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## Crusaders in Action.



We herewith present a remarkable photograph of a scene from the '70's, when the women crusaders went forth in Ohio to pray the saloons out. In this particular instance the saloon of Mr John McBride, of Logan, has become obnoxious. The women, with their Bibles under their arms, have marched, singing, to the front of his establishment, and, after reading the word, have knelt down in prayer, there to remain until some recognition is taken of their presence. The scene here depicted was duplicated in many parts of the State. It will be time well spent to dwell upon this picture. The women don't do things just this way to-day. The only place the women of that day could cast their vote was with heaven. To-day they have the ballot-box as well. Women do not kneel in the mud to-day, praying for a saloon-keeper to become conscience-stricken. They not only pray, but they march; they speak from the platform; they electioneer; they vote, and they sit in legislative halls. It is a great reformation, and only by it have we been able to win the victories we have against intemperance. When the story of this great battle shall have been written, the women of the crusaders will represent no meagre element in the conflict.

### CRUSADERS EVER.

The Crusaders—What memories of our childhood linger round these words; how we pored over those wonderful stories of old; how our hearts thrilled as we read of Peter the Hermit

rousing, with his fiery call, Europe to go and rescue the Holy Sepulchre from the Infidel Turk. Christian Europe flew to arms, kings and knights, soldiers and saints, poured in a ceaseless stream to the Holy Land. Europe was on fire with enthusiasm, and counted not the cost so long as

she could gain the Sepulchre of her Lord.

Pass over a few centuries, and again is launched a crusade, this time 'neath Western skies. The Crusaders are not steel-clad knights, but weak women, strong only in their absolute dependence on the Lord of Hosts.

Crusaders of old fought to free the Sepulchre of our Lord from sacrilegious hands; our modern Crusaders, pictured here, prayed and worked to save God's living temples from the defiling and debasing power of King Alcohol. They sounded their war-cry for a saloonless nation, and ringing across the continent and down the years that cry rallied all ranks and all ages, until now the battle is almost won.

Again have women called "to arms" for a Holy War. The Convention in Auckland voiced that call; its members solemnly pledged themselves before High Heaven to spare neither time, labour, nor sacrifice to rouse this Dominion to the foul iniquity of the liquor traffic. We have looked upon physical, mental, and moral degenerates, the products of alcoholic heredity; we have seen the starved, ill-used children, broken-hearted wives and mothers, and as we looked on these, have heard the Master say, "See here the images ye have made of Me." We have drawn the sword, we have flung away the scabbard; we call no halt until we stand upon the white heights of victory, led thither by the Angel of Sacrifice, and see **toppling** into the abyss, from whence it sprung, the devil's pet scheme for ruining the bodies and souls of men—the **Liquor Trade**.

Will every woman heed the clarion call? Let each one ask her neighbour and her friend to pray for National Prohibition. Get every woman linked up with us in White Ribbon Bonds, and make the woman's vote a solid vote for righteousness. Spend and be spent for this glorious cause.

"I gave my life for thee,  
What hast thou given for Me?  
I spent long years for thee,  
Hast thou spent one for Me?  
My Father's House on high,  
My rainbow-circled throne,  
I left it all for Thee,  
What hast thou left for Me?"

In Oregon a brewer saw that Prohibition was coming. He turned his three brewery plants into manufacturing fruit juices. The public liked the new drinks, and the breweries are running to their full capacity in producing them, and are employing more men than formerly.

### OUR RALLYING CRY.

For God and Home, and Every Land!  
Hark to the rallying cry!  
Forth to the contest heart and soul,  
For truth to live or die!  
Who whispers of defeat fling back  
In coward teeth the words,  
Fill up the thinning ranks, and cry,  
"The battle is the Lord's!"

He points to Victory's sun-kissed peaks,  
His beckoning hand leads on;  
Though hard the way, though steep the path,  
The summit shall be won.

For God and Home and Every Land!  
Aye, for the world, say we,  
No loss we count, no failure own,  
With God is Victory!

### LIQUOR AND OTHER INDUSTRIES.

For every million dollars invested in the following industries the following number of men are employed:—Liquor, 77; iron and steel and their products, 284; paper and printing, 367; leather and its products, 469; textiles and their finished products, 578; lumber and its manufactures, 579. A comparison of wages shows the proportionate ratio of wages paid to the amount of capital invested:—Liquor, 5.6 per cent.; iron, 17.6 per cent.; paper, 21.3 per cent.; leather, 23.5 per cent.; textiles, 23.9 per cent.; lumber, 27.1 per cent. A quick glance at these figures shows how comparatively little the labour man gets out of the liquor business. If the money spent for intoxicating liquor were spent for bread and clothing it would give employment to nearly eight times as many workers, who would collectively receive five and one-half times as much wages as is now the case in the liquor business.—Address delivered by Charles Stelzie at a national conference of Charities and Correction in U.S.A.

### FLIGHTING WINGS.

The mother eagle wrecks the nest  
To make her fledglings fly,  
But watches each, with wings outstretched,  
And fierce maternal eye;  
And swoops if any fail to soar,  
And lands them on the crag once more.

So God at times breaks up our nest,  
Lest, sunk in slothful ease,  
Our souls' wings moult and lose the zest  
For battle with the breeze;  
But ever waits, with arms of love,  
To bear our souls all ills above.

### SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

#### EVANGELISTIC.

Dear Sisters,—For some time we have felt that our Evangelistic Department is not the force in the country which it should be. A number of Unions appear to think they have done all that is required in this matter when they have held prayer meetings amongst their own members. But the Evangel is the Gospel—the Good News of Salvation for lost sinners—and this department fails in its object unless it is making a definite effort to bring them to Jesus. All around us are souls hungry for the Bread of Life, and, perhaps, more to-day than ever. We come in contact with them in the home, the business, the street. Said a prominent minister: "There are thousands of people in New Zealand who are just beginning to awake to their own spiritual interests because of what has happened during the war." Some of them are waiting and longing for us to speak, and if we keep silent, individually we are guilty.

Then may I suggest (if you have not already done so) that you try earnestly to organise cottage meetings, or a house to house visitation, to urge them to attend church or some place of worship. Some Unions, I know, have been very successful in holding cottage meetings, and have reported that souls have been won for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Will you individually pray earnestly in your homes and in your meetings, and, if need be, call a special meeting, that God will show you, and all our Unions throughout this Dominion, how to reach those in yours and other districts who never enter a church, and, apparently, pay no heed to the claims of the Saviour Who died for them?

Will you please have this open letter read in your Union?—Yours for service, and in the White Ribbon bonds,

M. A. JOHNSON WRIGHT,  
Evangelistic Superintendent,  
10, Seddon Terrace, Wellington South.

The Russian Duma has passed a measure permanently prohibiting the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors containing more than one and a-half per cent. of alcohol.



## SOCIAL DANGERS DISCUSSED AT WELLINGTON MEETING.

The meeting called by the Mayoress to discuss social dangers at the Concert Chamber on April 23rd was well attended by women interested in the various subjects. Mrs Luke presided, and on the platform with her were Mrs Lee-Cowie, Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Mrs Houlder, Mrs R. Pearson, and Mrs Brigadier Glover. Mrs Glover was asked to speak first, and she gave a short address on the dangers of the streets and parks, especially those which are not sufficiently well lighted. She urged that the lighting be improved, and that all parks and reserves should be closed at night. In speaking of rescue work, Mrs Glover said she realised what a burning and momentous question the protection of young manhood and womanhood was. Young girls of fifteen and sixteen in some cases simply disappeared, or were perhaps found herding with the vilest characters. She spoke in high praise of the ready assistance given by the Magistrates and police. There was urgent need of more strict supervision, and if men could not do this work, women should see to it.

Mrs Lee-Cowie then gave an impressive address, urging all present, and women in general, to make every effort to stop the drink traffic, and thus lessen all the terrible evils that come in its train. It was no time for women to sit idle while their sons at home and abroad were being tempted in all kinds of ways. She traced the rise of evils from the first days, and described how the horrors of contagious diseases increased and the numbers of victims multiplied. The awful consideration that these diseases not only ravaged those who sinned, but were handed on to the third and fourth generation, was one which should never be forgotten. How can we save the young and foolish? Only by starting to teach them from the beginning. Mrs Cowie quoted the directions given in Judges, "Drink no wine, eat no unclean food," and asked all mothers to listen to the angel's directions to abstain, as everything the mother thinks and says and does impresses the child yet unborn. Then comes the time for training the young boy or girl, and teach with such books as the "Story of Life," teach the glorious chivalry of manhood, and help him to control his passions; teach the

social dangers, and how to avoid them. "A white life for two" is the principle to be emphasised.

The following resolution was brought forward by Mrs Cowie:—"In view of the overwhelming medical evidence of the close connection of alcoholism and venereal diseases, this meeting of women calls upon the Government to put into effect drastic legislation to secure the closing of hotel bars for the duration of the war and also for the period of demobilisation that will follow."—Carried.

Mrs Glover proposed: "That this meeting call upon the Hon. Mr Herdman to follow, without delay, the lead of Great Britain and America, and institute women police for the better protection of our girls and boys."—Carried.

Mrs Boxall proposed: "That this representative meeting of women calls the attention of the Minister for Internal Affairs to the unsatisfactory character of picture shows and the posters exhibited where such pictures are shown, and thinks the censorship should be more severe."—Carried.

Mrs Beck proposed that a woman be appointed to the Censorship Board.—Carried.

Mrs Atkinson moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayoress for presiding, the City Council for lending the hall, and the speakers of the afternoon.

Mrs Donaldson, in seconding the motion, said that women were apt just now to let their sympathies run too much in one direction. Women, as well as men, were open to new temptations through the war, and every woman should use her utmost energy to endeavour to bring about such a change as was made by Russia at the beginning of the war, when she abolished the manufacture of vodka.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

## TWO RULES.

If you your lips would keep from slips,  
Five things observe with care:  
Of whom you speak, to whom you  
speak,  
And how, and when, and where.

If you your ears would keep from  
jeers,  
Five things keep meekly hid:  
"Myself," and "I," and "me," and  
"my,"  
And what I said I did.

## WOMAN'S WORK.

A pastor of a Congregational Church in U.S.A. has just been granted leave of absence by his church and a continuation of salary for the period of the war, on condition that his wife serve as pastor during his absence. The pastor leaves for service in the French Red Cross. His wife has received theological training, and will be ordained before her husband's departure.

Canada has two women Police Magistrates, Mrs Arthur Murphy and Mrs Jamieson, both of Alberta.

Miss Louise Nolan has been decorated by King George with the military medal for valour. In the Dublin rebellion she dragged wounded soldiers to safety, although bullets were flying everywhere. The young lady is only seventeen years of age.

For the first time in the history of Germany a woman has participated in the business of the Reichstag. Fraulein Else Lueders, War Office chief of the female general staff, was recently invited to appear before the Anti-Race Suicide Committee of the Reichstag to take part in the discussion of questions pertaining to the protection of working women, especially in ammunition plants and other war industries.

The Petrograd Duma Committee for Municipal Affairs has voted in favour of a proposal that women shall be eligible for membership on Town Councils.

For the first time in the history of the First Presbyterian Church in Topeka, there will be women deacons this year.

Miss Maude Royden substituted for Professor Alexander Irvine at the City Temple, London, recently. Miss Royden is the second woman to preach in the City Temple. Mrs Booth, "Mother of the Salvation Army," once occupied the pulpit at the invitation of Dr. Parker.

Mrs Thomas A. Cooper has just been admitted as a member of the Ohio County Circuit Court bar. She will practise law in the seventh judicial circuit.

The citizens of Turon, both men and women, have nominated for Mayor Mrs Florence Lowe, who has been postmistress for years. Mrs T. F. Graff received the nomination for Police Judge, and Mrs Sarah Watson for City Council. There is no opposition.

### SIX O'CLOCK CLOSING.

The Citizens' meeting, convened by His Worship the Mayor of Wellington for Thursday evening, June 7th, in the Town Hall, was a great success. The large hall was practically full, the only unoccupied seats being most of the chorus seats and a few seats under the gallery. It was an enthusiastic meeting, and even if there were not many new points brought forward, the solid arguments for drastic reform were logically presented and strongly stressed. As was to be expected, National Efficiency and Economy in War Time was the text on which all the speakers based their addresses. The Mayor, as on similar previous occasions, emphasised the fact that he supported the proposed reform in the interests of the whole community and all communities through the Dominion, and not on behalf of only one special section or class, whether soldier or civilian. The point of greatest interest raised by Dr. Newman, who moved the principal resolution, demanding the restriction of the sale of strong drinks to the hours from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., was the serious position of things in the Home Land. Having recently returned from a visit there, he was in a position to speak, and he reiterated again and again the statement that we out here have no idea how serious is the condition of England. Because New Zealand is still fairly prosperous, in some ways remarkably so, we are living, many of us, in a fools' paradise, and after the war is over we shall begin to feel the pinch, and therefore it behoves us to husband our resources, instead of dissipating them in unnecessary luxuries. It is pleasing to know from an eyewitness that as the result of the work of the Board of Control, matters are greatly improved in various large areas. One rejoices over the 33,000 hotels closed, the large areas practically gone dry; the restricted sale of alcohol through the shortened hours—in the controlled area only 2½ hours per day—the consequent decrease in drunkenness and crime; and we would fain believe that the Doctor is right in thinking Sir J. Ward and Mr Massey will come back convinced that it is time we in New Zealand set our house in order, and will be prepared to introduce, without delay, the legislation that ought to have been put on the statute book nearly three years ago.

Mr John Hutcheson's breezy oratory and plain common-sense appeal to the public, especially because it is all based on his own experience, whether in his earlier life as a sailor, or in recent times as member of the War Relief Committee. He knows, because he has tried it, that a cup of coffee or tea is more effective than a rum ration in restoring warmth and vigour to a man who is exhausted through strenuous labour and exposure to cold and hardship. To him it is incredible that three or four hours' a day loss to the Trade should be put beside the loss of son or brother or husband, that hundreds and thousands are being called on to suffer. The whole thing wants to be throttled for the sake of efficiency—no miserable anti-shouting regulation, simply ignored and ridiculed all along the line! He is looking to the time when the "old brigade" will have to turn out to replace the young men that have gone, and he for one wants to be fit.

Mr Morrison, K.C., supported the resolution as a moderate drinker, therefore free from teetotal bias, but he would go further. The clubs must shut up as well, and the members of some at least were quite ready for it. The bottle trade must be absolutely stopped, and no one must be allowed to purchase liquor at all who cannot produce a clean police certificate of character. Somehow or other liquor must be prevented from reaching the "dens of iniquity," that are far worse than hotel bars. All this sounds well—especially from a moderate drinker—but has anyone ever known the "Trade" abide by regulations intended to keep it within bounds? In Mr Morrison's opinion the whole matter is entirely one of profit and loss, and the brewers should help the hotel-keepers with the heavy rent they complain about, so equalising the loss, which, after all, is trifling compared with the loss of life at the Front. One other of his statements may be noted, that "the measure of the nation's worth is the measure of its capacity for voluntary action." Alas for New Zealand, seeing the compulsion that has been found necessary on every hand!

The remaining speakers brought forward no striking points beyond those we are already familiar with from such publications as Arthur Mee's "Defeat?" and the pamphlet "Man-power," both of which were

frequently referred to and quoted from. But there was a healthy tone and atmosphere in the whole meeting, spite of occasional slight attempts at interruption. The audience was at first disinclined to listen to the returned soldier, who was allowed at the close to give his reasons for opposing the resolution. So far as they could be followed, these were on the usual lines, liberty of the subject and so forth. Apparently he thought to make a point by relating how in Egypt the authorities had found it necessary to establish wet canteens in order that the soldiers might have no pretext for going to Cairo. To this the reply at once suggests itself that they chose what seemed to them the lesser evil, but it hardly touches the main argument as to wet and dry canteens.

It goes without saying that in such a large gathering—mainly Prohibitionist in character—the resolutions—the first demanding 6 o'clock closing, the second directing a deputation to lay the wish of the meeting before Cabinet—were carried with enthusiasm. It remains to be seen how far the temper and attitude of Cabinet and Parliament have been affected by the experience of another year of war, and in the case of many the opportunity of seeing the progress of events and the exigencies of the case from the Empire-point-of-view on the actual scene of action.

### WANTED!

**A Woman!** Just a saint, understand,  
And a womanly woman, who on every  
hand  
Sheds the lustre of purity, goodness,  
and grace,  
Who carries her loveliness stamped on  
her face;  
Whose wisdom's intuitive, insight is  
deep;  
Who's poised in her little world's  
centre, and who  
Is gentle, responsive, and tender and  
true;  
Whose sweetness and graciousness fit  
like a gown.  
Do you think I might find such a one  
in the town?

We are losing 110,000 children every year before their first birthday. The year 1915 would go down to history as the blackest year in modern records, for then we lost 90,000 men by land and sea. But every year 60,000 men are victims of tuberculosis, alcohol and its consequences.—Dr. Saleeby.



### BRITAIN'S SHAME.

There were used in the manufacture of cigarettes in Australia during the year 1915-16, 3101 gallons of rum, 402 gallons of whisky, and 952 gallons of canary spirit. Rum is most favoured, for the same reason that makes it the choice of the British War Office—it is the cheapest and coarsest of spirits.

An Australian troopship arrived at a West African port. An order came from the shore that no men were to be allowed to land because men from a former ship had got drunk and created a disturbance. For a week the men gazed longingly shorewards, and then the authorities conceived the bright idea of closing the bars. The men were allowed to land, and there was no trouble.

### WASTE OF FOODSTUFFS ON DRINK MANUFACTURE.

A reply by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to Sir Robert Balfour showed that in the year which ended September 30th, 1916, there was used in the manufacture of beer in the United Kingdom 41,605,365 bushels of malt, 77,776 bushels of unmalted corn, 1,343,930 cwts. of rice and maize, and 2,399,836 cwts. of sugar. The distilleries in the same period consumed 1,103,958 quarters of malt, 1,414,435 quarters of unmalted grain, 7640 cwts. of rice, and 822,301 cwts. of molasses. Sir Robert Balfour drew attention to the fact that the barley used in the manufacture of beer in the year 1915-16 represented in weight one million tons, and that the barley used in the distilleries in the same year amounted to 200,000 tons. Unmalted grain and molasses consumed in the distilleries amounted to 545,000 tons.

Great Britain spends annually in strong drink 164 million pounds, and destroys 70,300,000 bushels of grain, 1,600,000 cwts. of rice, 4,400,000 cwts. of sugar and molasses, and other foodstuffs too numerous to mention. Over 460,000 persons are engaged in the manufacture and distribution of liquor, most of whom could be set free for national service at home or abroad.

Parliamentary War Savings Committee (London) says: "Immense quantities of food materials, such as barley, wheat and maize, are used in this

country for the manufacture of beer and spirits. As beer and spirits are almost valueless as foods, and can only be classed as luxuries pure and simple, **all this grain is lost for food purposes.** If this grain were available for food, both for man and beast, the prices of bread and meat would be lowered.

The National War Saving Committee express the conviction that in the first twenty months of the war at least 2,500,000 tons of food and feeding stuffs—barley, rice, sugar, maize—and 2,250,000 tons of coal, have been destroyed in the making of drink in the United Kingdom. Shipping for the transport of at least 1,400,000 tons of imported material and drink has had to be provided, and home transport for at least 12,500,000 tons of manufactured drink, or 250,000 tons per week. The drink trade consumes more sugar than the entire army. Besides this, it uses 500,000 workers, 1,000,000 acres of land, and 1,500,000 tons of coal a year.

For the second time, the Glasgow Town Council has declared in favour of prohibition for the period of the war.

In spite of shortened hours, Great Britain still spends £500,000 per day in strong drink. Daily Great Britain puts down its throat in the shape of alcoholic drink the price of 80,000,000 cartridges or 200 aeroplanes a day, or three super-Dreadnoughts every fortnight.

The leading women of France, headed by suffragists, society women and writers, this week embarked on an energetic anti-alcohol crusade. They declare that a large percentage of the ravages of death are due to alcohol, which constitutes the greatest blight on the Republic, and that it is necessary to start a reform for the upbuilding of France after the war.

The Minister of Defence in N.S.W. has, in view of the reports received from the Commandant 2nd Military District, approved of action being taken to close hotels in the vicinity of the Randwick Military Hospital for the sale of intoxicating liquor to any member of His Majesty's forces while in uniform.

### PROHIBITION AS A WAR MEASURE.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, representing thirty denominations, having a membership of 18,000,000, in session in New York City on April 22, sent a message to the President and Congress urging the passage of a nationwide prohibition Bill as a war measure.

With but one dissenting vote, the Philadelphia County Medical Society, representing more than 1000 of the city's most prominent physicians, recently went on record against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages during the period of the war.

The Minnesota Public Safety Commission, the War Board of the State, has established a dry zone of 2½ miles around Fort Snelling military reservation.

The British War Office, influenced by petitions from the Canadian Women's Christian Temperance Union and other organisations and individuals, has decided to stop the issue of the infamous rum ration to Canadian soldiers unless ordered by a commanding officer on the recommendation of a medical man. This practically means that the rum ration is abolished, as few medical men whose opinions are worth anything would recommend the issue of rum.—"Spectator, February 7, 1917.

In reply to a deputation, Mr Lloyd George said: "It would be a national disaster to reinstate the liquor traffic on the old basis during the period of demobilisation."

### LINKED BY OUR RIBBON WHITE.

Like so many women all over the Empire, our South African sisters are fighting against the C.D. Acts. A cable was sent by them to Mrs Don asking had the C.D. Acts been reintroduced into New Zealand. Our President replied "No." New Zealand women have votes, and any Government which introduced legislation to create a class of slaves, examined, licensed, controlled by Government to gratify the lusts of bestial men would have a very short term of office.

## FACTS ABOUT THE W.C.T.U.

Often we have been asked about our organisation, what it is and what it does. In order to answer these questions, we have prepared a neat card, folded in two, just the size to fit into an ordinary envelope. Upon it has been printed the following facts about the W.C.T.U. :—

The World's W.C.T.U. was founded by Miss Frances Willard in 1883.

It has branches in 50 countries, and a membership of over half a million.

### It's Motto:

"For God and Home and Humanity."

### It's Badge.

A Bow of White Ribbon.

"As white light is composed of all colours, so the white ribbon embraces all kinds of reform work."

### It's President:

Rosalind, Countess of Carlisle.

### It's Aims and Objects:

- (1) To secure Prohibition of the Liquor Trade and of Habit-forming Drugs.
- (2) To secure an equal standard of morality for both sexes.
- (3) To preserve the home and to safeguard child life.
- (4) To raise the Age of Consent and to get Women Police appointed to patrol all streets, parks, and public places, to protect the young people of both sexes.
- (5) Segregation, preferably in farm colonies, of all mental and moral degenerates.
- (6) To remove from women all civic, political, and educational disabilities.
- (7) To have Sex Physiology and the Effects of Alcohol on the Human Body taught in all schools.

Copies of the above can be obtained from the "White Ribbon" office, Port Chalmers, at 6d per dozen, or 3s 6d per 100. We hope Unions and individual members will order these and distribute. We want to make our work known, so that others may come and join us.

## STRENGTH OF THE NATION MOVEMENT.

Dear Comrades,—

We require £100 a month for our Prohibition Campaign to carry it into every important newspaper, and reach every church. So for two months I have received:—Sale of lace, etc., £3 2s; Matakana, £2; Otahuhu, £1 11s; Auckland, 25s; Mrs Napier, £1; Mrs Jones, 10s; Mrs Garroway, £3 2s 6d; Mrs Macalister, £10; Invercargill meeting, £4 12s; Gore, £4 14s; Mosgiel, £1; Dunedin, £9 10s; Mrs Houlder, 10s; Mrs Gilmore, 5s: a total of £43 1s 6d. Our expenditure has been £153 18s to June 2nd. I am not asking our Executive to find one penny, but if our 90 Branches could give or collect £2 each we could go on splendidly. Is our cause worth that extra effort, dear ones?

Our Manifestos have received warmest approval from all parts of our Dominion. If any have not yet received supplies of either Nos. 1 or 2, please write me at once, care Mrs Houlder, 108, Wallace Street, Wellington. I have had 2000 copies of that magnificent book, "Defeat," printed, to supply at 6d per copy, postage extra. Now, I shall want 2000 orders through Mrs Houlder, Literature Superintendent, please. No member should be without a copy of this thrilling book. Post it to every M.P., Minister, Society Guild, and Organisation in New Zealand. Send it to every friend and foe. Sell dozens wherever meetings are held. Try to get it into every home, for "Defeat" arousing every true patriot, will mean "Victory" over every evil. My books for children, "Auntie Faith's Travels," price 1s each, are also dedicated to our funds. Could you order for Sunday Schools, Bands of Hope, and the home circles? Good seed sowing, good harvesting by-and-by.

I rejoice to report splendid meetings in every centre I have been able to visit, and such an accession of new members as we have never had since our inception. Over 370 up to date. May I plead that all these new members may be welcomed into such an atmosphere of love and prayer and holy self-sacrifice as shall lift them Godward at once? Are you all praying fervently, my sisters, for drink destruction? Effectual fervent prayers of the righteous availeth

much. Wherever you can get a neighbour to join you, read bits out of our "White Ribbon," or "Defeat," or the "Vanguard," and then pray with all your heart and mind and will in your prayers, and God will answer. "There are more things wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

This mighty prevailing power can be just as effective if used by a widow, an invalid, an old age pensioner, a lonely back-blocks woman, a tired toiler, as by the King of England or the greatest preacher the world has ever known. No one is too poor or old or weak; no one is too far away; no one too humble or unknown. So, beloved, whoever you are, wherever you are, girdle our land with prayer, and help us save an Empire.

Lovingly yours, in Christ's prevailing power,

BESSIE LEE-COWIE,

Organiser "Strength of Nation Movement."

## MAORI REPORT.

Mrs P. Noda (the Batley Union delegate to last Convention) reports that she has not been able to do as much as she would have liked since her return, being, unfortunately, ill in hospital for some weeks. She had one good meeting of members and sympathisers, to whom she gave her report of the interesting work she had seen and heard at Convention, and the great kindness of all the Auckland sisters. Five new members joined at this meeting. The Union extends much sympathy to Mrs Noda in her long and trying illness, and hopes she may soon leave the hospital quite well again. We also thank her very much for the work she has done, and which we hope she will be able to continue to do for us in her district. All Unions are reminded that on June 15th, White Ribbon Day, the Maori Department and its needs should be considered.

N. F. WALKER,

N.Z. Supt. Maori Dept.

## HOME MEETING.

**Lower Hutt.**—Home Meeting at Mrs Jenness', May 11. Address by Miss Powell. Attendance, 21. New subscribers to "White Ribbon," 1.



## HER CHILDREN'S RIGHTS.

(Jennie N. Standifer.)

"When did you return home?" I asked a handsome, black-eyed woman as we sat on a rustic bench waiting for a car running from the suburbs to the city.

"Last week. I am back in Mississippi to stay."

"How did you like the West?"

"It is fine in many respects. Women vote in the State in which we sojourned, and that, as you know, is a long stride in the march of progress. Only one thing brought me back to the South. We lived in a wet State, and it did not agree with Jim. As he is my 'better half'—so-called—I thought it my duty to consider his good."

"Of course that was right, but I was under the impression that you were living in a dry, healthful climate."

"It was another kind of 'wet' that was harmful to Jim. You remember he drank before we married, but he vowed he would never touch another drop of liquor if I would only take his name—and being in love, I believed him. He didn't have many temptations so long as we lived here, and he kept as sober as a judge. When he had a splendid salary offered him for work in the West I did not think that living in a wet State would cause him to backslide. There were two babies to be provided for, and Jim seemed to be thoroughly cured of the drink habit."

"My husband's work, after we moved, often kept him out late at night. Our house was securely protected, and I was not afraid when left with only the children. One night Jim did not return until after the clock struck one. When he came in I smelled whisky on his breath, and saw at once that he was drunk. I did not waste time lecturing him, but took the babies into the guest room, and locked them and myself in. Next morning I told Jim plainly but firmly that I could not and would not have a drunken man in my house. As a mother, I had the right to protect my children, and I would not take the risk of having them maimed for life or killed by an inebriate. He declared they were perfectly safe, and solemnly promised to keep sober."

"It wasn't a week until Jim came staggering up the steps, drunk again."

I had bolted the door, and his latch-key was of no use. I refused to let him in until almost daylight, when a sudden drop in the temperature caused me to fear he would take cold and have pneumonia. He was sober enough when I opened the door, but sulky. Again I took the children to the guest room and locked the door.

"Next morning I laid down the law of my house with renewed emphasis. No drunken man should ever enter my door, no matter who he was or what was the state of the weather. Jim was deeply penitent, and made his usual promises with customary seriousness."

"A few nights later, he came reeling home, drunk as a lord, and pounded loudly on the door for admittance. I paid no attention to his knocking, although the neighbours were aroused, and Jim grew furiously angry. By two o'clock he was sober enough to come in, but I advised him to go to a hotel, as I intended to keep my vow. At last he went away. He did not return until late the next afternoon. I had kept the doors locked all day, and responded to his knock through the closed door. I repeated my assertion that I was going to protect my children from a drunken man, and further declared that I was going to return to Mississippi. I laughed incredulously at his oft-repeated promises to never touch another drop of liquor."

"For one solid week I kept the house securely locked, but while the children took their afternoon naps I would sit on the porch dressed in my most becoming gown. One day, as I sat looking over some statistics of feeble-minded children, Jim came for his daily call. After greeting him with a cheerful 'Good evening,' I read aloud an article which stated that ninety per cent. of the idiots and weak-minded children sent to asylums were the offspring of drinking men. Jim looked very grave, but only observed that our children were not idiots, nor afflicted with weak minds."

"Another afternoon I read to him some newspaper accounts of murders committed by men while under the influence of liquor. One drunken brute had killed his wife, while another murdered his own mother."

"Upon another occasion I showed him pictures of maimed and deformed children, who would go through life hampered because of the abuse of

drunken parents. Our baby had been asleep. She awoke and called 'Daddy.' He started to go to her, but the door was locked. He begged for the key. I firmly refused to let him enter the house."

"'You may come to-morrow afternoon,' I said smilingly, 'and tell the children good-bye. I leave for Mississippi on the five-thirty train.'"

"'Don't you need money?' he asked, taking a roll of bills from his pocket."

"'No, thank you, I have saved enough from my allowance for my expenses,' I answered pleasantly."

"'When will you come back?' he asked anxiously."

"'Never, unless this State goes bone-dry, and becomes a safe home for the children. I am going to live in Mississippi—a prohibition State—and take boarders. None but teetotalers can board with me, no matter what they offer to pay. Good evening, Jim.'"

"He stared a moment, and then as I started towards the door, cried: 'Stop a minute. If you will let me, I will go with you. I may not get so large a salary, but we can live on much less. Happiness counts for more than money.'"

"'Does it count for more than the delights of drinking?' I asked."

"'Yes. A happy home is more than all else combined. I will sign a pledge of total abstinence for life, and God helping me—keep it. I will go to the driest community in a dry State, and you and the babies shall have your rights.'"

"'Come in and help pack, Jim,' I invited."

"So here we are for a short visit before going to live in H—, where Jim will have only day work and be with a firm that will not employ any but teetotalers. It takes grit and grace and tact—along with the patience of Job and persistence of Satan—for a woman to stand pat for her children's rights and bring a man to his senses, but a good man is worth the struggle. Here comes my car. Come to see me and let me tell you what equal suffrage has done for the West, and we will plan to bring a like blessing to Mississippi."

Toronto is the largest dry city in the world.

## IN THE FIELD.

Petone has in Mrs Hope a live Cradle Roll Superintendent, carrying on with vigour the work so ably commenced by Miss Peach. A meeting under this head was held on May 9th, which the Superintendent and I had worked up for some days previously. Several new babies were enrolled, and six Cradle Roll mothers joined the Union. Further visiting culminated in an American Tea on the 16th, but as we, unfortunately, fell foul of a patriotic meeting, the attendance was small. However, a pleasant, amusing, and profitable afternoon was spent. I gave addresses at both meetings. Some new members were secured, also a few subscribers for the paper, and several 6 o'clock petition sheets filled. Petone is well supplied with vice-presidents, having on its roll the wives of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Church of Christ, and Methodist ministers.

While staying in Lower Hutt I met Mrs Houlder in town several times, and on Monday, 21st, journeyed to Waipawa, being hospitably entertained by Mrs J. Bibby. The following day the usual monthly meeting was held, the 6 o'clock petitions being heartily taken up and arrangements made for organising later on. Immediately after the meeting I took train for Napier, being met by Mrs Venables and duly installed in Mrs Walker's kindly home.

A special meeting was held on 31st in Willard Hall, the attendance being very good, in spite of heavy rain. Several new members were initiated, and some who had lapsed re-joined.

Next day a number of us went out to Onepoto Gully, where the Union had for many months been trying to get a footing. We had been out earlier in the week, and spent an afternoon in visiting from house to house, working up the meeting. The attendance (outside of the faithful contingent of Napier White Ribboners) consisted of two women and two small children. But sometimes mighty movements grow from small beginnings, and though the attendance was discouraging, results were good, as arrangements were made for starting a Band of Hope, one of the two local ladies present undertaking to work up dialogues, etc., and the Napier Wesley Hall Band of Hope to give the first programme. The friends here have taken up the 6

o'clock closing petition energetically, and White Ribboners are taking their full share of the systematic canvass. The Cradle Roll is well looked after, and they are carrying on a weekly prayer meeting in connection with the Strength of Nation Movement. The attendance at the one I conducted was very good, and by holding it in different homes a larger connection is covered. Altogether, the Napier District Union is in a healthy condition. Hastings has, unfortunately, just lost by removal its capable Secretary. I visited several of the friends, but have not held any meetings, as I worked this Union 18 months ago.

M. S. POWELL,  
Dominion Organiser.

P.S.—Some lady recently paid me 8d for a copy of the "Story of Life," and I duly forwarded the order. Unfortunately, in consequence of the absence from home of the Superintendent, the address has been lost. Furthermore, the paper-covered issue is sold out, and only the cloth-covered one, at 1s 3d, is on sale. I shall be pleased to return the money if I can find the owner.—M.S.P.

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**DIFFERENTIATION IN THE EDU-  
 CATION OF GIRLS.**

In a letter inserted in last month's "White Ribbon" by Miss Chaplin, President of Women Teachers' Association, reference was made to the articles in recent numbers of this journal on the above subject. Our correspondent is in error in saying those articles had reference to the report on education of girls adopted by the Council of Education. That report had never been seen at our office, and the articles were solely a protest against the University Senate's action in making domestic training compulsory for girl students for Matric.

We are in agreement with much that our correspondent urges, but it is the bedrock principle of sex differentiation that we object to. The W.C.T.U. in the past have always striven to open every door to women. It is a retrograde step to make the difference on the ground of sex and not of ability. The men of the past said that woman's place was the

home, and so they shut all the doors leading to a liberal education and the learned professions against her. We should be false to the noble women who endured obloquy and shame in their fight for equality of opportunity for our girls if we allowed that equality to be taken from them. Once admit that there should be a difference on the ground of sex, and then it is only a question of degree to go back to the early Victorian period of education. We believe that all difference should be on the ground of **ability**, not of **sex**. We do not believe that woman's place is the kitchen, neither do we agree with the Kaiser's dictum that women are only good for "the church, the cradle, and the kitchen." But we endorse heartily the words of our leader, Frances E. Willard: "If I were asked the mission of the ideal woman, I would say it is to make the whole world homelike. The true woman will make home-like every place she enters, and she will enter every place in this wide world."

We understand that the attempt to make Domestic Science compulsory for girls does not commend itself to the younger teachers, but is supported by the older, and presumably more conservative portion of the teachers.

Dear Madam,—I have read with interest Miss Chaplin's letter in your issue of May in defence of differentiation in the education of boys and girls. There is much to be said on both sides of the question, but does it not all hinge on the view taken as to the main aim in education? If that aim is to cram each child's mind, as far as possible, with a variety of facts on a number of subjects, and to develop a certain amount of dexterity in various branches of manual work, possibly differentiation is necessary.

But if the aim is to cultivate a desire to explore, to so present various subjects to the children's minds that a desire to know more is created, and then to lead them on to find out and think out for themselves, there can be no need for differentiation.

Your correspondent says, "The education of both boys and girls is a matter of the deepest moment. In considering that of the girls, there are three aspects to be noted:

- (1) The **citizen** aspect.
- (2) The **home** aspect.
- (3) The **wage-earning** aspect.

Our women must be trained to be good citizens, good mothers, and capable workers."

True, but are not these three aspects of equal value in the education of the boys? Should they not be trained to be good citizens, good fathers, and capable workers? Is not the same training necessary for both? The qualities that go to make a girl a good citizen are also needed to make a boy a good citizen. It is just as necessary that a boy be a good father, and have high ideals of parenthood, as for a girl, but I doubt if this result will be attained in either by a course of domestic training.

There are some women who, having thought seriously, and I think not superficially, on this subject, would recommend that in all our schools there be no differentiation; that boys and girls alike be taught needlework, laundry, cookery, woodwork, and every other subject contained in the primary school syllabus; and that the differentiation, if needful, be on account of ability, not sex. It is never a handicap for a boy to know how to cook a wholesome meal and wash or mend his own clothes. Hundreds of our boys now in the trenches would be only too thankful had they known more of these subjects. Nor will it ever be anything but gain to any girl to know how to use a hammer, saw or spade. There are few housekeepers but at some time or other find it necessary to use all of these tools, and to have learnt how to use them properly, and also how to take care of them, will be a distinct gain.

These subjects, however, though desirable, should not be considered anything but secondary. The chief aim, and the one always to be kept before the teacher, should be the development of the child's intelligence, the cultivating of a child's desire for knowledge, or, in other words, for **truth**; and the training that will help each child to think for itself, not simply to believe what it is told.

Lastly, I agree with your correspondent in that "during the years of adolescence the influence of a capable woman teacher" is most desirable, and I would add that at that time a woman teacher, capable of directing the girl's thoughts of marriage and motherhood into pure and lofty channels, would be of inestimable value to the individual girls and to the nation. But it is not necessary for that teacher

to be a domestic science mistress, nor is it to be taken for granted that a domestic science mistress would possess the necessary qualifications.

Also, during the years of adolescence, a similar influence would be of perhaps greater value in the life of a boy, and whether that should be the influence of a man or woman would largely depend on the suitability and not the sex of the teacher.

If the aim of domestic teaching is to make our girls better home-makers there is not the ability to cook or sew that is wanted, but the spirit that puts the welfare of others first, not in waiting "hand and foot" on all and sundry, but that has patience and kindness in teaching each to do their own share when it is infinitely easier to do it oneself. In other words, it is the spirit of Christ who gave Himself for others.

Thanking you in anticipation.—I am, etc.,

JESSIE FIELD.

### "WHITE RIBBON."

Our thanks are due to the band of workers who are bringing the claims of our official organ before the public. White Ribbon Day occurs this month. Will every Union and every subscriber make a special effort to secure new subscribers at their White Ribbon Day celebration?

The following have sent new subscribers in since last month:—Oxford is an easy first with 19 subscribers; Pakiri, 8; Nelson and Normanby, 7; Palmerston North and Miss Powell, 6; Hamilton East and Mrs Evans, 5; Cambridge, New Plymouth, Port Chalmers, Hikurangi, Wellington Central, Wanganui E., N.E. Valley, Brightwater, and Eltham, 4; Whangarei, Devonport, Ashburton, Timaru, Mata Mata, S. Invercargill, and Warkworth, 3; Auckland, Hastings, Lyttelton, Tinwald, Kaiapoi, Christchurch, Greytown, Morrinsville, and Gisborne, 2; Marton, Takapuna, Ngaere, Leigh, Waipawa, Wanganui Y's, and Matakana, 1. Total for month, 145.

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### PRIZE ESSAYS.

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#### An Essay on Temperance.

Temperance really means moderation in all things. Now when the word is used it is used to mean moderation in the use of alcoholic drinks, such as beer, wine, and spirits.

Alcohol belongs to a class of drug known as narcotics. The effect of these drugs upon the system is depressing and weakening. Alcohol also tends to retard the growth of the body. If in a nation the people could do without alcohol, how much stronger, happier, and wiser the nation would be.

In little New Zealand alone enough money is wasted on alcohol to pay for all the boots and clothing of all the New Zealand children.

Alcohol is not a food as milk is. It does not make the body grow, nor repair worn out tissues. Sometimes alcohol is used as a stimulant, but a healthy body is better without a stimulant.

People who have to undergo great strains or hardships as soldiers, athletes, and Arctic explorers find it best to abstain from the use of alcohol. It is found that alcohol lowers the power of the system to resist disease, thus a teetotaler is more likely to live a longer and a healthier life than a drunkard.

If no alcohol was used the judges say that three-fourths of the prisons could be closed. This shows us that a great deal of the crime committed is caused through drinking alcohol.

The effect of drinking alcohol quickens the beating of the heart, thus sending blood volently over the body, causing a bright-red colour on the face. In the stomach an excess in the flow of gastric juice is caused. The power to digest food is weakened, and indigestion may follow. Through constant drinking of alcohol many diseases of the heart may result, and cancer, inflammation of the lungs or consumption.

Many cases of insanity are caused by drinking.

The best drink to quench one's thirst, besides being the cheapest, is water. It does not create a desire for more as alcoholic drinks do.

In Russia now no alcohol is sold. Before the War the Government had

command of the workshops, so immediately on the outbreak of War, they closed the hotels, this of course meaning a loss to the Government, but a benefit to the nation.

Alcohol is really a poison.

In rum, whisky, spirits, etc., it is contained to the extent of about 45 to 50 per cent. In the Polar regions it is found that a person who drinks cannot stand the cold like a total abstainer.

Insurance companies offer more favourable terms to a person who does not drink than to one who does.

In the home, if one member drinks it seems to act as a dark stain upon their prosperity. Much poverty may result in a home where the husband drinks.

In England it is found that on a Monday the workers are less energetic than on other days. This may be accounted for because they take the liquor on Sundays, and it acts as a drug on their minds on Monday.

The State will never be a very prosperous one if it has to pay for the upkeep of paupers who might not be poor if there was no drinking. The minds of people who are drunkards can never be as free or as clear as if they did not drink. Men in very important positions should not be there if they use alcohol to excess.

### CABLE "FAIRY" EXPOSED.

Miss Rankin, the first woman to be elected to Congress, recorded her vote against entering the war. Her vote has been much criticised, but even those disagreeing with that vote admire the woman who recorded her vote in accordance with her conscience. Mrs Laidlaw, who was present in the House when the vote was taken, says: "It is not true that Miss Rankin wept, fainted, or had to be carried from the room. She was perfectly composed. She had been asked by so many of her friends to vote for the resolution; at the same time she was gripped by a desire to express a woman's horror of war and her principles against it. When she finally voted, she voted with intense sincerity, knowing that she was not doing the popular thing, but refusing to allow herself to be governed by motives of expediency. "She just couldn't vote for war."



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The Bishop of Auckland gave Miss Weymouth, Organiser for the Auckland Union, a letter commending her to the clergy and laity of his diocese, and bespeaking help for her in her temperance work. Miss Weymouth has been holding very successful meetings among the ladies of the Anglican Churches. The Rev. Smallfield, President of the N.Z. Alliance, wrote a Litany to be used at these intercessory meetings, which we have been asked to print.

#### Litany for use at Intercession Services for Temperance Reform.

O God the Father, Maker of heaven and earth, O God the Son, Redeemer of all mankind, O God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, O Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons in one God, have mercy upon us; hear the humble prayers of Thy servants, who now call upon Thee; incline our hearts to love and serve Thee, and give us perfect trust in Thee, that it may please Thee to bless all who in this land labour for temperance reform.

We beseech Thee to hear us, Good Lord:

That it may please Thee to enlighten all the members of the church universal so that they may make temperance reform a work for Thee to Thine honour and glory.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to uphold Thy servant George, our King and Governor, in his resolve to set his subjects an example of abstinence from strong drink.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to bless and preserve our gracious Queen Mary, and to strengthen her in every resolve to help and benefit the women of the Empire.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to direct, strengthen, and enlighten all Bishops and priests and deacons, and all min-

isters of the Gospel of every church, so that they may learn from Thy Holy Word the truth concerning strong drink.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to make them examples to Thy people of temperance, sobriety, and self-denial, and to enable them to teach others to give up for Thee every besetting sin, and especially the sin of intemperance.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to endue the Lords of the Council, all the nobility, the High Court of Parliament, and all others in authority in the United Kingdom, with the spirit of understanding, so that they may perceive the present perils that beset the Empire through strong drink, may themselves set an example of abstinence, and, by their rule and authority, lead the way to temperance reform.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to enlighten the hearts of all the members of our own New Zealand Parliament, that they may be led to grant the petitions of those who seek for reform, and may so use the trust committed to them as to make the country happier, more prosperous, and finally free for ever from the curse of strong drink.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to bless and prosper the work of the W.C.T.U., giving to all the members steadfastness of purpose, singleness of aim, purity of intention, innocence of life, and true charity in thought, word and deed; so that they may prosper in Thee and for Thee in their endeavours to free the people of this land from the evils of intemperance.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to give to all members of the Union grace and strength to uplift the fallen, warn the erring, teach the ignorant, restrain the foolish, reclaim the intemperate, and, by Thy power, to bring many souls to Christ.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to bless and prosper the members of the Union in their present work of urging upon the Legislature the total abolition of the Liquor Traffic, to give to all who work in this cause wisdom to say the right word, courage to warn the indifferent, grace to convict the hostile, love to conquer those who hate the light, and strength to keep on working while it is to-day.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to answer the prayers of the Union for the abolition of the liquor traffic, to give to each member that faith which removes mountains, to make each one earnest and fervent in prayer, humble and trustful in work, to bring each one into a closer walk with Thee, and to bend each heart into submissiveness to Thy Divine Will.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to bless the leaders of the Union, to give them wisdom to direct, courage to rule, and strength to accomplish, to take from them all self-seeking and desire for praise; to give them a single eye to Thy glory, and to fill them with a burning zeal for temperance reform.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to bless the work of the N.Z. Alliance, to give to its rulers and officers strength, courage, and wisdom; to grant to all its members earnestness, zeal, patience and sincerity; and to bless the efforts of the Alliance for the total abolition of the Drink Traffic.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to bless all Bands of Hope and all other temperance societies in this land; to give to all who direct and all who serve, grace and power to uplift the fallen, to teach the ignorant, to warn the erring, to strengthen the wavering, and to convince the doubting.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee especially to bless the work of the Bands of Hope in the instruction of children in the duty of total abstinence; to give

knowledge and discretion to those who teach; and the hearing ear and the understanding heart to those who learn.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to bless all the children of this land, to keep them safe amid the world's defilements, to grant to them innocence of heart and purity of life; and especially to preserve them from the perils of strong drink.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to bless the parents of this land, to give to them wisdom to guard their children from temptation, heavenly knowledge to guide them into truth, strength to set them a good example, love to bring them into Thy love; and especially do we pray that the parents of the land may both set their children an example of total abstinence and also teach their children to follow that example.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to have mercy on all those who in this land have fallen victims to strong drink; to uplift them from their degradation, to give them courage to reform, grace to learn the truth in Thee, and strength to continue in the path of abstinence and self-control.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee so to turn the hearts of those engaged in the liquor traffic that they may have pity on the victims of strong drink, to wean them from the love of money, to teach them their real duty to their fellow-men, to so enlighten them that they may be willing to leave all and follow Thee, and so cease from that course of life which results in the degradation, the misery, and the death of their fellow-men.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to bless the work of those who, in the Inebriates' Homes near our city, work for the redemption of fallen men and women; to give them courage to go on with their difficult task; to give them grace to deal lovingly with the victims of strong drink, and wisdom to effectively set before them saving health in Christ Jesus.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to help and bless all city missionaries, district visitors, Sunday School teachers, deaconesses, rescue workers, and others who seek to uplift their fellow-men; to give them power, wisdom, and love

in helping the unfortunate, teaching the young, or raising the fallen.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to bless our soldier boys, to guard and keep them in dangers, anxieties, and trials; if it be Thy will, to restore them to home and loved ones; and especially to guard them from the temptations of strong drink.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to speedily bring the war to a rightful conclusion; to establish peace on earth, goodwill towards men; to hasten the time when war shall be no more; and especially to incline the hearts of men, through the solemn lessons of the war, to make the world a place for ever free from the curse of strong drink.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

That it may please Thee to bless the efforts of all army chaplains, doctors, nurses, and others who seek to teach, heal, comfort, and uplift the soldiers and sailors; and especially to help them to warn those who fight for the Empire to shun strong drink.

We beseech Thee, etc.:

O Lord God, our Heavenly Father, we humbly beseech Thee to fill us with Thy fullness, to give us grace and strength to do Thy will, and infinite faith in Thee. We humbly pray for Thy blessing upon all our efforts to free this land from the evil influences of strong drink. Hear us in Heaven Thy dwelling-place, pour down upon us the riches of Thy grace, help and bless us so that we may go forth to the work and cares of the morrow renewed by Thy tender love, and strengthened by Thy grace. Give us such confidence in Thee that we may never fail to trust Thee; give us such love for Thee that we may learn to love our brethren; give us such fervent charity that we may bear patiently with those who oppose us. Give us such abounding faith in Thee that we may accomplish much in Thy service. Thou hast told us that where two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, Thou art there in the midst of them, and we believe that Thou art with us now to help and bless and enlighten us. And now we pray that Thou wilt grant our humble petition, if it be Thy will, for the speedy deliverance of this land from intemperance, and from the thralldom of strong drink. O incline the hearts of our rulers to do justice and love mercy. O incline the

hearts of the people to learn Thy will; and love and serve Thee. O Lord God our loving Father, so fill us with the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who went about doing good, Who healed the sick, comforted the sorrowing, taught the ignorant, that we, in our work for Thee, may never falter nor hesitate, but may aid the cause of temperance by patience, love and strength. Be with us and all who love and serve Thee, now and for evermore, and grant all that we have this night prayed for, for the sake of our Blessed Redeemer, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### WHEN MEN ROSE TO THE OCCASION.

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One of the memories that promises to linger longest for those who saw the first woman member of Congress inducted into office on April 2nd was the overwhelmingly generous courtesy shown the lady from Montana by the gentlemen from each and every State in the Union. The House rose as one man upon her entrance. The Democratic member from Montana crossed to the Republican side and sat proudly beside her throughout the day's proceedings. Senator Walsh, of Montana, came over from the Senate Office Buildings. The Supreme Court, coming over in a body to the Capitol, requested that its members have the privilege of meeting the slim, graceful girl who was so bravely and simply bearing the heavy mantle of honour that had fallen upon her. All through the trying day, Representatives, Senators, and Judges vied with one another in their manifestations of helpfulness and good-will.

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### TAKE NOTICE!

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Owing to Miss McCarthy's absence from Dunedin, Mrs Houlder will supply Purity literature as soon as it is possible to have it sent on, probably early in July.

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In Winnipeg the Chief of Police has to employ outside labour to clean the gaol. There are not enough inmates to do the work. In Albert there was not enough prison labour to cut the crop on the gaol farm.



## News of the Unions.

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

### NAPIER.

April 19. President in the chair. Attendance, 19. Resolved to hold weekly prayer meeting for the Prohibition movement. Manifestos distributed. Report of Convention given by Mrs Chellev.

May 2. 19 present. Arrangements made for 6 o'clock closing, most members working hard for same. Letter sent to Mr Hill, congratulating him on his election to the Mayoralty of Napier. Union delighted at having a temperance man at the head of civic affairs. One new member joined.

May 16. Drawing-room meeting at Mrs Martin's. Rev. Rice, vicar of St. Augustine's, addressed the gathering on "Temperance In All Things." A hearty vote of appreciation passed to Mr Rice for his encouraging talk. New member enrolled. Hostess thanked for entertaining.

May 17. Regular fortnightly meeting held. President in the chair. Attendance splendid. Letter received from our Mayor, stating that it will afford him great pleasure to render all the help in his power for the moral, social, and industrial uplifting of the people. Mrs Neal, delegate to the Provincial Convention, gave her report. Mr Darling, organiser of district for six o'clock, spoke.

### INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

May 8. Monthly meeting held, Mrs Paisley presiding, 67 present. Mrs Pate, delegate to Convention, gave a most interesting report. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an address on the Strength of the Nation movement, urging all present to pray unceasingly for its success. Mrs Liddell gave a recitation. Afternoon tea provided.

### N.E. VALLEY.

April 24. Full attendance. Mrs Peart presided. Miss Begg (Secretary) read her report of Convention. Satisfactory reports of the early closing lists were given, also earnest request for prayer on behalf of our campaign. Three new members.

### LOWER HUTT.

May 1. The President (Mrs Ballantyne) in the chair. The delegate read her report of Convention, which was well received. A welcome was extended to Miss Cole, late of Feilding, who has come to reside at the Hutt. Two new members. Home meeting arranged for, and Miss Powell invited to give a short address.

### WAITOA.

May 16. Home meeting at Mrs Black's, six present. One new member. No new subscribers "White Ribbon." Manifesto Fund collection, 10s.

### KAIAPOL.

April. Mrs Laishley (Vice-President) presided. Mr Blazey was appointed to represent the Kaiapoi Branch on the Canterbury Band of Hope Union. Decided to invite sympathisers to become subscribers to the Band of Hope. Resolutions of sympathy with six families were passed. Seven members each promised to secure an additional subscriber to the "White Ribbon." An article was read by the Secretary describing the glorious achievements of "our boys" at Gallipoli. Resolved to place on record the Union's grateful appreciation and admiration of the sublime self-sacrifice and devotion to duty shown by the Anzacs on Gallipoli. A resolution of sympathy was passed with the family of the late Rev. P. W. Fairclough.

### NEW BRIGHTON.

May 17. Good attendance of members and friends. Mrs Don gave a splendid address, which was appreciated by all present. The Manifesto and leaflet were read, and have been sent to all public houses and churches. A dozen copies of Convention number of "White Ribbon" were sold. Two of our members were elected on the School Committee. Four new members were initiated.

### LOWER HUTT.

June 5. Mrs Ballantyne in the chair. Decided to start a Y. Branch and L.T.L. as soon as a suitable leader would undertake the work. Mrs Shearer was asked, and is considering it. Decided to have a library; 10s voted to start it. Secretary to interview Petone President re a combined deputation to Mr Wilford for six o'clock closing.

### WANGANUI.

May 1. A splendid attendance. Mrs H. Smith (President) in the chair. The Union, on the motion of the President, decided that we work for the Red Cross under the Order of St. John Red Cross Ambulance Brigade. Decided that Thursday afternoons, from 2 to 5, was most convenient to members, the afternoon to be named "White Ribbon Day." A great deal of discussion arose from this proposal, several passing their opinion for the necessity of all work to be given under our own letters (W.C.T.U.).

### HAWERA.

May 31. Mrs Bone presided, 26 present. Decided to start a L.T.L. Mrs Curtis was appointed Superintendent, and the following will assist:—Miss Maunder, Mesdames Gilling, Tait, and Bone. Petitions for early

closing were returned well filled. Mrs Peacock appointed Corresponding Secretary. Regret expressed at the departure of Mrs Browne. Decided to distribute Manifestos. Afternoon tea served.

### AUCKLAND.

May 9. Mrs Taylor presided. Vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr L. J. Bagnall. Mesdames Darby and McLean appointed delegates to No-License Council, and Miss Dewar and Mrs Parkinson to the Auckland City Electoral Body. Mrs Nelson appointed "W.R." Agent. Mrs Smeeton addressed the meeting on the National Prohibition Campaign. Deputation waited upon Auckland Presbytery, and asked for help and support. Special week of prayer commencing May 21. Addresses were delivered daily by Revs. Watson (Anglican), Bailey (Baptist), Inglis (Presbyterian), Bellhouse (Methodist), and Brigadier Carmichael (Salvation Army). Meetings were well attended.

### PALMERSTON NORTH Y's.

May 17. Meeting at Mrs Crabb's to form a Y branch. Attendance fair. Mrs Napier gave an address. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Miss Lorna Hodder; Vice-Pres., Miss Moore; Cor. Sec., Miss Aline Rowlands; Rec. Sec., Miss Lumly; Treas., Miss Ferguson; Press Sec., Miss Pegler. All girls over the age of fourteen are heartily welcome to join us.

### WARKWORTH.

May 31. Fair attendance. Mrs Arrwood presided. Decided to work up mothers' meetings, also to canvass for 6 o'clock closing. Decided to nominate Mrs Roose and Mrs Buckinham for seats on School Committee. Vote of sympathy to Mrs Morrison in the loss of her son.

### OXFORD.

April 27. Votes of thanks to all who had assisted at refreshment booth at the Show. Message received from Mrs Don urging all members to refrain from any participation in lotteries or raffles. Decided to purchase a fresh set of temperance wall sheets. Decided to amalgamate the Bands of Hope; to arrange a Cradle Roll afternoon; to hold a Lady Liverpool gift afternoon. Decided to forward the following resolution to the Minister of Railways:—"That the members of the Oxford W.C.T.U. strongly protest against the carriage of alcoholic liquors on trains when so many necessities are prohibited."

May 2. A few members journeyed to Mrs Bunn's, about 15 miles from the township, and held a meeting; 15 were present. Mrs Ryda spoke upon the W.C.T.U., and Mrs Gainsford upon the beautiful life of Frances Willard. Five new members enrolled, five children upon Cradle Roll, and seven new subscribers to "White Ribbon." Afternoon tea was served, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mrs Bunn.

## DUNEDIN.

June. A well-attended meeting. An address was delivered by Mrs Peryman. 21 new members initiated.

## OXFORD Y's.

May 2. Attendance good. Miss Waterman gave a very fine report of Convention, and was heartily thanked. Decided to assist the L.T.L. to provide the programme for the Band of Hope meetings. Five new members enrolled, bringing our total membership up to 28.

## WANGANUI EAST.

May 25. Mrs Duxfield presided. Attendance good. Donation to No-License League, £5 16s 6d. Mrs Andrew appointed representative on the Executive of the League. "White Ribbon" Agent reported six new subscribers. Mrs Smith invited members to join Wanganui Union in a White Ribbon Day for Red Cross work. Mrs Andrew heartily thanked for her report of Convention.

## INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

May 1. Mrs Baird presided over a well-attended meeting. Mrs Cowie gave a report of Convention. She spoke on the Manifesto issued, and told of the work she was doing as Organiser for the Strength of the Nation Movement. Mrs Cowie was heartily thanked for her address.

June 5. Attendance large. Mrs Baird presiding. Decided to expend £1 in copies of "Defeat or Victory." In reply to a circular from Mr Stewart, re Initiative and Referendum, decided to inform him that our Union is in favour of it. Mrs Baird explained Hon. G. Russell's pamphlet on venereal diseases. Three new members received.

## TAURANGA.

April 25. Mrs Chappell read report of Convention. Decided to advertise meetings in "White Ribbon." Decided to invite Mrs Duxfield to visit us. Attendance good. One new member initiated.

May 30. Monthly meeting held. Mrs Chappell occupied the chair, in absence of our President. Letters read from several Unions, decided to discuss at next meeting.

## ASHBURTON.

June 6. Attendance large. Mrs Watson presiding. Rev. Dawson wrote, urging work for 6 o'clock closing. Mrs Oldrieve reported upon the work done in borough and suburbs. Arrangements made for the visit of Mrs Lee-Cowie. The meeting took the form of a pay-up social. Rev. Blair gave an address, and was thanked. Musical items and recitations and a cup of tea filled in a pleasant time. Four new members.

## WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

May 18. Mrs J. K. Archer in the chair. Mrs Houlder, District Presi-

dent, gave an interesting account of Convention. It was a most spiritual gathering. Mrs Don's address was most impressive, as was also the address of Mrs Peryman at the intercessory service.

May 24. An At Home held in Methodist Church, Brooklyn. Mrs Evans presided, and Mrs Kennedy gave musical items. Mrs Lee-Cowie explained the Manifesto issued by the Union calling for National Prohibition. Mrs Cowie spoke earnestly in favour of the Manifesto, and related many incidents showing how drink is injuring both soldier and civilian. Afternoon tea was provided by the ladies of the Church Guild. Seven new members.

## PALMERSTON NORTH.

April 24. Social at St. Andrew's Hall given by Mrs Crabbe. Hall packed. Musical items and recitations were rendered. Convention report was read by Mrs Lumley. Rev. Haslam expressed his high appreciation of the work of the W.C.T.U. Mr Hodder also spoke in a similar strain. Mr Crabbe spoke of the amount of business the Convention had put through in a little time, and the business-like manner in which it was conducted. Vote of thanks to Mrs Lumley for her report, and refreshments were handed round. Pleasure was expressed at the appointment of the Union's President to the office of Dominion Vice-President.

May 3. Large attendance. Congratulations were extended to Mrs Crabbe at her election to the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board. Note was taken of a special meeting to farewell Mrs Allman, one of our oldest workers, and Miss Moore was appointed Vice-President in her place. Mrs Napier was present, and gave a most interesting address on the temperance work in Scotland, and was heartily thanked for it.

May 18. Cradle Roll afternoon. Splendid attendance of mothers and children. President presided, and a musical programme was contributed. Mrs Ritchie read a most interesting paper on "Why Should Mothers Abstain from Intoxicating Liquor?"

## WANGANUI Y's.

May 28. Decided to hold a social in the place of the ordinary meeting in July. Gentlemen to be invited and asked to become honorary members. President gave an interesting report of Convention. Letter from Mrs Griffen was read. We are each member aiming to get one new member.

## CHRISTCHURCH.

May. Miss Roberts presided. Attendance good. A letter was received from Mrs McCombs re Lyttelton Seamen's Institute. Decided to send a guinea towards this object. Mrs T. E. Taylor wrote accepting the position of President of the Union. Rev. took forms to canvass. Miss Bishop

reports that a number of women had been elected upon School Committees, and three upon the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board. Mrs Patterson re-Dawson wrote re petitions for six o'clock closing, and several members reported that Bands of Hope were addressed every week upon our temperance charts. Mrs Williams reported that six dozen Convention numbers had been distributed, and 14 new subscribers obtained. Mrs Napier reported that the following had been received for the patriotic work:—1275 handkerchiefs, 55 sanitary shirts, 2 doz. day shirts, 14 flannel jackets, 2 sets pyjamas, 40 pairs socks, 2 pairs mittens, 2 scarves, bandages. Arrangements were made for Red Cross Sale. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Weston, our oldest member (91 years) on the death of her husband.

## NELSON.

May 8. Mrs Field in the chair. Secretary reported that our Manifesto had been distributed, as directed. A special week of prayer to be held from May 20. Mrs Field spoke of Convention resolutions, urging on Unions a campaign of prayer against strong drink, and asking for co-operation of every member. Members reported that petition for 6 o'clock closing was being widely signed. Circular from Superintendent of Peace and Arbitration Department read, calling attention to Convention resolution re the teaching of this subject in our schools. Resolution passed of sympathy with Mrs Watson in the serious illness of her mother.

## PONSONBY.

March. A special public meeting addressed by Mrs A. R. Atkinson, of Wellington, who spoke on the W.C.T.U. and its work, and was thanked for her eloquent address. Mrs Napier, of Edinburgh, an old New Zealand White Ribboner, also addressed the meeting. Eight new members.

April 11. The Strength of Nation campaign explained and Manifestos distributed. Mrs Bilet, from India, gave an address. Afternoon tea was served, and new members welcomed.

May 10. Mrs Fountain presided. Decided to hold a week of prayer from May 21st. Decided to help the District Union with catering for soldiers. Members doing well with petitions for 6 o'clock closing. One dozen copies of "White Ribbon" sold.

## PETONE.

April. Social to Mrs Lee-Cowie, who was present, and gave an address.

May 1. Delegate read a very interesting report of Convention. Miss Powell was present, and is to work Petone for a week.

May 9. Cradle Roll afternoon. Miss Powell gave an address to mothers. Music and songs and afternoon tea filled in a pleasant afternoon.



## CAMBRIDGE.

March. Decided that the members canvass with petitions for 6 o'clock closing. An after-church rally had been held, addressed by Mrs Lee-Cowie, and collection of £3 15s taken up. Mrs Watson elected delegate to Convention.

April. Mrs Watson gave a very able and instructive report of Convention.

## OKAIAWA.

May 17. Mrs Lees presided. Seven members present. Decided to take up work among seamen, also to do work for Stocking League. L.T.L. to commence again on May 22nd, Mrs Lees to be in charge; also decided to visit Normanby Union at an early date.

## OTAMATEA.

I tuano ke huihuinga matene, roopu karaitiana wahine Otamatea, iroto ite hooro Aotearoa ite rua karaki ite ahiahi, ite i onga ra o, mei anate Rev. F. Paikea i karakia a ka himenetia te 35 onga himene no kawari no kawari. Ka mutu ka tukua haeretia te inoi kinga mema e toru, whaka mutua e Rev. F. Paikea kite inoi. Kawhaka puaretia eia te whare monga take, Koohi marama, Ka Tute Perehitini Ruteria Karena kite whakamihia kinga iwi i hui mai kiroti itenei huihuinga ate roopu. Kaati, Kia ora ano koutou katoa kua hui mai nei kiroti kitenei huihuinga ate roopu kua uru tahi nei tatou kite mahi tikanga etikai o tatou marae mea tatou tamariki tane hoki kaati mate matua ano ite rangi koutou matou hoki emana ki ake ake. Te Auwe Tikitiki mema, Kia ora koutou katoa itoro itenei huihuinga, he tuake tenei naku he mihi ki to tatou tuakana kia mereana Peraniko kua noho nei ia kei roto ite whare pouritanga irunga ite wehenga atu otana tamiti o Tamati Reihana Kua riro nei ia kite kainga ote o kiokotanga kaati. E hoa nui atu te arohe mete mamae ote ngakau kia koe enoho mai na i tena pouri tanga etaea koe e hoa to pehea te kakahu i homai ite matua kia tangata onga wahi katoa ote ao. Kaatu nei ra e hoa mate matua ano eiohaetu kia koe to ngakau marana a manano hoki koe emanaki kia ora katoa. Rev. Paikea he tuake he whaka pai he mihi hoki kinga iwi i hui mai nei tae atu hoki kia tatou tamariki tane kua mine mai nei kiroti itenei rooputanga a totau kaatu kia ora ano koutou, ahuatu koki kia koe Etama E. Tereweti Paonganui korua koto matua ko Anaru Wiapo kua huri mai nei korua ara koutou kite awhina iomokai itenei mahi emahia nei etenei roopu kaatu kia ora roa koutou iraro ite mana kitanga ate matua. Hekeretari.—Kaati keite nui noatu toku hari mete whakapai hoki otokungakau kinga tamariki tane huiatu koki kia Anaru Wiapo raua ko Tereweti Paonganui itae mai nei kiroti kitenei huinga ate roopu karaitiana wahine a kia whiri-

whiri tahi mote tahi tikanga pai hei nohonga mo tatou tamariki tane kia tau ai te rangi marie ki runga i o tatou marae. Kaati mate matua ano ite rangi awhaatu te kaha koi ratou ngakau hei whaka u inga mahi katoa kua kitea nei eratou iroto itene i ingoa E. Karangatia nei he Y.M.C.A. Kaati huiatu ano hoki te mihi o toku ngakau kinga tangata katoa menga kau matua turu mei nei kite awhina ite roopu tae atu hoki kite perehitini Oruawharo. Kia ngakuiria eruati irunga iana kupu mihi kitenei roopu taeatu hoki kitana mahi pai kite iroto kite karakia inga turoro ara kitana taenga kia kite te Rata Wiapo irunga itono mate timaha mate matua ano ia etiaki emanaki inga wa katoa. Kaati me mihi ano ahau kinga mema tawhito kua hoki mai nei ano kio ratou nohonga kia Ropeka Paonganui ratou kowana kotiro kia te inutai paonganui pipiwharawaroa wira kerei mu kote mema hou ko maki Kemp mate matua ano ratou emanaki etiaki ake ake.

Moni Awh'na. Tereweti Paonganui, 10s; Anaru Waipo, 5s; Peka Waipo, 2s 6d; Ngakuiria Erueti, 2s 6d; Kaa Wiapo, 2s 6d; Reihana Kena, 1s 3d; Karewini Paonganui, 1s; Kerei Mu, 1s; Wira Kerei Mu, 1s; Taphana Paikea, 1s; Karena Pihena, 6d; whaka mutua te huihuinga kite inoi ete Rev. F. Paikea.

## AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Miss Weymouth, who is doing organising work under the auspices of the Dominion W.C.T.U., has been engaged for a further term by the Auckland Union.

A Union has been formed at Pakiri, in the Auckland District. The Secretary is Mrs J. Gozar.

Will Superintendents of Departments and others concerned please note that since Convention new secretaries have been appointed for Morrinsville and Tinwald Branches. The Morrinsville Secretary is Mrs R. F. Laing, Moorhouse Street; Tinwald Secretary, Mrs R. Stevenson.

## WHAT THE BREWER SAYS.

"Wait till the clouds roll by," but there is no prospect of the liquor trade clouds rolling by; rather they are gathering more heavily and thickly month by month, not in Australia alone, but all over the world.—"Wine and Spirit News."

The trade does not create customers; customers create trade. Liberty is a greater national asset than Prohibition.—President Scottish Licensed Trade Association,

## CLEAN CERTIFICATE OF HEALTH.

## MEDICAL TEST.

Dear Madam,—At the meeting of the Hawke's Bay Provincial Convention, held in Waipukurau on Wednesday, May 9th, I was instructed to write and ask you to explain in the "White Ribbon" the simplicity of the medical test required for young people desiring a clean certificate of health before marriage, and so remove misunderstanding as to the medical examination needed for such certificate.—Yours in the work,

B. FRENCH, Sec. W.C.T.U.

(We are informed that the ordinary test requires the taking of an appreciable quantity of blood, usually from the large blood vessels of the elbow. The arm has to be kept well bandaged for at least four days afterwards, and in many cases the patient is unable to pursue his ordinary avocations.—Ed. "W.R.")

Superintendent for Work Among Seamen is Mrs Hamilton Nimmo, 42, Kent Terrace, Wellington. A circular letter, containing plans for work, will shortly be sent to every Union Secretary.

**Ashburton**, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Barin Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 97; 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.

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

**Blenheim District**, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs A. Jackson; Sec., Mrs D. P. Sinclair, Box 27; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

**Cambridge**, first Tuesday in month, in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs E. James; Sec., Mrs A. Wallace, Weld Street; Treas., Mrs C. H. Rycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs Reeves; "W.R." Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.

**Christchurch District**, Rooms, Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs I. McCombs, 26, Tul Street, Fendalton; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. D. Martin, 572, Gloucester Street; Treas., Mrs Patterson, Latimer Square; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Williams, 21, Philip St., Linwood.

**Dannevirke**, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs W. F. Knight, Tahoraiti; Sec., Mrs Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett, The Manse.

**Dunedin** District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 72, Heriot Row; Cor. Sec., and Press. Cor., Mrs Macartney, 156, Eglinton Road. Mornington; Rec. Sec., Miss Roseveare, Castle Street; Supt. WHITE RIBBON, Mrs Anderson, 32, Duke St; Treas., Miss Reid, Bishops-court, Roslyn.

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

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

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

**Greymouth** District, last Tuesday at 3 p.m., in Sailor's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Sweetman, White Ribbon Agent, Mrs T. Brown; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Perry.

**Greytown**, Last Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in Presbyterian Sunday School. President, Mrs Whincop; Secretary, Mrs Banks, Humphreys St.; Treasurer, and W.R. Agent, Mrs Cox, 241 Main Street.

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

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

**Hawera** meets in Wesley Hall, Regent Street, on the last Thursday, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Bone, Dive's Av.; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff, Turuturu Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Peacock, c/o Mrs Taylor, South Rd.; Treas., Mrs Best, Milmoor St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Tonks, Campbell St.

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

**Invercargill** District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Allen's Hall; Pres., Mrs James Baird; Vice-Pres., Mrs J. McKenzie, Mrs C. H. Macalister, Mrs H. Lee-Cowie and Mrs Garrett; Rec. Sec., Mrs Frank Lillierap, Earn St.; Cor. Sec., Sis. Moody Bell; Treas. and "W.R." Agent, Mrs James Hunter, 110, Don St.

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

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

**Lower Hutt**, first Tuesday, Church of Christ, Queen St., at 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Ballantyne, Belmont Rd.; Sec., Mrs Chittenden, Bridge Street; Treas., Mrs Frethey, Main Rd.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Brunswick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Burn, Aglionby Street.

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

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

**Masterion**, 1st Tuesday, Knox Hall, 5 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. Densen; Vice-Pres., Mrs L. Bycroft and Mrs Vincent; Sec., Mrs Kendall; Treasurer, Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs W. Bycroft.

**New Plymouth** District, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres., Mrs Allen Douglas, Pandarves Street; Sec., Mrs Griffin, 40, Buller Street; Treas., and W.R. Agent, Miss Taunt, Victoria Rd.

**Normanby**, Second Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall; Pres., Mrs Scott, Rural Delivery, Normanby; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs J. T. Saunders, Turu Turu Rd., Hawera; Treas., Mrs Lynn; Cradle Roll, Miss Clement; WHITE RIBBON, Mrs Dickson.

**Norsewood**, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Speight; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fountain; Sec., Miss A. E. Olsen, "Willow Park"; Treas., Mrs S. Fredericksen; "W.R." Agent, Miss Olsen, "Willow Park."

**North East Valley**, fourth Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4, Pine Hill Ter.; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45, Selwyn Rd.; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 43, Frame St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs Wright, 78, Main Road.

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

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

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

**Palmerston N. District**, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Crabb, 51, College St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hoeder, 46 Ferguson St.; Treas., Mrs Clausen, Cook St.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

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

**Ponsonby**, 2nd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Queen's Hall, Paget St.; Pres. 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.

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

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

**Stratford**, 1st Wednesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., ; Vice-Pres., Mrs White and Mrs Phillips; Sec., Mrs J. McAlister; Treas., Mrs Birdsell.

**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. Avisoa, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Press. Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Miss Evans, Victoria St.; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Brooker, 11, Mere Mere St.

**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; President, Mrs W. Stewart; Secretary, Mrs Geo. Dash, P.O. Box 27; Treasurer, Mrs S. J. Hitchens, "Te Rangi, 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 Andrew, Mackay St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Ambury, Mackay St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Melvin, Young St.

**Wanganui District**, 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs H. Smith, 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., School-room, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs Attwood; Sec., Mrs Hamilton; Treas., Mrs Cox; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Jones; Press Reporter, Mrs Tiplady.

**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 Moffa

**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 Hancock, Fox St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Cole; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Thompson, Fox St.

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