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1918.

The old year's long campaign is o'er!
Behold, a new begun!

1917 has come and gone, and its successor is with us. Often in life it is a fatal thing to look back. Occasionally, however, it is foolish not to do so. As a business man stops to take stock in order that he may go forward more securely, so is it well for moral reformers at times to review the ground passed over. What more seasonable time for doing this than when close to the border line of the Old and New Years?

If we have made mistakes in strategy or practice, in plan or fulfilment, now is the time to learn wisdom by the things that we have suffered. If our efforts have met with success, it will hearten us for the coming fray to study the path that led to conquest.

In connection with our great Cause there have been few pitched battles during the year. For the most part the time has been spent in sharpening the sword and in making ready for future decisive conflict. In one instance, however, there has been more than "an affair of outposts," viz., the battle for 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars. "We fought and we won," and for this victory we thank first of all the Lord of Hosts, and then our loyal comrades throughout the Dominion. As we have only seen the fruits of victory during one whole month, it is too early to say much as to results. But our own observation of the working of this Reform during the most festive season of the year has told us that for the sale of liquor to be restricted to nine hours out of the twenty-four certainly tends to

sobriety. Nor is our observation unsupported by other evidence. Police Court returns and police reports all tell the same story—that the shortening of hours means diminished drinking. The "confessions," also, of those in the Trade as to decreases in takings say that we have not been wrong in our expectations beforehand, nor in our after estimate.

Who can say what the final outcome of this measure of reform will be? This we are bold to affirm that friends of Prohibition will have both their convictions and arguments strengthened, and it is not outside the bounds of possibility that many "moderates" will learn that if a little prohibition prohibits a little, then total prohibition will prohibit more than a little. The Dunedin "Evening Star" of to-day (January 9th) tells how an avowed New Zealand "moderate," living at the present time in Canada, is loud in his praises of the working of the prohibitory law in a large portion of that great Dominion. May like conversion come to all our "neutral" friends!

Having learned that even a New Zealand Government will listen when the people of New Zealand in sufficient numbers and with sufficient earnestness say what they want and must have, let us take fresh courage and say that whilst the drink foe remains in our country, we never will lay down our arms, Never! NEVER! NEVER!

In saying this, let us remind ourselves again that our Union is a "Christian" as well as a "Temperance" Union. Because of this fact, "our weapons are not carnal, but mighty to the pulling down of strongholds." Therefore let us sing—

Strong to meet the foe, marching on
we go,

While our cause we know must prevail;

Shield and banner bright gleaming
in the light,

Battling for the right, we ne'er can fail!

Rouse then, soldiers, rally
round the banner!

Ready, steady, pass the
word along.

Onward! Forward! Shout
aloud Hosanna!

Christ is Captain of the
mighty throng!

WHISKY OFFICIALLY DISCARDED.

Dr A. G. Hyde, Superintendent of the State Hospital at Cleveland, ordered the assistant physicians under him to eliminate whisky entirely in their prescriptions. After several months trial the experiment proved so successful that the doctor said that never while he was Superintendent should whisky be used in that institution. The members of the Board held that if the Cleveland Hospital, with its 1,700 patients, could successfully do without whisky, it would be practical to do without it in all state institutions.

A Toronto paper reports that a number of cigar firms have decided to go out of business, and other cigar firms are considering the same course, the advent of prohibition having caused a serious drop in the consumption of cigars.

1918 CONVENTION NOTICE.

IMPORTANT.

Dear Sisters,—

Once more the time has come round for the special preparation and planning for our Annual Convention. Convention will open on Wednesday, March 13th, at Timaru. District Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers, New Zealand Superintendents of Departments, and Organisers and Organising Treasurers, as well as the New Zealand officers, have, **ex officio**, a seat on Convention. District Presidents have also a seat on the Executive during Convention, or if the President is unable to attend Convention, her place may be taken by the District Secretary or Treasurer. The Executive will meet on Wednesday morning at 9.30, and again in the afternoon, and it is hoped that each District Union will be represented.

Every Branch Union may send to Convention one delegate for every 100 or fraction of 100 members, but no delegate can represent more than one Branch. Any Union unable to send a delegate may have a proxy appointed, and must then send me word and enclose sealed directions as to voting for the N.Z. officers and also as to voting on the notices of motion. There are only two notices of motion, namely:—

(1) By Miss Powell: That to avoid confusion with District Presidents, who are also Vice-Presidents of the Dominion Union, the title of the First Vice-President be altered to Vice-President-in-Chief.

As this involves no alteration of principle, but merely a change in name, Unions will probably not have much difficulty in deciding for or against, and instructing their delegates accordingly.

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

This matter has been before Convention at the last two annual gatherings, but a further opportunity is given hereby of seeking a better way

to secure that each Branch shall be represented at Convention than the present method of appointing proxies.

Branch Unions now have the power of nominating the N.Z. Superintendents of Departments. It is by no means necessary that each Branch should nominate for all the Departments, as failing nominations being sent in, the same method as heretofore will be adopted, of recommendations direct from the Executive. But should any Branch know of a member or members that it considers suitable for any one or more of the Departments, it now has the power of forwarding the names to the Corresponding Secretary, who will then refer them to the Executive.

Branches are reminded of the following points:—

(1) That Convention decided last year to use the White Ribbon Hymnal (English edition) at all future meetings of Convention. If members or Unions have copies of this beautiful little Hymnal, they will probably like to bring their own with them, and thus save the Superintendent of Literature a certain amount of trouble.

(2) That it is advisable to send me word as soon as possible if any Union is likely to require a proxy. I was exceedingly sorry that one or two Unions last year did not get proxies appointed, but in these cases the request reached me only on the day preceding the opening day, or the very day itself. If it is possible to give rather longer notice, it will be a great convenience to me, and I shall be more likely to succeed in finding members willing to act. Also I would remind all that to have a proxy appointed, it is absolutely necessary to send instructions for voting on the two groups of matters, namely, election of Dominion officers, and amendments to the Constitution, i.e., the notices of motion.

Each Branch Union is also earnestly urged to send the names and status of its delegate—or delegates—to me, and also if hospitality is required, to the Secretary of the Timaru Union, Miss M. Avison, Victoria Street. Postcards will be sufficient, so that it does not involve the expenditure of much time or energy. Members of Convention are expected to present their credentials at or before the first session.

The attention of Unions is also drawn to the suggestion of our Presi-

dent that "it will be well in future to make the entertainment simple a—to curtail it considerably, so that business may not be too much interfered with." Our Timaru sisters may rest assured that we shall all come to their beautiful district prepared to work hard and find our entertainment in the mere fact of meeting so many old friends and making new ones, with whose co-operation we can carry on the noble work of our Union.

With best wishes for an inspiring Convention, and for the success and prosperity of each Union.—I am,

Yours in the cause of humanity,

KATE M. EVANS,

Dominion Recording Secretary.

19, Hiropi Street, Wellington S.,

January 11th, 1918.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since last report:—

ORGANISING FUND.

Dunedin, £6; Auckland and Christchurch, £5 each; Hawera and Whangarei, £3 each; Invercargill (on account), £2 14s 11d; Lower Hutt and Stratford, £2 3s each; Wanganui East, £2; Otautau, £1 10s; Ngaere, £1 5s; Eltham, £1 3s; New Brighton, £1 2s 6d; Oxford Y., Waimate, and Tuatapere, £1 each; South Invercargill, 10s; Ngaio L.T.L., 10s. Per Miss Powell—Mrs M. Harding, £5; A Friend (Wellington), £4; and Friend (Feilding), 10s. Total, £50 os 5d. Expenditure for month, £13 os 2d.

STRENGTH OF THE NATION FUND.

Oxford, £2 10s; Pakiri (3rd donation), £2 10s; South Invercargill, 11s.

OTHER RECEIPTS (Excluding Capitation Fees).

Donations to N.Z. Fund—Auckland, £2; Dunedin and Wellington District, £1 each; Christchurch, £1 5s 6d.

Donations to World's Missionary Fund—Tauranga, £2; Palmerston North, £1; Christchurch, 15s.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 5th January, 1918.

REPORTS.

Will N.Z. Superintendents of Departments kindly note that their reports must reach Editor "White Ribbon," Port Chalmers, not later than January 31st?

IN THE FIELD.

In October, 1916, at the request of Mrs Baines, an ex-Normanby member, I organised a branch at Kati-kati, Bay of Plenty. I confess I had some doubts as to how it would fare, for the community is a small and scattered one, the township consisting of the inevitable hotel, one general store, and two or three minor industries, and the Anglican and Presbyterian Churches. I was recently asked to pay them a second visit, and duly arrived on November 5th, being, as heretofore, most kindly entertained by Mr and Mrs Baines. I found an increased membership, and a plan of campaign made out, and bristling with activities for every day of my stay. A home meeting was held at Mrs Hume's residence, and on the Saturday, having previously addressed the children of the public schools on the subject, I organised a Band of Hope. The following day was Temperance Sunday, and, by the request of the Presbyterian Home Missionary, I gave an address at the evening service.

Milking being in full swing, teas and evening meetings are out of the question, and many persons would have said nothing could be done with the girls at present, but our Kati-kati members are made of different stuff, and they decided to invite the young ladies to a luncheon in the Public Hall. Some of the mothers attended also, and we organised a promising Y branch, with thirteen members for a start.

On Tuesday Mrs Baines and I walked over to the neighbouring pah, and talked to the five Maori mothers at present residing there, but as they speak very little English, little could be done until cards and literature are procured from Mrs Walker.

My campaign in the district closed on Wednesday with a meeting of the Union, when we discussed organisation, and two or three appointments to office were made. The weather throughout was perfect, in marked contrast to that during my last visit, when every day was wet, and on three consecutive days it rained without intermission.

The next move was to Hamilton East, where I organised a branch in February last, and here I was at home in the Methodist Parsonage, with Rev. and Mrs McArthur. A few days were spent in working up the

annual meeting, which took place on November 20th. The attendance was small, on account of this being the first day of the Show, but the little Branch, though handicapped by the very wet weather and multiplicity of other meetings, has done well.

I had promised Feilding a further visit, but as their final meeting had to take place before the usual time, all I could do for them was to help the Treasurer in gathering in the fees while staying a few days with my old friend and comrade, Mrs J. C. Thompson. I went over to Woodville from there, spent a night with Mrs Perkins, and assisted at the annual meeting, also at those of Petone and Wellington District, and the December meeting of Wellington Central.

M. S. POWELL,

Dominion Organiser.

Address: Miss M. S. Powell, Isca Mt., St. Clair, Dunedin.

A FEW PERTINENT QUESTIONS BY A U.S.A. SENATOR.

Will a sober nation not win the war more quickly than a drunken nation?

When the food controller asks everyone in the country to conserve the food supply, why must the food supply going into beer be excepted?

If beer drinkers are going to rebel unless they get their beer, will the temperance people rebel unless they get Prohibition?

If someone were to take as much food stuff as goes into booze and dump it into the sea, what would the people of the nation say?

Is beer more essential than bread?

What kind of people are those who are not willing to give up their liquor to help their country?

Are the interests of the brewers in this country more important than the winning of the war?

Are we willing to sacrifice everything except beer in the country to win the war?

With the great demand in this country for labour, and the high wages paid, could there ever be a better time as far as the labouring men are concerned, for the transition from a wet to a dry country?

When there is a shortage of labour in the important and necessary work of carrying on the war, why waste labour in making booze?

CINEMA PICTURES.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

The Vice-President of the Union and President of the local branch, Mrs Crabbe, accompanied by six women representatives of various religious denominations, interviewed the manager of the local theatres, three of which are showing pictures in the above town. Various questions and suggestions were brought forward conducive to raising the tone of dramatic films. This more particularly applied to children. A set of resolutions passed by various women's societies at the Canterbury Institute in June were read over and the following ideas from them were discussed:—

1. Will the Government Education Department collaborate with the picture management in placing suitable cinemas for children on such occasions as they are likely to attend?

This question could hardly be dealt with locally, but the manager was of opinion that the response to the higher class picture in the past was too poor to hope that they would take on. He instanced several fine plays that had been coldly received, and sometimes resulted in loss to himself.

2. Could there be explanatory intervals of darkness to rest the eyes of the children? Also,

3. Could seats for children be placed further from the screen?

Both these questions were negative. Lights had to be raised owing to the mischievous propensity of certain children to destroy leather coverings or anything else in their power when unobserved. Nor would it be possible to place many children far from the screen, as most of them are in down-stair seats, and some must necessarily be near the screen.

4. Could the sexual and criminal bent in too many of the pictures be eliminated for something more elevating?

The deputation were assured that the only way possible was to refer the matter to the Receiver of Films in Wellington, and endeavour to get objectionable films tabooed altogether before being shown at all.

The deputation had a courteous hearing, and withdrew feeling that if there was no immediate encouragement, they had at least broken ground, and gained information for further action.

WORLD'S W.C.T.U.

Illinois, November 26, 1917.

My Dear Comrade,—As I wish you a blessed Christmas and a new year of gracious opportunity and achievement, I carry in my heart of hearts a vivid, sorrowful picture of the agony of grief a terrible war has brought to thousands of our women. Let us comfort our hearts by our sure belief in the regnancy of Christ, whose birth the world will soon commemorate. Like a canopy of tender love and good-will, the heavens are bending over the mourning homes and death-dealing battlefields. Surely, God's infinite love will soon triumph over the infinite pathos of this awful world tragedy. The angels are still singing, "Peace on earth, good-will to men," while heroic mothers and brave sons are helping to make true to the people of the world the prophetic song.

Interesting reports from nearly all the auxiliaries, encourage us to believe the White Ribbon forces are keeping well together. It is a time when we ought to heed the words of Joel given to Israel of old, "They march every one on his ways, and they break not their ranks." Thousands of women can be drawn to us by the opportunity to participate in our unique patriotic programme. Prohibition has a new, vital significance to many, who hitherto have taken only a superficial interest in the progress of the movement in our own land and in the countries of the allies. Especially should we invite the mothers of our enlisted men to unite with our nation-wide and world-wide organisation, well termed, "Organised mother-love." The W.C.T.U. affords them the privilege of translating their quenchless mother-love into patriotic devotion as they help drive from America and Europe the traffic in liquor and in vice. The W.C.T.U., which has always believed in Courts of Arbitration, should as an international organisation have a prominent part in the World Congress which after the war will speedily be called.

Each one of our federated countries is to be congratulated on its superb self-sacrificing patriotic service. In the United States we are hoping to secure from the Congress prohibition for the period of the war. The prohibition of the use of grain for the manufacture of distilled liquors dur-

ing the war is a tremendous victory, and we trust the use of foodstuffs for the brewing industry will also be checked. We have won a mighty victory in obtaining prohibition for the District of Columbia, which embraces our capital city of Washington. This past year we have added the States of Indiana, Utah, New Hampshire, and New Mexico to our list of prohibition States, now numbering twenty-eight. Prohibition also prevails in our great territories of Alaska and Porto Rico. Canada is also making tremendous gains toward a prohibition Dominion.

The recent victory for suffrage in New York State by a majority of nearly 100,000 surprises the most optimistic.

Our hearts are full of hope, although the future is in shadow. Let us go forth to meet it—unafraid. The world needs as never before the educational and spiritual impact of the W.C.T.U. We believe that a miracle of blessing now unseen will be wrought out for all the warring nations. For courageous souls who know the hidings of power in God, a crisis is a means of growth and refining of soul, rather than a time of fear, depression, and pessimism. Observance of the trysting hour of noon-tide prayer will keep us in close touch with one another and with the great heart of the Eternal, to whom alone we look to bring order out of chaos, calm out of the convulsion of war.—Affectionately,

ANNA A. GORDON.

HINTS FROM A NOTED SURGEON.

"Life is getting to be too complicated for the use of narcotics. The time was when the farmer could drive to town and get tanked up, and his friends would put him in the buggy and the sober horse would carry him home. But you cannot do that now with automobiles. We know that most of the automobile accidents are after dinners where alcohol has been served, and that not always in excess."

"A shoemaker by hand could drink and not have an accident, but a shoemaker to-day that drinks gets hurt by the machine."

"No one nowadays thinks drunkenness is well. What the public needs instruction about is the destructive effect of moderate indulgence."

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.**FOR MINE-SWEEPERS.**

41, Kent Terrace, Wellington,

January 3, 1918.

Dear "White Ribbon" Sisters,—

I have pleasure in supplementing my report of December 5 with the following:—

From Palmerston North W.C.T.U., £20; Mosgiel W.C.T.U., 10s; Invercargill W.C.T.U., £18 12s 3d; W. J. McDermott, Esq. (per Mrs Fountain, Ponsonby Union), £7 16s. Total, £46 18s 3d.

Parcels from Edendale, Dannevirke, Oxford Y's, and several North Island Red Cross Guilds, will be despatched as soon as possible.—Yours in the work,

BESSIE NIMMO.

POWHIRI MOTE HUI TAU.

Haere mai, enga roopu Maori. He pohiri tenei kia koutou kia tukuna mai he wahine e ia Roopu Maori, kia haere mai kite whakarongo kinga korero me tenei tau hou, ite hui tau i Timaru. Kote utu ote haerenga atu irunga ite tima; Akarana ki Christchurch, £6 17s 6d, "ritana." A ka kotahi pauna (£1) ma runga ite tereina i Christchurch ki Timaru. Me kii e waru pauna ritaana i Akarana ki Timaru. Hei te taenga ki reira ma te Roopu o reira koutou e awhina, a tae noa kite mutunga ote hui kite whiriwhiria e koutou, etahi wahine hei tuku atu ki tenei hui, a Maehe 13th nei, kia horo te whakaatu kia Mrs N. Walker, Fox Street, Gisborne.

Kia nui nga ora e puta kia koutou a tenei tau hou.

TE MARI WOODHEAD.

ALCOHOL AND EFFICIENCY.

Medical directors of three great life insurance companies say that alcohol is directly or indirectly responsible for 7 per cent. of railway accidents, 8 per cent. of street car accidents, 10 per cent. of motor car accidents, 43 of heat prostration cases and sun-strokes, 8 per cent. of all accidents in mines and quarries, 13 per cent. of drowning cases, and 10 per cent. of gunshot cases. A conservative estimate is that alcohol causes a loss of 21 per cent in the national industrial efficiency.

A CHILD OF THE MANSE.

(By Gertrude Cockerell.)

IV.

(Continued.)

In a home of such low ideals and standard, Pearl felt that she could hardly breathe. Though the claims and duties of her new sphere would not have absorbed her whole time and strength, the lack of order, and, above all, good-will, made them to her laborious and wearisome, and left little time for anything else. Letters from her boys' class remained long unanswered, and the mothers' meeting despaired of hearing from her. And Pearl had not the satisfaction of feeling that she was being used of God. Her soul was starved for lack of the things that had figured so prominently in her life, and which to her were life. Her experience during the darkest days is well expressed in "This soul hath been alone on a dark, dark sea;
So lonely 'twas, that God Himself
Scarce seemed there to be."

More than once Pearl had expressed a wish to take up some definite Christian work, but Phyllis so stoutly opposed her, on the ground of her duties in the home, or of her ill-health, the only time she recognised the fact that Pearl was ailing, or she so discouraged her by severe criticism of any attempt she made of self-expression, that she abandoned the idea. And that there was something in the charge Pearl felt was only too true. Under the blighting influence of the home, Pearl was becoming a nervous wreck. On the rare occasions when she attempted to sing her voice sounded to her own ears harsh and strange. An acknowledged good speaker, she could now hardly balance her thoughts, and give them lucid expression, to the great irritation of her cousin.

Phyllis now hardly addressed Pearl, and proud Sarah was, as taken into the counsels of her mistress, to flaunt her knowledge before Pearl as one who knew things. Letters that would have interested her as a member of the family were kept back from her.

Pearl was the mirror through which Phyllis caught ugly glimpses of herself, and wanting an excuse for her ill-will, she lost no opportunity of trying to arouse her cousin's resent-

ment. She watched her words and actions in order to trip her.

If Pearl could always have been silent under provocation, like her Master, Who was "brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth," it would have stopped the mouths of her enemies and the jeering remark, "And you such a Christian!" over her occasional show of resentment in word. Despite Pearl's agony of repentance, manifested in the pale, suffering face, and her ample confession of any lapse, Phyllis proclaimed such lapse far and wide, 'phone, post, as well as mouth, being brought into requisition for the purpose. And what was worse than anything to Pearl was to be severely let alone by those whom she might have led to the Christ whom she truly loved.

Rapidly Pearl was sinking under a weight of oppression and condemnation from which she found it hard to rally. It must surely be true what the good Pastor had said in her hearing in answer to Phyllis' depreciatory comment when he sought to enlist her as a worker: "She has no gifts." "I am surprised at that," was his comment. "There," he added, with kindly indulgence, "we all think our children geniuses. But genius is not everything, is it?" "What a comfort she must be in the home." There was an awkward silence, broken at last by Phyllis saying, "I don't know about that. All I can say is that she has managed to turn everything upside down since she came, including my valuable servant." The Pastor felt decidedly uncomfortable, and remarked, "Well, an excess of zeal only wants rightly guiding. We cannot put old heads on young shoulders." As if uttering the final word as sure of his ground, he cheerfully remarked, "Well, I am sure she is a good girl." The silence now was painful. Pearl turned pathetic eyes upon her cousin. A mischievous smile played round the cruel mouth, and then, as if the effort cost her pain, she said, "As her Pastor, I must tell you that she is not the Christian I thought her. She is not strictly truthful, and is, too, very ill-tempered." Pearl almost justified the latter charge in an outburst of wrath, and, broken-hearted, fled from the room. There, on her knees, she repeated the words she found so helpful these dark, dark days.

"Oh, trust thyself to Jesus,
When tempted to transgress,
By word or look of anger,
Or thought of bitterness;
Then is the hour for claiming
Thy Lord to fight for thee;
Then is the time for singing
He doth deliver me."

"I am afraid I am the cause of this little scene," said the distressed Pastor.

"This is what I have constantly to put up with," said Phyllis, with an air of injured innocence.

Weak and trembling from the conflict, Pearl descended to the dining-room, and expressed sorrow, as was her wont when tempted to speak unadvisedly with her lips.

It was little wonder that Pearl's health became seriously affected by the strain, and it was necessary to consult a doctor. A visitor heard him say that she was very low, and Phyllis only too gladly accepted her offer to take her to her own home. Very frail Pearl looked as Mrs. Eves helped her to alight. For many a day she lay with closed eyes, too weary to speak. But gradually the worn frame responded to the love and care that were now hers. Once more her eyes feasted upon country sights. And as the two pondered over the Word of God and talked of all His loving kindness, their hearts were closely knit together. Not infrequently would they exclaim, as by common impulse, as they recalled these seasons, "Did not our heart burn within us, while He talked with us by the way?"

Pearl knew that the valley must follow the mountain top experience, and was bravely facing the return to Phyllis now that she was so far convalescent. She felt ready to go anywhere with her Lord, to be anything for Him, and told her friend, with many heartfelt thanks, that she would be returning in a few days to her long-neglected duties.

Clasping her in her arms, Mrs. Eves made reply, "Never, my precious Pearl. God has given me sufficient means for our modest wants, and you and I will live and labour for the Master. What do you say to that, dear?"

And Pearl's reply was a flood of grateful tears and broken words, "Thank God, and thank you, my dear friend."

(Finis.)

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

CAPE PROVINCE, SOUTH AFRICA.

The twenty-eighth annual Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the Province of the Cape of Good Hope was held at Port Elizabeth during the first week in October.

The officers and members of the Executive Committee met on the second for an all day session, when various important resolutions to be adopted later were considered, and various plans formulated for the future advancement of the work.

On Wednesday, October 3rd, the business sessions were formally opened by the President, Miss Solomon, the devotional service of prayer and praise being conducted by Mrs McEwan, Provincial Superintendent of Evangelistic Department. The Declaration of Principles and the Pledge having been read in unison by the delegates, led by the President, quite a heap of congratulatory messages were read by the Corresponding Secretary, among them being one from Miss Agnes Slack, Secretary World's W.C.T.U.

The President (Miss Solomon) then delivered her annual address, in the course of which she reviewed the position of the Temperance movement in various parts of the world. There was never greater need for the work of the organisation. "Although they were thankful to God for what had been accomplished during the 28 years, we cannot close our eyes to the lack of public sympathy and to active opposition we still have to face. In spite of the authoritative voice with which science speaks to-day, in spite of the direct bearing which alcoholism has been shown to have on the great questions of disease, poverty, and crime, we in this country have to face a Parliament either actively antagonistic at best, with a few notable exceptions, indifferent, and we have to acknowledge that a large number of our public men were more or less under the influence of the 'trade.'" Continuing, Miss Solomon said the greatest encouragement came from Canada, where practically the whole Dominion was dry. In Australia and New Zealand, too, the fight was being carried on vigorously. In America the dream of National Prohibition in

1920 bade fair to be realised at an early date. In Great Britain the fight was between prohibition and purchase. "We are organised to fight the liquor traffic until it is utterly routed, and it is only when every member is alive to the responsibilities that we shall make real headway." In closing this impressive address, Miss Solomon feelingly referred to the many members who had been called to part with loved ones, those who had given up their best beloved, and whose homes were now desolate.

The Corresponding Secretary (Mrs Watts) reported that several new branches had been organised, and there was a substantial increase in the membership. The total aggregated income of the various branches had reached nearly £1700, nearly all of which had been expended on the furtherance of the cause of temperance in the Province.

During the Convention the reports of the Superintendents of Departments were submitted, all of which showed that marked progress had been made in many and varied directions. Several very important and able papers bearing on the different aspects of the work were given by members and friends.

On Tuesday evening a public meeting was held, and interesting addresses were given by Mrs Solly (Superintendent Franchise Department) on "Women and Municipal Councils," and by Mrs Andrew Graham (Wynberg) on "Fathercraft."

Wednesday evening was devoted to the Y's, when a meeting was held, presided over by Mrs Duncan Brown, the energetic Secretary for the Province, the speakers being Miss Solomon (President), Mrs D. Brown, Mrs Wright, and Mrs Bagshaw (Port Elizabeth), Mrs Campbell (Graham's Town).

Thursday evening witnessed "The Congress of Nations," demonstrating the latest prohibition movements throughout the world, and was most fascinating, as well as instructive, and reflected great credit on all who had taken part in it.

Friday evening the delegates were entertained to a reception given in the Town Hall, Uitenhage, and welcomed by the Mayor and Mrs Sutherland. The closing services were held on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. On Saturday an impressive prayer meeting was held, conducted by Mrs McEwen (Evangelistic Super-

intendent). Short devotional addresses were given by Mrs Andrew Graham and Mrs Gibson (Queens-town). The prayers offered by members were full of praise and thankfulness to God for the success attending the Convention, and for the blessings of the past year.

The final service was held in the Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, presided over by Miss Solomon (President). Mrs Gray, of Graham's Town, spoke on "Service and Courage," and Mrs Hartnoll (Vice-President) spoke on "The Vision of St. Paul and his call to Macedonia."

Several important resolutions were adopted, among them being one calling on Government for the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Act, and also declaring belief that general prohibition during the war and for six months afterwards is urgently called for.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:— President, Miss Solomon (Capetown); Vice-Presidents, Mrs Mackenzie (Kimberley), Mrs Hartnoll (Capetown), Mrs Sutherland (Uitenhage); Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Watts (Capetown); Recording Secretary, Miss Stapleton (Capetown); Treasurer, Mrs Geard (Port Elizabeth); Y. Secretary, Mrs Campbell (Graham's Town).

FRANCES C. STAPLETON.

CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER OF ONTARIO ON NOTIFICATION.

The venereal diseases are aptly called "private diseases." No one affected thereby desires the fact to be known. Many of the victims, often innocent enough, are ashamed to go to a reputable physician, so they drift into the hands of quacks, unscrupulous druggists, or to the uses of patent medicines. No class of sick people are victimised to such a degree as are the unhappy subjects of these diseases. If, as some suggest, these diseases were required to be notified, as are diphtheria, smallpox, etc., the quack and charlatan would rejoice because so much more grist would come to their mill. The publicity occasioned by notification has made it a failure in the States and Cities of the United States (11 and 8 respectively) where it has been tried.

THOU SHALT NOT COVET.

We are finding it very hard to obey the Tenth Commandment in view of outspoken speeches like the one below. On behalf of our Dominion, we covet public men of the type of Secretary Daniels, the head of the U.S. Navy. What an asset to a nation are men who, holding high official positions, yet speak out clearly on the great questions concerning national righteousness, men who speak with no uncertain sound, but clearly say to soldier, sailor, and civilian alike, "Be clean." Men who are not afraid to say, "America must cut out the cancer of immorality if she would live as a nation."

SECRETARY DANIELS DENOUNCES DOUBLE STANDARD OF MORALS.

Secretary Daniels, in an address in Chicago before the Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America, on October 23, appealed to the medical profession to "end the false double standard that decreases military effectiveness."

"There is not an army in the field whose effectiveness is not reduced by reason of immoral disease," said Secretary Daniels. "The navy suffers likewise, and business halts because venereal diseases destroy the manhood of workmen and fighters. During the last statistical year men of the American navy lost 141,378 days' sickness from a small group of absolutely preventable diseases, or rather diseases contracted by sin."

"This means that every day throughout the year there were 456 men disabled by this disgraceful malady. Add to that number those required to care for the disabled, and we have enough men on the non-effective list each day to man a modern battleship. And this does not count those who, though diseased, were not disabled, or the evil of the loathing danger of contagion to the clean members of the crew."

"The remedy? There is but one—continence. It must be preached in the home, in the school, in the marts of trade, in the pulpit, and in military camps, and among shipmates afloat. The eradication of the evil effects must be thorough, but the teacher who will be heard and heeded when the teachings of all others will fall on deaf ears is the word of authority from the medical profession."

"Young men expect ministers of the Gospel to call them to clean living. The preacher seeks to save their souls, and too many youths hardly realise they have a soul. But they know they have bodies, and the doctor is the man to whom they trust the treatment of their bodies. When he preaches continence as the only rule of life to young men, and points out the dire penalty for lapses, his words have a weight no other admonition possesses."

"You, gentlemen of the medical profession, deal with life and death. You bring the bodies into the world, and you close the eyes of the dead. Yours is the ministering function, the intimate touch, and out of such relation you can enjoy an amazing power of suggestion."

CALLS ON DOCTORS TO HELP.

"It is this power that America calls upon you to use. Tell our youths the truth. It is a duty laid upon you, not by the moral law alone, but by the law of self-preservation that operates in nations as well as individuals. That duty is imperative upon you now as never before. If you perform it, and our young soldiers and sailors heed your wise counsel—and many of them will follow your teaching with lasting gratitude—you will contribute more to the winning of the war than manufacturers of shells."

"Continence is no longer a matter of morals only, though it must be enforced as the cardinal doctrine of morals. It has come to be seen as having its base in the great law of nature. New truths must take the place of ancient lies. We know now by the testimony of science that there is no foundation for a double standard for the sexes. To preach it is to preach immorality and a lowering of manhood. The lie that has lived so long must be driven out by the truth."

"Only God will ever know the toll in blood and tears that this lie has taken from the heart of the world—the price that the health of the race has been made to pay for its submission to a historic falsehood, young lives ruined, futures cheated of promise, children called upon to suffer for the sins of the fathers, innocent women robbed of the right to happy motherhood, and the virility of a nation sapped to its foundations."

"To-day, as never before, American manhood must be clean. We must

have fitness! America stands in need of every ounce of strength. We must cut out the cancer if we would live."—"Union Signal."

PROHIBITION BILL.**HON. W. H. HEARST INTRODUCES IT INTO ONTARIO'S PARLIAMENT.**

"The soil of France and Flanders is red to-day with the blood of Canada's best and bravest. The flower of our young manhood is marching out daily in thousands. How long can this fair young province stand the strain? Before our 500,000 men from Canada that we have promised have been secured at the present ratio of recruiting, Ontario will be depleted of the very pick and best of her citizenship, and it will take us generations to make good in man-power what this war is costing us. In the name of High Heaven, then, what is the duty of this House and this country? Surely it is to bend every energy, to use every effort, to enact every law that we may believe will bring to an end, and that as soon as possible, the terrible war tragedy now being enacted. Is this a time to talk of personal liberty, to think of our pleasures, our appetites, our enjoyments, when the civilisation of the world is hanging in the balance, and the very foundations of liberty are tottering and dependent upon the strength of Great Britain and her Allies in the field and on the high seas?"

"In this day of national peril, in this day when the future of the British Empire, the freedom of the world, and the blessings of democratic government hang in the balance, if I should fail to listen to what I believe to be the call of duty, if I should neglect to take every action that in my judgment will help to conserve the financial strength and power and manhood of this province for the great struggle in which we are engaged, I would be a traitor to my country, a traitor to my own conscience, and unworthy of the brave sons of Canada that are fighting, bleeding, and dying for freedom and for us."

THE EMPIRE'S DEADLIEST FOE.

When hospital ships arrive at Fremantle the sale of liquor within a radius of 17 miles is prohibited during their stay. This regulation now applies to Adelaide also, embracing a radius of 10 miles from the General Post Office.

White Ribboners in Australia passed a resolution, to be forwarded to Mr Lloyd George, viz.: "That the rum ration and the wet canteen be abolished wherever the Australian boys are encamped."

Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, the eminent biologist and child's specialist, says: "It is a mistake to think that every new-born babe comes straight from the hands of the Almighty; it comes into this world with a human inheritance. From the time it acts as a poison to protoplasm, interfering with the particular function of cell multiplication, the effect of alcohol upon the growth of a child is always to hinder it. You mourn the many thousands of young men slain in Flanders, but have you ever presented to your own mind the multitudes of the unborn? Fifty-five per cent. of the children of alcoholic mothers are still-born. With the great loss of men on the battlefield and through war, the child has become immensely more important; every child is wanted to live, to grow up strong and healthy."

A Boston Magistrate, while sentencing a man to six months for selling liquor to a sailor, said: "Any man who sells liquor to soldiers or sailors in our country's present condition deserves a substantial sentence, and should be imprisoned, and not let off with a fine."

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

Conquered, we shall conquer!

They have not hurt the soul,
For there is another Captain

Whose legions around us roll,
Battling across the wastes of death

Till all be healed and whole.

Till, members of one body,

Our agony shall cease;

Till, like a song through chaos,

His marching worlds increase;

Till the souls that sit in darkness

Behold the Prince of Peace;

Till the dead cross breaks in blossoms,

Till the God we sacrificed,

With that same love He gave us,

Stretch out His arm to save us,

Yea—till God save the people,

And heal the wounds of Christ.

W.C.T.U. WORK AMID DIFFICULTIES.

Some of our country Unions just now are working with heavy handicaps, and yet doing magnificent service to our cause. One President writes: "I asked one of our young members to act as Flower Superintendent, and she said she would love to do it, but could not attend meetings, as she was busy helping her father to get the crops in. Her two brothers are at the war, and she and two sisters help their father with all the farm work, including the milking of some 80 cows. One sister is just the best Cradle Roll Superintendent anyone could wish for. They are samples of very many of our Union members. We are all producers, trying to do our part to win the war, and yet find time for much Union work. I'm proud of our Union. A member will offer to give a garden party for the Y.M.C.A. in a fortnight; then the next meeting day another offers to give a garden party for the mine-sweepers two weeks from our meeting; then another offers a home meeting for next time, saying, 'I think there are one or two more neighbours I can get in.' They are all so enthusiastic over the work, and yet most of them see the sun rise from their milking sheds, and see it set from the same place, crowding in a vast amount of work between. I don't know that our Union is exceptional, but if it isn't, I think we'll soon get Prohibition, for 'We are out to win,' and feel quite sure God will answer our prayers."

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OF THE

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To be held in Timaru, March 13th-
 22nd, 1918.

AGENDA.

Wednesday, March 13th.

9.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m.—Meeting of
 Executive (N.Z. Officers and District
 Presidents).

2 p.m.-4 p.m.—Meeting of Execu-
 tive.

Note.—In the absence of District
 President, District Secretary or Treas-

urer is entitled to seat on Executive.

7.30 p.m.—Public Reception.

Thursday, March 14th.

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

CRUSADE PSALM.

Praise ye the Lord. Praise the
 Lord, O my soul. While I live
 will I praise the Lord. I will sing
 praises unto my God while I have
 my being.

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

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

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

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

Which executeth judgment for
 the oppressed: which giveth food to
 the hungry. The Lord looseth the
 prisoners.

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

The Lord preserveth the stran-
 gers: He relieveth the fatherless
 and widow; but the way of the
 wicked He turneth upside down.

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

Praise ye the Lord.

Prayer.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Re-
 port of Executive Committee. Ap-
 pointment of Committees on Courtesies
 and Resolutions, Convention Letter
 Writer, and Press Reporters. Cor-
 responding Secretary's Report. Treas-
 urer's and Organising Treasurer's
 Report. Organiser's Report.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Let-
 ters of Sympathy. Miss Powell's
 Notice of Motion. Mrs Crabb's No-
 tice of Motion.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call.
 Minutes. Departmental Reports:
 Evangelistic (Mrs Johnson Wright),
 Home and Mothers' Meetings (Mrs
 Garroway).

3 p.m.—President's Address.

Friday, March 15th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotional Meeting.

10 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. De-
 partmental Reports: Maori Work (Mrs
 Walker), Narcotics (Mrs Hoare),
 Work Amongst Seamen (Mrs Nim-

mo), Good Citizenship (Mrs Judson),
 Educational Bureau (Mrs Young),
 Notable Days (Mrs Peryman).

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

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call. Min-
 utes. Reports: Scientific Temperance
 Instruction (Miss Maunder), L.T.L.,
 Cradle Roll, Band of Mercy (Mrs
 Neal), Y's and Medal Contests (Mrs
 Griffin).

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

7.30 p.m. or 8 p.m.—"An Evening
 with the Y's." Leaders: Mrs Pery-
 man and Miss Weymouth.

Saturday, March 16th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotional Meeting.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
 Reports: Bible-in-Schools and Sab-
 bath Observance (Mrs Boxall), Prison
 and Reformatory Work (Sister Moody-
 Bell), Medical Temperance (Mrs
 Neal), Home Science (Mrs Macdon-
 ald).

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

12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

Afternoon.—Garden Party.

Sunday, March 17th.

7 p.m.—Convention Service.

8.15 p.m.—Great Temperance Rally.
 Speakers: Mrs Don, Mrs Lee-Cowie.

Monday, March 18th.

9.30 a.m.—Intercessory Prayer
 Meeting.

10.30 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
 Report of "White Ribbon" Editor.
 Report of Business Manager. Ap-
 pointment of "White Ribbon" Editor
 and Business Manager.

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

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.

2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call.
 Minutes. Report: Social and Moral
 Hygiene (Miss Macarthy). Discus-
 sion and Resolutions thereon. Re-
 port: Peace and Arbitration (Mrs
 Judson).

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

Tuesday, March 19th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotional Meeting.
 Favourite Quotations.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes.
 Reports: Rest and Refreshment
 Booths (Mrs Upton), Military Camps
 (Miss Helyer), Flower Mission and
 Relief and Patriotic Work (Miss E. C.
 Cole), Literature (Mrs Houlder).

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.
2 p.m.—Devotions. Roll Call. Minutes. Report of "Strength of Nation" Movement (Mrs Lee-Cowie). Plans of Campaign for 1918.

5.30 p.m.—Adjournment
8 p.m.—Public Meeting: "Social Hygiene."

Wednesday, March 20th.

9.30 a.m.—Devotions. Favourite Hymns.

9.45 a.m.—Roll Call. Minutes. Reports: Legal and Parliamentary and Anti-Gambling (Miss Henderson). Resolutions.

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Resolutions.

12.30 p.m.—Luncheon Adjournment.
2 p.m.—Devotions. Question Box. Resolutions. Notices of Motion.

Thursday, March 21st.

9.30 a.m.—Devotional Meeting.

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

12 o'clock.—Noontide Prayer. Unfinished Business.

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

Friday, March 22nd.

9.30 a.m.—Meeting of Executive to arrange business arising out of the decisions of Convention.

Questions for the Question Box must be sent to Recording Secretary on or before Tuesday, March 19th.

IMPORTANT.

Will all members of Convention who require hospitality send word as early as possible to Miss Avison, Victoria Street, Timaru?

AMERICAN PAPERS REFUSE LIQUOR ADS.

An investigation just concluded by the Methodist Episcopal Church reveals the fact that at least 840 American daily papers are now declining liquor advertisements, an increase of 320 papers in one year. In addition, there are 64 American magazines, including all the best, which are pursuing the same policy.

SHOWING THE WAY.

THE Y.M.C.A. AND THE MUNITION DEPARTMENT.

To make and keep the munition worker, as well as the soldier and sailor, interested in clean, helpful things, both mental and physical, is one of the great aims of the Y.M.C.A. Not by compulsion or argument are they attempting to do this, but by having the right inducement always at hand, doing its own propaganda work of healthy development. Responsible for 150 munition workers' canteens, serving approximately by this means some 200,000 workers daily, the Association has in addition ten hostels, accommodating 3000 men. The largest of these hostels is able to take in 700 men, and the service at the canteens never cease day and night, maintained largely by voluntary workers.

Regular weekly concerts are arranged for those centres in the London area, and educational lectures are given. Athletics in every branch are encouraged, not merely the gymnasium idea, but by employing that strongest of all stimulants, emulation. The recreative leagues formed for football and cricket are offered contests, when all the good old contentious spirit is let loose in tugs-of-war, races, and other feats of strength. League cricket during last summer included clubs from twenty-one different factories, represented by 700 players. These were enrolled, and amongst them were to be found several first-class county players. Where football is concerned, the club is formed of men from forty different factories, and those constitute a playing personnel of nearly 1500 men. These games and sports are never allowed to interfere with regular work, and works managers declare in favour of games as promoting a corporate spirit in the factories.

So valuable has the Y.M.C.A. work among munitioners become that they are opening new canteens at the rate of six each month, and they have been enabled to give valuable assistance to munition workers in France. At the invitation of the French Minister, the head of the Association's munitions department went over to help in forming a social and educational centre in Paris.

WOMAN POLICE COMMISSIONER.

Dr. Katherine Davis, Chief of the Parole Commission of New York, also for 16 years of the Bedford Reformatory for women and Prisoner Commissioner, said at National Suffrage Convention:—"You cannot legislate righteousness into the human heart, but you can reduce to a minimum the temptations that we offer to youth. To a large extent you can stop commercialized vice and the manufacture of criminals. Down all the ages women have paid the price of vice and crime. I do not believe that at bottom a man is any worse than a woman; but all through the centuries he has been taught that he may do some things which a woman may not. Public morals are corrupted because woman's point of view has no representation. The doctors say that there is no more need for a man to go wrong than a woman. The laws are not equally enforced. In the night courts you will see woman after woman convicted on the word of a policeman only, while in order to convict a man you have to pile evidence on evidence. She gave one particularly bad case where the details were too bad to be told in public. The persons involved were a grown woman, feeble-minded girl of 14, and a married man of 33. The woman was given a long term; the girl was turned over to the Reformatory, and the man was sent to prison. But great pressure was brought to bear upon the Parole Commission to have him paroled out immediately. Some entirely respectable men could see no reason why he should not at once be turned loose again upon society. Dr. Davis refused to parole him. She said in her opinion he ought to stay in prison as long as the woman. Another time the officers of the law found four young women and four young men in a room used for immoral purposes. The young women were sent to prison, but the four young men were only shooed into the street. It is against the law to carry on prostitution in a tenement house. The young men were breaking the law as well as the young women, but no attempt was made to punish them, although letters found in the rooms furnished ample proof.

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ALCOHOL AND VENEREAL DISEASE.

The "Melbourne Age," in an article on "Lunacy," says: "The two great predisposing causes of lunacy are venereal disease and drunkenness; remove both, and the prevalence of mental disorder will be reduced to fractional limits."

Had the "Age" more closely examined the matter, it would have discovered the fact that its two causes are in reality only one, as alcohol is the chief cause of venereal disease.

Replying to a question before the Royal Commission, Sir Thomas Barlow, President of the Royal College of Physicians, said: "It has always to be remembered that from first to last the influence of alcohol with regard to these venereal diseases is most disastrous. It is when young men and men of various ages are under the influence of alcohol that they are often led into vice, and they contract these things."

Mr Arthur Evans, F.R.C.S., a doctor of large experience, gave evidence as follows: "Alcohol and venereal disease go hand in hand; there is no doubt about that."

Dr. Douglas White said in evidence: "I believe that the doctors who have made enquiries into thousands of cases, both at home and abroad, have informed us that about 80 per cent. of the men who acquire these diseases have told them that they have done so under the influence of some kind of alcohol."

THE SIN OF SILENCE.

To sin by silence, when we should protest, makes cowards out of men. The human race has climbed on protest;

Had no voice been raised against injustice, ignorance and lust, The Inquisition yet would serve the law, and guillotines decide our least disputes.

The few who dare must speak and speak again

To right the wrongs of many.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, of Westminster Chapel, the famous London preacher, has been compelled to relinquish his plan of visiting Australia and occupying for twelve months the pulpit of the Collins Street Congregational Church in Melbourne. He has decided, instead, to give his services to the British National Council of the Y.M.C.A. for twelve months to assist in the establishment of their proposed scheme for making Mildmay a centre for Bible training. This new work promises to give full scope to Dr. Morgan's unrivalled powers and knowledge as a leader of Bible study.

An amusing instance of the belief entertained, even by Germans, in the power of the Y.M.C.A. to do everything, is recounted by a colonel who took part in the attack on Vimy Ridge. When the enemy was coming out of some dug-outs to surrender, one Bosch advanced with his hands upraised, and instead of shouting the usual "Kamerad," he yelled, "Y.M.C.A.," and when he found he was safe, he continued in excellent English: "I am Y.M.C.A., and I have 13 more men down there, all Y.M.C.A. too."

PROHIBITION OF ALCOHOL.

URGED BY HEALTH CONGRESS.

The Health Congress, held at Sydney recently, decided to forward to the Prime Minister (Mr Hughes) the following message:—"Owing to the grave emergency, the Health Congress to-night unanimously and enthusiastically passed a resolution urging you, under the War Precautions Act, to proclaim the prohibition of alcohol immediately for the duration of the war and demobilisation, and affirming that alcohol is a grave hindrance to recruiting; also urging you to cable to the Prime Minister of England to protect our soldiers from alcohol."

MY OLD HOUSE.

(Written by a Christian lady at the age of 94.)

I hail once more my natal day,
Still in my tenement of clay,
With many favours blest.
Now He Who placed the structure here,
Can prop it up another year
If He should think it best.

Long hath it stood through snows
and rains,
And braved life's fearful hurricanes,
While many a stronger fell.
The reason why we cannot see,
But what to us seems mystery,
The Builder knows full well.

But now 'tis weather-worn and old,
The summer's heat and winter's cold
Pierce through the walls and roof.
'Tis like a garment so worn out
To mend there seems no whereabout,
So gone is warp and woof.

The tottering pillars are all weak,
The poor old rusty hinges creak,
The windows too are dim.
These slight discomforts we'll let pass,
For looking darkly through a glass,
We catch a hopeful gleam.

Nature and Scripture tell us all,
This withered frame ere long must fall,
When, where, or how's unknown.
We'll leave that to the Architect,
And trust His wisdom to direct
The taking of it down.

And when you see it prostrate lie,
Let not sad tears bedim your eye,
The tenant is not here;
But just beyond Time's little space
She finds with Christ a resting place,
No more to date her year.

And though she walks with you no more,
The world will move just as before,
'Tis meet it should be so.
Let each his house in order set,
That he may leave without regret,
Whenever called to go.

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

L.T.L. Reports.

NELSON.

Dec. A social evening was held to close the meetings for the year, when there was a large number of children present. After the usual exercises, a programme was rendered and games played by children, after which Y's handed round light refreshments.

Y's Reports.

AVONDALE.

Dec. Annual meeting. Officers elected: Pres., Miss E. Stevens; Rec. Sec., Miss G. Wright; Cor. Sec., Miss L. Morey; Treas., Miss A. Douthwaite. Miss G. Wright appointed delegate to Convention. Our thanks are due to Miss Weymouth for her work amongst us, also to Mrs Perritt, our Y Supt., who has been a real friend and helper to us.

NELSON.

Dec. Annual meeting held in Temperance Hall, Miss Hayes in the chair. Annual report showed that good work had been done in connection with L.T.L. The Treasurer's statement showed a credit balance of £6 2s 7d. Owing to good results from concert, decided to give £4 to the local W.C.T.U. Organising Fund. Resolved to send letters of thanks to Mrs Moyes, Mrs P. Bolton, and Miss Sutherland for their great help in connection with L.T.L. Decided to send a delegate to Convention. Election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Miss Hayes; Vice-Pres., Misses Ching and V. Phillips; Sec., Miss Knapp; Assist. Sec., Miss F. Hayes; Treas., Miss Phillips; Assist. Treas., Miss Shone; Press and "W.R." Reporter, Miss Leigh.

Home Meetings.

WANGANUI EAST.

A meeting held at the residence of Mrs Andrew, Secretary W.C.T.U., Wanganui East, October 2nd, 1917. Attendance, 12; new member, 1; new subscriber "White Ribbon," 1. Address by Miss Powell, Dominion Organiser.

COMFORTS FOR MINE-SWEEPERS

As we go to press, Mrs Hamilton Nimmo sends us the good news that she has just received official information that the ship with the cases of warm clothing for mine-sweepers has arrived safely at its destination.

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.)

CHRISTCHURCH.

December 12.—Annual meeting, Mrs Taylor presiding. Attendance good. The Secretary read the annual report, and the report of work in different departments, which showed good work. The election was by nominating ballot, and resulted as follows:—President, Mrs T. E. Taylor; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop; Corr. Sec., Mrs R. Day; Treasurer, Mrs Patterson; Asst. Treasurer, Miss Gordon. Great regret expressed at the inability of Mrs Williams to continue as White Ribbon Agent. Decided to adjourn till January 23. Through the efforts of Mrs Newton, the membership now stands at 220. A vote of sympathy was passed with Mr J. Patterson in his severe illness, and hopes for a speedy recovery.

ONEHUNGA.

Nov. 8.—Mrs Logan in the chair. Meeting addressed by Rev. C. C. Harrison. Letters of sympathy to Mrs Cook in her bereavement, and to a member whose son was sorely wounded.

Dec. 13.—Fair attendance. Reports of meetings given by Mrs Logan. Secretary's report read; our membership now numbers 52. Treasurer's report shows a balance of £4 8s 5d. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Logan; Vice-Pres., Mrs Brieze and Mrs Jones; Sec., Mrs Stacey; Treas., Mrs Musket; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Horloch; Cradle Roll, Mrs Leggo, who was welcomed from the Grey-mouth Union. Decided to write and ask for proxy to be appointed at Convention.

BIRKENHEAD.

Nov. Mrs Jory presided, and Miss Powell addressed the meeting. Mrs Todd appointed "White Ribbon" correspondent. Arrangements made for assisting at Soldiers' Club on November 21st.

Dec. Report of Committee from the Soldiers' Club, also report of donation to mine-sweepers. Decided to hold drawing-room meeting first Thursday in March, and invite Mrs Garroway to address us. Mrs Jory and Miss Hayman gave short and helpful addresses.

DUNEDIN.

Dec. 4. Annual meeting, Mrs Hiatt presiding. Attendance good. The Secretary's report was read and adopted, and showed an increase of membership of 55 for the year. Treasurer reported a balance in hand. A special vote of thanks was accorded

to Mrs Macartney, the retiring Secretary. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs Hiatt; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Don, Dick, Driver, and Adams; Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson; Treas., Mrs Young. Mrs Driver read an appeal for the Radium Fund, and a special collection was taken up for the fund, and £3 collected. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a brief and inspiring address.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Dec. 21. Mrs McDonald presided. Treasurer reported 102 financial members, an increase of 26 for the year. Miss Cockerell gave an address on "Sincerity in Christian Work." Miss Powell gave an address upon the work done by our Unions, and also spoke upon the Social Hygiene Bill.

KATI KATI.

Had a most happy time during Miss Powell's last visit. The girls were interested, and definite work left for them to do. Miss Wilson has them in charge, and they are making up garments for the boys and girls in Mr Jeffrey's Home in Auckland.

Dec. 13. A well-attended meeting. Mrs Baines presided, and Rev. Stewart gave a fine address. The temperance work has taken deep root in Kati Kati. It has been going its own way too long, and it was a happy thought brought Miss Powell to our rescue.

AUCKLAND.

On December 12th, 1917, our annual meeting was held, Mrs Cook presiding. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Whitehouse and Mrs Dickin, each of whom have lost sons at the Front. Letter from Miss Moreton enclosing £7 16s, half proceeds from mine-sweepers' concert, Church of Christ, Ponsonby Road. Reports of the year's work were then received. The Treasurer reported a small credit balance. Miss Weymouth gave a report of her visit to Pakiri. Decided to send box of cake to boys in Featherston camp at intervals. Our present officers were re-elected for 1918, and superintendents of departments to be appointed first meeting in the New Year. Present New Zealand officers nominated. Mrs J. W. Taylor appointed delegate to Convention next year. Mrs Cook, on behalf of the Union, presented Miss Weymouth (whose time expires at end of the year) with a handsome leather purse, containing £2, and expressed appreciation of her valuable services during the year. Miss Weymouth briefly responded.

MATAURA.

Oct. 26. President presided. Eight members present. Proposed by members that Secretary write to Mr G. J. Anderson, M.P., conveying thanks of this Branch for stand taken by him on the important question of the Sale of Liquor Bill re 6 o'clock closing.

Nov. 30. Mrs Loudon in the chair. Letter received from Mr G. J. Anderson, M.P., expressing thanks to our

Union for expression of appreciation of his efforts to bring about a curtailment of the sale of alcoholic liquors during the war period, at the same time expressing regret at the clause inserted to allow of drinks with meals at hotels, which opens a door through which evasion of the law may pass. Union will meet again last Friday in January (D.V.).

NEW BRIGHTON.

The annual meeting was held on December 13th. The attendance was good. The reports were read. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Hall; Sec., Mrs Smith; Treas., Mrs Nicholas; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs Strand, The Parsonage, New Brighton; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Langley. Decided to hold our first meeting of the New Year in February. Afternoon tea was handed round.

PAKIRI.

Nov. 1. Ten members present and one visitor. Discussion on Social Hygiene Bill. Letters of sympathy sent to three families in the district who had lost sons at the war. An article was read by a member on "How America Argues: Drink or Food?" Collection for Strength of the Nation Fund, 6s 7d. One new member added, and one new subscriber to "White Ribbon" paper.

Dec. 8. A social was given, and a general invitation to the public was heartily accepted, there being a crowded hall. A fine programme was rendered, Mrs Rennie being in the chair. A short address by Miss Weymouth. £4 4s taken in freewill offerings.

Dec. 9. Miss Weymouth addressed a meeting for women only on Sunday at 2.30 p.m., and again at 7.30 to all.

Dec. 10. An Executive meeting was held at Mrs Gozar's in the morning, and Miss Weymouth being present, was able to give advice and help on many weak points.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Nov. 5. Annual meeting held, when reports of work throughout the district were read. At New Plymouth, after nearly 21 years, the care of the Ladies' Rest Room in the Carnegie Library Building has been given up by the Union, the Borough Council undertaking it. Many grateful thanks were tendered to Miss Ambury more especially, and others for their unremitting attention to and care of the room. The election of officers resulted in the Union being left without a President for the time being. Sec., Mrs Griffin; Treas., Miss Taunt; "White Ribbon" Agent, Miss Taunt. Mrs Douglas, after 21 years' service as President, retired. It was, she thought, best to introduce new blood as soon as possible.

PAHIATUA.

Dec. 20. Drawing-room meeting. Mrs Neal presided. Captain Mrs Huston gave an account of the daily routine of work in a Salvation Army

Rescue Home, and the difficulty experienced in dealing with the various characters and temperaments. Reported that 54 Christmas comfort bags for sailors, 54 needle-books, and £3 had been sent to Wellington and Lyttelton. One member initiated. Collection for World's W.C.T.U. Missionary Fund.

CAMBRIDGE.

Oct. Attendance good, Mrs James presiding. Mrs A. T. Watson elected as delegate to the District Convention. A paper was read at Convention by delegate on "The Secret of Effectiveness." A letter was sent to our member thanking him for his support of the 6 o'clock Bill.

Nov. Mrs James presided. Mrs Nimmo wrote thanking us for parcel for mine-sweepers, valued at £10 8s 11d. Mrs Jones, District President, read her instructive Convention address, and was thanked. Afternoon tea was served.

Dec. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs A. T. Watson; Rec. Sec., Mrs Moore; Cor. Sec., Mrs James; Treas., Mrs C. H. Bycroft; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs W. Hogan; Purity Supt., Mrs Cook; "W.R." Supt., Mrs A. T. Watson. £3 10s was voted for the Red Cross Fund.

BLUFF.

Dec. Annual meeting held in Willard Hall. Reports of the various departments were read, and considered very satisfactory. The following officers were elected for the coming year:—Pres., Mrs Donaldson (re-elected); Sec., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach; Treas., Mrs Barber (re-elected); Band of Hope Supt., Mrs W. H. Johnston; Assist. Supt., Mrs McQuarrie; "W.R." Agent, Mrs H. Johnson; Hall Treas., Miss Mitchell, Ocean Beach (re-elected). Election of Vice-Presidents and Notable Day Supt. held over till next meeting.

NELSON.

Dec. 7. The annual meeting. Annual report and balance-sheet were read, also reports of departments and reports of the Y Branch, Richmond and Wakefield Unions. The report of the Mine-sweepers' Fund showed £8 in cash and goods to the value of £26 14s 9d, sent to Mrs Nimmo, also a parcel from Richmond valued at £1 12s 3d. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Miss Atkinson; acting-Pres., Mrs Watson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Knapp; Rec. Sec., Mrs Judson; Treas., Mrs Brown. The Superintendents of Departments were re-elected: Literature and Social and Moral Hygiene, Mrs Field; Cradle Roll, Mrs Hockey; Back Blocks, Mrs Moyes; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Whitford; Librarian, Mrs Emmett. Vice-Presidents also re-elected, with three fresh names added. Mrs Moyes was also appointed Superintendent of the L.T.L., an assistant to be appointed next year. A public social was held on December 11th, when an address was given by Rev.

Mr Baumber on the work and aims of the Union. A short programme was also given, and afternoon tea provided by some of the members.

WARKWORTH.

Nov. 29. The annual meeting. A fair attendance. Sympathy was expressed for those who had been bereaved in the past few weeks. It has been a month of heavy losses for this district. Reports of the year's work and finance were read. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Pres., Mrs Buckingham; Vice-Pres., Mrs Morrison; Treas., Mrs Ellis; Sec., Mrs Hamilton; Reporter, Mrs McKinney; "W.R." Agent, Mrs T. H. Wilson.

OXFORD.

Nov. 24. Annual meeting. Vote of sympathy with Mrs Vincent in the loss of a second son at the Front. Mr A. Baxter thanked for donation of two guineas and a piece of golden wedding cake. £2 10s donated to Strength of Nation Movement. Vote of thanks to Messrs Dalley and Kippenberger for judging temperance essays. Annual L.T.L. picnic to be held December 15. Report and balance-sheet read and adopted, and votes of thanks to helpers passed. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Ryder; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. Comyns; Cor. Sec., Mrs T. Gainsford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; C.R. Supt., Mrs Gainsford, senr.; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Evangelistic, Mrs C. Fritt; Home Meetings, Mrs J. Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Kippenberger. Decided to provide afternoon tea on sale days when there is no Red Cross tea, proceeds to go to one of the soldiers' funds. Arrangements to be made by Executive.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Dec. 13. Miss McCarthy presided. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Miss McCarthy; Rec. Sec., Sister Agnes; Cor. Sec., Miss E. McCarthy; Treas., Miss Reid; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Fahey; Library and Literature, Mrs Gardiner; Maori Work, Mrs Kaye; Moral Hygiene, Miss McCarthy; Medical Temperance, Mrs Saunders. After this Mrs Hiatt briefly addressed the meeting.

PUKEKOHE.

Nov. Mrs Stevenson presided. Miss Powell gave an interesting account of the work of the W.C.T.U. While here Miss Powell did a good deal of visiting, result five new members and two subscribers to "White Ribbon" paper.

Dec. Meeting held in usual building, President in the chair. The Secretary read acknowledgments of £1 14s 6d in cash and £3 9s for mine-sweepers. Treasurer was authorised to send £1 to defray cost of advertising in "White Ribbon." The election of officers for the ensuing year was postponed until a larger attendance.

HAMILTON EAST.

Nov. 20. Annual meeting. Although this Union was only inaugurated on March 16th last, we have a roll call of 16, with a cradle roll of 37, which may be considered fair, as so many ladies' time is taken up with patriotic affairs. The Branch was represented at the District Convention on the 16th October. Our first mothers' meeting was held in October, and a very enjoyable and helpful afternoon was spent.

NAPIER.

Dec. 5. Annual meeting. Attendance good. The reports showed that progress had been made through the year, the membership standing at 151, with 23 honorary members. A branch was started at Ormondville, and good reports were received from other branches in the district. Much had been done for the mine-sweepers. The Treasurer's balance showed a credit of £8 11s, nearly double the balance of last year. Mrs Fawcett was elected delegate to Convention. Mrs Fossey gave a report of her work on the Hospital Board. The Hospital has been regularly visited and cottage prayer meetings maintained throughout the year.

HAMILTON.

Nov. 6. Annual meeting. Mrs Horne and Mrs Paul were elected President and Secretary respectively, without opposition; Mrs E. J. Davey Financial Secretary; Mrs H. Gaulton, Hospital Visitor and Agent for "White Ribbon"; Mrs Cliffe, Reporter to local paper; Mrs Oliver, Reporter to "White Ribbon." Mrs Jones and Mrs Henderson were appointed Superintendents of the evangelical part of our Union.

EDEN.

Nov. 21. Weather stormy. Few attended. Mrs Cook (District President) took the chair. The usual prayer meeting was held. Decided to postpone all business till next meeting.

Dec. 19. Mrs Scanlen presided. Letters were read from Hon. G. W. Russell regarding Social Hygiene. All the present officers were re-elected for next year. Votes were taken on the following subjects:—Dominion officers; Mrs Crabb's notice of motion; Miss Powell's notice of motion. The appointment of a delegate to attend Convention in 1918 was postponed till future date.

MAORI REPORTS.

NGA ROOPU MAORI.

Tena ra koutou katoa i roto ite tau hou. Tena ra koutou i roto inga manaakitanga ote Matua ite rangi. I haere ahau kia kite inga Roopu o Kaipara, i roto ia Noema, ia Tihema hoki. Ko Pouto, Aropaoa, Oruawharo, nga mea i tirohia i a Noema. Nui atu te pai o nga hui. Ko Aro-

paoa kua whiwhi inga mema erua tekau. He kaha hoki kite tuku mai inga tamariki wahine ko roto, kia mohio ai ratou kinga tikanga pai. Nui atu nga hua pai o tenei roopu, i runga ano i to ratou whakaaro kotahi. I ahua noho noa iho te roopu o Pouto, ite tini rawa o ratou i roto atu kite mate. A no taku taenga atu ki reira kua hou ano ratou, a kua pai to ratou roopu. Ahakoa torutoru ratou, e kaha ratou kite whakahaere inga mea pai. Nui atu te pai o te roopu o Oruawharo. He roopu tenei, e tino nui haere ana he kaha hoki nga tane kite awhina i a ratou wahine i roto inga mahi. Kote hiahia tenei me tuku inoi, ina huihui te roopu o ta kainga, kia ako ai nga wahine katoa kite inoi i roto ite huihuinga tangata. Tenei e hoa ma, kia kaha koutou katoa ki te ako i tenei mahi. Ma te whakaaro tonu kingamea ote Atua, ka whai kaha ta tou i roto inga tukingtona e pa mai ana kia tatou. He mea nui hoki, he aroha o tetahi ki tetahi. Kite kore he aroha, kore rawa he take o ta tatou mahi.

A i roto inga ra o Tihema i haere atu ahau kite Wairoa, ara ki Takuwira. I taku taenga atu ki reira, i tae mai a Makareta Parore kite arahi i ahau. A tupono atu maua kia Ngapeka Panapa. Nana ahau i hari ki Kaihu, he whakaaranga kohatu i reira, ite ratapu. A i runga ano ite manaaki onga tangata ki ahau i tena kainga ka homai e ratou tetahi wa ote ahiahi hei korerotanga maaku kia ratou. Ite ata, i homai e ratou tetahi taura ote kohatu, maku e pupuri, ite whakaaranga. He mea nui hoki tena, ki taku whakaaro. A i muri ite tina matou. Nui atu nga kai-tautoko, a kaha atu hoki a te Rev. Henare Paraone raua ko Wiki Te Pa kite tuatoko i tenei mea, te roopu wahine. Na Keita Tepana i timata nga korero, a kihai i ata ta tu a matou korero, engari e waiho, tia ana ma Rev. Henare Paraone e whakaoti i muri i ahau.

A i tetahi ra ka hoki mai ahau ki Tukuwira, na ka haere atu matou ko Mrs Parore raua ko Hinerangi Haimona, ki Otūrei. I reira te roopu whanga ana. Nui atu te pai o tena hui, i roto ano ite whare o Mrs Walters. A oti pai a matou take katoa, na ka hoki ano matou kote Perehitini, a Mrs Parore, ki tona kainga ite Houhanga. Ite weneri i hoki tuarua ano au ki Kaihu kite whakarite ite nohoanga onga wahine ote roopu i reira.

No muri iho nei, ka haere iho au kite Aratapu, kite kainga o Mrs Paki. Ite ratapu ka haere atu matou kite kainga o Mihi Werihī i Otūrei. I muri ite karakia, ka whai korero ano matou mo nga mahi ote roopu. Nui atu te pai onga karero onga tane no teneimahi, a kore rawa he tangata o tenei hui i whakahe ki te roopu wahine. Koia nei te mea pai, ara me awhina nga tane ia tatou i roto inga mahi tika, kia ora ai nga tamariki o tenei whakaturupuranga. Nui atu taku whakamihī kinga tangata katoa me ta ratou manaaki i ahau i roto i aku haerenga katoa. Ite hui

ote roopu o Otamatea nui atu hoki te pai onga take katoa. I haere te pooti munga apiha hou me 1918 a tu ana ko te Perehitini mete Hekeritari tawhito, me te peeke hou. Kua kaha haere tenei roopu, a ka ano rawa nga mema hou i tenei tau, 1917. No reira nui atu te whakamihī ki enei wahine hou, kua uru mai hei awhina ite roopu wahine nei. Na konei, e hoa ma, e nga wahine Maori katoa, hari atu toku ngakau kia koutou katoa. Kia kaha, kia u. Tera ano te wa e kite ai tatou ite hua pai o tenei mahi. Kia whai mai hoki nga tamariki ki muri ia tatou, whakaoti haere inga mahi e painga ana e te Matua. Kia ora koutou. Te Mari Woodhead.

OTAMATEA.

Hanure 2. Kaati ita ano te huihuitanga ma tenei roopu wahine karaitiana Otamatea i roto i te whare o Mereana Peramiko i te 2 o nga ra o Tihema. Himenetia 23 o nga himene, whakapuaritia i te whare e te Perehitini e Ruteria Karena monga take. (1) Koohi marama, kaati i runga i te absent o te Secretary kahore nga reports i tuhia o tenei huihuitanga. I te 16 onga ra o Tihema ka huihui ano tenei roopu. Kia kite ai te kai tiroiro i nga roopu katoa o te toha Maori ia Te Maari Woodhead. Kaati ko hore he take nuinui i whakahaere heoi. Kote election of officers for 1918 was as follows:—Mrs Karena, President; Mrs T. Noda, Secretary; Mrs K. Paieka, Treasurer; Mrs Tikitiki, Vice-President; Mrs Peraniko, Acting-Secretary. Ka mutu Pahina nga take katoa ete tumuaki e te Maari Woodhead. Ka inoi katoa nga mema o te roopu.

BETWEEN THE DAYS.

Between the days, the weary days,
He drops the darkness and the dews;
O'er tired eyes His hands He lays,
And strength and hope and life renews.

Thank God for rest between the days!

Else who could bear the battle's stress,

Or who withstand the tempest's shocks?

Who tread the weary wilderness
Among the pitfalls and the rocks,
Came not the night with folded flocks?

The white light scorches, and the plain

Stretches before us, parched with heat;

But, bye and bye, the fierce beams wane,

And lo! the nightfall, cool and sweet,
With dews to bathe our aching feet!

For He remembereth our frame!

Even for this I render praise,

O tender Master, slow to blame

The falterer on life's stormy ways,

Abide with us—between the days!

WOMEN AT WORK.

The women of the London Local Council have been very active in an organised effort to prevail upon the Government to grant furloughs to the few remaining men of the first Canadian Contingent, who have already served three years on active service.

Judge McInnis, of the Vancouver Judicial District, has established a precedent for Canada by appointing a woman, Mrs W. H. Griffin, President of the Local Council of Women, to a tribunal for the carrying out of the Military Service Act. Other members of the Board are: Judge Grant, Police Magistrate; H. C. Shaw; K. H. McVeity, former President of the Trades and Labour Council; Laughlan McLean, and ex-Alderman J. D. Byrne.

Five States in America have eleven women in their State Legislatures, Washington has one, Montana two, Arizona three, Utah has four, and Oregon one.

WOMEN POLICE.

In England in last July there were 612 police women, distinct from women patrols. Their training consists of drill, attendance at Police Courts to learn the procedure of the Court, first aid, lectures on Acts relating to women and children, patrolling, and domiciliary visiting. The Police Report says: "We are able to report many cases where the police women have given instructions and advice to women, who will come gladly to a fellow-woman for help, but who would not be induced to apply to the male police. We think that the existence of a large force of trained police women throughout the country would tend to dispel a great deal of the ignorance shown by women of the laws affecting women and children, and would act favourably on the protection of children."

Rescue work is a speciality of the police woman, and many sad cases have been attended to by them.

Miss Roberta McAdams has been elected a member of the Alberta Legislature by the soldiers' vote overseas. Miss McAdams went to England with the Ontario Base Hospital, and there she evidently earned the gratitude of a powerful electorate.

At a great party Convention held at Winnipeg, women delegates sat for the first time in Canada.

Mrs J. H. MacGill, who has recently been appointed assistant to the Judge of the Juvenile Court of Vancouver, is a well-known journalist. She has turned her attention to reforms and investigating laws which relate to women and children.

In Seattle lately, in a case where a photographer was charged with displaying indecent pictures in his window, the Deputy Prosecutor insisted that half the jury should be women.

The municipal suffrage for women in the Cape Province has been extended, allowing women to sit on Municipal Councils.

The King of Italy has honoured Lady Helena Gleichen and Mrs Nina Hollings, joint commandants of one of the radio-graphic units maintained in Italy by the British Red Cross, by presenting them personally with the Italian bronze medal for valour.

At the annual meeting of the Queensland National Council of Women, Mrs E. B. Harris, Vice-President-at-Large of the Australasian Women's Christian Temperance Union, was honoured by being elected President, and Mrs W. H. Carvosso and Miss Griffith Vice-Presidents.

When Russia appointed her Council of Sixty-one to prepare Russia's Constitution. Women's interests were represented by a woman, Dr. Schischkina Yavein, head of the Russian Woman Suffrage Association. In this matter darkest Russia has once more beaten our own most enlightened Empire.

Many visiting Commissions have visited America since her entrance into the great war. French, English, Italian, and Russian all came and went, but the very significant feature was this, that the Russian was the only Commission to include women in its ranks.

The Detroit College of Medicine and Surgery, after fifty years of "male exclusiveness," decided at a recent faculty meeting to admit women to their courses.

Miss Jeanette Rankin made her maiden speech when moving an amendment to the Administration's Food Bill, proposing that "the Secretary of Agriculture shall, so far as is practicable, engage the services of women for the work herein provided for." Her speech was convincing, and the amendment was carried unanimously. All parties in the House gave her a great ovation, both when she rose and when she sat down.

It is admitted that Paris post women can deliver more mail and faster than postmen.

Ashburton, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Barin Square Schoolroom: Pres., Mrs W. K. Watson, Box 37; 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 Butterfield, Wakarusa.

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 3.30 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinei Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs McLean, Princeps St. Grey Lynn; Org. Treas., Mrs Dewar, 4 Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Mrs Nelson, Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden.

Bienheim District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs A. Jackson; Sec., Mrs D. P. Sinclair, Box 97; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; "W.R." Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, first Tuesday, in month in Victoria Hall, at 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs A. T. Watson; Rec. Sec., Mrs Moore; Cor. Sec., Mrs James; Treas., Mrs C. H. Rycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs W. Hogan; "W.R." Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.

Christchurch District, Rooms, 247 Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day, Milford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey St.; Treas., Mrs Patterson, 346 Worcester St., Linwood; Asst. Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Williams, 21, Philip St., Linwood.

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

Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 72, Heriot Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs Macarney, 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 Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Cranch, Cameron St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Budd, Elliot and Sheppard; Sec., Mrs A. Little, 31 Church St.; Treas., and Supt. "W.R.", Miss Le Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lillwall.

Fitzroy, last Friday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs A. Hayward, 834, Devon Street, Fitzroy; Sec., Mrs L. Gray, 638, Devon Street East, New Plymouth; Treas., Miss Tolme, Chilman St., Fitzroy; "W.R." Agent, Mrs J. Kibby, Clemow St., Fitzroy.

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., re 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, Gasworks; Secretary, also W.R. Agent, pro tem., Mrs Binks, Humphreys St.; Treas., Mrs Boucher, Humphreys St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Quin and A. Haigh.

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, 1 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 J. S. Young, Cameron Street; Vice Presidents, Sister Nellie, Mesdames Bone, Dixon, Gray, and Miss Maunders; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff, Turuturu Rd; Cor. Sec., Mrs White, Argyle Street; Treas., Mrs Best, Milnoe St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Tonks, Campbell St.

Henderson, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Glibberd, "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, 80 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 Supts., Mrs Cooper, Oteramika Road, and Mrs Bruce Wallace, Ythan St., Appleby.

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

Kati-Kati, 2nd Wednesdays, 2 p.m., in Public Hall. Pres., Mrs Bains, Vice-Pres., Mrs J. Hume, Tres., Mrs Woolford, Sec., Miss Wilson, W.R. Supt., Miss McCutelan, Cradle Roll, Misses Dickey and Andrews, Organist, Mrs N. Johnston.

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, Ag-honby Street.

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

Manahi, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs T. Tai; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Prakin-son and Hunt; Treas., Miss York; Sec., Miss Craig; Cradle Roll, Miss Ricketts; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Hunt.

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

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

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

Morrinsville, meets 2nd Tuesday. Pres., Mrs Davies; Vice-Pres., Mrs Black; Sec. and Treas., Miss Beeson, c/o Private Hospital, Morrinsville.

Napier District, 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday, in St. Paul's Presbyterian Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashridge Rd; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Dodds and Fawcett; Sec., Mrs A. Chellev, Macdonald St.; Treas., Mrs Grayling, Faraday Street; Asst. Treas., Mrs Chapman; Evangelist, Mrs Dodds; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames J. Walker and W. Findlay; Cradle Roll, Mrs Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens; Supt. Drawing-room Meetings, Mrs Fawcett.

Ngauruawahia, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church; Pres., Mrs G. Dansem; 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 Brighton, 3rd Thursday in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hall, 36 Wainui St., New Brighton; Secretary, Mrs W. Smith, 344 Wainoni Rd., Christchurch; Treas., Mrs Nicholas, Brooke St., Bexley, N.B.; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Strand, Bexley, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Langley, Park Rd., New Brighton.

New Plymouth District, first Friday, 2.30 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres., ; Sec., Mrs Griffin, Gilbert 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.; Acting Pres., Mrs Watson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Knapp, Alfred St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Judson; Treas., Mrs A. Brown, Weka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford, Mount St.

Opoiki, 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; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. Comyns; Cor. Sec., Mrs T. Gainsford; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, Sr., and Mrs Clark; Evangelistic, Mrs C. W. Fritt; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs Jim Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Kippenberger.

Pakiri, 1st Thursday, Pakiri Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Rennie; Vice Pres., Mrs Wyatt; Sec., Mrs Gozar; Treas., Miss Dyer; W.R. Agent, Mrs Witton.

Palmerston N. District, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Crabb, 51, College St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, 45 Ferguson St.; Treas., Mrs Clausen, Cook St.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

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

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

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

Rakaia meets on the 2nd Thursday in the month, in the Methodist Church, Anglican S.S., and the Presbyterian S.S. alternately; Mrs Boag, Pres.; Mrs Judkins, Treas.; Mrs Hopwood, Sec.

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

Stratford, 1st Wednesday, 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.

Tauranga, Meets in Wesley Hall, on last Wednesday, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs P. N. Christian, 3rd Avenue, Sec., Mrs J. Neal, 11th Avenue, Treas., Mrs J. B. Chappell, Cameron Rd., Cradle Roll, Mrs C. E. Ridley, 2nd Avenue, L.T.L., Mrs A. Turner, Devonport Rd., W.R. Supt., Mrs Wall, Norris Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs A. Turner.

Timaru District, last Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., Arcade Pres., Mrs Rule, North St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Pres., 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 Rangī, Mill Rd.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs G. H. Graham, Rhodes St.

Waipawa, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.; Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs H. McLean, Waverley St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Bott and Harding; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, Rose St.; Treas., Miss Johnson, Rose St.; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs S. Bott.

Wanganui East meets last Friday at 2.30 p.m. in Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Duxfield, Mahoney Street; Vice Pres., Mesdames Blair, and Andrew; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Andrew, Mackay St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Dowsett, Nixon 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., Mrs J. Upton, 165, Victoria Av.; Treas., Mrs Siddells, Guyton St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. Smith, College Street; "W.R." Supt., Mrs W. R. Grant, Harrison Place.

Warkworth, last Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Schoolroom. Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs Buckingham; Treas., Mrs Ellis; "W.R." Agent, Mrs T. H. Wilson; Press Reporter, Mrs McKinney.

Winchmore, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Frost; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Prebble, and Mrs Melroy; 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; Acting Pres., Mrs McDonald, 8 Huia Rd., Hataitai; Cor. Sec., Miss Helyer; Rec. Sec., Mrs Clark; Treas., Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Port, Austin Street.

Waipukurau, 2nd Monday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mrs Harding and Mrs Sowry; Sec., Mrs H. French, Main St.; Treas., Mrs Robinson; Organist, Mrs Harris W.R. Supt., Mrs Mercer.

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.