrs Peryman was unanimously re-appointed Editor and Business Manager of the "White Ribbon." Usual votes were granted—£10 Editor's honorarium, £25 for printing Convention number (from the N.Z. Treasury), £15 for the Business Manager (from the "W.R." funds).

Resolved that steps be taken to obtain information preparatory to making arrangements for a visit from a woman speaker (preferably Mrs Armour) from America.

Announced that Mayoress of Auckland invited members of Convention to attend mass meeting for women in Town Hall, and wished a representative to occupy a seat on the platform. Mrs Don was chosen to be representative.

Resolutions to be brought before the public meeting on Tuesday evening were carried unanimously.

(1) Whereas women have, during the present war, proved their capacity to fill every position to which they have been appointed, and whereas the right to elect logically carries with it the right to be elected—

Resolved: That this meeting earnestly urges the Government to take, without delay, steps to remove the obstacles in the way of women entering Parliament; and also to clear the way to their serving as Magistrates, Justices of the Peace, and jurors.

(2) That this meeting urges the Government to yield, without further delay, to the widespread and frequent pressed demand for the appointment of women police, in order that the young people in our community may share in the proved advantages of the protection so afforded in many parts

of the Empire and in other countries.

Mrs Garraway proposed: That a special Dominion fund should be created to provide a £ for £ subsidy towards delegates' travelling expenses, in order that all Unions may be represented at Convention. After some discussion, motion was lost.

Resolution.—This Convention resolves that when it is decided that a certain effort should be made, or laws should be amended, it should be an instruction to every Branch of the W.C.T.U. to take steps to send some of its most influential members to interview the member for their electorate, and put to him the following questions:—Are you in favour of this measure becoming law? Will you vote for it? Will you support it in the House?

Resolution.—That where the same or equal work is being done by men and women, in the opinion of this Convention there should be no differentiation of payment on account of the sex of the worker.

Reports.—Rest and Refreshment Booths, Educational Bureau, Notable Days, Military Camps, Literature. Adopted.

Resolved that the Purity Literature should again be placed in charge of the Purity Superintendent.

Resolved that in future Conventions the English White Ribbon Hymnal should be used.

Mrs Peryman, on behalf of Mrs Bendely, asked for promises of contributions to the N.Z. Treasury. £30 was promised.

Greetings from Mrs Colville, President of Scottish W.C.T.U.

MARCH 27th.—TUESDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Rule). Roll Call, 99. Minutes.

Greetings from Christchurch and Hamilton East.

Resolutions.—(1) This Convention of the W.C.T.U. desires to affirm its belief in the great brotherhood of nations, and its unquenchable faith in the power of Love as the supreme factor in the creation of right international relationships. Believing in the irresistible power of thought, it would therefore urge upon all members that they should think, day by day, thoughts of love, unity, and peace, checking every impulse to bitterness or anger, thereby doing their part towards establishing that universal spirit of peace without which no enduring peace can be secured amongst the nations of the world. Carried unanimously.

(2) That "as God so loved the world," this Convention of Christian women would urge upon all those who have the control of the education of children to instil into their minds the thought and desire for mutual love and helpfulness amongst all nations, rather than for the domination and glory of their own; that love is a stronger power than any form of force, and that the good of any one nation can only be brought about by working for the good of all.

Much of present training of children has an opposite tendency, but establishment of Bands of Mercy would have a good influence.

(3) That at this time, when heroic efforts are being made by the Allies to bring the war to a speedy and satisfactory conclusion, the Government of New Zealand should be urged to take steps to husband the resources of the Nation, and as the liquor traffic is the most fruitful source of economic and industrial waste, and its existence therefore a national disgrace, the Government is urged to totally prohibit this traffic during the period of the war, and for at least six months thereafter.

Remit from Christchurch seconding this. Mrs Cowie read preamble put forward by united temperance bodies of Southland, and suggested—(1) Printing and distributing widely manifesto just read; (2) calling on every Christian organisation for earnest, persistent prayer; (3) selecting most influential men and women to wait on Parliament and support the demand. Widespread public opinion favoured total prohibition as a war measure. At same time all could work for the 6 o'clock closing petition, which would tend to further the greater movement. Carried unanimously.

(4) That this Convention heartily supports the action of the Anglican Synod at Napier in asking for—

(a) A more regular and sympathetic supervision of the Maori Councils by the Department responsible.

(b) In the Maori prohibition area it should be an offence for a Maori to be in possession of liquor, as well as for the one who supplies him.

(c) The Government should be asked to apply the machinery that is in their hands under the War Regulations Act to put an immediate stop to the abuses that exist.

(5) That this Convention wishes to express its appreciation of the action of the Editor of the Auckland "Star" in publishing the paragraph, "Ravages of Venereal," in the article, "Maoriland Soldiers: Life on Salisbury Plains" (Saturday, March 24); and urges that all publicity should be given to facts such as are here disclosed, as being a means for stirring up public opinion to demand effective action. Carried unanimously.

(6) That the Crimes Act should be amended in the direction of raising the age of consent to 21 years.

This has been repeatedly urged, yet Government has done nothing. Meanwhile sexual offences and indecent assaults on children increased in number. Should insist on Government doing something, or explaining its inaction. Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions (Mrs Sinclair). Roll call, 100.

Greetings from Mrs Boxall and Mrs Jones.

Miss Powell stated Ohakune referendum would be taken about middle of April, so she would proceed thither after close of Convention.

Mrs Evans moved notice of motion providing for Superintendents' travelling expenses to Convention being paid from N.Z. Treasury. Several delegates opposed. Treasurer stated approximate cost. Motion lost.

The four Maori members were invited on the platform, and Mrs Hamana spoke words of appreciation, greeting, and thanks, interpreted by Mrs Nathan. The whole Convention responded with the greeting "Kia Ora."

Hon. G. Fowlds gave a practical demonstration of the method of voting at elections, known as Proportional Representation. Ballot papers distributed, and filled in by delegates and visitors—159; only two informal. Two gentlemen friends of Mr Fowlds, who had previous experience, counted votes and made necessary calculations, showing these not so complicated as is usually thought. Mr Fowlds gave a short address, pointing out advantages of the system, and after the results had been declared, explaining method of distributing votes. Hearty vote of thanks passed to him for his address and demonstration.

Resolutions Re-affirmed.—(7) That men convicted of sexual offences against children of tender years be imprisoned for life.

(8) That men convicted of more than one offence against women or girls have more adequate punishment inflicted on them.

(9) In view of the fact that so many persons of both sexes, who are beyond the age of reformatories, are convicted of moral offences, this Convention co-operate with other organisations in asking legislation for the purpose of providing institutions of the nature of a farm colony, where such people can be detained for an indeterminate time, these institutions to be under the control of an Elective Board composed of equal numbers of men and women.

Resolutions Carried.—(10) Recognising the evil influence which may be developed by pictures of a suggestive nature, the W.C.T.U. appeals to Government to appoint a member of the Union as a censor, to represent the mothers of New Zealand.

(11) That the time has arrived when local authorities should be asked to prohibit objectionable posters from being shown in the streets of their towns.

(12) That in view of the great interest aroused just now in the principle of a "clean life for two," the article and illustration accompanying this be printed and circulated if funds allow.

The article in question, a poem by E. W. Wilcox, "How He Paid the Price," read to Convention. Decided to obtain block for illustration at expense of N.Z. Treasury, and to print in "White Ribbon" and strike off copies.

(13) That the leaflet, "Hints on Organising," be reprinted and a copy posted to every District Union.

(14) That the Minister for Education be approached by a deputation as soon as possible, and urged to make Scientific Temperance a compulsory subject for examination in all primary and secondary schools.

(15) That in view of the unnecessary indignity inflicted on women when being tried in our public courts for sexual offences, this Convention urges the Minister of Justice to direct that in such cases all men shall be excluded from Courts, except those whose business makes it necessary for them to be present.

(16) That the name of the Purity and Moral Education Department be changed to "Moral and Social Hygiene."

Reports.—Back Blocks and Railways, Home Sciences, Press, Legal and Parliamentary. Adopted.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Judson). Roll call, 96. Minutes.

Resolved to send letter of thanks and congratulation to Miss Melville for excellent speech at Tuesday evening public meeting.

Membership banners presented to President of Auckland Union and Secretary of Nelson Y's. Both made suitable replies.

Interesting discussion on Work for Y's, many delegates taking part. Chief suggestions made: Name be changed to Young People's Branch; Y. Unions be officered by girls themselves, and be given definite work, Cradle Roll and L.T.L. being specially suitable; Bible Classes, factories, etc., be visited for securing new members. Account given by Mrs Peryman and Miss Macarthy of work just begun by them in Port Chalmers and South Dunedin, organising young people and getting them together in bright social evenings, preparatory to forming Y.P. Branches.

Reports.—Y's and Medal Contests, Anti-Gambling. Adopted.

Reference made to raffling and other forms of gambling used in patriotic and church work, bag days, etc. Most regarded all such methods as not justifiable.

MARCH 29th.—THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs J. Wright and Mrs Don). Roll call, 94. Minutes.

Resolutions.—(17) That with a view to securing the co-operation of scattered members of the W.C.T.U., suitable plans of work be published monthly in the "White Ribbon."

In answer to question, President stated that any member can receive as a member any one in the back blocks unable to reach a Union, provided she gets the pledge signed and subscription paid, and then sends name and address to nearest Union.

(18) That Government be urged to take steps to protect parents, guardians, and doctors seeking or giving information re venereal diseases in

regard to a man or woman intending to marry.

(19) That it be a recommendation to delegates to endeavour to establish a Band of Mercy in their own districts in L.T.L.'s, day schools, or Sunday schools.

Miss Powell moved: (20) Seeing that the instructions given to proxies are not always in order, at every Convention a scrutineer or scrutineers be appointed to examine the instructions sent by Unions for their proxies. Motion lost.

Attention drawn to Mrs Lee-Cowie's patented invention, now ready for orders, 2s each. Highly approved by General Henderson and other military authorities.

Deputation (Mesdames Atkinson, Cooke and Peryman, and Miss Macarthy) to Minister for Education returned, and reported having received most sympathetic hearing, and satisfactory answers in reference to (1) Use of text book, "Alcohol and the Human Body," (2) Wall Sheets to be brought up-to-date, and their use made compulsory, (3) Examination on Temperance Instruction compulsory for inspectors.

Mrs Bendely, absent through indisposition, sent message of greeting and apology. Message of loving sympathy passed to her.

Votes passed: 7s 6d to each Dominion Superintendent, and £1 to International Temperance Bureau.

Votes of thanks passed to Mr G. Plummer, Auditor; and to Mr Fleming Macdonald for designing, and Mrs Driver, of Dunedin, for painting new membership banner.

Election of Officers.—Mrs Peryman and Miss Dewar tellers. Results:

President: Mrs Don.

Corresponding Secretary: Miss Henderson, B.A.

Recording Secretary: Mrs Evans, M.A.

Treasurer: Mrs Bendely.

All were re-elected practically unanimously, and responded suitably.

Mrs Don nominated Mrs Crabb as Vice-President-at-Large.

Mrs Atkinson was re-appointed Custodian of Records and representative of W.C.T.U. on N.Z. Alliance.

Mrs Peryman nominated Mrs Evans as Associate-Editor.

Hearty vote of thanks passed to the donor of the new membership banner, who wished her name to be withheld.

Owing to strong feeling of delegates against decreasing number of Superintendents of Departments, sub-committee for dealing with the matter asked and received permission to withdraw report.

Resolved that Departments of Home Meetings and Mothers' Meetings be combined; that Sabbath Observance and Bible-in-Schools be combined; and that Unfermented Wine be dropped.

Nominations had been received for Superintendents of Departments from delegates, and Executive had felt it desirable, for the purpose of prevent-

ing the departmental work from getting into a rut, that changes should be made from time to time. The recommendations of Executive for Superintendents of Departments were received and adopted. (List of Superintendents on p. 14.)

Question Box.—Various questions dealing with matters of more or less interest answered.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions (Mrs Cooke). Roll call, 81. Minutes.

Executive recommended that Mrs Lee-Cowie's offer to organise the effort for National Prohibition be accepted. Carried unanimously with enthusiasm.

Resolutions Carried.—(21) That this Convention of the W.C.T.U. emphatically protests against the dangerous element of gambling introduced into patriotic work, as being harmful to the morals of the people of the Dominion, and respectfully asks the Government to collect all necessary monies by taxation and subscriptions.

(22) Whereas there has never been a time when economy and reproductive industry were so emphatically a patriotic duty, and whereas the time and money spent in racing and gambling are admittedly almost entirely wasted, and whereas the betting in last Christmas and New Year holidays alone shows the great increase of £67,871 over last year's receipts, therefore this Convention of the New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union earnestly urges the Cabinet to refuse all racing and totalisator permits during the period of the war.

(23) That in view of the widespread demand for 6 o'clock closing, as shown by the petition of 100,000 voters presented last session, and the more wide-spread indignation expressed at the failure of Parliament in this time of unexampled need for economy and efficiency, to make any adequate attempt at the restriction of the Liquor Traffic, we hereby pledge ourselves to co-operate, as far as possible, with the N.Z. Alliance in their petition for 6 o'clock closing, or for a referendum on the hours of sale.

Re proposal to send a letter to the Home Government remonstrating against rum rations supplied to New Zealand soldiers, it was resolved to leave matter in hands of Executive.

Invitations for 1918 Convention received from Greymouth, Invercargill, Timaru, and Palmerston North. Timaru's invitation accepted. President, while thanking Auckland Unions for their splendid entertainment, suggested that it would be well in future to make the entertainment simple, and to curtail it considerably, as business was too much interfered with.

Suggestions were made for Plans of Work for ensuing year: Make more use of Home Meetings, hold "American Teas," get more honorary members, work Cradle Roll and L.T.L.'s vigorously, establish Y.P. Branches.

Mrs Cowie, on behalf of Convention, made a small presentation to Mrs

Dearlove, in recognition of quiet, steady, faithful service during past years. Mrs Dearlove briefly responded.

Notices of Motion.—(1) By Miss Powell: That at the next Convention, I, or someone in my place, will move that to avoid confusion with District Presidents who are also Vice-Presidents of the Dominion Union, the title of the first Vice-President be altered to Vice-President-in-Chief.

(2) 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 delegate any member of the W.C.T.U. in its own district. Such delegates shall be instructed by the aforesaid Union as to voting for Dominion officers and on any amendment to the Constitution.

Votes of thanks passed as follows:—

To Mr James, photographer, for the photograph of the Maori delegates, and six copies of same presented to the Organising Fund.

To the Civic League, for invitation to afternoon tea. An official letter to be sent, with thanks and regrets that press of business prevented Convention from accepting invitation.

To Mr Tibbs, headmaster of Grammar School, for invitation to visit Grammar School. Declined with much regret, owing to press of business. Official letter to be sent.

To Auckland District Union and Auxiliaries.

To the church bodies who provided afternoon tea.

To the No-License League for harbour excursion.

To Trustees of Baptist Tabernacle for use of building.

To the caretaker of same.

To the Lady Editor of "Star."

To Mr Goldie and his housekeeper for hospitality at the Lake.

To the gentleman who presented copies of the "Free Press."

To Hon. George Fowlds for his instructive address.

To the Convention Letter Writer.

To the Committee of Courtesies (the Misses Dewar) and to Mrs Hildreth and Miss Weymouth for attention to papers and letters.

To the hosts and hostesses.

A few words of greeting or farewell or appreciation from Rev. K. Kempton, Mrs Dewar, Mrs Miller, and Mrs Baillie, the visitor from Australia.

Convention closed by singing "God Be With You" and the Benediction pronounced by the President.

"Alcohol, as a beverage or in patent medicines, is a menace to personal and community health, is a common source of sickness and death, is blocking the path of preventive medicine, and is a menace to the physical and social development of the nation."

—Dr. Emmerson, Commissioner of Health, New York.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

The year has been one of the saddest in the history of our organisation. So many among us have lost sons in the war, and White Ribboners in many lands have the same deep sorrow of bereavement. Many of our workers, and some of our Unions, have turned from their usual activities and thrown themselves into Red Cross work, relief for Belgians, or providing comforts for our soldiers at the Front. We have been continually praying for peace, yet the battlefield is still stained with the blood of our young manhood, and one wonders if we are ready for peace. There are few signs anywhere that this terrible war is being taken with sufficient seriousness. No evidence of repentance for national sins. While some are practising self-denial, and many are sacrificing practically their all, pleasures, racing, gambling, and drinking go on just the same. Prussian militarism may be crushed, but unless some other things are also crushed the peace arrived at will rest upon a very insecure foundation.

Though the saddest year, it records many marvellous victories in the Temperance cause. Great Britain is giving more time and thought to the subject than ever before. Over two million signatures were obtained in less than six weeks to the memorial presented to the British Parliament last August, praying for the prohibition of the liquor traffic during the currency of the war and for six months afterwards. Some idea of the immensity of this document may be gathered from the simple fact that if the signatures had been stood end on end they would have covered eleven miles of ground. The weight of this enormous document was estimated at over a ton. In addition to English and Welsh petitions, Scotland forwarded one signed by 420,000 women, while from Ireland came petitions signed by 220,000 men and women. In a word, 2,700,000 of the womanhood and manhood of Great Britain showed themselves to be "solid" for the curtailment of the liquor traffic in the United Kingdom while the war is on. Through Sir Robert Balfour we learn that enough grain to make two million loaves, and enough sugar to supply the entire Imperial Army, have been used during the war in the manufacture of alcohol, and two million tons of shipping space used up last year by the liquor traffic. Sweets and chocolates are to be prohibited in England; we shall be asked to banish a hundred items of food value from our tables, while at the same time hundreds of tons of cereals, sugar, molasses (food for millions) are being destroyed in the process of manufacture of intoxicating drinks. Is it any wonder that everywhere there is an increasing popular demand for prohibiting the traffic during war time?

Canada has voted John Barleycorn out of nine of her ten provinces, and though only a temporary measure

produced by war conditions, let us hope they have voted it out never to return any more. Quebec (the tenth province) is committed in great measure to Prohibition under local option auspices, and Temperance organisations are lending all efforts to bring the province into line. The facts of two years' prohibition in Russia are so astonishing that it does not surprise us to know that permanent prohibition of all alcohol is expected to become law any day. Ten million pounds was the yearly revenue derived by that nation from the liquor before the sale of it was forbidden. And now the test of Russian prosperity is in the State Savings Banks, for 7000 new banks are being opened to take the people's money. The favourable effects of Temperance, greater working capacity, increased savings, and the decrease of crime, are a guarantee that the heavy loss to the Treasury will soon be made good. No wonder Arthur Mee, in the London "Chronicle," said: "The blood thrills in an Englishman to think what might be, if the courage of Petrograd had been found in Westminster."

Soon after the war opened France prohibited the sale of absinthe entirely, and stopped the sale of spirits to soldiers, women, and young people. Now the Government have requisitioned all stocks of alcohol above 100 kilolitres, which is tantamount to the early closing down of all factories engaged in the manufacture of liquors and spirits. Italy has temporarily stopped the sale of all spirits, and has reduced the allowance of wine to her soldiers. Rumania, on declaring war, forbade the sale of alcohol under the severest penalties. Newfoundland's battle for freedom was victorious.

Prohibition makes great headway in the United States of America. More than five-sixths of the territory in the whole of Alaska to-day is dry, or about to become dry. More than one-half the nation is now under State Prohibition. The new Prohibition States are Nebraska, South Dakota, Utah, Florida, and Columbia, in themselves constituting about one-tenth of the national area. This means that approximately thirty million persons will be living in Prohibition States in America.

Detroit, with about 500,000 inhabitants, goes under Prohibition Government. The district of Columbia includes the city of Washington, the capital of the United States, and the centre of the whole machinery of the United States Government, and as these large districts go dry we have good reasons to rejoice in the prospect of realising the motto of our fellow-workers in America, "A saloonless nation by 1920." A wonderful incentive to the goal is the fact that 800 daily papers, with a circulation of 5,500,000, have declined liquor advertisements. In New South Wales the referendum taken in June gave a tremendous majority for 6 o'clock closing, that surpassed all estimates. Indeed, there are many that declare that temporary prohibition would

have been carried with an equally sweeping majority. Victoria and Western Australia have reduced the hours for the sale of liquor; South Australia and Tasmania have also declared that liquor bars must close at 6 o'clock. And the reports that reach us of the conditions since the hours of curtailment are most satisfactory. Less drunkenness, less crime, and a growing spirit of content and appreciation of the change.

While New Zealand is doing nobly in sending so large a proportion of her sons to take part in the Empire's struggle for liberty and truth, she is doing shamefully in the matter of domestic reform. Of all the countries quoted, we have done the least. Our annual expenditure on intoxicating liquors, taking war-time figures, exceed four million sterling, equal to the upkeep of our Expeditionary Forces. If only half this sum was saved during these times of stress, surely it would be worth while. The first petition we presented to Parliament praying for 6 o'clock closing contained 60,000 names, the second 100,000 names, and yet the Parliament refused the request. This year the New Zealand Alliance is preparing a third petition, which they intend presenting next session. Let us hope that when the Prime Minister and Sir Joseph Ward return from England they will be prepared to act, and that immediately, in the curtailment, if not the prohibition, of the traffic during war time. While deploring the attitude of the Parliament with our petitions, we are grateful for even small considerations. The police returns for the year show that since September, when the anti-shouting legislation came into operation, there has been a distinct falling off in arrests for drunkenness. We never know when the tide may turn; it may be at its ebb now. Let us be prepared, by constant watchful service, to see it coming in full, sweeping away prejudices, breaking down obstacles, cleansing the Parliament, the Church, and the whole Dominion from the evil influences of the Drunk demon, and freeing us once and for all from the evil effects of the licensed bar. The whole industrial world has discovered that total abstinence must safeguard the soldier, the sailor, the aviator, the autoist, the engineer, and the crew of the submarine. Scientists are disclaiming liquor as a food or medicine, and the leaders of our forces on land and sea freely admit that it cuts through the efficiency of the nation, weakens our fighting forces, and must lengthen the war. It hinders the Army. It is the cause of grave delay with munitions; it keeps thousands of men from war work every day, and makes good workmen second-rate. It hampers the Navy, delays transports, slows down repairs, and congests the docks. It threatens our mercantile marine; it has absorbed during the war between 60 and 70 million cubic feet of space, and it retards the building of ships to replace our losses. It destroys our finance, it shatters our

moral strength, and because it does these things, is a bigger enemy to our nation than all the allied forces against it. And so leading citizens in all parts of the Kingdom, including representatives of the Order of Merit, the Privy Council, Parliament, the Army and Navy, Universities, the Royal Society, shipping companies, and many others, have allied themselves with us. Surely, with united effort, we may soon hope to see the bright dawn of a sober world.

Women's Work.

Though this great war has brought untold suffering to women of all nations, it has been the means of freeing her capabilities and demonstrating her power to such an extent that a well-known engineer in London recently said: "That it was his firm conviction that, given two more years of war, she could build a battleship from keel to aerial." This statement the "London Daily Telegraph" believes is not exaggerated in view of the skill, energy, and persistence that the women show in their engineering occupations. Nearly three-quarters of a million of women have taken the place of men in the industries of Great Britain, and the substitution is proceeding at such a rapid rate that, if the war continues a few months longer, the figure is almost certain to reach the million mark. Dr. C. Allison, Minister of Munitions, said that "Women had played a splendid part in the war," and commended them for their great sacrifice and readiness to risk their lives. So wide is the scope of industries now undertaken by women that a book has been published by the Imperial War Office, called "Women's War Work," giving a record of what British women have done in maintaining the industries and export trade of the United Kingdom during the war period, and the book is intended not only as a proof that women have shown themselves capable of successfully replacing the stronger sex in practically every branch of industry, but also as a tribute to their effective contribution to the service of the Empire in this hour of need. The number of women employed in attending the sick and wounded is now about 27,000 greater than before the war. There are in London now five hospitals entirely officered by women, and women doctors are running a military hospital for wounded soldiers. They are doing men's work in tanning, leather working, sawmilling, wood working, glass, china, earthenware, and rubber. Even in building, mining, and quarrying women are replacing men in small numbers, but in large numbers they are working at the cotton and food trades, grain milling, sugar refining, etc. They are engaged on the railways in almost every capacity. In agriculture, at fruit packing, and harvesting. In clerical work the most striking new development is the introduction of women clerks into banks and financial houses. Everywhere women are largely employed in the tramway departments; while municipal employ-

ment of women includes work in power stations, on sewage farms, in gas works, in parks, in road-cleaning, and in scavenging. Indeed, if all the industries were named it would be very nearly a complete list of Britain's industrial activities. And the testimony of employers everywhere is that in all processes in which women are now engaged they are acquiring ability, and prove themselves persevering, enduring, skilful, and give general satisfaction.

These new conditions must surely react upon the political future of women. British statesmen and political leaders are inclining an attentive ear to the advance in suffrage sentiment in their country, and we hope that when war is over Britain will remember women's heroic service, and reward them by universal enfranchisement. We are pleased to note that Miss Jeanette Rankin has been elected the first woman Congressman in Montana. She is an ardent prohibitionist, and by her activities greatly helped that State to rid itself of the liquor traffic. Finland has now twenty-four women as members of Parliament. In Iceland six members were chosen to the Upper House, and a number of women candidates were up for office at the election in October last. I have not yet heard the result of that effort. New South Wales appointed Mrs K. Dwyer to a seat on the Senate of the University of Sydney, and the "Sydney Sun" says, "She is the first woman to fill such a position in the British Dominions." How is it that we, who have been enfranchised for so many years, are not better represented on all public bodies, especially those that have to do with women and children? It is recognised by all classes that juvenile depravity is on the increase, and it is patent to all that the decay of home life is the root of the evil. Children roam the streets unattended at all hours of the day and night, and seem to have unlimited freedom to go and come when and where they like. The result is that there has arisen the demand for the institution of a Women Police Force to supervise and safeguard the life and honour of the young people in the streets, and that women be appointed as Justices of the Peace, and be authorised to attend all Courts in all cases where women and children are concerned. It has always been a grievance with us, that under our law a wrong-doer is arrested by a male police, represented by a male advocate, tried by a male jury, and sentenced by a male Judge. These things ought not to be, and so we call upon the Government to instal the police women in New Zealand. Other countries have already seen the value of women police in the prevention by women of much minor and juvenile crime. In 1913 there were 38 police women in the United States; now I think it is safe to say there are hundreds. New York alone having added a large number recently.

Canada, Norway and Sweden, Holland, Denmark, Austria, South Africa, Victoria, and New South Wales, Russia, and Germany all have women police. In London and other English cities women volunteer police, and military patrols have been appointed to deal with the conditions created by the war, and wherever she has appeared she has made good. Judges, Police Superintendents, and even ordinary policemen who have been associated with women police testify to their physical fitness, tactfulness, and human sympathy, and admit that she has justified her appointment as an agent in the prevention of crime, that the experimental stage of the women police was long past, and that she was now recognised as an invaluable auxiliary of the regular policeman. In the light of these facts we hope that the whole question will be reviewed afresh by the Cabinet, and that something will be done to bring about this reform, and that quickly.

We are pleased to note that in September last the censoring of kinema films became an actual fact, and during the last five months the Censor (Mr W. Joliffe) had under his gaze no fewer than 1,302,735 feet of film, and yet only six were cut out, five because it was calculated they were against order and decency, the other because it was calculated to offend one of our Allies. Not being a frequenter of the kinemas, I cannot speak with authority, but judging by the sensational posters exhibited throughout our cities, I think a woman might be appointed to act with Mr Joliffe, for there can be no question that this is a woman's work. Wisely the care of children has been left in her hands; her judgment of what is likely to be misunderstood by young picture-goers cannot be disputed, and seeing that she had the bringing up of the human race, she could tell best what pictures were good for the child and youth, both in its physical and moral nature.

Gambling.

It is not pleasant to have to record the increase of gambling throughout the Dominion. Mr Lloyd George describes the present war as the greatest crisis that ever shook the world, and at the same time pleaded for every pound that private and public economy can provide, and a few days after that plea was published in the Press, during the Christmas and New Year holidays, in seven days, the total amount invested at 21 race meetings in various parts of the Dominion reached the high total of £851,705. No wonder some of our prominent newspapers brand such an outlay in war time as a "National Scandal," and yet the newspapers are doing nothing to check it. The gambling evil in this country is largely facilitated by the publication of racing handicaps and betting odds. Let all such items be deleted from the columns of the Press, and there

might be some shrinkage in the amount of gambling. Then, too, it seems as if the Government were hand in glove with the racing fraternity, for the Press reported no less than five members of the Cabinet, with the Governor of State, as present on the Riccarton Racecourse. While this is done it is worse than useless talking economy to the people. While condemning men in high places, I want to ask if we ourselves are innocent? We would not dream of patronising the racecourse, but do we patronise the raffles for patriotic purposes? School children are being corrupted by this means. To desire a property, a motor car, or any other valuable article for is an offence against morality, and we should be guiltless of such offences.

I am pleased to note the progress of the L.T.L. during the year. I hope that the Unions in every district will strive to organise the young people into temperance bands of some sort. If we are to save the nation, we must begin with the children. They are the future voters, citizens, and statesmen. Let us win them as workers in our cause to-day, and they will be the leaders in the glorious tomorrow of National Prohibition. The present war has taught us many lessons, among them the value of training, of organisation, and of a fully equipped army of strong men. We need the same if we are to win out this fight, so must not neglect the training of children, and preparing them to be leaders of our forces in the future.

Our Losses.

It would be almost impossible to make a list of the many among us who have lost loved ones in the war, nor could I make mention of all our sisters who have gone to higher service during the year that is past. First of all, we remember with affection our sister, Mrs Oldham, of Napier, who for several years, as Editor of the "White Ribbon," and during her life in New Zealand in many ways, was a zealous worker in the ranks of our Union and for the cause of Temperance. The passing of Mrs Cameron has left a big gap in our ranks. For some years she was the Secretary of the South Dunedin Union, but was better known throughout the Dominion as an active and earnest worker of the Good Templar Order, having been a Grand Lodge officer for twenty-one years. Strange that Mrs Harris, one time President of the South Dunedin Union, and closely associated with Mrs Cameron in Good Templar work, and well known in both temperance and church circles as "Mother in Israel," passed away at her home in Timaru only a few weeks before her co-worker. From the same Union we lost another member, one who was never before the public as a worker, but who left a large family of sons and daughters trained in the principles of total abstinence and clean living. I refer to Mrs McCarthy, mother of our Na-

tional Superintendent of Reform Work. And as we pay a tribute of affection to these departed ones, a new sorrow fills our hearts when we remember we have lost our revered leader of the Temperance forces, and one of the best loved men in New Zealand, Rev. Frank Isitt. We thank God for the memory of his leadership, and pray that the strong and sweet influence of these our departed fellow-workers may be upon our daily lives, inspiring us to be strong, and enabling us to push forward with consecrated purpose, and with dynamic spiritual power, the uplifting forces that alone can redeem humanity.

Our Own Work.

I am glad of this opportunity, to congratulate our Invercargill friends on their unanimous and inspiring decision to work for the complete annihilation of the liquor traffic. Let us emulate them! Why not at this Convention choose our slogan, "A dry New Zealand at next election"? There are giants in our way: an unsympathetic Government; the flower of our manhood bleeding, dying for their country; the many gaps in our forces; and the diverting of women's time and work into patriotic effort. Yes! I know it all, **but God reigneth**, and we are told that He it is Who shall fight for us, and through Him we shall do valiantly. Much has been said at previous Conventions about a One by One Campaign, but little **done** in this direction. I said before, I repeat again, if each sister would set herself to get one new member, our forces would be doubled in a year. We are indebted to Miss Powell, our Organiser, and Miss Weymouth for the new branches of our Union. Let every District Union make an effort to form a new branch this year. Concentrate on educating the people and creating enthusiasm by the distribution of leaflets. Surely we can do as our American sisters do—enclose leaflets in letters and papers, write constantly to the Press, put striking messages on tags and stickers, and attach them to parcels, letters, and put them anywhere where the people can see them. What a firing of ammunition this would mean. In every way possible let us put the truth before the people, and the truth will make them free. Let me give you a message from Miss Willard: "Dear Sisters, we must stand by each other in this struggle. Side by side, shoulder to shoulder, we must move forward with no break in the ranks, no aspersions, no careless, harsh, or cruel judgments, but the tenderest and most persistent endeavour to keep the unity of the spirit, if not of method, and, above all, the bond of peace. Let the criticising world see plainly that concord has the right of way in the W.C.T.U. In all the turmoil of these toilsome days let the law of kindness dwell upon our lips, and the spirit of a loving forbearance keep our hearts tender."

My own message is: "Little is much if God is in it." He will

never fail us, He will not forsake; His eternal Covenant He will never break. Resting on His promise, what have we to fear? God is all sufficient for the coming year.

"WHITE RIBBON" REPORT.

The year 1916 closed with 2215 subscribers, an increase of 93 for the year, and the balance-sheet shows a credit balance of £10 9s 9d. Owing to war conditions, paper and postage have increased in price, so that our year's increase is satisfactory.

Some Unions have gained many new subscribers; others have done comparatively little in this department. We would urge every Union to appoint an energetic agent, and do their best to increase the circulation of the "White Ribbon."

To Mrs Evans, our able Associate Editor, our earnest thanks are due for help so willingly given; and to Mr Lynneberg for auditing the accounts. To all those agents who have helped us through the year we give our hearty thanks.

NELLIE PERYMAN,

Editor and Business Manager,
"White Ribbon."

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The reports presented by the majority of the Unions last year are distinctly encouraging, showing, as they do, very solid evidence that the Women's Christian Temperance Union is making a steady advance in the Dominion, and that the members are realising more and more how much women can and should do to maintain a high standard of national life. No one could read the reports without being impressed by the wide and varied activities of the Unions.

As in 1915, the most important national undertaking was the campaign for 6 o'clock closing of liquor bars. The longer time at our disposal enabled a more thorough organisation of our forces; the Unions nobly responded, with the result that petitions bearing over 100,000 signatures were presented to Parliament. The petitions were supported by letters, telegrams, public meetings, deputations to Cabinet Ministers, and every other means that were available. Again our efforts were futile. The usual method known as "talking the question out" was resorted to, in order to prevent the matter being discussed by Parliament. In spite of this, however, some of the Temperance supporters in the House took advantage of the introduction of the War Regulations Bill to put forward various early closing proposals, but these were all defeated. The demand for the prohibition of "shouting" was more successful, for under the War Regulations this practice has been made illegal.

Other matters which called for a national effort were the demand for the appointment of women police and the protest rendered necessary by the Government's regulations for dealing with the social evil.

The war has continued to make great demands upon our members, and, with very few exceptions, the Unions report assistance given to every branch of Red Cross and other patriotic work; in all probability the few Unions which do not report work in this direction are doing their share, though not under the name of the Union.

Work among the young is, as in previous years, one of the most gratifying features of the reports. Loyal Temperance Legions are multiplying rapidly, but the movement is confined to the North Island; this is no doubt due to the fact that many of the Unions there have been able to take advantage of the services of Mrs Duxfield, to whose efforts we owe the existence of so many L.T.L. branches. In the South Island the Unions are not behind hand in efforts to train the young people in Temperance principles; quite a number report flourishing Bands of Hope.

One of the most interesting reports comes from the little Union at Tuatapere. While this Union has done its share of the usual work, its special effort for the year was of an unusual nature. Part of the annual report runs as follows:—"We have worked for 11 months to try and get a District Nurse. As there is a fast-growing population in the district, and our nearest medical aid is over 20 miles away, we thought, after reading in 'White Ribbon' 'Rules for District Nurses,' that a nurse was the greatest need of our district, and, if one with high ideals and Temperance sentiments could be induced to come, unlimited good might be the outcome. We called committee meetings, printed pamphlets, etc., and worked with Wallace Hospital Board, but so far, after many advertisements in the daily papers, have met with no success. Perhaps after the war is over nurses will be more plentiful, and then we may rejoice that our labour in this respect was not in vain." Before the report was sent, Mrs Harrison was able to add as a footnote: "Just received word that a District Nurse has been appointed. We are very thankful."

The number of Unions at the close of 1916 was 97—93 adult, and 4 "Y's." Papakura has lapsed owing to the removal from the district of some of the most active members, but, on the other hand, 10 new Unions have been formed, and Tauranga has been reorganised. The new Unions are Brightwater, Richmond, Wakefield, and Whakapuaka, in the Nelson district; Marton, in Palmerston North; Te Kuiti, in Hamilton; Fitzroy and Urenui, in Taranaki; Kati Kati, in Auckland; and a "Y" Union at Wanganui. A number of the Unions report that new members were

gained in canvassing from house to house for signatures to the six o'clock closing petition. The total financial membership of the Union is 3639. It is a matter for regret that there is only one branch of our Union on the West Coast of the South Island. Greymouth still holds its own, but we ought not to be content with that. There are as great opportunities for Union work on the Coast as elsewhere in New Zealand.

The practice of holding "Provincial Conventions" has become firmly established, and splendid work is being done in this direction. It is possible for all the Unions concerned to be represented at these Conventions, which thus serve as a more immediate source of inspiration and help than the National Convention can be.

In conclusion, I must remind delegates that unless Parliament has the temerity to further prolong its own life, a poll for National Prohibition will be taken next year, and this year we should be making greater preparations than we have ever made before. The next poll should be the women's great opportunity to sweep the liquor traffic from this land.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Madam President and Dear Sisters,—

The balance-sheet for the New Zealand Fund, which I have the pleasure of presenting to Convention, shows that we commenced the year with a credit balance of £82 8s 10d; that the total receipts were £146 14s 5d, and the expenditure £142 14s 8d, and that the year closed with a credit balance of £86 8s 7d.

Capitation fees have been received from 86 Unions, with a membership of 3569, and since the books were closed two more Unions and a membership of 70 have reported, making a total for the year 1916 of 88 Unions and 3639 members, as against 82 Unions and 3333 members for the preceding year. On comparing the items of revenue, I note that the contributions for the World's Missionary Fund show a slight decrease, and the donations and contributions from the Franchise Day Fund combined are about equal to those of the previous year. On the expenditure side, there are decreases in the items of printing and miscellaneous, both of which had been exceptionally heavy in the preceding year.

Before closing the books I remitted to the World's Treasurer the amounts due for the World's Missionary Fund, capitation at the rate of 1d per member on 3824 members, including, as in previous years, the last known membership of the Native Unions. I also forwarded, as a donation from the N.Z. Union, the sum of £6 15s 1d, being the remainder of the amount collected for the year as world's capitation fees.

I shall exhibit to you the usual statement showing details of the mem-

bership and finance of all our branches, a summary of whose balance-sheets show that they began the year with an aggregate credit balance of £456 19s 9d; that the total receipts were £3736 19s 4d, and the expenditure £3391 2s 3d, and that the financial year closed with a total credit balance of £802 16s 10d. I have included in this statement also such particulars as to assets and liabilities as have been obtained from the branches, in accordance with the wish expressed at last Convention. Our of those who have reported, 10 Unions returned assets totalling £4667, against which there were liabilities amounting to £975, leaving a surplus value of £3692.

In the figures for the Banner Contest, the largest actual increase of membership for the year is shown by Auckland, with 86 new members, other good increases being shown by Nelson (57), Nelson "Y" (46), and Palmerston North (45). On the percentage basis, the banner is won by Nelson "Y" with an increase of 219 per cent, the next highest being Hikurangi (175 per cent.), and Morrinsville (170 per cent.).

The Tuakau, Papakura, and Westport Unions are reported as having been dormant during the year. No returns have been received from Pukekohe, Te Kuiti, Okaiawa, Sheffield, Alexandra, and Ashburton "Y." The Greymouth and Tokomaru Bay returns were received after the closing of the books.

The Organising Fund balance-sheet shows that the year began with a credit balance of £101 5s 2d; that the receipts amounted to £172 18s 3d, and the expenditure to £135 4s 8d, and that the year closed with a credit balance of £138 18s 9d. The loyal manner in which Unions responded to the appeal for funds which I issued at the close of the year has been extremely gratifying.

The whole of the accounts have been audited for me by Mr George Plummer, to whom our hearty thanks are due for his assistance. I also wish to express my appreciation of the manner in which our Branch Treasurers have supplied me with their returns.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 20th March, 1917.

REPORT OF DOMINION ORGANISER.

Immediately after the last Convention I started work in Taranaki, spending close on four months among its Unions. All were visited, several of them repeatedly, and two new ones organised, viz., Fitzroy (New Plymouth) and Urenui. Several days were also spent in Waitara, but as no leader was forthcoming, no attempt at organising was made, though a good foundation for the future was laid in the securing of ten subscribers to our paper. Finding

that not a single juvenile temperance organisation existed between Hawera and New Plymouth, I spent a considerable amount of effort in working up the Unions to the point of asking Mrs Duxfield to visit them and form branches of the Loyal Temperance Legion, and later had the satisfaction of knowing that seven had been organised, not a branch being left out. Taranaki Unions were found to be healthy, with the exception of Eltham, where the friends had become discouraged, their membership having for some years stood at six. An additional twenty were secured as the result of working up three monthly meetings in succession. A Branch was organised at Marton, a second visit being paid to set it on its feet. Te Kuiti had for some months been asking for a visit, and in the spring I arrived there and organised a Union. This Branch is in an unfortunate geographical position, being such a distance from its District Union that it is almost impossible for it to be visited and mothered. It has also fallen on evil times in the loss of its President by removal.

Next came the Waikato, and from there I visited the Bay of Plenty, organising branches at Kati Kati and Tauranga, and working up the Union at Opotiki, which I found to be in a very live state, in spite of its isolated position. Every effort was put forth to revive our work in Taneatua and Whakatane, but no encouragement was received. Thames and Te Aroha were also visited, but no one seemed willing to take up the work.

Hamilton District Union is entirely satisfactory, which is, in my opinion, attributable to the fact that it holds a monthly devotional meeting in between the ordinary business ones. Different members throw open their homes, and the average attendance is twenty-five, while the special subject and method of conducting it vary. The result is a beautifully unanimous spirit. Its auxiliaries were found not as flourishing as might be, but are now improving. I have still one place on the Thames line to visit, Eastport Road, which seems ripe for the establishment of a branch.

During the year since last Convention I have travelled 960 miles on my cycle, and over 4000 by public conveyance (rail or motor 'bus), in addition to spending several nights on the sea. Much of this travelling has been rendered necessary by the abundance of patriotic meetings, our women being so engaged in war work that it is impossible for them to get up an extra meeting just when it suits me, and I have to fall in with existing arrangements. Only seven new Branches have been organised during the year, it being considered wiser by the Organising Committee to strengthen existing branches rather than, during the war, to form new ones, unless in exceptional cases. 223 new members have been secured, and 87 "White Ribbon" subscribers. When organising a branch it is not

wise to unduly urge the members to take the paper when they have just paid their fees, the better plan being to appoint an energetic "White Ribbon" agent, and let her get subscribers.

In conclusion, I wish most sincerely to thank the many kind friends who have so freely extended to me their hospitality, and the workers who have so loyally seconded my efforts in connection with the work.

Yours for God, Home, and Humanity,

MARY S. POWELL,
Dominion Organiser.

PAHI.

I huihui ano te roopu Karaitiana o Pahi kite whakarongo inga korero ate. Perehitini raua kote hekeretari o te mitingi i tu nei kiakarana ite 21 o Maehe i uru mai ano hoki nga kau matu o tenei takiwa kite whakarongo menga tama riki tane he nui taratou whakamihi mote pai onga mahi i mahia i tau hui ara mote turaki i te waipiro o mete whakakaha hoki ite mahi karakia i uru katoa ratou kite tau toko mote turaki ite waipiro. Kia hinga kei te whakahaere kaha tenei roopu ienei tika nga kia o ti pai kite rangimarie mahi a mai nga mahi pai ote Atua inana tatou e whakakaha inga ra katoa e ora ai tatou ake ake. Amene. Hoi ano nale Hekeretari.
P. MANAKAU.

Hotel Hours in England.—Owing to the early closing of public-houses, the convictions for drunkenness have declined to 45,257 for the past twelve months, as compared with 99,735 in 1914.—"Age."

Uncle Sam's drink bill for 1915 shows a very remarkable decrease of 10 per cent., which, if continued, would destroy the liquor traffic in ten years. Not since 1905 has the nation's drink bill been so low as in 1915, notable for a marked decrease in the per capita and total consumption of malt and spirituous liquors amounting to 2.70 gallons per capita.—"Age."

The N.Z. Women's Christian Temperance Union.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 1st MARCH, 1917.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year			Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	50	9 0
Capitation Fees—Arrears 1915—			Postage and Telegrams	16	4 4
2 Unions, 24 Members, N.Z....	0	12 0	Travelling Expenses	20	11 8
World's	0	2 0	Grants to Departments	14	8 8
1916—			Miscellaneous Expenses	25	7 1
86 Unions, 3569 members, N.Z.	87	16 0	World's Missionary Fund	7	14 7
World's	14	12 5	World's Capitation Fees	7	19 4
				142	14 8
Literature	3	8 5	Credit Balance at Bank 1st March, 1917 ...	86	8 7
World's Missionary Fund ...	7	14 7			
Franchise Day Fund	11	16 7			
Donations to N.Z. Fund ...	20	12 5			
		43 12 0			
		<u>£229 3 3</u>			<u>£229 3 3</u>

ORGANISING FUND.

Abbreviated Balance-Sheet for the Period ended 1st March, 1917.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance Brought Forward from Previous Year			Organiser's Salary	102	0 0
Branch Donations	127	18 6	Organiser's Travelling Expenses	13	13 6
Private Donations	15	12 0	Organiser's Postage, etc.	4	4 0
Per Miss Powell—			Literature	2	1 11
Donations	23	14 0	Reporter's Railway Ticket	10	10 0
Collections	3	1 11	Employer's Liability Insurance	0	15 7
Profit on Badges	2	2 6	L.T.L. Organising Expenses	1	19 8
Interest	0	9 4			
				135	4 8
		172 18 3	Credit Balance at Bank 1st March, 1917 ...	138	18 9
		<u>£274 3 5</u>			<u>£274 3 5</u>

Examined and found correct.

GEO. PLUMMER.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

"WHITE RIBBON."

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1916.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash in Hand January 1st, 1916	...	1 15 6	Printing Account for 12 Months	...	180 19 0
Subscriptions and Sales	...	241 12 1	Blocks	...	1 7 0
Union Advertisements	...	26 6 8	Typewriter	...	5 0 0
Trade Advertisements	...	6 0 0	Travelling Expenses	...	3 15 0
Grants from N.Z. Fund	...	31 0 0	Telephone Charges	...	2 18 6
Donations	...	1 10 0	Repairing Typewriter	...	0 4 9
			Postages	...	67 1 9
			Wrappers	...	8 10 0
			Stationery	...	3 2 6
			Bank Charges	...	0 16 0
			Allowance to Business Manager	...	15 0 0
			Balance in Hand	...	10 9 9
	<u>£308</u>	<u>4 3</u>		<u>£308</u>	<u>4 3</u>

BALANCE-SHEET.

ASSETS.			LIABILITIES.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Cash in Hand	...	10 9 9	Subscriptions Overpaid	...	77 7 6
Union Advertisements Due	...	11 7 6	Union Advertisements Overpaid	...	4 15 0
Trade Advertisements Due	...	0 8 0	Trade Advertisements Overpaid	...	2 2 0
Subscriptions Due	...	138 12 6	Surplus Balance	...	81 13 3
Typewriter	...	5 0 0			
	<u>£165</u>	<u>17 9</u>		<u>£165</u>	<u>17 9</u>

Audited and found correct.

BIRGER LYNNEBERG, R.A.,
Auditor.
Ngaio, March 19th, 1917.

NELLIE PERYMAN,

Business Manager.

MAORI MISSION DEPARTMENT.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR PERIOD FROM 29th FEBRUARY, 1916, TO 13th FEBRUARY, 1917.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENDITURE.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance at 29th February, 1916	...	47 14 4	Postages, Telegrams, Exchange	...	1 0 8
Donations	...	28 9 9	Printing and Stationery	...	3 16 9
Members' Subscriptions	...	1 7 0	White Ribbon Badges	...	0 2 0
Sale of White Ribbon Badges	...	0 4 8	Salary, Miss Woodhead	...	5 5 0
Interest	...	1 5 10	Travelling Exs., Miss Woodhead	...	0 12 10
		<u>31 7 3</u>			<u>10 17 3</u>
			Balance at 13th February, 1917—		
			In P.O. Savings Bank	...	67 10 10
			Cash in Hand	...	0 13 6
					<u>68 4 4</u>
	<u>£79</u>	<u>1 7</u>		<u>£79</u>	<u>1 7</u>

N. F. WALKER, Treasurer.

D. MORICE, Auditor.

Gisborne, 13th February, 1917.

WOMEN'S Christian Temperance Union Of New Zealand.

Organised 1885.

"For God and Home and Humanity."

PRESIDENT:

MRS. DON,

C/o Miss Henderson, 26, Tui Street,
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Palmerston N.

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"The White Ribbon."

Editor: Mrs Peryman, Port Chalmers.

Associate Editor: Mrs Evans, M.A.

Business Manager: Mrs Peryman,
Port Chalmers.

The White Ribbon.

For God and Home and Humanity.

WELLINGTON, APRIL 18, 1917.

PLEASE OURSELVES.—
IMPORTANT.

Read at the next meeting of your
Union.

Convention had to give serious thought to its official organ. Owing to the increased price of paper, and also a rise in wages, the publishers have been compelled to raise the cost of the "White Ribbon" for the first time since the war began. The only alternative was to print the "White Ribbon" on ordinary newspaper when its price would remain the same.

The Editor said that four courses were open to Convention: (1) to raise the price of the paper, or (2) to decrease its size. Both these suggestions were turned down as tending to decrease the circulation, and therefore the influence of the paper. The other suggestions were: (3) to print the "White Ribbon" on ordinary newspaper, or (4) to materially increase the circulation.

After some discussion it was resolved on the motion of Mrs Atkinson: "That every Union pledge itself to secure six new subscribers this year

under penalty of having the "White Ribbon" printed on ordinary newspaper."

May we appeal to the Unions to carry out this resolution. Several have already sent in their six new names. Appoint a good agent if you have none, and when you have an agent then help her all you can. Appeal to the public who are outside our Union. Even those who are outside our Churches are interested in our temperance and social reform work, and will help if we ask them.

White Ribboners help to circulate your own paper, and pray that it may carry a blessing to every home it enters.

IN THE FIELD.

On Monday, March 12th, I went up to Morrinsville, being kindly entertained by Mrs Anstice at the Baptist Manse. The afternoon and following morning were spent in visiting, when a few new members were obtained, and on Tuesday afternoon I addressed the usual monthly meeting.

A considerable amount of labour had been expended upon Hamilton East, and on Friday the 16th a meeting was held in the Presbyterian Sunday School, an address being delivered by Mrs Lee-Cowie. A Branch was then organised under the capable leadership of our faithful worker, Mrs C. Snow. This Branch being within easy distance of the District Union should not want for mothering.

21st to 29th was spent at the most inspiring Convention I have ever attended, and on Saturday I travelled to Takapuna, and spent the next few days in working up a meeting for Mrs Duxfield.

M. S. POWELL,

Dominion Organiser.

Address: c.o. Miss Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby, Auckland.

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OUR FORWARD MOVEMENT.

Convention decided that the W.C.T.U. of this Dominion has been marking time for long enough, and now we are starting forward in a grand effort to secure National Prohibition as a war measure for the period of the war and demobilisation. Convention considered this matter long and thoughtfully—prayerfully was their decision made. National Prohibition is a grand ideal. In the words of our departed leader: "It is worth living for and worth dying for." The Dominion Convention has set up this ideal, will every Union and every member work to the uttermost to transform the ideal into the actual.

At the Intercessory Service we felt that God was with us in our great effort, and with His help, victory is certain. We have asked great things from God, let us expect great things. Work for great things, pray for great things, and assuredly God will honour our faith.

Mrs Lee-Cowie is to organise this effort, and below is a letter from her with suggestions for Unions.

White Ribboners think Prohibition, talk Prohibition, work for Prohibition, pray for Prohibition till Prohibition becomes an accomplished fact.

The Strength of the Nation Movement.

Will every Branch please let me know at once how many copies of the Manifesto will be required to present in their district to every Church gathering, employees' federation, Trade and Labour Organisation, Patriotic Committee, School Board, Town Council, Medical Congress, Teachers' Conference, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., etc.,

This great forward movement must be pushed through without a day's delay for while we delay souls die.

The first great effort must be to call every Church and religious organisation to fervent united prayer for God to guide. Every W.C.T.U. member must continue in nightly prayer to God until the victory is won.

The next step is the distribution of the Manifesto as suggested above.

Further direction will be given as needed in our "White Ribbon" or on application to me.

"Be strong and of good courage, my comrades, through God we shall be valiant."

Yours in His all conquering might,
BESSIE LEE-COWIE.

Amethyst Hall, Invercargill,
2nd April, 1917.

SUPERINTENDENTS' ANNUAL REPORTS.

MAORI.

Superintendent: Mrs Walker.

A very difficult year, every effort to secure an Organiser having failed. Unions have been kept in touch with by means of correspondence and distribution of literature. Thanks of the Union are due to Miss Woodhead and Miss Keiha for visiting Unions in their own districts, also Rev. F. Paikea and Rev. F. Chatterton, and Mr Tamati, of Te Rau Native College, for advice and help; also to Mrs Hewett, of Wanganui, and others for help given. Being unable to procure health pamphlets from the Government, Miss Woodhead prepared five, entitled "The Evils of Alcoholic Liquors," "Advice to Mothers," "Care of the Babies," "Small Sick-nesses and Their Remedies," and "Food for Sick People." These are in Maori, and we are thoroughly distributing them. In June I issued a circular letter to the Native Unions explaining to them the reason of the long delay in a visit from an Organiser.

Invercargill, Winchmore, Wanganui, East, Urenui, Ngaere, collected money. Winchmore read a paper on the Maori work. Palmerston North and Devonport distributed literature. Palmerston North invited the Turakina Maori Girls' College to compete in the essay competition, and received four good essays from them. Lyttelton visits the sick. Several of the Maori Unions have had sickness and death amongst them, and many have lost relatives at the Front, and to these the Union extends its deepest sympathy. We hope a suitable Organiser may soon be found for this department.

ANTI-GAMBLING.

Superintendent: Miss Henderson.

Owing to the fact that Parliament has dealt with no gambling legislation during the year, little or no work has been done in this department by the Unions. Communications have been received from only two, Pahiatua and Palmerston North, and yet raffling in connection with patriotic efforts is still common, and the gambling at race meetings constitutes a record. The following report from Palmerston North shows that it is still possible for our Unions to find work in this department:—

1. "Hearing that the school children were being asked to sell tickets for a gigantic Art Union we had here, a protest was made at one of our meetings, and commented upon in the newspaper report.

2. "At our stalls at patriotic fairs and fetes have stood alone as against all raffling and Art Unions, though all others have adopted this mode of procedure.

3. "Several of our members receiving requests to take tickets in an Art

Union promoted by an invalid artist of Wanganui, who has to do his painting while lying on his back. We refused to do so, but a letter was written explaining our position and enclosing £1, asking him to paint us a picture to that value."

With regard to gambling in connection with the races, matters go from bad to worse. No comment is needed to emphasise the seriousness of the gambling evil as shown by the following table, which is a record of the betting at nineteen race meetings held in Christmas and New Year holidays:—

	1916-17.	1915-16
	£	£
Auckland R.C. ...	257,928	236,182
Auckland T.C. ...	48,946	45,389
Taranaki J.C. ...	38,500	36,348
Stratford R.C. ...	43,328	38,862
Hawke's Bay J.C. ...	19,361	17,540
Marton J.C. ...	41,045	41,494
Manawatu R.C. ...	105,700	76,576
Wairarapa R.C. ...	36,808	39,293
Greymouth J.C. ...	17,515	9,925
Greymouth T.C. ...	16,127	16,780
Reefton J.C. ...	11,013	9,294
Westport T.C. ...	11,706	11,621
Cant'by Park T.C. ...	40,855	47,647
Ashburton T.C. ...	18,451	18,262
North Otago J.C. ...	19,737	24,420
Dunedin J.C. ...	33,556	35,706
Southland R.C. ...	30,710	25,690
Gore T.C. ...	9,257	10,102
Wyndham R.C. ...	11,259	11,100
Totals ...	£815,111	£747,240

WORK AMONG SEAMEN.

Superintendent: Mrs Hatchwell.

I wish to thank the Unions who have helped us so splendidly in this department of our work during the past year.

At Greymouth the Rest has been visited as usual, and a very successful entertainment given.

Timaru Rest has done good work under the supervision of Mr and Mrs Good; 889 men made 1079 visits during the year. Sunday services have been held. 100 Bibles and Testaments and 70 bundles of literature have been given to the men leaving port. The men take full advantage of the facility for letter-writing, reading, and games, and many pleasant social evenings have been given at the Rest by members of the Union and friends.

At Lyttelton, the members of the Union assist at Sailors' Institute with Sunday teas, social evenings, and picnics.

Dunedin reports having handed over their building and its work to a new committee, who are doing good work among the seamen, both in Dunedin and Port Chalmers.

The following Unions have sent parcels for the mine-sweepers:—Blenheim, Masterton, Dannevirke, Waipukurau, Wanganui, Normanby, Palmerston North, Cambridge, Ox-

ford, Feilding, Ponsonby, Bluff, Christchurch, Waipawa, Hastings, and Lyttelton.

The following sent comfort bags:—Christchurch, Pahiatua (50 bags and 50s), Ngaere (12 bags and 12s), and Lyttelton.

Donations of money for mine-sweepers:—Normanby, 12s 6d; Palmerston North, 7s 6d; Dannevirke, 5s; Waipawa, 13s. Hastings gave an afternoon in aid of the dependents of those seamen who perished in North Sea battle; and Gore sent literature to Seamen's Rest.

REST AND REFRESHMENT BOOTHS.

Superintendent: Mrs Upton.

Christchurch, Oxford, Ashburton, and Palmerston North had refreshment booths at A. and P. Shows. Rest Tents were attended at Summer, and Spring Shows by Hawera (collection for soldiers' comforts), Oxford, Wanganui, Invercargill (also refreshment booth), Ashburton (also refreshment booth at patriotic functions). Palmerston North supervises the Skating Rink supper room.

HOME MEETINGS.

No Superintendent.

Probably the fact that there is no Superintendent of this department this year may account for the fact that only two Unions have sent in reports of work done. Palmerston North reports that home meetings have been held every month at Fitzherbert West. Mrs Crabb has conducted the meetings, which have been much appreciated.

Wellington Central has held three Home Meetings, one at the residence of Mrs Huffman, Oriental Bay, addressed by Mrs Adjutant Green, and one new member gained. One at Mrs Evans', Abel Smith Street, addressed by Rev. Archer, and seven new members gained. One at Mrs Kershaw's, addressed by Mrs Cobb, of Palmerston North, when three new members were gained.

PRISON AND REFORM WORK.

Superintendent: Sister Moody-Bell.

When in Wellington I secured a personal interview with Dr. McNab, Minister of Justice, to hand over special literature and data as to method of Court work in America, which he promised to pass on to a colleague.

The lamented death of Mrs Cunningham removed from us one of the most devoted and effective workers amongst prisoners in New Zealand. Christchurch reports that the appointment of Mrs Miller (member of Lyttelton W.C.T.U.) as Government official visitor to the gaol, the other visitors being Miss Guise and Miss Cunningham. Women are not allowed to visit the men's prisons in New Zealand, but Mrs Barney, World's Superintendent for this department, considers the New Zealand women should agitate for this.

Invercargill Victoria Home still continues to aid and help any woman or girl who needs assistance. They are trained for domestic duties, and this year have done sewing and knitting for patriotic societies.

Invercargill Union is well represented by its President and other members, who are working a Ladies' Auxiliary of the Prisoners' and Patients' Aid and City Missionary Society, which undertakes Sunday services and Bible Classes at Lorne Farm Home, the Hospital, and the Victoria Home, through its excellent agent, Mr McLean. He visits the sick, aged and infirm, attends the Police and Juvenile Courts, assists by advice and financially where desirable our prisoners on release, and many others.

One of our Invercargill W.C.T.U. members is the only woman on the Southland Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, and takes an active part in relief work, and is altogether a most useful member.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

Superintendent: Miss Maunder.

I am sorry to say that there are fewer reports this year than formerly. The Minister of Education has given instructions to inspectors and teachers that the effects of alcohol on the health and well-being of the community should be taught in our schools, but it is not a compulsory subject. I am daily expecting a parcel of leaflets, which I hope to send to Training Colleges. The following schools gave prizes for temperance essays:—Waipawa, Invercargill, South Invercargill, Edendale, Matakana (distributed the prizes at an afternoon tea, to which friends were invited), New Brighton, Palmerston North (College Street and Campbell Street Schools sent large numbers of essays done in school hours; West End (voluntary, essays fewer in number), also Maori Girls' School at Turakina competed), Oxford (four schools competed), Hawera, Sawyer's Bay (prize given in each standard, and 87 essays sent in), and Waipawa. Wellington Central offered prizes, but Education Board refused, as headmasters objected.

Waipawa and Port Chalmers report Scientific Temperance addresses given at the Band of Hope. Hastings reports assisting at the Band of Hope.

NOTABLE DAYS.

Superintendent: Mrs Harrison.

Willard Day.—The following Unions held meetings:—Auckland (collection), Hastings (address on "Frances Willard"), Timaru (paper read), Christchurch (reference to Frances Willard at usual meeting), Pahiatua (address by Miss Powell, collection of 26s), Invercargill (address on "Frances Willard"), Waipawa (commemoration readings given), Hastings (attended Napier Union's picnic).

T. E. Taylor Day.—The following report meetings held and addresses given on the life of our great leader:—Hawera, Oxford, Christchurch, Pahiatua (combined with White Ribbon Day), Waipawa, and Timaru.

Franchise Day.

New Brighton observed Franchise Day, when Mrs T. E. Taylor gave an address, and collection amounted to 8s 6d for Organising Fund.

Waipawa: Mrs McLean gave a reading on "The History of Women's Suffrage in New Zealand." Other members also spoke.

Pahiatua: Home meeting held. Mrs Houlder (Wellington) gave address. Collection, 17s.

South Invercargill: Paper on "Woman's Suffrage in New Zealand" by Mrs Garrett.

Bluff: Address by Mrs Pasley (Invercargill), "Lest We Forget."

Christchurch: Mrs McCombs (President) read interesting paper.

Oxford: Address by Miss Gainsford (missionary from India).

Hawera: Mrs Sloan read paper "Has the Enfranchisement of Women Made Any Material Difference on New Zealand Politics." Mrs Blamires also spoke. Okaiawa ladies present.

Auckland: Observed day, and took collection.

Gisborne: Rev. Wills gave an address on "Franchise." Collection, £1 10s 6d. Union also convened a special meeting, at which Lady Stout spoke. Resolutions forwarded to House regarding women police and War Regulation Act. Good attendance, and splendid address.

Nelson reports special mention called to all Notable Day topics at ordinary meetings.

White Ribbon Day.

Palmerston North had social afternoon. Gained 12 new subscribers for year, and sold £1 5s worth of bows.

Gisborne: Special meeting. Mrs Walker spoke on "Maori Work." Rev. Chatterton on "Purity and No-License Work." Collection, £1 17s for Maori Fund.

Christchurch: Combined W.R. Day and pay-up social.

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE DEPARTMENT.

Superintendent: Mrs Clara Neal.

The following Unions purchased leaflets for general distribution: Auckland, 300; Hamilton, 100; Hawera, 288; Invercargill, 300; Wanganui, 100; Blenheim, 288.

Pahiatua, 60 "Safe Remedies" for sailors' comfort bags, and to present to each new member.

Blenheim read several papers on the subject at Mothers' Meetings.

Palmerston North Superintendent sent to W.C.T.U. Educational Bureau a copy of paper entitled "The Effects of Alcohol on the Brain." also gave a chart lesson to the elder boys and girls of the Sunday School on "The Injury done to the Brain by Alcohol."

Blenheim and Pahiatua distributed leaflets at Home Meetings.

Leaflets purchased for Cradle Roll work by the following Unions: Henderson, Eltham, Marton, Urenui, Palmerston North, Pahiatua, and Christchurch.

Sample packets purchased by Ponsonby, Waihi, Tauranga, Kati Kati, New Plymouth, Ngaruawahia, Wanganui, Kaiawaka, Patea, Woodville, Wellington, Greymouth, Wellington South, and Ashburton.

The Dominion Superintendent sent three free sample leaflets to Cradle Roll Superintendents of following Unions: Devonport, Greymouth, Whangarei, Invercargill, Wellington South, Eltham, Urenui, Palmerston North, Lower Hutt, Okaiawa, Marton, Patea, Kakarama, Te Kuiti, Henderson, Gisborne, Pukekohe, Kati Kati, Tauranga, Waihi, Birkenhead.

Balance-Sheet Medical Temperance Department, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
1915 Balance	2	14	1
Sales at Convention	0	16	10
Sales by Post	2	14	3
Department Grant	0	7	6
---	£6	12	8

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Purchases U.S.A.	5	3	8
Postage Parcels, Etc.	0	9	1
Balance in Hand	0	19	11
---	£6	12	8

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand	0	19	11
Value of Leaflets in Stock ...	4	12	3
Amount of Accounts Owing ...	0	5	0
---	£5	17	2

36 Letters and Parcels sent out by this Department during the year.

800 Leaflets distributed Free to Temperance Workers, Cradle Roll Superintendents and at Meetings.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Superintendent: Mrs Judson.

Twelve Unions have reported. This may not mean indifference, but only that Unions have been engaged in patriotic work, and in the early months of the year with the six o'clock closing petition. All Unions worked well with the petition, but only these report work in this direction:—Palmerston North, New Brighton, and Auckland (secured 16,140 signatures). Palmerston North reports a weekly sewing meeting in aid of Belgian and Servian relief funds, as well as the needs nearer home.

For School Committees, Palmerston North reports one woman elected (for the first time); Wellington District, two (re-elected); New Brighton, two; South Invercargill, three; Wanganui East, one (majority of these are W.C.T.U. members). Christchurch Union nominated 24 women, 17 of whom were elected, one being made Chairman, one Treasurer, and three

Secretary. Invercargill and Nelson have each one W.C.T.U. member on the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, and Nelson one on School Committee. Wellington District, Christchurch, and Nelson nominated women candidates for the Board of Education, but were unsuccessful. School Committees elect members of Education Boards, so we should put on them those who are likely to support women candidates.

In educative work, Auckland reports leaflets distributed and visits paid to mothers. Nelson held fortnightly meetings through the winter for the study and discussion of social reforms, also one public meeting, to which members of the City Council were invited, and where the system of election by proportional representation was explained. The Council were asked to adopt this system at their next election, but did not accede to the request. Though unsuccessful, it brought the subject of electoral reform before the public.

Meetings of protest against clauses in the War Regulations Bill were held in Hastings (addressed by Lady Stout), Palmerston North, and Nelson, at both of which resolutions were passed urging the appointment of women police. Similar resolutions have been passed in many other places, notably Dunedin. At Hastings a lecture was given by Mrs Lee-Cowie on "National Peril." Four lectures have been given at Wanganui East; one by Mrs Don (Eccles. ix., one by Mrs Blamires ("Facing Facts"), one by Mrs Hughson ("Is it Worth While?"), and one by Miss Cruickshanks, M.A. ("Education as a Social Force").

Invercargill sent information re "Woman's Suffrage in New Zealand" to an English Suffrage Society requesting such. South Invercargill forwarded to the High Commissioner a resolution in favour of Woman Suffrage in Great Britain. Hastings and Invercargill worked for the censorship of picture films and hoardings; Hastings also for obtaining a rubbish destructor and conveniences for women. Invercargill purchased spaces for Union advertisements to replace liquor advertisements, and also sent a deputation to the Minister of Health re establishment of St. Helen's Hospital for Southland, which was sympathetically received. Tuatapere worked hard to secure a district nurse, but failed, as none were available. Pahiatua works in connection with St. John Ambulance and the Medical Corps of Women's National Reserve. President of Union being secretary of both.

(Since the above was written, Tuatapere has secured its district nurse, and the W.C.T.U. arranged a public reception for her.—Editor "White Ribbon.")

BACKBLOCKS AND RAILWAYS.

Superintendent: Mrs Israel.

Only six Unions reported, and of these only four report work done. Hawera, New Plymouth, and Gisborne report literature sent to backblocks and bush camps, and Wellington Central keeps boxes at railway stations supplied with literature.

MILITARY CAMPS.

Superintendent: Miss Helyer.

Owing to members of our Unions taking individually a very active part in the various patriotic movements of the Dominion, the reports of work done directly for Military Camps are few.

Early in the year Unions spent much time and effort in securing signatures for six o'clock closing of hotel bars. This was work done in the interests of Military Camps in that it was an effort to protect our soldiers, when on leave, from the temptations of alcohol. One gratifying feature of that petition was the number of signatures given quite voluntarily by soldiers in camp.

Literature sent to camps and boys at the front by Auckland, Hastings, and Ashburton. Pukekohe, Hastings, Ashburton, and Dunedin correspond with lonely soldiers. Wellington Central supplies our patriotic leaflet, "A Message for You," to the Y.M.C.A. Hostel. Nelson sends Testaments to Nelson boys leaving for the Front, and also gifts. Invercargill sent sand bags, and South Invercargill made a donation of £4 12s 6d to Gift Parcels Fund. Otautau and S. Invercargill sent resolutions to Ministers on military matters. The Unions of the Ashburton district provided farewell teas to the country men of the 10th, 11th, and 14th Reinforcements respectively. In addition, each man was given a box of chocolates and a purity leaflet. Ashburton has also secured clothing and comforts for returned soldiers.

Suggestions.

That all Unions should appoint a local Superintendent for this department.

That an effort should be made to induce soldiers, before entering camp, to sign the pledge.

That some members of each Union should undertake correspondence with lonely soldiers.

PRESS.

Superintendent: Mrs Duxfield.

Only twelve Unions have sent reports this year, as against 20 reports last year. The importance of using the press for creating a real live interest in our work cannot be overestimated. Members and others who cannot attend monthly meetings watch for the reports, and in this way their interest is kept alive.

New Brighton, Invercargill, Ashburton, Auckland, Oxford, Hawera, Pahiatua, Nelson, Timaru, Wellington Central, Wanganui East, and

Hastings have reported their meetings in the local press, and also in the "White Ribbon." Invercargill paid for temperance paragraphs in the local press. Ashburton reports that their local paper has published some fine articles on temperance and social reform. Auckland has had special features of interest in their meetings reported in the lady's column of the "Star." Wanganui East has inserted full reports of their L.T.L. meetings in the local press.

LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY.

Superintendent: Miss Henderson.

This department has covered a good deal of work during the year. In accordance with the decision of last Convention, a petition to Parliament asking for the closing of all liquor bars at 6 p.m. during the war and for six months after was prepared. Copies of this were distributed throughout the Dominion, every electorate being covered. With one or two exceptions, the work in connection with the canvassing for signatures was most enthusiastically taken up by the Unions, many of which made themselves responsible not only for their own towns, but also for the distribution of petitions to other places in their electorate. The assistance of a number of ministers and sympathisers with the movement was secured. The New Zealand Alliance also decided to co-operate with the Union, and issued petition forms of its own. Owing to the uncertainty that existed as to the duration of Parliament, it was not possible to allow much time for the obtaining of signatures—the petition was issued in April, and called in before the end of May. In spite of the limited time at the disposal of the workers, over 100,000 signatures were obtained. The petition was supported by public meetings in a number of important centres, and by influential deputations to Ministers. Finally the Petitions Committee having heard the evidence of a number of leading business and professional men, decided to advise Parliament to give the question consideration. When the report was presented, a number of faithful champions of the liquor trade came to its rescue and "talked the matter out," and nothing was done. Many of the Unions report that in addition to obtaining signatures to the petition, they passed resolutions in support, and sent copies to the members of the Cabinet and local M.P. Gisborne, Hastings, Wellington, Christchurch, and Invercargill report deputations to Cabinet Ministers. In short, everything possible was done to make the movement a success. In spite of this, when, at a later stage in Parliament, the question of early closing was again introduced, the proposal was rejected, all the Cabinet Ministers but one voting against it. Another attempt to restrict the consumption of liquor was more successful. The majority of our Unions joined in the movement to secure the prohibition

of shouting. A circular letter advising our branches to send resolutions to the Cabinet and to M.P.'s asking that in the interests of health and efficiency the practice of shouting should be prohibited, was responded to by practically every Union, while a number report work in securing signatures to a petition for the same purpose promoted by another organisation. Auckland Union reports having secured 16,140 signatures. Another matter which called for vigorous action and protest from the Unions was embodied in Clause 3, section 6, sub-section V. of the War Regulations Bill. This proposed to give the Governor-in-Council power to make regulations for the suppression of prostitution or for the prevention of venereal disease. A knowledge of the history of the attempts made to deal with the social evil has made the members of our Unions very suspicious of such proposals. Moreover, the delegation of the powers of Parliament to a body which transacts its business in secret was regarded as being utterly opposed to the principles of Democratic Government. The Executive officers therefore addressed two letters to the members of the Cabinet. In these letters the position of the Union with regard to the C.D. Acts and to the methods of dealing with venereal diseases was clearly set forth, and a demand was made that the measures to be taken should be plainly set forth in an Act of Parliament. Special stress was laid upon the fact that since it was proposed to confer upon a body of men the power to deal with certain women, the women of the Dominion had a right to know what measures it was proposed to take. A copy of the letter embodying these statements was sent to every member of Parliament. Auckland, Ponsonby, Wellington District and Central, Gisborne, Lower Hutt, Palmerston North, Pahiatua, Feilding, Napier, New Plymouth, Christchurch, Nelson, New Brighton, Lyttelton, Ashburton, Timaru, Dunedin, Invercargill, and Invercargill South report resolutions protesting against the proposal, copies of the resolutions being sent to Cabinet Ministers and M.P.'s. In the majority of cases demand was made for the provision of proper treatment for sufferers, and for a vigorous educational campaign. Auckland, Gisborne, and Wellington also report having taken part in public meetings of women to protest. Christchurch Union organised a public meeting and distributed literature. Every member of Parliament also received from the Superintendent of this department a letter pointing out that Parliament could immediately put in operation two measures which would materially assist to minimise the social evil. These were the closing of liquor bars at 6 p.m., and the employment of women police in the larger centres of population and in the vicinity of military camps. Again we have to record the failure of our

efforts as far as any amendment of the War Regulations Bill was concerned. Our work, however, was not in vain, for as a result of the letters and protests sent to members, the Minister of Public Health was compelled to explain what regulations it was proposed to make. The agitation for the employment of women police has been carried on with considerable vigour: letters have been sent to the Prime Minister and the members of the Cabinet, and the following Union report resolutions sent to the Minister of Justice and others:—Wellington District and Central, Gisborne, Lower Hutt, Palmerston North, Pahiatua, Hawera, Nelson, Christchurch, and Wellington and Canterbury Provincial Conventions. Wellington Unions also took part in a deputation to the Minister of Justice, and though the case for the employment of women police was put very strongly, an unsympathetic reply was given by the Minister. Dunedin Union organised a very successful meeting of representatives of various societies to urge (1) the immediate appointment of women police, and (2) the appointment in every centre of a woman as protector and adviser of young women and children, with the authority of a Justice of the Peace, such protector to be authorised to attend all Courts in all cases where any woman or child is concerned, and to interfere if she considers it advisable. Ashburton reports a resolution asking for the adequate punishment of men convicted of offences against women and children. Wellington Provincial Convention, Pahiatua, Nelson, and Palmerston North Unions urged the provision of a farm colony for moral degenerates. Wellington Central reports having taken part in a deputation to the Minister of Internal Affairs to urge that a censorship of cinema films should be established. The Government having decided to comply with the request, the Canterbury Provincial Convention urged that women should be appointed on the Appeal Board in connection with the censorship of pictures. Several Unions protested against the regulation prohibiting the sale of liquor to women after 6 p.m. Equal laws for both sexes were demanded. Wellington Provincial Convention and Nelson Union urged the Government to appoint women cooks in military camps. A resolution was forwarded to members of the Cabinet from Wellington Provincial Convention. This resolution asked that any restrictive measures concerning the conduct of women be effected by statute and not by order of the Governor-in-Council, and that in the circumstances of our not having women in Parliament, with full opportunity for obtaining the opinion of representative women thereon.

EDUCATIONAL BUREAU.

Superintendent: Mrs Young.

Very few Unions have sent in reports, due probably to their absorp-

tion in patriotic work. Auckland reports that at their district Convention a paper was read on L.T.L. work, written by Mrs Duxfield.

Pahiatua reports addresses on the following subjects: "W.C.T.U. Work," "The Dangers of Venereal Disease," "The History of the N.Z. Franchise Movement," "The Dominion Convention," "The Goliath of England (Strong Drink)" "Proportional Representation."

New Brighton, addresses on "The Montessori System of Education."

Christchurch had addresses on "Life and Health," and "The Montessori System."

Invercargill, South Invercargill, and Bluff all report that addresses were given on Franchise Day.

On Frances Willard Day, Invercargill reports an address on the "Life of Frances Willard."

LITERATURE.

Superintendent: Mrs Dearlove.

In spite of many difficulties, the past year has been more favourable than might have been expected, and though the reports received are not numerous, yet they cover the ground from Auckland to Invercargill and from East to West, showing the seed is being sown over all our fair land. Railway station boxes have been well looked after in some places, and suitable literature was distributed at Shows and Rest Tents, whilst hospitals, old people's homes, young women's Bible classes, railway and flaxmill hands, and some country districts have been catered for.

Our seamen and soldiers have not been overlooked.

Our own monthly paper, the "White Ribbon," "The Bulletin," "Purity Advocate," have been regularly distributed, as well as Temperance, Purity, Health, and Peace literature. Lending libraries connected with some Unions are doing good work, and gradually enlarging their stock as means permit. This branch of the work I would press on the attention of all Unions, as it is a means of getting the more expensive books read by our members and friends where the price precludes their purchase by individuals in these strenuous days.

Receipts for 1916 ...	£16 9 1
Sold at Convention ...	4 16 10
Balance from 1915 ...	8 16 8

	30 2 7
Expenditure for 1916 ...	17 11 4½
	£12 11 2½

PURITY AND MORAL EDUCATION.

Superintendent: Miss McCarthy.

Much activity has been displayed by the Unions. A circular letter was sent to all Branches suggesting that a copy be forwarded to Ministers' Associations, Conferences, Summer Schools, etc. The following Unions report that this has been done:—Christchurch, Palmerston North,

Kaiapoi, Pukekohe, Bluff, Waipukurau, Timaru, Greymouth, Pahiatua, Auckland, Ashburton, Patea, and Dunedin. The following received the booklets issued by the Defence Department:—Waipukurau, Palmerston North, Christchurch, Kaiapoi, Wanganui East, Pukekohe, Tinwald, Bluff, Timaru, and Greymouth. Libraries to educate members in this work are maintained by Nelson, Pahiatua, and Christchurch. Literature is distributed by Gisborne, Nelson, Invercargill, Gore, South Invercargill, Palmerston North, Pahiatua, Auckland, Timaru, and Wellington. Protests against the clauses in the War Regulations Bill specially affecting women and against the threatened reintroduction of the C.D. Acts have been sent to the authorities by Timaru, Nelson, Palmerston North, and Auckland. Invercargill protested to the Town Council against the display of indecent pictures on hoardings and in shops, with the result desired; while Auckland united in a protest by the combined women's societies against the introduction of any legislation by the Governor-in-Council without reference to the people's representatives.

Correspondence in the daily press has been carried on by members at Christchurch, Dunedin, and Palmerston North, and as a result of Union activity articles have appeared in several papers, notably Greymouth and Palmerston North. Port Chalmers wrote to Dr. Petit and members of the Legislature. Deputations to meet representatives of other bodies have been arranged by the Unions at Auckland, Palmerston North, Christchurch, and Dunedin.

Public meetings have been held and lectures and addresses delivered at Palmerston North (several), Nelson (four), Christchurch, South Invercargill, Gisborne, Pahiatua, and Auckland. In Christchurch and Auckland addresses have been arranged for by lady doctors and social workers. A strong General Committee has been formed in Christchurch, and a mass meeting called by the Mayoress has been held in Auckland. The local Unions co-operated in both places. Lecture by a Plunket nurse in Hastings. New Brighton suggests that a clean bill of health before marriage be made obligatory. Timaru has obtained leave to distribute literature at Territorial Camp. Mrs Crabbe, of Palmerston North, addressed the Women Teachers' Association. Nelson and Hastings have depots for literature. South Invercargill visited every cigarette shop and requested that no indecent picture be exposed. Wellington Central joined with other societies in petitions and deputations arranged by Catholic Federation in regard to censorship of picture films. Met the Committee of the House, Minister of Internal Affairs present; Bill introduced, and censor appointed. Your Superintendent has written to the lady members of the Council of Education and to the Secretary of the

N.Z. Women Teachers' Associations, and received favourable replies, also to the Minister of Education, Secretaries of Summer Schools, Conferences, and Synods, and in some cases action has been taken by these bodies. Literature is kept in circulation among leading educationalists. Only 21 Unions replied to appeal sent out. Only four District Unions report doing anything to encourage this work among their auxiliaries.

I gratefully acknowledge literature sent by Mrs Field and Mrs Don, suggestions from Palmerston North, trouble taken by Mrs Dearlove to supply literature for my requirements, and to Miss Henderson for help given.

Y's AND MEDAL CONTESTS.

Superintendent: Mrs Evans.

Only four Unions have sent in reports. Ashburton has suffered heavily by removals, their President, two Vice-Presidents, and several members having left the district. They have organised a Band of Hope, with 40 members, and one evening was given to elocutionary competitions, and prizes given. This was the nearest approach to a medal contest. They also visit the local hospital.

Wanganui Y's have been making children's garments for the Plunket Society, and they also assisted in securing signatures for the 6 o'clock closing petition.

Oxford Y's provide the programme at the monthly Band of Hope meeting. They assist the Mother Union in catering for the Shows, and donated £1 to the Organising Fund.

Nelson Y's were helped much by Miss Weymouth. They held a concert in aid of the Organising Fund, and handed over £7 to that fund. They also took £5 at their stall at the Annual Sale of Work. They report a gain of 40 new members for the year, and their membership now stands at 61.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Superintendent: Mrs Boxall.

The following Unions have protested against Sabbath desecration:—Timaru to the Borough Council against the extension of hours when bathing is allowed on Sundays; Auckland, to the City Council against the continuous running of the trams during church hours; Wellington District, to the City Council against golf playing on the Municipal Reserves on Sunday.

Gisborne wrote to the Sergeant of Police, and are pleased to say that some two-up schools were broken up. Auckland Union joined with the Ministers' Association in a deputation to the City Council to protest against running trams during church hours on Sunday. Wellington District wrote to the Sergeant of Police re certain shops selling sweets to children on Sunday, also in reference to the book stall at the railway station, which sells sweets and cigarettes.

Gisborne reports an address given; Dunedin that special services were held on the Sunday set apart for them.

CRADLE ROLL, L.T.L., AND BAND OF MERCY.

Superintendent: Mrs Clara Neal.

The following Unions report Cradle Roll work:—Auckland, 85, increase 30; Devonport, 8, visits 14; Whangarei, 50, increase 4; Hawera, 128; Ngaere, 118, increase 8; Urenui, 11; Patea, 24, visits 24; Wanganui East, 9; New Plymouth, 346, increase 62, visits 50; Napier, 83, increase 15, removals and reached age limit 16; Waipawa, 30, increase 8; Wellington Central, 38, visits 38; Palmerston North, 66, increase 19, reached age limit 2; Woodville, 152, increase 33, removals 13, transferred to L.T.L. 1, visits 122; Pahiatua, 146, increase 108, reached age limit 5; Lower Hutt, 49, increase 45; Nelson, 120; Blenheim, 82, increase 20, reached age limit, 5; New Brighton, 20, increase 11; Lyttelton, 8, visits 8; Oxford, 70, increase 30; Winchmore-Greenstreet, 32, increase 21; Timaru, 217, increase 40, reached age limit 22; Invercargill, 56, increase 36; South Invercargill, 55.

Picnics were held by Napier, Woodville, Timaru. Addresses by Plunket nurse and W.C.T.U. members.

Afternoon meetings were held by Woodville, Wanganui East (enrolled 2, Oxford (2 meetings, enrolled 30), Winchmore-Greenstreet (address by Plunket nurse), Blenheim (several meetings, addresses on "Medical Temperance" and "Motherhood").

Waipawa, address by Plunket nurse on "Parental Responsibility." Sashes were presented to three babies, it being the custom of the Union to present a white silk sash, with a hand-painted W.C.T.U. monogram on the ends, to every new baby whose mother is a member of the W.C.T.U.

The following purchased Medical Temperance leaflets for Cradle Roll work:—Auckland, Henderson, Eltham, Marton, Urenui, Palmerston North, Pahiatua, Christchurch.

The following purchased "Purity" Leaflets for Mothers:—Auckland, Ponsonby, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Invercargill, Blenheim, Greymouth, Urenui, Oxford, Patea, Wellington South, Marton, Winchmore-Greenstreet, Greytown, Eltham, Pahiatua.

The following purchased Eighth Year Certificates:—Palmerston North, Pahiatua, Oxford, Blenheim, Timaru, Hastings, Cambridge, Napier.

The following Unions purchased Cards, but have not sent report:—Rangiora, Greymouth, Hikurangi, Wellington South, Sawyer's Bay, Kapuni, Opetiki, Normanby, Hastings, Eltham, Cambridge, Marton, Pakura, Dunedin South, Te Kuiti, Pukekohe, Kati Kati, Tauranga, Waihi, Matakana, Birkenhead, Henderson.

Instructions, "How to Organise a Cradle Roll," sent to the following Unions:—Devonport, Greymouth, Whangarei, Invercargill, Wellington South, Eltham, Urenui, Palmerston

North, Lower Hutt, Okaiawa, Marton, Patea, Te Kuiti, Henderson, Gisborne, Pukekohe, Kati Kati, Tauranga, Waihi, Birkenhead.

Loyal Temperance Legion and Band of Hope.

Palmerston North has four L.T.L.'s, 229 members, increase 107. A banner, presented by the President for the Legion gaining the most new members, was won by the Terrace End Legion. Combined entertainment held £2 donated to the L.T.L. Fund, and £3 to the Y.M.C.A.

Waipawa: 18 meetings, 50 members, 2 social meetings, with games and refreshments, attendance 100; 16 Temperance addresses; children contribute to programme; donated prize money (£3) to Salvation Army Belgian Relief Fund.

Woodville: Organised October, weekly meetings, 17 members; wind-up social, collection 18s 6d, programme by children.

Okoia: 50 members, held a speech competition, programme arranged by World's Superintendent, given by children. Prizes given for essays on "The Evil Effects of Alcohol During War Time."

Wanganui East, 110 members.

Urenui: 43 members, 9 meetings, 1 picnic, 1 entertainment, programme by children, proceeds £3 6s.

Okaiawa: 1 public meeting, proceeds £5.

Patea: 48 members; 1 public meeting, Legion only performers; 1 picnic to wind-up.

Nelson: Legion worked by the "Y's."

Richmond: 98 members; 1 social, 1 speech night, 1 garden party.

Rakaia: 50 members; 3 meetings, addresses, collection for Belgian Children's Fund.

Oxford: Junior and Senior Bands of Hope. "Y's" work the Senior Band. 1 public meeting, programme by "Y's," collection for Temperance Brass Band.

Otautau: 88 members; monthly addresses; 1 social, £6 for Patriotic Fund.

Bluff: Band of Hope.

Invercargill: Speakers from the W.C.T.U. visit the various Church Bands of Hope and give addresses.

Christchurch: Rev. John Paterson, M.A., honorary member of the W.C.T.U., gave two or three addresses each week during the winter, using charts supplied by the W.C.T.U.

New Brighton, Kaiapoi, Dunedin, and Tuatapere: W.C.T.U. members are on the Band of Hope Committee, and assist by giving addresses.

Kaiapoi and Tuatapere W.C.T. Unions have taken over the entire management of the Bands of Hope in their towns. Tuatapere has held 4 meetings at Te Tua.

The following Unions purchased L.T.L. badges:—Palmerston North, Christchurch, Nelson "Y's," Richmond, Urenui, Woodville.

The following purchased Charts:—Patea, Greymouth, Opoiki, Invercar-

gill, Waipawa, Waipukurau, Port Chalmers, Stratford, Brd's Road, Okaiawa, Wellington Central, Palmerston North, Tuatapere. Invercargill also purchased a set of charts for the use of the mistress of the District School.

L.T.L. Lesson Manuals purchased by the following:—Greymouth, Patea, Oxford, Invercargill, Wellington South, Nelson "Y's," Richmond, Waipukurau, Okaiawa, Stratford, Bird Road, Urenui, Eltham, Wellington Central, Wanganui, Woodville, Otautau, Feilding, Rakaia, Gisborne, Hamilton.

L.T.L. Hand-Books supplied to: Patea, Waipawa, Warkworth, Matakana, Wellington South, Nelson "Y's," Waipukurau, Richmond, Invercargill, Greymouth, Port Chalmers, Hastings, Waitara, Okaiawa, Stratford, Urenui, Waimate, Te Aroha, Eltham, Christchurch, Woodville, Greytown, Wellington Central, Otautau, Palmerston North, Feilding, Normanby, Kati Kati, Rakaia, Gisborne, Hamilton, Tuatapere.

Nineteen subscribers obtained for "The Young Crusader."

Band of Mercy.

Hawera, Nelson, Christchurch, Pahiatua, and Gisborne purchased leaflets.

Invercargill: An address on "Cruelty to Animals," given by Inspector of S.P.C.A.

Okoia: Ten members pledged to be kind to all living animals.

Balance-Sheet L.T.L., Cradle Roll, and Band of Mercy Dept. RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
1915 Balance	5	5	9
Collection Convention	0	11	0
Band of Mercy Grant	0	7	6
Sales Convention	3	10	4
Sales by Post	27	2	1
	£36	16	8

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Purchases U.S.A.	24	2	5
Duty on Badges	0	10	0
Printing Birthday Cards	4	7	0
Carriage Birthday Cards	0	10	5
Writing Pads and Envelopes	1	2	6
Postage Parcels, Letters	3	3	9
Balance in Hand	3	0	7
	£36	16	8

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand	3	0	7
Books, Cards, Leaflets, etc., in Stock	17	2	6
Amount of Accounts Owing	6	15	8
	£26	18	9

254 letters written and 139 parcels sent out by this department during the year.

BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS.

Superintendent: Mrs Houlder.

Bible lessons given after school hours in Auckland (by school children's missioner), Timaru (by minis-

ters), Port Chalmers (four days a week by ministers). Bible lessons are given in the ordinary school hours once a week by Nelson and Port Chalmers ministers of religion. New Brighton applied to School Committee for permission to have Bible lessons in school hours, but were refused.

MOTHERS' MEETINGS.

Superintendent: Mrs N. Jones.

Auckland held six meetings, and gained new members at each; Pahiatua; Timaru, an address by Plunket Nurse Campbell to Cradle Roll Brigade; Invercargill; Waipawa held Cradle Roll meeting, addressed by Plunket nurse on "Parental Responsibility," and provided afternoon tea for mothers and Christmas Tree for babies, also a gift afternoon for mine-sweepers, addressed by Plunket nurse; also entertain a large number of women and girls at a social evening; Blenheim held 20 meetings and two combined with Anglican Church Union. Mrs Jackson gave an address on "Motherhood," and several papers on Medical Temperance have been read. Mrs S. Sinclair always arranges a bright musical programme for the meetings.

EVANGELISTIC.

Superintendent: Mrs Johnson Wright.

Much time has been spent in prayer. Auckland held 24 prayer meetings; New Brighton has devotional service at every meeting; Nelson, monthly intercessory services; Invercargill, fortnightly meetings at Amethyst Hall; Waipawa, organised women's prayer meeting on Anzac Day; Palmerston North holds helpful meetings for prayer.

Hamilton has held 7 meetings in homes and 2 public meetings. Addresses have been given on mission work, and the Gospel story told to eager listeners. Many have testified to blessings received at these meetings. Auckland visits hospital and distributes literature; Timaru; Palmerston North visits sick and cares for motherless children of men at the Front; Ashburton visits hospital and Old Men's Home; Wellington visits factories and laundries, also hospital for wounded soldiers and members who have lost relatives at the Front. Addresses given at the Alexandra Home, at Mothers' Unions, and missionary meetings.

FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK.

Superintendent: Miss E. C. Cole.

The following Unions report visiting hospitals and the sick at home, distributing eggs, flowers, literature, etc.:—Palmerston North, Timaru, Hastings, Ashburton, Napier, Gisborne (20 visits to the home and four to the hospital, 2 afternoon tea, and 2 musical evenings given), Invercargill, Christchurch (gives a quarterly tea and entertainment at Jubilee Home).

Ladies' Home Journal Patterns for Easy Dressmaking.

A very large number of these Patterns are sold, and because of their simplicity, and the excellent results that are obtained from them, they are most popular with New Zealand women. Clear directions are given with each Pattern. Designs for every description of clothing for women and children.

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CHRISTCHURCH.

Patriotic Work: Palmerston North (2 cases of clothing sent to mine-sweepers, £10 donated to sailors' dependants on naval battleships, 2 cases of clothing sent to Servian refugees, proceeds of catering at Skating Rink sent to sick and wounded fund, £100 collected for Patriotic Fund, 20 jerseys sent to Manawatu Mounteds in Egypt, sent to hospital ship 9 dozen swabs and 127 bandages); New Brighton (£9 2s 2d in goods and 27s. in cash sent to Lady Liverpool Fund); Nelson (babies' outfits for soldiers' and sailors' wives, and clothing sent to Belgian children); Hastings (clothing to Belgians); Pahiatua (7 dozen knitted eye and head bandages sent to Red Cross); Invercargill (Red Cross, Ambulance, and Patriotic Funds helped, and clothing sent to London poor); Tuatapere (clothing sent to Belgian and London poor); Mataura (clothing sent to Highlands of Scotland); Auckland (visited Soldiers' Hospital, took charge of Soldiers' Club for five weeks, sent Christmas puddings, assisted by other societies raised £25 for patriotic work, collected money on Serbian Day); Waipawa (clothing sent to refugees, Band of Hope children donated £3 of prize money to Belgians, clothing and 13s sent to mine-sweepers); Wellington Central (home-made bread sent weekly to Red Cross shop and knitting done for their depot); Christchurch (comforts sent to soldiers, clothing, bandages, etc., sent to Red Cross and Lady Liverpool Funds, clothing to mine-sweepers, £40 raised by a lecture donated to same funds).

Palmerston North made comfort bags and donated £10 to Sailors' Home in Wellington, sent £36 to British and Foreign Sailors' Society, collected £67 for Barnardo's Homes, and clothed six families during the year; Invercargill collected for Barnardo's Homes; Wellington District. 4 factories and 4 laundries visited and 256 bunches of flowers and texts distributed, on Christmas morning visited Alexandra Home and Home for Aged Needy; Christchurch sent comfort bags to Sailors' Institute at Lyttelton, and donated £2 to Lyttelton Union to help with a Christmas tree for the Maoris at Rapaki.

HOME SCIENCES (HYGIENE, THRIFT, AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE).

Superintendent: Mrs McDonald.

Invercargill distributed literature, and also organised a deputation to Minister of Public Health asking that

a St. Helen's Hospital should be established for Southland. A resolution re Public Health was sent to M.P.'s and the Cabinet by South Invercargill. Tuatapere made great efforts to secure a district nurse, but owing to scarcity of nurses, were not successful. Wellington Central inspects all public lavatories, and urged the City Council to replace the wooden coverings by the more sanitary china seats. This Union also purchased £25 worth of war bonds. Timaru and Waipawa held meetings, which were addressed by Plunket nurses. At Waipawa two addresses were given, one on "The Care of the Body," and another on "Hidden Dangers to Child Life."

An article on the saving of coal was sent to the "White Ribbon" and inserted. Will all members look this up in the December issue of the paper, for there is real economy in the treatment of coal with a solution of salt and soda?

NARCOTICS.

Superintendent: Mrs Wright.

The increase in the use of cigarettes by boys and youths, and the evil effect on the rising generation of this habit. Numbers of tobacconists have been fined for selling cigarettes and tobacco to youths under age. Some of the local police are doing what they can to find out where these youths buy tobacco, and have warned tobacconists that they will be heavily fined if caught.

Waipawa, H.B.—Address given on the dangers of the tobacco habit by Mrs James Bibby at Band of Hope, November 17th. Systematic teaching given at Band of Hope against cigarettes and all narcotics.

Southland.—Invercargill Union (District) reports resolution against the tobacconists' method of advertising cigarettes, etc., by means of glaring and indecent pictures.

South Invercargill reports visits paid to every tobacconist's shop in the town to protest against these pictures and their injurious influence on the young men and lads.

HELD OVER.

Owing to pressure on our space, reports of the reception and public meeting are held over.

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A PATHETIC STORY WITH A MORAL.

Mr Edwards, M.P., recently stated at an assembly of the Scottish Temperance League, Glasgow, that at a recruiting meeting he was approached by a young man, who asked whether Government would look after the wives and children of those who enlisted? He was assured that Government would. He enlisted, and was passed on in due course to the trenches, where, after months of good service, he was wounded, and then returned home on furlough. On his way back to the Front he called at the House of Commons and asked for Mr Edwards. "He refused to shake hands with me," said that gentleman,

"and asked: 'What have you done for our homes? I left a happy home—I came back to find my wife a drunkard, my children neglected, my home broken up. You expect us to put our bodies between you and your enemies, but you will not put even a trench between the drink enemy and our homes.'"

Throw overboard useless regretting
For deeds which you cannot undo,
And learn the great art of forgetting
Old things which embitter the new.
Sing who will of dead years departed,
I shroud them and bid them adieu,
And the song that I sing, happy-hearted,
Is a song of the glorious new.

Ashburton, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Barin Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 87; Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Asst. Sec., Miss A. C. Watson, 84, Cameron St.; Treas., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; Asst. Treas., Mrs J. H. Dent, Wills St.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

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

Mania, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs J. J. Patterson; Vice-Pres., Mesdames 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 Ross, High Street.

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 Wednesday and 3rd Thursday, Willard Institute, Carlyle St., 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashridge Rd.; Sec., Mrs A. Chelwell, Macdonald St.; Treas., Mrs Clare, Morris St.; Asst. Treas., Mrs Mens; Vice-Pres., Mrs Dodds; Home Meetings, Mrs Jenkins, Hastings St.; Cradle Roll and Flower Mission, Mrs J. Walker, Nelson Cres.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens, Nelson Cres.

Ngaruawahia, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church; Pres., Mrs G. Densem; Vice-Pres., Mrs L. Bycroft and Mrs Vincent; Sec., Mrs Kendall; Treasurer, Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs W. Bycroft.

New Plymouth District, last 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 Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Speight; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fountain; Sec., Mrs A. E. Olsen, "Willow Park"; Treas., Mrs S. Fredericksen; "W.R." Agent, Miss Olsen, "Willow Park."

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

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

Oxford, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall; Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Sec., Mrs T. Gainsford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, St. 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, 51, College St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, 46 Ferguson St.; Treas., Mrs Clausen, Cook St.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Holbrook, 41 Waldgrave St.

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

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

Pukekohe, Methodist Church, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Vant, Beresford St.; Vice-Presidents, 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.

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

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

Stratford, 1st Wednesday, 8 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., ; Vice-Pres., Mrs White and Mrs Phillips; Sec., Mrs J. McAlister; Treas., Mrs Birdsill.

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

Timaru District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Arcade Pres., Mrs Rule, North St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Evangelistic and Pres., Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Mrs Valentine; Maori Work, Mrs Butcher, Wai-iti Rd.; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Stead, Sailor's Rest.

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

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

Waipawa, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.; Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs H. McLean, Waverley St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bott and Harding; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, Rose St.; Treas., Miss Johnson, Rose St.; 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 A. Drew, 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, 88 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, last 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 Frost; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Prebble, and Mrs McIlroy; Sec., Miss Shearer, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs Moore; WHITE RIBBON Agent Mrs Glassey.

Wellington District, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Houlder, 108 Wallace St.; Sec., Mrs Dennett, 27 North Terrace, Kelburn; Treas., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St.

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

Wellington Central, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis St.; Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Wadestown; Cor. Sec., Miss Helyer, Tonk's Gv; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. H. Smith, 77 Austin St.; Treas. Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Port, Austin St.

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

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