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DELEGATES ATTENDING THE W.C.T.U. CONVENTION, HELD AT TIMARU, MARCH, 1918.

A "Go Forward" Convention.

The dominant note of the Timaru Convention was "Go Forward." With six o'clock closing an accomplished fact, our delegates decided that we must not mark time, but that a rapid move forward should be made this year to reach our goal of National Prohibition. Every Union and every member are urged to concentrate every effort in one vast campaign for total

abolition of the liquor trade. The traitor within our gates must be conquered ere God will give us the victory over the foe without. "In the name of our God we have set up our banners," with faith unflinching, with courage undaunted, with zeal unquenched. We move onward with our ranks unbroken. Moving on with ever-increasing speed we will pray with mighty faith, and work with unrelenting energy till we sing a paean of victory over a banished tyrant and a dry Dominion.

LIST OF DOMINION LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs Ferriman	...	Ashburton
Mrs Lill	...	Ashburton

HONORARY LIFE MEMBER.

Mr Ferriman	...	Ashburton
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Thirty-Third Annual Convention OF THE N.Z. W.C.T.U

Held in Wesley Hall, Timaru, March
14th to 21st, 1918.

(Abridged.)

Convention opened with devotions, conducted by President, who read from Ephesians vi.

Roll-call 75, including 12 "Y" delegates.

Members of Convention.

Dominion Officers.—Mrs Don, President; Mrs Crabb, Vice-President at large; Miss Henderson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs Evans, Recording Secretary; Mrs Peryman, Editor, "White Ribbon"; Miss Powell, Dominion Organiser; Mrs Lee-Cowie, World's Missionary and Dominion Superintendent for Peace and Arbitration; Mrs Walker, Maori Organising Treasurer.

District Presidents.—Mrs Goite, Gisborne; Mrs Venables, Napier; Mrs Watson, Nelson; Mrs Gaskin, Greymouth; Mrs Rule, Timaru; Mrs Lill, Ashburton; Mrs Hiett, Dunedin; Mrs Houlder, Wellington.

District Secretaries.—Mrs Taylor, Auckland; Mrs Chellev, Napier; Mrs Upton, Wanganui; Mrs Hills, Palmerston North; Mrs Keene, Wellington; Mrs Day, Christchurch; Miss Williamson, Dunedin.

District Treasurers.—Miss Taunt, New Plymouth; Mrs A. Brown, Nelson; Mrs Paterson, Christchurch; Mrs Young, Dunedin; Mrs Brown, Ashburton.

Superintendents of Departments.—Mrs J. Wright, Evangelistic; Mrs Neal, L.T.L. and Medical Temperance; Mrs Judson, Good Citizenship and Peace and Arbitration; Mrs McDonald, Home Science; Miss Macarthy, Moral and Social Hygiene; Miss Maunder, Scientific Temperance; Sister Moody Bell, Prison and Reformatory Work.

Delegates.—Mrs Peritt, Auckland; Mrs Noda, Otamatea; Mrs Martindale, Hastings; Mrs Jemison, Ngaere; Mrs Scott, Normanby; Mrs Bartlett, Marton; Mrs Bridge, Feilding; Mrs Rowlands and Mrs Kensington, Palmerston North; Mrs Brown and Mrs Mountier, Wellington; Mrs Boucher, Greytown; Mrs Miller, Masterton; Mrs Hope, Petone; Mrs Field and Mrs Moyes, Nelson; Mrs Richards, Blenheim; Mrs Saxton, Miss Gordon, and Miss Roberts, Christchurch; Mrs Hall, New Brighton; Mrs Kippenberger, Oxford; Miss Watson, Ashburton; Mrs Hopwood, Rakaia; Mrs Trott, Timaru; Mrs Driver and Mrs Kirkland, Dunedin; Mrs Fawcett, Kai-korai; Mrs Peart, N.E. Valley; Mrs Johnstone, Port Chalmers; Mrs Tiffany, Sawyer's Bay; Mrs Fairbairn, Invercargill South; Mrs Stewart, Waimate.

"Y" Delegates. Miss Patterson, Auckland; Mrs Bottrill, Auckland;

Miss Wright, Avondale; Miss Gil-mour, Aramoho; Miss Murray, Wanganui; Miss Crabb and Miss Rowlands, Palmerston North; Miss Hayes, Nelson; Miss Phillips, Wellington; Miss Oakley, Ashburton; Miss Waterman, Oxford; Miss McKenzie, Port Chalmers.

Minutes of last meeting (1917) read and confirmed. Vote of sympathy to Dominion Treasurer, absent through indisposition.

Appointments made for Committee of Courtesies, Mesdames Cave and Irvine; Convention Letter Writer. Sister Moody Bell; Messenger for Mails, Miss Patterson; and for Press Reporters.

Notice given for appointment of Resolutions Committee.

Proxies appointed for 10 Unions; and for five others at later times in the Convention.

Greetings received from Avondale "Y's," Wanganui Central, Hamilton, Invercargill, Warkworth, Auckland "Y's," Masterton, Wanganui "Y's," also by letter from Miss Anna Gordon, Mrs Barry (World's Superintendent Penal and Reformatory Work), and Miss Harriett Newcomb.

Corresponding Secretary read her report, showing total number of financial members as 4327, an increase on last year of 688; also 507 "Y" members in 11 branches, 6 being new during the year, and also 63 Maori members.

Report adopted.

Noontide devotions (Mrs Hiett).

Treasurer's report and balance-sheet, read by Mrs Peryman, showing total revenue, £402 14s 3d; total expenditure, £313 15s 1d, leaving credit balance of £314 6s 6d. Number of financial members, including "Y's," 4,834. In Banner Contest, Ashburton scores complete victory, winning both banners, with actual increase of members 97, percentage of increase 202 per cent. Unions next in order, Auckland, Dunedin, Onehunga, Dan-nevirke, Norsewood.

Organising Treasurer's report showed receipts, £185 2s 5d; expenditure, £139 16s 7d, leaving a credit balance of £184 4s 7d. Accounts and balance-sheet had been audited by Mr G. Plummer, to whom the thanks of Convention are due.

President referred to lamented death of the late Dr Bedford, and expressed deep and sincere sympathy with Mrs Bedford. Resolved also to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs Bedford, Senior, in South Africa.

The following vote was passed, on the motion of Miss Roberts:—

We, the members of the W.C.T.U., in Convention assembled, desire to place on record our profound sorrow for the death of Dr Bedford, and our deep appreciation of the work he has done for all moral reforms, especially in the cause of Temperance. The campaign for the abolition of the drink traffic in this country owes much to Dr Bedford's able advocacy and brilliant oratory.

We thank God that a life so richly endowed with rare ability, high courage, energy and enthusiasm was dedicated to the service of God and

humanity, and we rejoice to know that the gate of death was for him but the entrance to fuller life and higher service. We tender to his wife and children our loving sympathy in their bereavement.

President, on behalf of Convention, expressed deep and loving sympathy with all who had suffered bereavement during the past year through the war, but asked that no request should be made for letters to be sent, except in very exceptional cases.

Thursday Afternoon.

Devotions (Sister Moody Bell and Mrs Crabb).

Roll-call, 91. Minutes read and confirmed.

Organiser's report read, showing a good deal of ground covered, and several new branches formed, in spite of Miss Powell's accident, and various other difficulties.

Notice of motion brought up by Miss Powell to define title of first Vice-President. Motion passed with amendment, that title be Chief Vice-President.

Notice of motion brought up by Mrs Crabb to allow Unions that are unable to send delegates from their own members to choose some member of the W.C.T.U., resident in their own district. Motion carried.

President delivered her address, a rapid survey of progress made during the past year. Received and adopted, with great appreciation of its value.

Greetings received from South Invercargill, Normanby, Blenheim, Stratford, Sawyer's Bay, and from Miss E. Sorley, of Palmerston North.

Reports considered and adopted: Evangelistic and Home Meetings, Narcotics, Educational Bureau, Notable Days, Scientific Temperance.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Cowie and Mrs J. Wright). Roll call, 89. Minutes read and confirmed.

Recommendations of Executive brought forward, dealing with scheme for campaign for 1918. President outlined her plan, and after long discussion in Committee, following resolutions passed:

(1) That we immediately start a campaign to secure success at the next Licensing Poll.

(2) That in order to do this, we press into service as many suitable women as we can secure to travel for some time previous to the poll to hold afternoon and evening meetings; the object being to educate the electors and win votes for Dominion Prohibition.

Noontide prayers (Mrs Peryman and Mrs Lill).

Discussion interrupted by luncheon adjournment.

Friday Afternoon.

Devotions (Miss Powell). Roll call, 91. Minutes read and confirmed.

Members attending Convention for first time, 28 in number.

Congratulations to Miss Maunder attending this her 21st Convention consecutively; also to Miss Powell on having missed only one in last 22 years.

Greetings from Wellington District, Wanganui East, Palmerston Y's, and Mrs Maria Webb, of Ormondville.

Rev. J. Dawson and Mrs Dawson attended Convention, and were welcomed by President. Mr Dawson brought greeting from N.Z. Alliance and the Temperance party throughout New Zealand, and addressed Convention at some length on the position of the fight against liquor in the Dominion and elsewhere. President briefly replied.

Letter and apology, greetings and good wishes from Mrs Bendely.

Resolved to send a letter of thanks to the Railway Commissioner for having put a ladies' carriage on the Main Trunk railway.

Discussion on scheme for 1918 campaign then resumed, and resolution 3 carried as follows:—

(3) That each District Union be expected to organise and carry on work in its own district, as well as arrange for receiving these lecturers and making the campaign effective.

Members of Convention then invited to make suggestions, these to form basis of resolutions.

Session adjourned in usual way.

SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 1.

Devotions (Mrs J. Wright and Mrs Keene). Roll call, 84. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings from Ashburton and New Plymouth.

Letter read from Mrs Mary Lovell to Mrs Neal, dealing with war conditions in America, and urging attention to humane education as best method of checking war spirit.

Reports Adopted: Maori.—Mrs Walker submitted balance-sheet of Maori Organising Fund, showing balance last year £68 4s 4d, total receipts £111 16s 1d, expenditure £29 8s 8d, leaving balance of £82 7s 5d. Accounts audited by Mr D. Morice, to whom thanks due from Convention. Maori Organiser still not found. Superintendent suggested appointment of local superintendents, who might visit Maori members and get in their subscriptions, and distribute Maori leaflets.

Work Among Seamen.—Resolved to send letter of thanks and appreciation to Mrs Nimmo and her husband for splendid work they had done in connection with the mine sweepers' effort.

Resolved that as the need for warm clothing for the mine-sweepers is still insistent, a second campaign be inaugurated, and to this end the Dominion Union shall register as patriotic war worker.

Good Citizenship.—Unions urged to take united action for reform of picture entertainments for children. See below for resolutions on this subject.

Y's and Medal Contests.

Bible-in-Schools and Sabbath Observance.

Prison and Reformatory Work.—Reference made to improved methods in the model prison in Invercargill, and to the women's prison in Addington.

Session closed shortly after noon with noontide devotions.

MONDAY MORNING, MARCH 18th.

Intercessory service (Sister Moody-Bell). Roll call, 88. Minutes read and confirmed.

Vote of thanks and appreciation passed to Rev. T. Stinson for inspiring service and excellent sermon on Sunday evening.

Miss Powell announced that 52 new members, including 7 gentlemen, had been initiated at the great Temperance rally on Sunday evening.

Greetings from N.E. Valley, also from Australasian W.C.T.U., through Mrs Carbosso, who wrote hoping a New Zealand representative might attend the Triennial Conference in Perth in September, 1918.

Letters of sympathy sent to several old members of the Union, Mrs Fulton, Mrs Webb of Ormondville, Mrs Crump of Nelson, Mrs Dewar Auckland, Mrs Blackwell, Miss Trevurza, of Ashburton, Mrs Mason (Grevmouth).

"White Ribbon" Editor presented her report, 2625 subscribers, increase of 410 on last year. In spite of £15 increase in cost, year ended with credit balance of £9 15s 3d. There would be further increase in cost of printing of £17 for ensuing year, therefore Unions must again make special effort for new subscribers.

Balance-sheet showed total receipts, including balance from last year £350 10s 6d, total expenditure £340 14s 3d, leaving credit balance of £9 16s 3d. Warm appreciation of Editor's work expressed by many members, and report was adopted.

Vote of thanks passed to Editor and Associate Editor.

Mrs Evans again nominated as Associate Editor.

Usual honorarium, £25, voted to Editor, also telephone charges for use of Editor and Business Manager.

Usual vote of £25 for printing Convention number passed.

Noontide devotions. Continuation of intercessory service.

Report of Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Band of Mercy adopted.

Lunch adjournment.

Monday Afternoon.

Devotions, conducted by the Y's.

Roll call, 87. Minutes read and confirmed.

Decided that Convention should march in procession to and from lunch at Caroline Bay the next day, and also to public meeting in evening. (Heavy rain prevented this being carried out.)

Report given re picture slides for exhibition at cinema entertainments; cost £2 per month, for two slides shown twice each evening, for engagement made for eight months for, say, eight chief centres, charge correspondingly much less.—Matter left in hands of Executive.

Reports.—Medical Temperance.—Adopted.

Moral and Social Hygiene.—Report adopted.

Afternoon mostly taken up with discussion of question of Venereal Disease. Manifesto brought forward by Christchurch Union, dealing with treatment of venereal disease, opposing compulsory measures and use of prophylactics, with reasons for opposi-

tion, suggesting other remedies as farm colonies, free clinics, total abolition of drink, and education of boys and girls in sex hygiene.

(As copies of this manifesto were distributed among delegates, it is not reprinted here.)

Manifesto adopted, with addition: "That State regulation necessitates the supply of girls being kept up by the White Slave Traffic."

Resolved, on motion of Mrs Lee-Cowie: "That this Convention of representative women of the W.C.T.U. of the Dominion of New Zealand express their utter abhorrence of the effrontery of Miss Ettie Rout in implying that our New Zealand boys must be supplied with remedies to make wrong-doing safe, and sin easy. We contend that we send our sons to fight for purity and righteousness, and we utterly discountenance everything that slackens moral fibre and self-control, and place on record our emphatic repudiation of prophylactics and the woman who advocates them."

Resolved, on motion of Miss Roberts. This Convention notes that the Minister for Public Health recently drew attention to what he rightly characterised as a "most appalling matter," viz., the question of illegitimacy, and called on the women of the country to assist in checking it. He gave the figures for 5 years up to and including 1915, as follows:—

Age of Mother.	Total for 5 Years.
13	4
14	20
15	57
16	131
17	260
18	379
19	430
20	407
21	383

Total 2071

This Convention draws attention to the large increase in the number of illegitimate births after the age of 16 years, and holds that the women of this country are practically powerless in the matter of checking this evil so long as the Government refuses or neglects to pass measures for the better protection of our young women and children.

We therefore urge the Government once again, as we have urged for years, to pass legislation providing:

- (1) For the raising of the age of consent from 16 to 21 years.
- (2) For the extension of the time limit in which information can be laid for criminal assault.
- (3) For the abolition of the power of accused to plead belief in the girl's attainment of the age of consent as a palliation of an offence against her purity while under that age.

Resolved, on the motion of Miss Henderson: This Convention protests most emphatically against the inadequacy of the sentence passed by the Dunedin Magistrate upon the man Ebzery, who was convicted of keeping a disorderly house and of enticing young girls thereto. The Convention places on record its sense of indignation with the feeble state of the law dealing with such offences. That a

procuror should apparently be liable to at most a sentence of 12 months only is, in the judgment of this Convention, nothing short of a legal scandal, and in view of these unutterable wrong procurors inflict upon their victims, and the shameful issue of venereal diseases in those allured through the devices of the procuror, the Convention urges the Government to increase the penalty, and make it at least equivalent to the penalties attached to the comparatively innocuous crimes of forgery, arson, and assault.

Further, since the Magistrate stated that the reason for imposing a sentence of 11 months only was that the full sentence would render the man ineligible for military service, the Union strongly protests against the possibility of such a man being allowed to disgrace the King's uniform and to contaminate the young soldiers with whom he might be brought into contact.

Session closed in usual way.

TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 19th.

Devotions (Miss Maunders and Mrs J. Wright).

The President once more begged delegates to take note that membership fees and all other moneys coming to the Union Treasury in the ordinary course belong to the Union, and cannot be diverted from Union purposes.

Roll call, 77. Minutes read and confirmed.

Agenda altered, and report of "Strength of the Nation" movement taken at once. Balance-sheet submitted, showing deficit of £28 13s 10d, which had been paid by the Organiser, Mrs Cowie. Resolved that Unions would voluntarily make up this sum, and following resolution carried with enthusiasm:—That Convention desires to place on record its hearty appreciation of the untiring energy and great efforts of Mrs Lee-Cowie during her year's campaign as Organiser of the "Strength of the Nation" movement. Report adopted.

Re referencee in "Mercantile Gazette" to waste of foodstuffs, following resolution was carried: That delegates be asked to call the attention of their local editors to an article in the "Mercantile Gazette" of March 13th, with a view of getting it inserted in their papers. This article comments upon the waste of barley and sugar in Britain in the manufacture of beer, and shows that while every one is rationed for food, there is no rationing of beer, which is made from food materials. Attention is also to be drawn to the fact that spirits imported into our Dominion are made from the food needed for the hungry thousands at Home.

Resolved also that cable should be sent to Imperial Government, and letter to New Zealand Parliament, protesting against importation of liquor into New Zealand from Britain, where conservation of foodstuffs is so urgently demanded.

Plans of Campaign.—Miss Henderson moved:

(1) That an Organiser be appointed for each province, such Organiser to be employed by the Dominion Execu-

tive, but to work under the control of the Provincial Executive.

Noontide devotions (Mrs Peart and Mrs Hall).

Discussion continued till luncheon adjournment, and resolution was carried by large majority.

Session closed in usual way.

Tuesday Afternoon, March 19th.

Devotions (Mrs Walker).

Appeal for funds for N.Z. Treasury, including donations to the "Strength of the Nation" account. Sum of £55 promised.

Roll call, 81. Minutes read and confirmed.

Vote of thanks to Mrs Withall for her generous entertainment at the Garden Party on Saturday, and resolved to present her with framed photo. of the Garden Party.

Greetings from Auckland District Union. Letter read from Mrs Bedford in answer to resolution of sympathy.

Plans of Campaign (continued).—Miss Henderson moved:

(2) That a Travelling Secretary be appointed to collect annual and other subscriptions for a fund to be used for organising and campaign purposes, such fund to be administered by the Dominion Executive.—Carried.

(3) That the Travelling Secretary and the Provincial Organisers be paid such a salary as will obviate the necessity of asking for hospitality.—Carried.

Executive recommended appointment of Miss Weymouth as Travelling Secretary.

Testimony given to her ability and success as a collector by those who had personal experience of her work, and recommendation unanimously carried.

Miss Weymouth briefly responded. Her duties to begin after she had had a month's holiday, or more if needed.

Resolved that if our advertisements are refused by the picture managers, the Executive be asked to enter a strong protest against liquor advertisements being displayed on picture screens, and to call upon the Unions to take up the matter in their own districts.

Resolutions (from Resolutions Committee).—

1. Having heard with dismay of the continued large importation of liquor into New Zealand, we earnestly appeal to every patriot to refuse to allow such importations on the following grounds:—

(1) Every gallon of whisky has been manufactured by the destruction of grain in the United Kingdom, where such grain is absolutely required for the food supplies of hungry women and children.

(2) The shipping space occupied by the cases and barrels is required by merchants for essential materials needed in New Zealand.

(3) When every penny is needed to win the war, this shameful waste of men, money, and material is deserving of every patriot's condemnation.—Carried.

2. Since an investigation just concluded by the American Episcopal

Church reveals the fact that at least 840 American daily papers are now utterly declining liquor advertisements—an increase of 120 papers in one year—and that there are 64 American magazines, including all the best, that are pursuing the same policy, this Convention resolves to call upon the managers of the New Zealand papers, and particularly those in No-License districts, to adopt the same restrictive measures.—Carried.

3. That a letter be sent to the Hon. Lloyd George asking for the abolition of the wet canteen in the military camps where New Zealand soldiers are in training.—Carried.

4. That a protest be sent to the Minister of Railways and to the General Manager against the display of liquor advertisements on railway platforms in No-License districts, and the request be made that for the future such advertisements be not permitted.—Carried.

5. That this Convention of the W.C.T.U. heartily supports the effort now being made to secure the adoption of the system of open-air schools.

Resolved, on motion of Mrs Sheppard: That Convention strongly recommends that Unions appointing delegates should, with the fewest exceptions possible, leave them free, after hearing a full discussion, to speak and vote on the various subjects brought forward. This should also apply to "proxy" delegates.

Resolutions dealing with cinema entertainments for children.—Moved by Miss Macarthy:

This Convention is of opinion that:

(1) It is in the best interests of children that cinema performances of a wholesome and varied type, suitable to the child mind, be given on Saturdays and in school vacations.

(2) That the suggestion of model programmes for children's performances would be most usefully undertaken by representatives of Educational Bodies in co-operation with the Picture Managers.

(3) That since the eyesight of children is liable to injury by cinema attendances, their distance from the screen should be properly regulated, and that explanatory interludes should be given to lessen any strain.

This Convention also urges:

(a.) That the employment of children in the picture theatres should be prohibited.

(b.) That the theatres should be better lighted.

(c.) That the better ventilation of these theatres is very desirable.

Branch Unions are urged to bring the question of better lighting under the notice of the municipal bodies.

Convention further urges that two women, to be nominated by representative women's societies, be associated with the censor of picture films.—Carried.

Sister Moody-Bell moved:

That this Convention re-affirms the earnest protest of last year against the opening of picture palaces on Sunday evenings in several parts of the Dominion, where this practice is the source of moral injury to the com-

munity, and is disastrous to the welfare of the children.—Carried.

Resolved that Miss Ruth Atkinson be asked to represent New Zealand at the Triennial Conference of the British Overseas Dominions Suffrage Union, to be held at London in June, 1918.

Resolved that £10 should be voted to President from N.Z. Treasury to meet incidental expenses, as telephone bureau charges, etc.

Resolved that the Corresponding Secretary be provided with a telephone, cost to be borne by N.Z. Treasury.

Recommendations of Executive re Life Membership in the W.C.T.U. adopted as follow:—

(1) That life membership in the N.Z. National Union be granted on payment of £5 to the National Fund.

(2) That any member of the W.C.T.U., on donating the sum of £20 or more to a local Union, will become a life member of the local Union, and a Dominion life member provided that:

(a.) Five pounds of the sum be handed to the N.Z. Treasury.

(b.) A special badge, already designed (cost £1), be presented to the donor.

(c.) The balance of the money, after paying for the badge, be retained for the use of the local Union.

(3) That gentlemen honorary members may become honorary Dominion life members on payment of £5 or more to the N.Z. Treasury.

(4) That the life membership roll be printed each year in the Convention number.

Session closed as usual.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 20th.

Devotions. Favourite hymns. (Mrs Judson and Miss Powell).

Roll call, 88. Minutes read and confirmed.

Collection at Tuesday evening's meeting, £3 10s; also donation of £1 from Mr Parata to N.Z. Treasury.

Sub-Committee (Mrs Peryman, Mrs Evans, and Miss Henderson) appointed to prepare examination syllabus for young women training for Organisers, syllabus to be published in "White Ribbon," if possible in May number.

Sub-Committee (Mrs Bendely and Mrs Evans) appointed to consider scheme for Old Age Pensions for paid workers of the Union. Both Sub-Committees to report at next Convention.

Special Patriotic Effort for 1918.—Executive recommended Y.M.C.A. hutment for the Front or help for Y.M.C.A. street patrol work in London. After discussion, it was carried:

That £1000 be collected by the W.C.T.U., to be administered by the Y.M.C.A., for a hutment for the use of soldiers at the Front, such hutment to be called the "N.Z. White Ribboners' Hut," and that any surplus money be devoted to the Y.M.C.A. street patrol work in London.

Reports.—Legal and Parliamentary discussed and adopted.

Resolved that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent from Convention to Dr. Newman and those members who supported him in blocking the compulsory clauses of the Social Hygiene Bill.

Suggested that if possible a Conference of Women Workers should be held in Wellington before Parliament meets, so that a common platform might be drawn up.

Mrs Sheppard moved the following: That the consideration of the Government be asked for the following statement:—

That the general, social, economic, and moral aspects of government affect women equally with men.

That certain functions of government, such as those associated with Hygiene, Social Purity, Neglected Children, Guardianship of Children, Orphanages, Education, and others, have a special interest for mothers and other women.

That the Parliament of 1893, in denying women the right possessed by every male elector of whatever nationality, namely, the right to represent an electorate, not only deprived them of the full benefit of the franchise, but also deprived the electorates of a right previously enjoyed, that is to say, the right of a free choice of a representative.

That the modern trend of Democratic Government has been towards giving the freest and fullest right to every citizen.

That by reason of there being no women in Parliament to represent their sex, repeated requests for women Justices of the Peace, equal pay for equal work, women jurors, women police, the equal co-guardianship of children, the raising of the age of consent, the better protection of our young women and children, and many other reforms, have been ignored or refused by the Government of the day.

That the Government be asked whether it will cause such an alteration in the law as will give electorates the right to elect a woman representative to Parliament.

That the Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent should request each Branch Union of the W.C.T.U. to forward to its member of Parliament a copy of these statements and resolutions, and ask whether such M.P. will support this alteration in the law.—Carried.

Noonide devotions (Mrs Bardsley).

The President apologised to Mrs Kyneton Parkes and Miss Roberts for omission of a vote of thanks at the public meeting the previous evening.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed by Convention to these ladies for their valuable addresses and paper.

Mrs Parkes responded, and offered to help Unions by drawing-room meetings, or in any other way possible, during her stay in New Zealand.

Report on Anti-gambling adopted.

Session closed as usual.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Devotions (Mrs Hills).

Roll call, 87. Official autograph book brought forward for signatures. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings from Rakaia and from officers of Order of Rechabites in Auckland.

Resolutions from Resolutions Committee:

6. Convention urges that any amendment of the nationality laws of the Empire should include, in those parts of the British Empire where such amendment is necessary, the grant to women of the right to retain their British nationality on marriage with an alien, a right enjoyed by them under the laws of the United Kingdom until 1870. It calls on Government to introduce a measure to provide that a woman shall not, on marriage with an alien, be deprived of her nationality against her will, but that she shall be given the same choice of nationality as a man; and further, recognising the desirability and importance of securing Imperial uniformity of policy and action, it urges the Government to instruct its delegates to the next Imperial Conference to vote in favour of recommending the adoption of similar laws throughout the Empire.—Carried.

On motion of Mrs Field, resolution passed at last Dominion Convention re health certificate before marriage, was rescinded.

Mrs Field then moved the following:—That the time has arrived when, in order to promote public health, all men and women should produce a certificate of health from a doctor before a marriage certificate can be issued. In the event of one of the parties to an intended marriage refusing to fulfil his or her engagement because of the refusal of the other to produce the health certificate, no action for breach of promise shall lie.—Carried.

Mrs Judson moved the following:—

Seeing that our boys are now fighting for liberty, justice, and righteousness, we, the women of the W.C.T.U., desire that our Union shall stand for liberty of conscience for every man who truly bases his life and action on the supremacy of conscience, and we pray that the Government shall so amend the military regulations as to secure to all the liberty which is the birthright of every man and woman in a free country.

After some discussion, the following amendment was carried:—That no resolution on the conscientious objectors be passed by this Convention of the W.C.T.U.

Miss Macarthy moved:

That in view of the fact that much unnecessary suffering is caused by the want of special mental hospitals for temporary and mild cases of mental derangement, this Convention urge the establishment, in each of the main centres, of suitable hospitals for such cases. In support of this request, we would point out that among the soldiers who are returning invalided there is a proportion of mental cases

of a temporary nature, which should not be treated in the ordinary mental hospitals.

Miss Roberts moved: That a Dominion library of reference books be established for the use of officers and superintendents; and that Miss Macarthy be appointed Librarian, and act with Mrs Field and Mrs Peryman as a Committee of Selection.—Carried.

Names of books suitable for such a Library to be sent in to any one of the Committee, and request made for donations of books.

Resolved that a portion, £2, of the balance in the Purity Department, be used to procure books, and that this be subsidised by the N.Z. Treasury to the amount of £3.

Resolutions from Resolutions Committee.—

7. That this Convention re-affirms its request that all official women visitors to prisons and reformatories be given the status and powers of Justices of the Peace.—Carried.

8. That the Unions be urged to give more attention this year to the Department of Narcotics, especially in the direction of instructing young people of both sexes in the harmful effects of tobacco.—Carried.

9. That in the interests of the community and the better observance of the Lord's Day, this Convention calls attention to the growing evil of Sunday trading, and asks that the present incomplete, vague, and unsatisfactory law relating thereto be amended by Parliament, so as to meet the case more adequately and prevent what is so much to be deplored in the interests of the young people of our land.—Carried.

10. As it is quite evident from the sentences inflicted, that the law regards a criminal assault against a boy as a greater offence than one committed against a girl, this Convention most indignantly protests against laws which imply an unequal standard of morality; a criminal assault upon a girl of tender years should be regarded as an unnatural offence equally with a similar assault upon a boy. The Convention further expresses its strong conviction that as long as such distinctions are made, there will be no diminution of the social evil.—Carried.

11. A recommendation having been made by the National Efficiency Board that weekly lessons should be given in all the public schools on the history of the Empire and our duty to it, with a view to inculcating in the minds of the children a patriotic and national spirit, this Convention of the W.C.T.U. would respectfully suggest to the Minister of Education that such lessons should have a wider international bearing, cultivating a sense of their responsibilities and appreciation of their privileges, not only as citizens of the Empire, but as members of that wider community of which every nation is but one small part.—Carried.

The "White Ribbon" Editor was requested to bring the Constitution up-to-date.

Session closed in ordinary way.

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 21st.

Devotions (Mrs Hiett).

Roll call, 87. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings from Oxford and Hamilton East.

Reports.—Peace and Arbitration, Literature, Home Science, adopted after discussion.

Press, Backblocks, Military Camps, Flower Mission and Relief Work, Rest and Refreshment Booths, adopted without discussion.

Resolutions Re-affirmed. — See "White Ribbon," April, 1917, p. 5.

Election of Officers.—Mrs Peryman and Mrs Young appointed Tellers. All the present officers were unanimously re-elected for the third consecutive year, and responded suitably.

Mrs Crabb nominated as Chief Vice-President.

Letter read from Miss Newcomb enclosing resolution from the Provincial Equal Franchise Board of Saskatchewan, and following resolution passed in connection therewith:—

Be it resolved that we, members of the N.Z. W.C.T.U., in Convention assembled, do hereby appeal to all the women of our country to continue with us in prayer and strenuous effort to secure the complete prohibition of the manufacture, importation, and sale of all intoxicating drink for beverage purposes, and we urge this appeal more especially in view of the fact that so many important countries, recognising the evil effects, moral, physical, and financial, of the trade in liquor, have restricted the traffic or banished it from their midst. Whatever the cost and sacrifice entailed upon the world by the war, it will be worth while if thereby the universal overthrow of the liquor traffic be obtained.

In connection with a letter just received from Secretary of N.Z. Educational Institute, it was resolved: That this Convention urge upon the National Government the necessity of making provision, without delay, for improvements and extensions in the education system of the Dominion.

Corresponding Secretary requested to send to Mrs Bendely the news of her re-election, and to express the Union's appreciation of the way in which she has kept on her office in spite of ill-health.

President announced that Mrs Cowie had consented to act as Provincial Organiser for Otago, and to take two young members to train in organising work; also that Mrs Napier had consented to act as Dominion Y. Organiser whilst remaining in the Dominion.

Noontide devotions (Mrs Patterson).

Notices of Motion.—(1) By Mrs Peryman: That as Unions may now choose as their delegate any member in their own district, Article III. of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "No proxy shall be appointed, etc.," to the end.

(2) By Miss Macarthy: That Article IV. be amended by inserting after the words "Editor and Business Manager of the 'White Ribbon'" the words, "and Superintendents of not less than

4 nor more than 6 Departments to be selected by the Executive."

The N.Z. Superintendents were elected. (See page 21.)

A hearty vote of thanks accorded to Miss Maunder for long and faithful services rendered as N.Z. Superintendent of Scientific Temperance.

Resolved: That Unions should make 3 returns of members next year—(1) number of financial members, (2) number of members whose subscriptions were only one year behind, (3) number of members on complete roll.

Ashburton Union representatives invited on platform. Banners presented, with congratulations.

At an earlier session, Mrs Lill was presented with the life membership badge; also a badge entrusted to her for Mrs Ferriman, the first Dominion life member, and now she was given the badge for Mr Ferriman, the first Dominion Honorary Life Member.

Session closed with Temperance Doxology.

Thursday Afternoon.

Devotions (Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Tiffany).

Greetings from Eden Branch.

Mrs Young was elected National Treasurer for the Y.M.C.A. hutment patriotic effort.

Mrs Peryman appealed to all Unions to get again 6 new subscribers for the "White Ribbon."

Resolved that £10 extra be paid as honorarium to the "White Ribbon" Editor.

Invitations for next Convention from Palmerston North and from Napier. Resolved to accept Napier.

Resolved that charges of conveying Challenge Banner from Auckland to Convention be paid by N.Z. Treasury, but this not to form a precedent.

Roll call, 79. Minutes read and confirmed.

Votes of thanks passed as follows:—

To entertaining Union and hosts and hostesses.

To the Auditors, Mr G. Plummer and Mr D. Morice.

To the Press.

To those who had provided afternoon tea.

To the Trustees of Wesley Church for use of Wesley Hall.

To the Unions who lent copies of hymn books.

To the Y delegates for making copies of report.

Resolved that this Convention desires to express its appreciation of the ability shown by the officers of the Timaru Union in organising, and for their thoroughness in carrying out, every detail in connection with its sessions; and desires to thank Mrs Rule and her colleague, Mrs Cave, for their untiring zeal and unfailing kindness, which helped to make the annual gathering so successful.

An Initiatory Service was held, and then Convention closed with singing Hymn 11 ("Another Year is Dawning"), and the Aaronic Blessing and Benediction pronounced by the President.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

My Dear Comrades,—

No longer can it be said that New Zealand stands alone in her notoriety of having done nothing drastic or effective in the fight with the liquor traffic, for one of the most notable events of 1917 was the decision of Parliament to curtail the sale of alcohol by cutting off forty-two hours per week, the bars to be opened at 9 a.m. and closed at 6 p.m. Our first note of praise shall be "Ebenezer, hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Various causes have contributed to make Parliament at last heed the people and legislate against the Trade, outstanding among them being the petition of 177,000 electors, the public meetings held all over the Dominion, the business men's movement, and the free distribution of Arthur Mee's powerful little books, "Defeat or Victory," and "The Fiddlers." Then there was the recommendation of the Efficiency Board, and the influence of some of our secular papers, especially that of the Dunedin "Star." Among the religious publications, "The Outlook" stands pre-eminent. Last there was the work of our Unions. Though the Convention last year decided to concentrate on working for the larger issue of Total Prohibition, this did not prevent our White Ribboners from working for the curtailment of the Traffic in the meantime, and societies were mapped into districts and systematically canvassed for signatures. Church services, public meetings, and the busier streets were used for the same purpose, while the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous permeated the whole. Six o'clock closing is indeed a striking victory, but it only means that we have won another great battle on the way to final victory, and we must regard it as but a step toward Total Prohibition. Though the restriction has only been in force three months, testimonies as to the benefits are daily piling up, among them the facts that not a single arrest was made for drunkenness in Christchurch on Christmas Eve; that early in the year a Dunedin baker received an unexpected instalment of a long standing debt from the mother of a young family who had to work hard to supplement her meagre income. Making the payment she said that since her husband spent his evenings at home, she had the benefit of his full weekly wage, and not a portion as heretofore. That a retired merchant, living on the profits of strong drink, when asked about six o'clock closing said "it was the best piece of legislation the Government had passed for twenty years." That another merchant in the same city said he never was in favour of any interference with the licensed bar, but seeing the benefits of early closing, he would gladly vote for Prohibition as a war measure. That the Wellington "Times," of January, states, "The effect of early closing of hotels is shown by the Court records: In 1915, a year in which the hotels closed at 10 p.m., the number of convictions for being drunk, and drunk and dis-

orderly was 163. Last year, in which the closing hour was 6 p.m., these convictions were 32. The total number of arrest cases in 1915 was 305, last year 115." Side by side with these benefits come the startling facts that never in the history of Dunedin has there been so much beer made as in January. The beer duty for the month amounted to £9,188 12s 10d, as against £6,579 18s 9d for January last year.

The same month one of the largest consignments of liquor that ever came in one ship was landed at Port Chalmers, the cargo containing 6,000 cases of liquor, and 100 kegs of whisky for Invercargill. At the same time every flour mill in Dunedin closed down for want of material, and will not resume work until the new wheat comes in. Fortunately the people are being awakened to the tragedy of strong drink. The War is now opening the eyes of all classes to see that all we temperance workers said about strong drink in times of peace is quite true. Men who were our strong opponents, and men who were too indifferent to be for or against, now see how alcohol destroys and wastes food, how it puts up food prices, how it prevents efficiency, crowds our ships and docks, blocks commerce, hinders recruiting, ruins health, is an incentive to immorality, and therefore a producer of dreaded disease, they have learned that drink is the enemy of the soldier, is harmful to the wounded, and a destroyer of man-power, and knowing this they are prepared to line up with us and vote Prohibition. Thus the victory we have so long prayed and worked for is nearer than ever before, if by faith, prayer, and united effort we grasp it. As the war progresses, the liquor traffic comes more prominently into the limelight throughout the world. Someone has said: "Had not John Barleycorn wielded the sceptre Great Britain might ere this had compelled peace with honour." May it not be possible that before she conquers foreign foes she must overcome the enemy at home. She has tried regulation, she has closed hundreds of liquor shops, and reduced the hours of sale. She has reduced the output from 36,000,000 barrels to 10,000,000. Now she has reduced the strength of beer by one-third and commandeered whisky for munitions. But still strong drink is the enemy of the British Empire. Before the war England was making and using 36,000,000 barrels of beer a year and a corresponding quantity of spirits. Conversion into food of the grains used in the production of this vast output of intoxicants must easily mean England's victory in the War. Save or starve is the latest slogan of the Food Economy Leader, Sir Arthur Yapp. We are furnished with really distressing details of the need that exists in Britain for the avoidance of waste in every particular, if the people are not to suffer actual want. But not a word is spoken by Sir Arthur Yapp or anybody else in authority with regard to the continuance of the wicked

waste of food stuffs in the manufacture of liquor. The sale of glasses of milk in public places is now prohibited. Sugar cannot be purchased except in small quantities, children and soldiers in the hospitals and trenches have been deprived of this necessary food in like manner, but the brewers can always find sugar enough for all the beer the people want. If the Government find it necessary to placard England with posters advising the people to eat less bread, and go without meat, to show their patriotism by eating less, surely they might add, "Drink less beer." If to waste food is national treason, not only to this country, but treason to our Allies, and Sir Arthur Yapp says it is, then surely it is treason for its Government to license a trade that destroyed in brewing during the last three years 3,150,000 tons of cereal and 352,800 tons of sugar. The most solid victory over the liquor traffic has been achieved in Canada, which has made extraordinary progress in effecting a momentous change in the social life of its people. On October 4th, after a most remarkable campaign, the city of Quebec voted Prohibition by a 2,000 majority. The news has now reached us that the entire Dominion of Canada now prohibits traffic in liquor, and there is not a single bar open. The Federal Government has undertaken to suppress the manufacture of liquor. We clasp hands with our Canadian sisters and congratulate them on the white map of Canada, and hope their splendid victory will have the effect of hardening the demand for Prohibition in our own land. America is pushing ahead with wonderful rapidity towards their goal of "A Saloonless Nation by 1920." Several States have voted dry during the year 1917, and since America declared war there has been a vigorous and continuous effort to secure National Prohibition as a war measure. War-time Prohibition as a stern necessity, from the standpoint of conservation of grain, has been incessantly urged upon Members of Congress. A thousand leading Americans (men and women of all classes and creeds) united in a Memorial to Congress, asking for Prohibition as a war measure. The American Medical Association, representing over 80,000 physicians and surgeons of the United States, declared at its Annual Convention, that National Prohibition would be welcomed by the medical profession. Harvard and Yale (the American Oxford and Cambridge) inaugurated their festivals this year without alcoholic beverages, an ever-increasing number of newspapers (about 800) refused liquor advertisements, and an Act of Congress, which came into operation last July, debars from the mail in all Prohibition States any advertisement, and every publication that refers to the liquor traffic. Alcohol has been prohibited in the Army and Navy, on the railroad and in all military camps. The system of local option was so practised as to almost confine the sale of liquor to hotels and

saloons in the large towns, the credit of the advance being largely due to the progressive municipal bodies. The wonderful work of our Organisation in America makes a thrilling story. Surely such whole-hearted activity and determination is bound to win through and that quickly. The most notorious victory over the trade in strong drink was the complete abolition of vodka in Russia in the early stages of the War. We have heard of the wonderful increase of money in the savings banks, the improved health and morals of the people, the rapid and even marvellous recovery of wounded soldiers, due it is said to the entire absence of alcohol in the system. But the latest story comes to us from a Russian Medical Journal, published at Petrograd, which tells us that the amount of mental disturbances is comparatively small, about one per thousand, while in previous wars the rate was two or three per thousand. The main cause of the decreased rate is the total absence of alcoholism. In the present campaign, there has not occurred a single case of alcoholic insanity. Last month's "Vanguard" says: "For the sake of Russia it is beyond measure distressing that the splendid record of the last 3½ years is now broken, and that at a time when, above all times, the people require clear judgment, sanity, and self-restraint, the liquor fiend is once more let loose among them." The chaotic experiences in Russia now suggest that the entire nation is wallowing in vodka, and if Russia sober supplied powerful arguments for Prohibition, Russia drunk will show that of all the devils with which a nation can be cursed, the drink devilry is far and away the most to be dreaded.

Temperance Reform is well to the front in the Australian Commonwealth. Last September South Australia sent a large and representative deputation to their Premier asking for a referendum on State Prohibition. The result of the reduction in the number of licenses and restriction in the hours of sale in Victoria shows a decrease of a million and a half in last year's drink bill. The drink bill of New South Wales, published in November, 1917, disclosed a reduction of 6s 9d per head of the population as compared with the previous year. The correlative of the influence of the reduction in the consumption of intoxicants is also shown in the Police Court returns. In 1915 there were 32,467 convictions for drunkenness, and in 1916 they numbered 2322—a reduction of 11,145. A young scientist of my acquaintance supplied the following:

"Owing to restrictive taxation, alcohol costs ten times what it should. If distilleries were employed in the manufacture of alcohol for industrial purposes, enormous profits would accrue to the farmer, whose every waste product, spoiled crops, farm refuse, stalks, etc., would go to the manufacture of alcohol. Again, everyone would benefit by cheap fuel and motive power, selling at 10s per gallon;

and again, gasoline at 1s 4d (pre-war). In seasons of heavy crops excess could be converted into alcohol, and stored, while the farmer would use cheap tractors, etc., driven by alcohol, which would also light and heat his farm, etc. To this must be added the enormous impetus given by duty free denatured alcohol for trade purposes, polishes, lacquers, celluloid, paints, soaps, drugs, dyes, extracts, lanolin, photographic goods, etc., etc. Germany in 1904-5 used 31,800,000 gallons for these purposes."

Because our Union stands for the protection of the Home as well as the uplift of humanity, our work includes many departments, and embraces the removal of every disability that hampers the progress of our own sex. So with thankfulness we briefly note some of the records of women's progress in the world's work. Abroad this has been a winning year for women's suffrage. There are now 13 States in America where women enjoy political freedom; seven million women voted at the last Presidential election, according to a recent cable, after sixty-nine years of hard-fought battle. New York enfranchised their women by a majority vote of 80,000. This tremendous victory has come as a great encouragement to British Suffragists still waiting for their own chart of freedom to plough its way all too slowly through Parliament. Last May the British House of Commons granted the Parliamentary franchise to women, and in November, by unanimous vote, the same House extended to women on the same terms that govern the Parliamentary ballot the right to vote in municipal elections. Russia has promised to her women equal freedom with her men; she has already appointed women as assistant judges, and has had her first Congress of women, and has her first regiment of women, who have shouldered their rifles and taken their turn in the trenches, and are prepared for any share in the battle. Universal franchise has just been won in Holland; while in Canada the movement is spreading like a prairie fire. To Alberta falls the honour of electing the first woman member of a Canadian Parliament, Mrs McKinney. Six months after Miss MacAdam was returned as a second female legislator. Miss Maud Roydon has been appointed assistant pastor to the City Temple. The Congregational body also has a woman preacher, these being the first ordained for that work in England. In India and China women are coming forward as never before; they competed successfully with men in the Paunjab University, and carried off high honours. Many home missionary stations, made vacant through conscription, are now open to women in New Zealand if they will qualify for the position. Our request for a woman to act in conjunction with Mr Joliffe, the picture censor, has not yet been complied with, but may be next year will see further reforms in this matter, especially as the Teach-

ers' Annual Conference and other kindred societies are co-operating with us in our endeavour to get an improvement in cinema performances. We are pleased to congratulate the Railway Department on having at last considered the comfort of women by providing a special carriage for their use on the Northern Trunk express, and with it a female attendant will be on duty to perform such acts of service as invalids, nursing mothers, and women travelling with families always need when making long journeys. That it will meet a very pressing want is beyond question, and if sanitation and comfort be made the main studies, as they should be, it will not be long before public opinion declares in favour of the experiment being extended to the Southern Trunk line. The official employment of Women Police in many lands has been extremely rapid in the course of the last 12 months. The force in England now numbers 612, and is daily increasing. Most of these women act as guards in the munition factories; others inspect common lodging-houses, inquire into assaults on children, bastardy moneys, separation, or in cases of cruelty, etc. In many ways these officers endeavour to make good citizens instead of locking up bad ones. Nine women were sworn in at the Guildhall as special constables on the Great Eastern Railway. Canada has a woman Judge to look after women's cases. She is an experienced, motherly woman, and is said to be doing excellent service. Women police continue to justify their appointment in Victoria and in New South Wales. Fourteen more women have just been appointed as J.P.'s in South Australia. Among the list are Lady Houlder, Dr. Gertrude Halley, and Miss Dorothy Vaughan. We hope that the provision for the appointment of "Health Patrols" in connection with the Social Hygiene Bill means the first step to start the movement in New Zealand, and that the women employed will be sworn in as police officers, and be in receipt of equal pay for equal work, and not have their powers limited in any direction.

Social Hygiene.—As we are sure to have a full report of the attempt made in the House to re-introduce past dangerously ineffective legislation to check social disease, I need not comment upon it, except to say we are thankful the attempt was frustrated by the determined activity of the women's organisations. The "Woman Voter" says: "Suggestions are sometimes made for dealing with this scourge by restrictions imposed only on women. Such efforts have been and always must be futile. While men complain that they are infected by some women, each woman may with equal certainty affirm that she was infected by some man; and it is usually by men that infection is carried to unsuspecting wives and innocent children." Therefore we urge the Government and all persons interested in the subject to apply the fol-

lowing tests to every proposal dealing with this great problem:—First, will it tend to strengthen or to weaken that sense of individual responsibility in relation to sexual conduct, which is the strongest and most effectual bulwark against the spread of disease; and secondly, can it and will it in actual practice be applied with impartial justice to both sexes and in all classes? We are told that where the prohibitory law is well enforced commercialised vice cannot exist. In prohibition Kansas there has been a distinct falling off of venereal and similar diseases, according to the testimony of medical men of that State. Dr. W. E. Swan, Secretary of the Kansas State Board of Health, says that a decrease in the consumption of intoxicants lessens venereal diseases. Every clean-minded citizen desires at almost any expense to rid his city of every agency for the promotion of vice. He will have taken a long step toward the desired end when he has secured the abolition of the liquor traffic, upon which immorality is so dependent for existence.

Gambling.—In spite of the fact that the strongest foe that ever confronted our nation is hammering at our gates, and that this is our fourth year of war, and that the Empire is threatened with famine, gambling steadily increases. The totalisator turnover in New Zealand for ten days, that is from Boxing Day to January 3rd, amounted to £755,914. We are repeatedly told that the Empire has no grain to spare for race horses or alcohol. It has no surplus of men to bestow upon luxury callings, yet more than three million pounds were staked upon the totalisator, and this when Great Britain is actually short of food.

Our Losses.—Our hearts go out in tender sympathy for the many among us who have been bereft through the war, and to all who have lost loved ones at home or abroad, we pay our tribute of tender affection.

The sudden death of Professor Bedford has cast a gloom upon our forces throughout the Dominion. He was a tower of strength to our Reform. His full life, his lofty principles, his indomitable courage and willingness to work, were always an inspiration. He has laid down his life in the highest service of his country. And we thank God for his memory, and pray that his strong influence may be upon our daily lives, enabling us to continue our work with consecrated purpose and spiritual power. May God comfort his widow and little children.

We are meeting again in Annual Convention under the shadow of war. The stories of cruel woundings, heart-breaking desolations, physical agony, and death seem to grow worse as time rolls on, and the horror of it is telling upon us all. These are the most exacting months we shall ever live through. The clouds continue dark, nor can it be said with any assurance that there are indications of the coming of a better day. The enemy have not been overcome; the cry is

still for more men, and ever more men; and the promise is that the most trying time of all is yet to come. Because of the depletion of our manhood, women have to do strange duties and make hard sacrifices, and carry grievous burdens for themselves and for others, and sometimes there seems no limit upon our sacrifices. And yet the importunate call comes pleading for added sacrifices still, and we have to make them. Women's part in war work has been a vital contribution to its success, but what concerns us at this time is not so much what women have done or are doing, but what we are to do. In all probability we shall have an election this year. If we are to win the poll this Convention should be the beginning of the end. There are strong reasons why this year should be the year of victory. One is the need that exists for clearing the country of its deadliest peril for the soldiers returning from the war. The liquor, which is bad enough for everybody, is specially dangerous to those who have been racked and strained in going through the horrors of war. Another reason is that the eyes of the people have been opened to see the evils of the liquor traffic and its economic waste. Our Allies and overseas Dominion have prohibited the manufacture and sale of drink in the interests of victory, and the opportunity to do likewise is before us. Reverently I say we must move heaven and earth to secure victory. Heaven by our concentrated and importunate prayers, earth by every device that our minds can think of to win out and win through. We know what Deborah, the prophetess, accomplished when inspired and helped by the living God. She was only one woman. What might we accomplish if filled with dynamic Spiritual power? We have put our trust in strong men, in politicians, in organisations; but now we must cease from men and things, and trust in the living God. My mind has been dwelling on the verse in Psalm 89, which I pass on for your consideration: "Thou hast a mighty arm, strong is Thy hand, high is Thy right hand."

If you turn to the Old Testament Scripture and read the history of the Israelites, you will see that it was the mighty arm that stretched out and redeemed them; the strong hand that led them; the mighty hand that saved them from their enemies. It was the hand that accomplished all things for them. It is that same mighty, strong high hand that we must depend on for every movement in this fight.

"WHITE RIBBON" REPORT.

At 1917 Convention, owing to increase in cost of paper and labour, the printers had to increase the price of the paper. Convention by resolution asked Unions to each secure six new subscribers. Some Unions worked splendidly, and we closed the year

with 2625 subscribers, an increase for the year of 410 subscribers. In spite of an increase of about £15 in cost of printing, without raising our price, we have paid this increased cost and have a balance in hand of £9 16s 3d.

This year we have again to face an increased cost of about £17.

We give special thanks to those agents who have helped us so well all through the year; also to Mrs Evans, our Associate Editor, our thanks are due for help given, and to Mr Lynneberg for auditing our accounts.

The following are the Unions which have sent the six new subscribers asked for by Convention:—Miss Powell, 99; Auckland, 28; Christchurch, 26; Palmerston North, 27; Oxford, 22; Ashburton, Wellington District, Wellington Central, 18; Pakiri, 13; Nelson, 12; Hikurangi and Wanganui East, 10; Whangarei, Wai-pukurau, Stratford, Dunedin, Timaru, 9; Port Chalmers, 8; Greytown, 8; Normanby, 7; Kati-Kati, Avondale, Cambridge, Morrinsville, Tokomaru Bay, Mata-Mata, Urenui, Wakapuaka, Avondale Y's, South Dunedin, Mosgiel, Aramoho Y's, New Plymouth, 6.

NELLIE PERYMAN, Editor.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The reports from the Branches show that in 1917 the advance made in the previous year was more than maintained. The majority of the Unions appear to have worked most enthusiastically, and with splendid results. The Strength of the Nation Movement, which was inaugurated with such vigour at the 1917 Convention, and carried on with such success by Mrs Cowie, gave a great stimulus to the Unions. Undoubtedly the tremendous amount of work done by members in connection with the demand for six o'clock closing of liquor bars, and the ultimate success of that petition were largely the result of the Strength of the Nation Movement. A very direct effect of this campaign was the accession of many new members to our ranks.

A large share of the energies of the Unions was devoted to patriotic work. This is a feature of all the reports. Some Branches took part in every patriotic effort to raise funds in their districts, and the amount of money raised has been very considerable. The special Union effort in this direction made during the year was in connection with the appeal from the Dominion Superintendent of Work Among Seamen for warm clothing and comforts for the mine-sweepers.

More than usual activity has been shown in educational work—chiefly through public meetings, and the distribution of literature. The year has provided unusual opportunities for both these departments of work. The Strength of the Nation Campaign, the demand for six o'clock closing, the recommendations of the Efficiency Board with regard to the liquor trade, and the introduction into Parliament of a Social Hygiene Bill have all meant

unusual activity in the organising of public meetings, and in the distribution of literature.

Work amongst the young people is a strong feature in the programme of most Unions. Increasing interest seems to be shown in the Cradle Roll Department, and the organisation of L.T.L.'s proceeds apace. One Branch—Palmerston North—has no fewer than five L.T.L.'s under its care. A very large number of Unions endeavour by giving prizes for temperance essays, to ensure the teaching of Scientific Temperance Teaching in the public schools.

A better organised effort was made this year to secure the appointments of women police patrols. All the Unions supported the demand, but though the majority of the Members of Parliament are in favour of this reform, the demand was refused by the Government.

The most interesting special efforts made during the year are those reported by Invercargill and Palmerston North. Invercargill District Union collected the funds to equip the St. Helen's Hospital, which has been opened in that city, and Palmerston North has established "Willard Hostel" for the wives and friends of soldiers.

Three Unions have lapsed; these are Brightwater, Sheffield, and Alexandra. Five new adult Unions have been formed, of these four, viz., Avondale, Eden, Leigh and Pakiri are in the Auckland District, while the fifth—Ryal Bush—is an auxiliary of Invercargill. The number of active adult Unions is 95, and three others maintain their financial standing but hold no meetings. The total membership, as recorded by the Treasurer, is 4327, an increase of 688 on the previous year. These returns do not include the "Y" Branches, of which there are eleven, an increase of six during the year. The new Branches are Auckland (with 109 members), Avondale, Hawera, Palmerston North (104 members), Aramoho and Wellington. The total membership is about 500.

It must be clear from this summary that our position is stronger than it has ever been before, and we should be able to look forward with hope and confidence to our next campaign. Unfortunately, there is more than a hint that the life of Parliament will be again prolonged, and we shall be robbed of our poll for Prohibition. But if such a proposal does come before Parliament, every Union, and every individual member, should make the strongest possible protest against any attempt to rob the people of their rights.

C. HENDERSON,

Hon. Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Year ended 28th February, 1918.

Madam President and Dear Sisters.—On the 1st March, 1917, when the year covered by this report commenced,

the credit balance of the New Zealand Fund was £86 8s 7d, and of the Organising Fund £138 18s 9d, making a total of £225 7s 4d. The total revenue for the year has been £402 14s 3d, and the expenditure, £313 15s 1d, and the year closed with a total credit balance of £314 6s 6d. In making up the balance sheet this year, I have, with the approval of the Auditor, included the whole of the funds in one balance sheet, for the reason that the whole of the accounts are kept in one set of books, and operated from one banking account. There seemed, therefore, no sufficient reason for making a separate balance sheet for the Organising Fund. The usual statements shewing the details of all the accounts will be submitted for your inspection.

The capitation fee shewn in last year's report represented a membership of 3569, included in 86 Unions. The fees received this year represent 96 adult Unions, with a membership of 4327, and 10 "Y" Unions, with a membership of 507, making a total of 4834 members. The total amount of capitation fees received is £30 8s more than the previous year.

As regards the other items of revenue, I am pleased to report that the donations to the World's Missionary Fund, totalling £13 3s, are the largest amount that has been received for some year's past. While this is very satisfactory, the fact remains that this amount was contributed by only 12 Unions. I feel sure that interest in missionary work is much more widely distributed amongst our members than this would appear to indicate, and it appears to me that our own missionary work, with its special appeal to, and assistance for, women, should lie very near to the hearts of our members.

The combined receipts from Franchise Day Fund, and donations to the New Zealand Fund amount to £32 2s 5d, as against £32 9s the previous year. In connection with the "Strength of the Nation Fund," only the receipts shewn have passed through my hands, and these were paid over direct to Mrs Lee-Cowie for disbursement by her.

The items of expenditure do not call for any special remarks, except that what may be termed actual working expenses, are about £15 less than the previous year.

Before closing the books, I remitted to the World's Treasurer, as usual, the amounts collected for the World's Missionary Fund, and the capitation fees at the rate of 4d per member on the 4834 members for 1917, also 147 members' arrears from 1916, and 171 members of native Unions, the latter being their membership as shewn in the last Convention number of the "White Ribbon." The remainder of the capitation fees collected, £7 6s 3d, was forwarded as a donation from the N.Z. Union to the World's Funds.

I have prepared from the balance sheets furnished by Unions the usual statement of membership and finance, which will be exhibited for your information. I am in some doubt whether

these completely represent all the funds that have passed through the hands of Unions, as I find that in some cases, for instance, the amounts dealt with in connection with the Mine Sweeper's Collection, have been included in separate statements.

In the Banner Contest, the result is a complete victory for the Auckland District Union, which is entitled to hold both banners for the year, having secured an actual increase of 97 members, representing 202 per cent. on its previous number; the next highest numerical increases were Auckland, 74 members, and Dunedin, 53 members, while good percentages were secured by Onehunga, 182 per cent., Dannevirke, 167 per cent., and Norsewood, 120 per cent.

No returns have been received from the Brightwater, Sheffield, and Alexandra Unions, and the fees from Mataura came to hand after the books were closed.

It will be seen from the balance sheet that the Organising Fund commenced the year with a credit balance of £138 18s 9d. The receipts were £185 2s 5d, and the expenditure, £139 16s 7d, and the credit balance at the end of the year was £184 4s 7d. The position of the fund is satisfactory, but if any extension of the organising work is contemplated, it will be necessary to consider ways and means for increasing the revenue.

The whole of the accounts have again been kindly audited for me by Mr George Plummer, and I would ask Convention to record and convey to him our thanks for his assistance. I also wish to thank all the Branch Treasurers with whom I have been in communication, for the manner in which their returns have been supplied.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland,

9th March, 1918.

REPORT OF DOMINION ORGANISER.

During the past year I have visited forty different Unions, including every European Branch in the Hawkes Bay Province, also Auckland, except in three or four cases, where dates could not be arranged. Many of these were repeatedly visited, while in others I stayed a week or so working up the interest. The year has been a somewhat strenuous one, as in April I met with an accident, which for six months incapacitated me for using my bicycle—a serious handicap. Furthermore, coastal steamers are not famed for luxury, nor do they always arrive and depart at convenient hours, while country roads in a winter such as the last, when the rainfall in Auckland was almost double the average, furnish more mud than is at all desirable. Experiences of this kind lead one to appreciate the difficulties of the back-block settlers, to whom it is pretty well a normal condition. Such surroundings militate against the success of meetings, and are a real hindrance to many Branches, some of which are holding on heroically. It is absolute-

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ly necessary that these should be visited three or four times a year, if they are to keep going. Several district Presidents have this year visited all their auxiliaries, at their own expense, but other good workers have neither the time nor the money to do this. The latter difficulty might be to some extent overcome if more attention were paid to securing gentlemen as honorary members—a promising field altogether neglected in some quarters. Some of the Auckland Auxiliaries are almost cut off from help, not only by distance, but also by the infrequency of the steamer service. In less isolated places too, the reduction in the number of trains is a difficulty.

On the whole, our work is on a thoroughly sound basis, some Unions succeeding beyond all expectation, and throwing out tendrils in all directions in a way most refreshing to behold. Even in some of the smaller Branches, where most of the local patriotic work falls upon our women, this is the case. The appeal for the mine-sweepers has proved a real boon to many, winning for them the sympathy of a section of the public previously indifferent.

The great difficulty all over the country is the lack of suitable officers, practically all women with any pretensions to leadership being so engaged with Red Cross and other patriotic work as to be quite unable to take on any further responsibilities. This has prevented the formation of new Branches, as in my view, it is much wiser to plant a few White Ribbon papers as seed for a harvest in the future, than to organise a Branch, which is likely very shortly to collapse.

Ormondville, where for several years our Organisation has not been represented, was re-organised under the efficient leadership of our stalwart worker, Miss Alice Webb, and less than three weeks ago I formed a Branch at Ryal Bush, 10 miles from Invercargill. Here again the difficulty of leadership cropped up, but as the District Union is going to mother the baby Branch, no doubt it will go on all right. Last week I spent several days at Anderson's Bay, Dunedin, where a very strong temperance sentiment exists. Quite fifty per cent. of the ladies called upon most willingly joined the White Ribbon Army, though I fear they are mostly too much engaged to become active workers, neither has any leader appeared, so far, but more work must be put into it after Convention.

I have travelled over five thousand miles by rail and coach, taken sev-

eral sea-trips, enrolled 147 new members, and secured just a hundred "White Ribbon" subscribers; made a few real friends, had some humorous experiences, as well as very sad ones, and conclude the year with many thanks to the kind friends who have so generously entertained me, and loving gratitude to Our Father Who has stood by me through all the ups and downs of life.

Yours for God, Home and Humanity,

MARY S. POWELL,
Dominion Organiser.

"THE STRENGTH OF THE NATION MOVEMENT."

B. Lee-Cowie, Organiser.

"Your iniquities have separated between you and God."

"Oh Israel thou hast destroyed thyself, but in Me is thy help."

Dear President and Comrades,—

When you sent me forth on the great campaign last year to call the people to prayer and power, we all knew that God alone could help us.

The people were so hard, so indifferent, or so absorbed in other branches of patriotic work that our great cause seemed pushed out.

However, we began by publishing our 1st Manifesto, letters to churches and to organisations, and getting the whole Dominion organised for distribution of our leaflets, and other things.

Next we got our Manifesto into 17 of the leading newspapers of the country, and were honoured by leaders, articles, and comments.

Ministers read our Manifesto from their pulpits, Temperance bodies made it part of their programme, and everywhere a deep interest began to be awakened. We spent £128 8s during the first month, and organised from north to south, beginning at Pakiri, that noble little Union that has done so remarkably well in its short existence of 11 months.

In due time came the 2nd Manifesto, which was a "Call to Prayer." Then came the third, and also two poems—"The Cry of the Mothers to the Brewers," and the "Woman's Hour."

We were first in the field with an issue of "Defeat," by Arthur Mee, and sold over 6,000 in a short time; clearing the whole cost of publication, by its rapid sale. We also tried to increase the sale of our own "White Ribbon." Last of all in the literature line, we sold hundreds of an excellent issue of cartoons, published by the Alliance, and a few copies of "The Fiddlers."

Splendid meetings were held in town and country, attended by thousands of people.

Nearly 2000 names were given in of people willing to join our W.C.T.U., or our Prayer Bands. "The Outlook" (the Presbyterian paper) helped us most nobly, while other religious papers cheered us, and encouraged us in every possible way.

I interviewed Sir James Allen, the Mayors of different cities, and Members of Parliament, and others, besides giving evidence to the Efficiency Board.

Our members worked most loyally in the distribution of the Manifestos and leaflets, and have also given of their money to speed the day of Prohibition.

Printing and advertising have so increased in cost, I have been debarred from doing all I should like to have done, but I think you will agree that a vast amount of work was done for the year, at the moderate cost of £177.

The Officers of the Union were able to meet me in Conference in Wellington in June, and we were also in that famous six o'clock march to Parliament, and heard the presentation of the case in the House.

The half promise of the Premier and Sir Joseph Ward to give us a Referendum on the bare majority before the end of the year, did not reach fulfilment, but had all the temperance forces united in one great praying host, we could have gone against the liquor mountain, and said, "Be thou removed, and it should have been done." Let us this year with deep, strong courage, and unyielding faith go forward saying: "In the name of our God we set up our banners," and "Through God we shall do valiantly."

Balance Sheet.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Donations from Unions ...	38	16	0
Private Donations ...	25	0	0
Sales ...	3	2	10
Collections (Balance after deducting local exes.) ...	82	15	0
	149	13	10
Expenditure ...	177	0	0
Debit Balance ...	£27	6	2

The article, "Maiden Tribute of Modern Mars," and the returned soldier's letter have been printed in pamphlet form, and may be had from Mrs Houlder at 3s per 100.

The New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union.

BALANCE-SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28th FEBRUARY, 1918.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Credit Balance, 1st March, 1917—				Printing, Advertising, and			
New Zealand Fund	86	8	7	Stationery	37	9	6
Organising Fund	138	18	9	Postage, Telegrams, etc. ...	7	14	0
			228 7 4	Travelling Expenses	28	7	10
Capitation Fees—Balance 1916—				Grants to Departments	13	4	9
7 Unions, 147 Members, N.Z.	3	13	6	Miscellaneous	24	8	9
World's	0	12	1	Capitation Fees, World's			
1917—				W.C.T.U.	10	14	8
96 Adult Unions, 4327 Members				World's Missionary Fund ...	13	3	0
N.Z.	108	2	0	Strength of the Nation Fund ...	38	16	0
World's	17	18	6				173 18 6
10 "Y" Unions, 507 Members	3	4	4	Organising Fund—			
			133 10 5	Salary	104	0	0
World's Missionary Fund ...	13	3	0	Travelling Expenses	18	16	7
Donations and Franchise Day				Reporter's Railway Ticket ...	10	17	6
Fund	32	2	5	Postage, Telegrams, etc. ...	4	12	0
Strength of the Nation Fund ...	38	16	0	Literature and Stationery ...	1	1	0
			84 1 5	Accident Insurance	0	9	6
Organising Fund—							139 16 7
Branch Donations	139	9	11				313 15 1
Private Donations	1	3	0	Credit Balance, 28th Feb., 1918—			
Per Miss Powell—Donations...	44	9	6	New Zealand Fund	130	1	11
			185 2 5	Organising Fund	184	4	7
							314 6 6
							£628 1 7
			£628 1 7				

Examined and found correct,
GEO. PLUMMER, Auditor.
Auckland, 1st March, 1918.

NELLIE BENDELY, N.Z. Treasurer.

"WHITE RIBBON."

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1917.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand, January 1st, 1917	10	9	9	Printing Account for 12 Months	223	17	10
Subscriptions and Sales	279	4	10	Blocks	1	19	0
Union Advertisements	24	2	6	Travelling Expenses	3	10	0
Trade Advertisements	10	5	0	Postages	75	6	6
Grant from N.Z. Fund	25	0	0	Wrappers	11	18	1
Sale of Pamphlets	1	8	5	Stationery	2	19	10
				Bank Charges	0	16	5
				Allowance to Business Manager ...	15	0	0
				Telephone	5	6	7
				Balance in Hand	9	16	3
			£350 10 6				£350 10 6

BALANCE-SHEET.

ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand	9	16	3	Subscriptions Overpaid	105	2	6
Union Advertisements Due	12	0	0	Union Advertisements Overpaid ...	5	9	0
Subscriptions Due	144	2	6	Surplus Balance	60	7	3
Typewriter	5	0	0				
			£170 18 9				£170 18 9

Examined and found correct,
BERGER LYNNEBERG, R.A.
Ngaio, March 19th, 1918.

NELLIE PERYMAN, Business Manager,

SUPERINTENDENTS' ANNUAL REPORTS.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Supt.: Mrs Judson.

I have received reports this year from 16 Unions, five of which have a local superintendent for this department. This is a slight increase on the last two years, and with one or two exceptions, reports have been sent in much more promptly. As is usually the case, the majority of the reports are concerned mainly with the representation of women on School Committees and Hospital Boards. For the former, Christchurch stands highest, with 14 women members on different committees, Auckland coming next, with seven; Palmerston N. with three; New Brighton, Wellington District, Hamilton, Ashburton, Wanganui, and Wanganui E., with two each; and N.E. Valley and Nelson with one. Only four Unions have reported women members on Hospital Boards, Palmerston N. having three, Christchurch, Nelson, and Wanganui one each; but I am inclined to think these lists are incomplete. In both cases the majority are members of the W.C.T.U. The Christchurch Superintendent reports increasing difficulty in getting women to stand for School Committees, on account of the curtailment of the Committee's powers, many women feeling that they can do more useful work along other lines. This is to be regretted, as in visiting the schools there are many opportunities for suggestions from a woman with regard to the conditions under which the children are working. There are two questions which have been somewhat prominently before the Unions this year—the appointment of women police has been again brought up, and special efforts made. Christchurch, Auckland, and Nelson report deputations to the local M.P., and New Brighton to the Hon. Mr Russell upon the matter, and resolutions have also been forwarded. There now seems hope that we may before long see in New Zealand an officially recognised body of women police, as in other parts of the Empire. The other matter which has been taken up this year by several of the larger Unions is the improvement of cinema performances for children, aiming at better physical conditions at such performances, and also at the raising of the moral standard of the films displayed. Christchurch, Dunedin, and South Dunedin Unions have been specially active in this work, holding very successful public meetings in connection with it, and in Palmerston North a deputation waited upon the picture manager. Nelson and New Plymouth have also taken the matter in hand, and we hope that this coming year may see some definite action resulting in much needed reform. Auckland, Palmerston N., New Brighton, Kaiapoi, Nelson, and Wainawa report work for the 6 o'clock closing petition. This work was, of course, taken part in by many of the Unions,

and does not belong specially to this department, but it affords scope for good educative work in arousing in women especially a sense of their responsibility as citizens, and the duty of making full use of their privileges, which opportunity in some cases at least was taken advantage of. Literature has also been distributed in Auckland, Kaiapoi, and Nelson, Auckland especially doing much good work in that way. Very little has been reported in the way of lectures or public meetings. Auckland reports two—one to protest against the compulsory clauses of the Social Hygiene Bill, and one in connection with the visit of Rev. Mr Hammond, of Sydney, also several Temperance addresses. Dunedin held a meeting of protest against the light sentences imposed in the Ebzery and Parker cases; and Kaiapoi reports three in connection with 6 o'clock closing, with Mrs Lee-Cowie's campaign, and with the Social Hygiene Bill. Waipawa organised a citizens' meeting on Sunday evening, September 2nd, when resolutions against the drink traffic were passed and forwarded to Government; letters of sincere support were also sent to the local M.P. and to members of the Cabinet. At one of the Wellington District Union meetings the paper on Good Citizenship published in the "White Ribbon" was read, and at another an address on the subject was given, with reference to the "Mothers' Thought Guild," for the helping of mothers in the training of their children. In Nelson, also, an address upon this Guild was given at a meeting of Cradle Roll mothers; an address to mothers, by Dr. Ada Paterson, on "The Care of Children," was also arranged by this department in conjunction with the Plunket Society. At the Nelson District Convention two interesting addresses were given on "Women in Public Life" and "The Montessori System"; a resolution was also carried on the lines of the one passed by the last N.Z. Convention, protesting against the gambling methods so common in raising money for patriotic funds. An address was also given on Franchise Day upon "The Initiative and the Referendum." Ashburton reports the great success of the rest room opened by them two years ago, which has proved a great boon to mothers; this Union also takes the oversight of waiting-rooms, with very good results as regards cleanliness, etc., and the members take part in farewell entertainments for soldiers. The South Dunedin Union is affiliated with the National Council of Women. In view of the need for united action by all women's societies, if reforms are to be successfully carried out, I would call special attention to this as a step worthy of consideration by all Unions who have not already taken it and are in a position to do so. Union is strength, and in all our work we do well to

remember that it is not done simply for our own success as a Union, but rather as helping on the united efforts for reform put forth by all sections of the community.

NOTABLE DAYS.

Frances Willard Day.—The following Unions celebrated Willard Day:—Ashburton, address on "Notable Women" and collection for World's Missionary Fund; Christchurch, address on "Proportional Representation"; New Plymouth, address on 6 o'clock closing petitions; Napier, paper on "The Life of Frances Willard" and a picnic; Gisborne, public invited, and afternoon tea provided; Normanby, special collection; Hawera, address on "Life and Character of Frances Willard"; Tinwald, collection for World's Missionary Fund; Pahiatua, collection; Nelson, address on "Life and Work of Frances Willard"; Waipawa, picnic and address Greytown (one case of old linen and on Frances Willard's life, collection; Waipukurau, picnic and collection.

Franchise Day.—Winchmore had an address on Women's Franchise in New Zealand; Napier, social afternoon, address by the Editor of "Hawke's Bay Observer"; New Plymouth, address, with splendid attendance; Christchurch, address on "Responsibility of the Woman's Vote"; Bluff, gift afternoon, address on "Women's Responsibilities"; Nelson, address upon "Initiative and Referendum," collection of 21s 3d for N.Z. Fund; Waipawa, readings on "Woman's Work in New Zealand since 1893, and Improvement in Laws Relating to Women and Children Since That Date"; Gisborne, Hawera, and Fitzroy also celebrated Franchise Day.

White Ribbon Day was observed by Christchurch; address on "White Ribbon" paper from 1894 to present time; Winchmore; Palmerston North; Napier, address by Dominion Superintendent of Social Hygiene Department; New Plymouth, social afternoon; Bluff, mothers' meeting; Ashburton; Gisborne; Nelson, collection 13s 6d for Maori work.

T. E. Taylor Day.—Christchurch, address on "Life of T. E. Taylor"; Palmerston N., gift afternoon and social gathering; Napier, address; Bluff, drawing-room meeting; Ashburton, address; Gisborne, special meeting, public invited; Nelson, donation for 6 o'clock closing petitions.

BACKBLOCKS.

No Superintendent.

Nelson is the only Union which has reported work in this department. Parcels have been sent to Tui Kiwi, Mangarakau, Rai Valley, and all the sawmills adjacent to any place where a number of men in the backblocks congregate and work. Nelson always has a parcel ready when wanted,

LITERATURE.

Supt.: Mrs Houlder.

This department, perhaps more than any other, suffers because of the war. Prices of almost all kinds of literature have gone up very considerably, as well as postage on parcels. There is also the difficulty of getting literature from Home, and in many cases months elapse before orders come to hand; but in spite of it all, the department has done well, and many of the small Unions exceptionally so. Reports have come in from Warkworth, Stratford, New Plymouth, Pahiataua, Wellington District, Wellington Central, Christchurch, Hawera, Feilding, Timaru, Lyttelton, New Brighton, Wanganui, Napier, Greytown, Oxford, Nelson, Cambridge, Gisborne, Palmerston North, all telling of literature bought and distributed. The railway boxes in many stations are kept filled with papers by our Union members.

Hospitals and Old People's Homes are well looked after, and specially this year have our soldiers and sailors been remembered. Several of our Unions have started libraries, and find it a very good method of circulating educational and other books that are more expensive than the majority care to buy.

Country Unions are specially urged to consider starting a library in connection with their Union, as a means of circulating temperance and purity principles amongst those who cannot get such easy access to public libraries as the city members.

Our Organiser, Miss Powell, has been a consistent supporter of this department, and has been the means of selling many books to the Unions where she has been visiting.

Mrs Cowie has also helped the department by putting books into it for sale. Many of our Unions have purchased literature during the year, but have sent in no report, and to some of these several parcels have been sent. One hundred and eighty parcels and letters have been sent out since April 30th, when the department was taken over.

Balance-Sheet from April 30th, 1917, to December 30th, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

Received from Mrs Dear-love	£8	7	8
Grant N.Z. Treasurer	0	7	6
From Sale Literature	15	12	7
Special from Sale "Defeat"	14	0	6
	£38	8	3

EXPENDITURE.

Printing	£7	6	8
Literature	11	2	0
Purchase "Defeat"	13	10	0
Postage	1	18	5
Postage "Defeat"	1	7	1

	£35	4	2
Balance in Hand	3	4	1

£38 8 3

Balance-Sheet Purity Literature.

From Sale of Literature	£3	2	2
Expenditure	2	5	3

Balance ... £0 16 11

MILITARY CAMPS.

Supt.: Miss Helyer.

All Unions have taken an active part in obtaining 6 o'clock closing of hotel bars, which will be of untold benefit to Military Camps.

New Plymouth reports sending books to Military Camps

Palmerston North.—Magazines and temperance literature sent to Awapuni Camp at intervals during the year.

Wellington Central.—The Union's patriotic leaflet, "A Message For You," supplied to Y.M.C.A. Soldiers' Hostel, Boulcott Street. In consequence of a letter appearing in a local paper stating that spirits and other intoxicating drinks were supplied by the Y.M.C.A. to soldiers in the trenches, a letter was sent to the Dominion Secretary, drawing his attention to the statement, and asking for a denial or a verification of the same. In reply, a letter was received from Mr H. M. Smeeton, containing an emphatic denial of such a state of affairs.

Nelson reports sending New Testaments regularly to boys leaving for the Front.

Timaru.—Literature and pamphlets sent to Territorials.

Pahiataua reports "No work done."

Other Unions failed to report. From the few reports sent in, it is evident that Unions find this a very difficult department to work.

Suggestion.—That all Unions should endeavour to provide some evening form of entertainment for soldiers on leave. The closing of hotel bars in the evening hours seems to make this imperative.

That Convention should give a lead in this direction.

Y's AND MEDAL CONTESTS.

Supt.: Mrs Griffin.

Five Unions reported, three of them being organised this year.

Auckland.—Membership, 150. Opened with a social, 300 guests present. Held a Bazaar upon a very large scale. Intend sending delegates to Convention. They raised £156.

Hawera.—Membership, 35. One social has been held.

Wanganui.—Membership, 43. Mesdames Hague, Smith, Napier, Miss Powell, Revs. Radford and Werren, have given addresses. Willard Day observed. Assisted with 6 o'clock closing petitions, and wrote to member urging him to support it. Assisted with doll stall at Annual Show. Six "White Ribbon" subscribers obtained. Old Men's Home visited. Nineteen new members for the year.

Aramoho.—Commenced four months ago with a membership of 12, since increased to 37. Six subscribers to "White Ribbon" secured. Cradle Roll of 11 names. Assisted with stall at the Show.

Palmerston N. and Port Chalmers have organised Y's this year.

Timaru has 12 young members in parent Union.

I have written for suitable literature for organising and equipping Y. and Medal Contests, and hope to be able to supply shortly.

Nelson assisted at the Sale of work, and trained the L.T.L., and with it gave a concert in aid of local organising work.

WORK AMONG SEAMEN.

Supt.: Mrs Nimmo.

Work among seamen is almost entirely restricted to the crews of over-sea vessels, which visit the larger ports of the Dominion, where there are well-equipped organisations specially devoted to this work. The crews of our local steamers have their homes at the ports most convenient to them. Available opportunities, however, have been seized, and with good results.

The work at Greymouth has been carried on with vigour, but owing to a strike among the crews of locally owned steamers, these vessels were for some time laid up, and the "Rest" closed. Advantage was taken of this for effecting repairs, and a complete renovation of the building, at a cost of £150. A Sale of Work has materially helped to pay this, leaving a small debt still standing.

Timaru reports few over-sea vessels in port. The crews of visiting ships have eagerly availed themselves of the facilities for writing, reading, and games. Socials have been always given when the larger vessels have been in port. Warm expressions of appreciation and letters of thanks for the homely "Rest" and what was done for their welfare, have been received. During the year, 401 men made 1215 visits to the "Rest."

Napier has done specially good work during the year for the mine-sweepers and their dependents. In June and August cases were sent to London, containing 26 dozen articles, through the Wellington Naval Dependents' League. In October, in response to my appeal, a case of warm clothing was sent, valued at £52.

Pahiataua supplied 54 comfort bags and 54 needle books, equally divided between the Wellington and Lyttelton Societies.

Kaipoi also supplied comfort bags to Lyttelton.

Wellington has co-operated with the local branch of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society, both by money contributions and assistance at the free Sunday teas. It may be stated here that since the closing of hotel bars at six o'clock there has been a most apparent improvement in the condition of sailors. The Society's "Rest" is much more largely attended in the evening, when tea and coffee is now provided free. As a further effect, the police have no trouble as formerly, men return to their ships sober, and are more efficient in work. Six o'clock closing of bars is in Wellington a distinct success, so far as sailors are concerned.

I made an appeal for warm clothing for our mine-sweepers and the crews of torpedoed ships. The response by our Unions and the public in goods

and money has been really splendid. Lovely garments of the value of £921 14s 6d were received, and cash to the sum of £557 14s, of which £113 18s 6d came from other sources. A detailed statement will be found in the "White Ribbon" issue for December and January. I very sincerely thank the Unions for their hearty and successful co-operation, and rejoice that our united efforts have resulted in a worthy gift to those men of the sea to whom the Empire, in her time of great peril, owes a great debt of gratitude.

HOME MEETINGS.

Supt.: Mrs Garroway.

Ninety-eight meetings reported, and 170 new members. Several Unions report having appointed Superintendents of Home Meetings, also letter-writers. It has been proved at Home Meetings that most women are willing to become members, but not to attend meetings. These women are most difficult to hold as members of the W.C.T.U. They don't have enough interest to report themselves, and unless they are well looked after there is a serious leakage. It is discouraging when you think of the effort required to win 100, another 100 members are allowed to drop off for lack of organisation.

PRESS.

Supt.: Mrs Duxfield.

Ten reports only have this year been sent to the N.Z. Press Superintendent. Last year twelve Unions reported, and the year previous twenty, so you will see there is a steady decrease in one of the most important departments of our work. At the same time, we note with pleasure the number of new and old Unions who report regularly to our "White Ribbon." Sorry many of these have neglected to send their annual report to me.

The following report meetings regularly to local papers and "White Ribbon":—Nelson, Napier, Bluff, Christchurch, Wanganui E., Auckland, Hawera, New Brighton, Ashburton, Wanganui.

Nelson sends pars to papers re social and municipal work; Napier advertises in local paper; Bluff paid for insertion of Efficiency Board's report (30s), also "Call of God to the Women" (40s), and "Cry of the Mothers"; Auckland advertised first Manifesto, and also appeal for mine-sweepers; Ashburton published annual report in local paper, the editor of which has been most sympathetic, and has published fine articles on Drink, Social Evil, and other questions; Wanganui E. published appeal for mine-sweepers, deputation on women police and 6 o'clock meeting well reported in local papers, also L.T.L. meetings; Christchurch inserted letters on 6 o'clock closing and other reforms in local papers. A presentment of W.C.T.U. was published on first draft of Social Hygiene Bill. Notes of progress have been exchanged with Women's Civic Guild in Perth, W.A., and with Women's Non-Party Political Association in Ade-

laide, S.A., and communication kept up with British Dominion Women Suffrage Union and Women's Press in Great Britain.

In conclusion, we can look back on the year that has passed with thankful hearts, seeing that our efforts on behalf of reform have met with some measure of success. Still much has yet to be accomplished, and I would urge on every Union the necessity of using the Press at every opportunity. Let us continuously educate and agitate.

PRISON AND REFORM WORK.

Supt.: Sister Moody-Bell.

Not one Union has reported work done in this department this year. The following are suggestions of work for next year:—

Prison Sunday.—On one Sunday in the year get ministers to speak on additional reforms which are needed.

Cards might be distributed through the Chaplains at Christmas, New Year, and Easter seasons.

Police Courts.—Where there is no woman missionary in attendance, members of W.C.T.U. would be helpful there.

Local Unions, where industrial school exists, should ascertain if regular Bible Classes are held and temperance teaching given.

It is gratefully acknowledged that at various times during the year decided and prompt action has been taken in various methods to promote the appointment of women police and patrols.

MAORI WORK.

Superintendent: Mrs Walker.

Again a difficult year; no regular organiser having yet been obtained. I have had an immense amount of correspondence for the same reason, as it is so important not to let interest die, and to keep in touch, through correspondence and literature with those Unions that are anxious to work. Miss Woodhead kindly visited the Northern Unions for us lately with immediate good results.

I have sent out this year 1645 of our Maori leaflets, with English translations, where required, about 40 Cradle Roll cards, and 70 pledge cards, also Rules and writing blocks to those Unions that are working, and have written over 120 letters besides.

The thanks of the Union are due to the following Unions and ladies, who have kindly contributed this year to the Fund:—

Donations: Mrs Evans, 10s; Norsewood Union, 6s; Hawera, £3; Oxford, £1 8s 6d; Wanganui, £2 10s; Wanganui East, £2; N.E. Valley, £1 10s; Dunedin Union, £2 5s; Dunedin South, 5s; Winchmore, 10s; New Plymouth, £2 2s; Pahiataua, 16s 6d; Wellington Central, £1; Wellington Union, £1; Nelson Union, £3, Kaiapoi, £1; Auckland District Union, £1; Napier, £1; Palmerston North, £2; South Invercargill, £1.

Collections: Mrs Fairlie, Gisborne, 10s; Mrs Young, Palmerston N., 10s; Mrs Plummer, Ponsonby, £2 2s; Mrs

Judson, £1; Nelson, 13s 6d; Gisborne, 13s 6d; Ashburton, 15s 1d; Waimate, 10s; Fitzroy, 12s; Waka, Nelson, 10s 6d; Wellington Central, 14s; Mrs Morison, Ngaere, 15s; Linwood, 12s 10d; N.Z. Treasurer, 7s 6d; Port Chalmers, 10s.

Timaru reports usual Christmas tree, one Band of Hope meeting, visiting, and distribution of literature.

Palmerston North, Whangarei, Pahiataua, Kati Kati, and Wanganui East Unions, also Mrs Jamison, Mrs Clausen, Mrs Little, Mrs Jarvie, Miss Maunders, and Miss Gaustad have distributed literature.

Native Unions.—Arapaoa reports 10 members, Oranawhero 10, Oturei 8, Poutu 6, and Otamatea 20, making 63 financial members for this year. Great credit is due to these Unions for holding together under many difficulties, and we hope to see delegates from them at Convention.

FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK.

Supt.: Miss E. C. Cole.

The following Unions report visiting hospitals and the sick at home, distributing eggs, flowers, literature, etc.:—Waipawa, Stratford, Napier, Ashburton (visits Old Men's Home), Palmerston North, Oxford, Auckland, Warkworth (flowers sent to Auckland Mothers' Day), Hamilton, Gisborne (two afternoon teas and six musical evenings), Wanganui (concert at Old Men's Home), Timaru, Kaiapoi, Greytown, and Pahiataua, also Eltham.

Patriotic Work.—Pahiataua (comforts to wounded soldiers), Eltham (sewing for Red Cross and Belgian relief, collected funds for Y.M.C.A. funds). Greytown (one case of old linen and 1200 knitted eye-bandages), Kaiapoi (£3 sent to Red Cross, rooms lent to Red Cross Society), Timaru (£9 worth of goods to mine-sweepers), Wanganui (£8 worth of goods to mine-sweepers, £20 raised for Red Cross, a stall at Agricultural Show, members meet once a week to make garments for Red Cross), Gisborne (£70 worth of goods for mine-sweepers), Cambridge (£3 15s to Red Cross Fund), Hamilton (550 garments for Red Cross), Christchurch (members meet once a week for Red Cross sewing, took charge twice of Red Cross shop, £42 and £26 raised, held a Sale for Lady Liverpool Fund, £40 raised, 313 garments sent to Red Cross, and 2204 articles to Lady Liverpool Fund), Wellington District (76 garments to Red Cross), Wellington Central (took charge of Triangle Cake Room one day, £8 raised, also helped with stall at Paddy's Market), Bluff (lent hall for patriotic meetings and to Patriotic Guild, £15 worth of goods to mine-sweepers), Auckland (raised £102 for "Our Day," help cater for Soldiers' Club), New Brighton (collected £10 11s 9d for Lady Liverpool Fund, 37 articles for Red Cross), Palmerston North (542 garments to mine-sweepers, 1 case of clothing for Serbians, and two to Belgians, stalls at Paddy's Market and Winter Show, £10 from tea rooms at Skating Rink to wounded

soldiers). Otautau (£1 10s to Red Cross, £1 10s to Lady Liverpool Fund, £1 5s to Soldiers' Parcel Fund, clothing for British and Belgian refugees), Normanby (£16 2s 6d to Y.M.C.A., £10 11s 7d for Red Cross, "Our Day" Red Cross shop £60, £21 for soldiers' comforts, garden party for Y.M.C.A. £8 2s, Dardanelles Shop for Y.M.C.A. £16 12s 6d, mine-sweepers £13 11s 6d), Ashburton (boys going into camp provided with gifts and button-holes, also soldiers on leave and returning sick and wounded, helped to raise £1500 for "Our Day" Red Cross, parcels sent to soldiers, £10 10s and 60 garments for mine-sweepers), Rakaia (£1 13s 3d to Y.M.C.A. Coffee Fund for Soldiers), Winchmore-Greenstreet (7s 6d and gifts to Lady Liverpool Fund, £1 3s 6d and tinned goods for Y.M.C.A. Fund, parcel sent to Stocking League), Otahuhu (garments valued at £10 to mine-sweepers, took June 11th at the Soldiers' Club, two cases of goods to "Our Day" Red Cross), New Plymouth (provided refreshments for patriotic workers at Agricultural Show, £80 raised for Patriotic Fund), Stratford (took two days in connection with Patriotic Market, one day's proceeds to Y.M.C.A., socks and other garments sent to boys in the trenches), Waipawa (£36 sent to mine-sweepers), Lower Hutt (case of clothing sent to mine-sweepers), Otautau collected £16 17s for Dr. Barnardo's Homes; Wanganui and Auckland visit returned soldiers at Public Hospital, and distribute chocolate, flowers, etc.; Christchurch visits Jubilee Home, and gives a tea and concert once a year; Wellington, three laundries, three factories, and Alexandra Home visited, and bunches of flowers, with texts attached, distributed; Oxford Y Branch and L.T.L. held a concert in aid of children wounded in London air raids, £23 was handed over to the fund.

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.

Supt.: Mrs Clara M. Neal.

The following Unions purchased leaflets for general distribution:—Hawera, 618; Pakiri, 336; Aongatete, 180; Auckland, 108; Leigh.

Sample Packets purchased by: Stratford, Hamilton East, Hastings, Napier, Winchmore-Greenstreet, Hikurangi, Tuakau, Wellington Central.

Leaflets purchased for Cradle Roll work by: Hamilton East, Lower Hutt, Pahiatua.

Leaflets especially suitable for Cradle Roll work sent to Cradle Roll Superintendents of the following Unions:—Hamilton East, Pakiri, Takapuna, Wanganui "Y's," Hikurangi, Normanby, Wanganui East, Tuakau, Tauranga, Leigh, Aramoho "Y's."

Palmerston North.—The Superintendent prepared two papers, one on "The Effects of Alcohol on the Liver and Kidneys," and the other on "Why Mothers Should Abstain Wholly from Alcohol." These were read at meetings, and copies sent to Auxiliaries, and to the Educational Bureau. The Superintendent has also given lessons

from the charts to Sunday School class, and to several L.T.L.'s, when a number of Boy Scouts were present.

Napier has a member on the Hospital and Charitable Aid Board, who has distributed to the doctor and members of the Board leaflets purchased from this department, showing the striking decrease in the use of alcoholic liquors in various hospitals in America in the past two decades.

Pahiatua has distributed leaflets at home meetings and put them in sailors' Christmas comfort bags.

Balance-Sheet Medical Temperance Department, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

1916 Balance ...	£0 19 11
Sales at Convention ...	1 5 10
Sales by Post ...	1 14 11
Departmental Grant ...	0 7 6

£4 8 2

EXPENDITURE.

Purchases U.S.A. ...	£3 13 0
Postage on Parcels and Letters ...	0 6 6½
Balance in Hand ...	0 8 7½

£4 8 2

ASSETS.

Cash in Hand ...	£0 8 7½
Value of Leaflets in Stock ...	4 14 0
Amount Owing to Dept. ...	0 3 0

£5 6 1½

30 letters and parcels sent out by this Department during the year.

2,500 leaflets sold, and 1,400 leaflets distributed free to temperance workers, cradle roll superintendents, and at meetings.

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

Supt.: Mrs Clara M. Neal.

The following Unions report **Cradle Roll work**:—

Auckland, 85; Devonport, 22; Birkenhead, 29; Hamilton East, 39; Cambridge, 50; Napier, 83, increase 12; Waipawa, 30; Hawera, 149; Normanby, 93, increase 26, reached age limit 15; Wanganui "Y's," 13; Aramoho "Y's," 11; Palmerston North, 107, increase 40, reached age limit 11; Pahiatua, 126, reached age limit 11; Woodville, 174, increase 40, removals 28, visits made 110; Wellington Central, 19; Lower Hutt, 76, increase 28; Nelson, 118, increase 9, reached age limit 14; Blenheim, 86, increase 9, reached age limit 14; New Brighton, 41, increase 21, removals 8, each home visited three times; Rakaia, 21; Winchmore-Greenstreet, 36; Timaru, 216, increase 29, reached age limit, 23; South Dunedin; New Plymouth, 352; Ngaruawahia, 37.

Picnics were held by Napier, 60 present, and Timaru, 120 mothers and children present.

Afternoon meetings were held by: Birkenhead, 3 meetings, with birthday card Superintendent sends letter telling child how many members on roll; Hamilton East, address; Palmerston North, Waipawa, address, Christmas tree for tiny tots; Lower Hutt, 30 mothers and children; Nelson, Blenheim, New Brighton, Timaru, Winch-

more-Greenstreet, toys and sweets for children.

The following purchased Medical Temperance leaflets for Cradle Roll work: Auckland, Hamilton East, Lower Hutt, Pahiatua.

The following purchased "Purity" leaflets for mothers: Auckland, Hamilton East, Greytown, Wellington Central, New Brighton.

The following purchased Eighth Year Certificates: Napier, Normanby, Pahiatua, Lower Hutt, Rangiora, Timaru.

The following Unions purchased cards, but have not forwarded report: Henderson, Pukekohe, Tuakau, Takapuna, Leigh, Tauranga, Ngaruawahia, Hikurangi, Waihi, New Plymouth, Kapuni, Rangiora, Kaikorai, Sawyer's Bay.

Instructions "How to Organise a Cradle Roll" sent to the following Unions: Hamilton East, Pakiri, Takapuna, Wanganui "Y's," Aramoho "Y's," Hikurangi, Normanby, Wanganui East, Tuakau, Tauranga, Leigh.

Loyal Temperance Legion and Band of Hope.

Tauranga.—Weekly meetings; average attendance, 14; signed pledge, 12; two picnics; 7 members paid L.T.L. capitation, 3d per member.

Feilding.—50 members; fortnightly meetings; one social, one picnic, and one competition in singing and elocution.

Waipukurau.—12 meetings, 2 socials, 76 members, average attendance 50.

Hawera.—7 meetings, 39 members, 15 signed pledge.

Stratford.—Fortnightly meetings; address or object lesson given; average attendance, 40; signed pledge, 31.

Wanganui East.—Weekly meetings; lessons from charts and manuals, also addresses by various ministers; 140 members.

Pahiatua.—Band of Hope organised by Church of Christ, W.C.T.U. assist.

Wellington District.—18 meetings; addresses given; average attendance, 20.

Wellington Central.—50 members; prizes given to all members who had helped to entertain others; addresses given; one social.

Nelson.—Monthly meetings; 100 members; a concert, at which "Ten Temperance Talks" were given; one social.

New Brighton.—United Band of Hope; nearly all White Ribboners on Committee; bright, helpful programmes given.

Kaiapoi.—United Band of Hope, managed by W.C.T.U.; 7 meetings; average attendance, 300 children and adults; 171 members; 51 prizes given; double marks given for temperance items. A choir of 30 girls trained. Exchange of programmes given by Rangiora and Kaiapoi Bands of Hope. 100 free copies of "Defeat or Victory?" distributed. Receipts £26. Contributed to the "Red Cross," the "Outlook Fighting," and "Maori Organising" Funds, also to the fund for

providing electric light for the W.C.T.U. rooms.

Ashburton.—W.C.T.U., assisted by "Y's"; 61 members; addresses given; one social; prizes given for various competitions.

Rakaia.—16 meetings; 65 members; one public meeting, proceeds sent to Y.M.C.A. Coffee Fund for soldiers.

North-East Valley.—Two Bands of Hope; 115 members; 36 new members; W.C.T.U. gives prizes for essays.

Birkenhead and Avondale each have an L.T.L.

Tinwald and Winchmore-Greenstreet each have Bands of Hope, but have sent no particulars.

The following Unions purchased L.T.L. badges: Urenui, Woodville, Feilding, Wanganui East, Wellington Central, Ngaio, Birkenhead.

The following purchased Charts: Invercargill, Auckland, Tatuanui, Greymouth, Rakaia, Wellington District, Dunedin, Ngaio.

L.T.L. Lesson Manuals purchased by the following: Auckland, Tatuanui, Sawyer's Bay, Greenlane, Henderson, Wanganui, Opotiki, Greymouth, Tauranga, Dunedin, Fitzroy, Te Kuiti, Hawera, Tauranga, Whangarei, Avondale, Wanganui, Palmerston North, Lower Hutt.

L.T.L. Pledge Cards purchased by: Feilding, Waipukurau, Woodville, Ngaio, Wellington District, Wellington Central, Avondale, Devonport, Birkenhead, Stratford, Hawera, Tauranga.

L.T.L. Hand-Books supplied to: Wanganui East, Oxford, Auckland, Tatuanui, Blenheim, Dunedin, Sawyer's Bay, Christchurch, Greenland, Henderson, Wanganui, Opotiki, Greymouth, West Oxford, Waipukurau, Ngaio, Lower Waitoa, Hawera, Avondale, Tauranga, New Plymouth, Birkenhead, Te Kuiti, Devonport, Swanson, Whangarei, Palmerston North, Lower Hutt, Koriniti, Ashburton.

Twenty-six subscribers obtained for "The Young Crusader."

Band of Mercy.

The attention of L.T.L. Superintendents has frequently been directed to the advice given in the L.T.L. Hand-book regarding the forming of Bands of Mercy in connection with L.T.L.'s. A number of packets of Mercy leaflets were sold at the Dominion Convention, but no reports have been received.

Balance-Sheet Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Band of Mercy Dept., 1917.

RECEIPTS

1916 Balance	...	£3	0	7
Band of Mercy Grant	...	0	7	6
Sales at Convention	...	5	9	4
Sales by Post	...	29	4	10
		£38	2	3

EXPENDITURE.

Purchases U.S.A.	...	£17	12	7
Duty on Badges	...	0	9	9
Printing Cradle Roll Birth-day Cards	...	5	14	6
Printing Cradle Roll Pledge Cards	...	2	5	6
Printing L.T.L. Pledge Cards	...	2	10	6
Carriage on Cards and from U.S.A.	...	1	15	10
Postage on Parcels and Letters	...	3	8	0
Balance in Hand	...	4	5	7
		£38	2	3

ASSETS.

Cash in Hand	...	£4	5	7
Manuals, Charts, Cards, etc., in Stock	...	18	11	0
Amount of Accounts Owng	...	3	10	1
		£26	6	8

294 letters written and 170 parcels sent out by this department during the year.

HOME SCIENCE

(Hygiene, Thrift, and Domestic Science).

Supt.: Mrs McDonald.

Four years ago Wellington Central asked the Railway authorities to have separate lavatory accommodation for women and children on all long distance trains. A beginning in this direction has been made this year on the Wellington-Auckland line. The old dining cars have been remodelled into ladies' travelling apartments, with an attendant to supply hot water or milk for mothers travelling with babies.

Timaru reports literature distributed.

The Education Department is giving great prominence to the teaching of Domestic Science in the public schools.

I would urge all Unions to purchase and distribute literature, and to have at least one or two addresses on Home Science throughout the year.

LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY.

Supt. Miss Henderson.

Six O'clock Closing.—All the Unions report hearty co-operation with the N.Z. Alliance in promoting the success of the movement for 6 o'clock closing of liquor bars. In some cases the work in the district was organised by the local Union, and in all cases members of the Union undertook house to house canvassing for signatures. This was supplemented by letters and telegrams to members of Cabinet and M.P.'s, and a large share of the success which attended the agitation was undoubtedly due to the enthusiastic efforts of the W.C.T.U. members. Much good work was also done in connection with the campaign for National Prohibition; letters and resolutions were sent to the National Government, and protests were made against the refusal of the Government to adopt the recommendations of the Efficiency Board.

Women Police Patrols.—The demand for the appointment of women police patrols was urged with greater insistence this year than ever before. The Unions were written to and asked to appoint deputations to wait upon the local M.P. and urge his support of this reform. With few exceptions, the Unions complied with the request, and members were either interviewed or written to. The Legal and Parliamentary Department pressed the question upon the attention of the Premier, Sir Joseph Ward, and the Hon. Mr Herdman, and forwarded to every member of Parliament a schedule of the suggested duties of these police patrols, at the same time asking the support of members when the question came before the House. Several members of the W.C.T.U. also formed part of a deputation to the Prime Minister and Sir Joseph Ward, when the appointment of women police was one of the matters dealt with. In spite of the fact that a majority of the members in the House have given their support to this demand, little hope can be expected from the attitude of the members of the National Cabinet.

Social Hygiene Bill.—Late in the session a Social Hygiene Bill was introduced into the House by the Minister of Public Health. While this Bill included provisions of undoubted value, such as those intended for the prevention of the treatment of venereal diseases by quacks, and those requiring that persons suffering from these diseases should submit themselves for treatment, the main provisions of the Bill were entirely objectionable, since they enacted that certain persons could be detained on suspicion that they suffered from venereal disease, and could then be compelled to submit to medical examination. Such measures were entirely at variance with the declared policy of the Union, and a vigorous protest was at once made. As the Bill was introduced late in the session, and there was every indication that it would be "rushed through," time did not permit of all the Unions being communicated with, but telegrams were sent to all District Unions, urging them to take action, and the Premier and Minister for Public Health were requested to delay passage of the Bill until the women's organisations had time to consider its provisions. Of the District Unions, Auckland, Gisborne, Napier, New Plymouth, Wanganui, Palmerston North, Hawera, Nelson, Greymouth, Christchurch, Timaru, Kaia-poi, protested against compulsory measures, and asked for delay. Onehunga, Waipukurau, Pahiatua, Wanganui East, Wanganui, Waimate, Port Chalmers, and Mosgiel also report having taken action with regard to the Bill. It is a matter for congratulation that before the Bill reached the third reading, clauses objected to were dropped.

Ebbery Case.—The notorious Ebbery case came under the notice of some of the Unions. Dunedin Union organised a public indignation meeting, and

passed strong resolutions dealing with the inadequate sentence passed upon the man, and demanding that the law against solicitation should be enforced against both sexes. Christchurch, Kaiapoi, Ashburton, and Wellington Provincial Conventions, and Palmerston North also forwarded protests to Government against the inadequate sentence.

Napier, Ashburton, Christchurch, Dunedin, Pahiataua, Kaiapoi, Wellington, and Ashburton Provincial Conventions have all urged the raising of the age of consent and the passage of various other measures for the better protection of children and young girls.

Wellington Provincial Convention, Pahiataua, Morrinsville, and South Invercargill protested against any proposal to lower the military age.

Pahiataua sent protest to Government against the deportation of conscientious objectors and the harsh treatment of the mothers of those deported.

Hamilton and Oxford protested against action of Minister of Railways in permitting the carriage of liquor on railways during the coal strike.

BIBLE-IN-SCHOOLS.

Supt.: Mrs Boxall.

Ashburton reports: Bible lessons are conducted daily in the Ashburton High School, also in the Borough and Hampstead Schools in the town, and four other schools in the district once a week.

Wanganui Central says: The Bible is taught in our schools.

Nelson reports: The Ministers' Association still continues to hold regular weekly classes in the State schools, the attendance being excellent.

Wellington.—Bible lessons are given in the Girls' High School, also Bible Circle study.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Supt.: Mrs Boxall.

Dunedin reports that literature is distributed on the wharf, also letters written to local papers re marble bars being open on Sundays. One letter referred to a football match which was played in April, 1917, by the French Army team and New Zealanders on a Sunday, at which the Hon. Massey hoped to be present. I am sure every member of the W.C.T.U. would regret to know that the Premier of our fair land had so little respect for the Sabbath Day that he could attend a football match while hundreds of our brave men were suffering and dying all around.

Ashburton.—No Superintendent for Sabbath Observance, but the work has been kept in view by the Union generally, and one instance of desecration called forth a protest, which was recognised, and discontinued.

Wellington District Union have distributed literature on Sabbath Observance, also written to City Council when knowing requests were being made to the members of the Council asking that the lawn tennis courts at Day's Bay be open on Sundays, but

regret to say the majority were in favour, and permission was granted for the courts to be open.

Wanganui reports one or two ministers through the year have condemned Sabbath breaking.

Dear Sisters, I regret to say numbers of our Unions have not replied to request asking if any work had been done during the year. The majority who have written say, "No Superintendent for your department, hence no work done."

MORAL AND SOCIAL HYGIENE.

Supt.: Miss McCarthy.

A large amount of useful work has been undertaken by Unions in many of the districts mentioned in the report, but, considering the urgent need for education in the work of this department, especially since the outbreak of war, and the consequent awakening of the public, the reports for the Dominion, as a whole, are extremely disappointing.

Literature.—Several thousand copies of the pamphlet by Dr. Platts-Mills have been circulated among and by the Branches, and the following Unions report work under this heading:—Ashburton, Auckland, Cambridge, Christchurch, Dunedin, South Dunedin, Greymouth, Gisborne, Hamilton, Kaiapoi, Nelson, New Plymouth, Pahiataua, Palmerston North, Stratford, Timaru, Takapuna, Wanganui East, Wellington District, and Wellington Central. Copies of "American Motherhood" are distributed by Dunedin, Greymouth, and Nelson. Nelson and Pahiataua have added to their libraries during the year. Dunedin and South Dunedin have voted small sums to commence a library. Nelson still maintains its depot for the sale of literature under the care of a member, and has also added "The Shield" to its magazines. Ashburton, Kaiapoi, Nelson, and Palmerston North District Unions have assisted auxiliary unions in working this department.

Women Police.—The appointment of women police has again been brought before the Cabinet by Auckland (where a deputation waited upon the local M.P.'s), Nelson, South Dunedin, Timaru, Napier, and Pahiataua. Ashburton has urged that more adequate sentences be passed upon men found guilty of indecent assaults upon little girls.

Protests.—A fresh attempt was made to re-introduce the compulsory clauses of the C.D. Acts under the Social Hygiene Bill. Indignant protests were sent from Nelson, Palmerston North, Christchurch, and Auckland, and requests from Dunedin and Pahiataua urging the Minister of Public Health not to push the Bill through the House until the women's societies had been given time to consider its clauses. The agitation aroused resulted in the deletion of all the objectionable clauses.

White Slave Traffic.—The two disgraceful cases, known as the Parker and Ebbery cases, revealed a shocking state of affairs, the latter recalling some of the features of the

Piccadilly Flat case in London. The Dunedin Union arranged a large public meeting for women, when strong resolutions were passed against the scandalously light sentence imposed. Similar protests went to the Cabinet from Nelson, Palmerston North, Christchurch, New Plymouth, and Pahiataua.

The Cinema.—Dunedin and Palmerston North report an attempt to improve this form of entertainment. The former has been instrumental in forming a committee, representing several educational and social reform societies; while the latter has approached the local picture managers.

Public meetings have been held by Palmerston North, Christchurch, and Dunedin, while special meetings of educational value have been held at Dunedin, Nelson, Cambridge, Gisborne, Napier, Palmerston North, and Waimate. Deputations have been arranged by Auckland, Wellington, Palmerston North, and Dunedin.

Newspaper correspondence has been carried on by Dunedin and Palmerston North. Wellington District Convention re-affirmed the resolutions passed at the National Convention. Christchurch has appointed a special committee to arrange a campaign of work for 1918.

I have to thank the local Superintendents at Gisborne, Pahiataua, and Ormondville for sending local newspaper extracts, as requested. As upwards of 75 per cent. of the Unions send no report, it is clear that this work is either very much neglected or goes unrecorded.

Balance-Sheet, Department of Moral and Social Hygiene.

RECEIPTS.

1917.	£	s.	d.
Aug. 8—Received from Mrs Dearlove	4	16	6
Jan. 19—Received from Mrs Dearlove	10	0	7
Dec.—For Library Dunedin W.C.T.U.	1	0	0
Nov.—For Library South Dunedin W.C.T.U.	0	10	0
Nov.—Miss Powell, for Literature	0	13	6
	£17	0	7

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Postage	0	14	3
Carriage	0	6	3
Whitcombe and Tombs, Account Book	0	3	6
Whitcombe and Tombs, File, 1s 3d Envelopes, 4s 6d	0	5	9
Literature from America	9	1	8
(43.25dols., poundage, 1s 6d)			
Balance	6	9	2
	£17	0	7

Examined and found correct—

E. BANNERMAN.

Waimate, March 11, 1918.

ANTI-GAMBLING.

Supt.: Miss Henderson.

Very little definite work has been done in this department during the year. Nelson reports that efforts

have been made to impress upon members of the Union the duty of upholding the resolution passed at the Auckland Dominion Convention against gambling practices in connection with patriotic work, and of giving no support to such practices. At the District Convention, in November, the following resolution was passed, and copies sent to the Premier and other Ministers, the Mayor of Nelson, and the secretaries of patriotic societies:—

"This Convention, believing that a high moral sense is the most valuable asset of any community, and that the spirit of gambling, in whatever form, tends to deteriorate and eventually to destroy that moral sense, protests emphatically against the introduction of such methods of raising money for patriotic purposes, as spinning jennies, art unions, or raffles of any description, which are having an incalculably evil effect on the young people of the community. It would therefore respectfully, but earnestly, request the Government to make such methods illegal, and to undertake the raising of such necessary funds by taxation, in co-operation with direct voluntary effort."

Wellington Provincial Convention passed resolutions protesting against the gambling introduced into patriotic work, etc., and urging Government to refuse racing and totalisator permits during the war.

Port Chalmers Union reports resolutions expressing strong disapproval of racing in war time, and of the great waste of money by gambling when so much is required for patriotic purposes.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

Supt.: Miss Maunder.

A deputation waited on the Minister of Education during last Convention, urging the need of Temperance teaching in the schools. One result has been that many of the schools have been supplied with new up-to-date wall sheets. The Minister said the question would be considered by his Department to introduce more definite teaching.

I have supplied Auckland and Wellington Training Colleges with teachers' leaflets, but notwithstanding several letters, I have been unable to get a reply from Dunedin. I have also interviewed a good many head masters, leaving literature, and was courteously received, some of them showing interest in the work. I have also written to the Minister of Education and the Editor of the School Journal urging that articles on the effects of alcohol should be more often inserted in the Journal, and some very useful reading lessons have appeared.

The following Unions gave prizes for Temperance essays:—Tinwald and Willowby, Waimate, Bluff, Oxford, Palmerston N., and Hawera (prizes offered, but headmaster failed at the last moment).

The following report Temperance teaching in Schools, Bands of Hope, and L.T.L.'s:—Kaiapoi, Christchurch (charts used by Rev. Patterson in

many addresses), Bluff, Palmerston N. (charts used, many Boy Scouts attend L.T.L. meetings), Dunedin, and Hawera.

Timaru sent Temperance pamphlet to headmaster.

REST AND REFRESHMENT BOOTHS.

Supt.: Mrs Upton.

My report will be very short, owing to so few Unions sending me their reports.

New Plymouth provided refreshments for workers at Agricultural Show Grounds for patriotic purposes.

Ashburton.—Refreshments were provided for soldiers on leave or passing through the town, and farewelling the boys going into camp. At the A. and P. Show a rest tent was provided for the use of mothers and children. The rest room in the Borough is widely known and appreciated more each year.

Oxford catered for local Show, clearing about £30.

Christchurch.—Refreshment rooms were held as usual at the A. and P. Show. A lot of work was put in by Union members, some thousands of people partaking of refreshments provided. Members of Oxford and New Brighton Unions assisted.

Palmerston North.—The rest room is a boon to country visitors.

Wanganui.—The rest stand at the Agricultural Show was occupied by a crowd of women and children, who appreciated the chance of a rest on a hot day. In addition, the Union had a stall, which brought in £20 for Red Cross work.

PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

Supt.: Mrs Judson.

It is with some sadness that I write my first report of this department, not only from the thought of the war of nations still raging, as it seems, as fiercely as ever, and our ideals of peace and brotherhood apparently no nearer attainment, but also that we have been able to do so little to bring them nearer. Yet there is some hope in the gradual increase of the number of those who believe that a true and lasting peace can never be won by the sword, but only by the silent and steady growth of the spirit of love; and to foster this growth in ourselves and in the world is perhaps the most effective work that can now be done by those who desire to work for peace. Definite work under this department is not easy during this time of war; there are many, and some in our Union, who think that the time is not opportune for such work, hence the difficulty of united action. But many of us feel that now, when the spirit of war is so strong, it is more than ever necessary to do all that is possible to inculcate principles of peace in the minds of the young, who will be the builders of the civilisation of the future; and it is along this line that the work of the department has been carried on by the distribution amongst our public schools of a circular embodying the resolution unanimously passed at our last Convention. With reference to the

teaching of children on international lines. This work was taken in hand immediately on our return from Convention, and has been carried out with a fair amount of success, an appeal being sent to every Union to take part in it. This was responded to by the following Unions:—Ashburton, Cambridge, S. Dunedin, Gisborne, Greymouth, Greytown, Hastings, Lower Hutt, Morrinsville, Napier, Nelson, New Plymouth, Otautau, Ponsonby, Pakiri, Richmond, Timaru, Waimate, Wakefield, Wanganui, Wanganui E., and Wakapuaka, to all of which thanks are due. In Otago, Napier, Greymouth, Wanganui, Wellington, and Nelson Districts circulars have been sent to every school, and I wish to thank specially Miss McCarthy and Sister Moody-Bell, who worked Otago and Grey Districts respectively, and Mrs Neal, who, with the approval of the Wellington District Convention, sent to every school in that District. No report of any other work has been received from any Union except S. Dunedin, where a branch of the Woman's International League has been established, and a Study Circle formed. Nelson has also had a fortnightly Study Class, and a small amount of literature has been distributed; and attempt was made to form a branch of the W.I.L., but has not so far been successful. I am very conscious that the work done has been very far short of what I should have liked to see, but some good seed at least may have been sown, which we trust will bring forth its harvest in the future.

Since the above was written, I have heard that a lady in Auckland, who is not a member of the W.C.T.U., has undertaken to send circulars to the headmasters of the Auckland schools.

EVANGELISTIC.

(Supt.: Mrs Johnson Wright.)

The Call to Prayer has been most earnestly responded to by most, if not all, of our Unions, and a spirit of devotion seems to be in our midst.

The following Unions report prayer meetings in connection with 6 o'clock closing petitions:—Ashburton, Auckland, and Hastings; and Hastings and Port Chalmers a thanksgiving meeting for its success.

Following report regular weekly or monthly prayer meetings:—Hawera, Fitzroy (dispense with afternoon tea, and devote the time to prayer), Christchurch, Wellington District, Hastings, Waipawa, and Stratford. Auckland and Wanganui each arranged a week of prayer.

Timaru and Ashburton report visiting Old Men's Homes, Hospitals, and Sailors' Rests, leaflets and flowers distributed.

Following report cottage prayer meetings:—Port Chalmers (3), Hastings (weekly), Hamilton (7), Feilding (1).

Wellington District reports public service in Trinity Church.

Dunedin distributed Earl Roberts' prayer to soldiers, testaments to sailors, and every Sunday afternoon gives tracts on wharf, and Scripture cards to children.

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

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

Masterton, 1st Tuesday, Knox Hall, 5 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Devonport; Sec., Mrs M. Flanagan, 4 Cole Street; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Ross, High Street.

Matakana, 3rd Thursday, Presbyterian Church, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Witten, Tawharanui; Vice-Pres., Mrs A. Roke; Sec., Mrs E. Roke; Treas., Mrs Melville; Cradle Roll, Mrs Eytton; "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. M. 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, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashbridge Rd.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Dodds and Fawcett; Sec., Mrs A. Chelley, Macdonald St.; Treas., Mrs Grayling, Faraday Street; Asst. Treas., Mrs Chapman; Evangelists, 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. Densem; Vice-Pres., Mrs L. Bycroft and Mrs Vincent; Sec., Mrs Kendall; Treasurer, Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs W. Bycroft.

New Brighton, 3rd Thursday in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hall, 35 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 Gatman; Sec., Miss A. E. Olsen, "Willow Park"; Treas., Mrs S. Frederickson; "W.R." Agent, Miss Olsen, "Willow Park"; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gatman; Evangelistic, Mrs Todd; Home Meetings, Mrs Jensen.

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, 45, 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.

Opetiki, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 8 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, 128 College St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, 64, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, Allan St.; Treas., Miss Hodder, Allan St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

Palmerston N., Y's.—Pres., Miss Lorna Hodder; Cor. Sec., Miss Aline Rowlands; Rec. Sec., Miss Hope Mackey; Treas., Miss Maude Randall; White Ribbon Supt., Miss Cissie Bruce

Petone, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney St., 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Ashby, 64 Britannia St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Corner, McPherson, Murgatroyd, Collins; Rec. Sec., Mrs Burd, 27 Cuba St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Eason, 82 Richmond St.; Treas., Mrs Donaghue; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Barrow, Hutt Road.

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, 2 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, 8 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 F. 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.; Press, Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Miss Evans, Victoria St.; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Brooker, 11, Mere Mere St.

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

Waimate, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 3 o'clock; President, Mrs W. Stewart; Secretary, Mrs Geo. Dash, P.O. Box 27; Treasurer, Mrs S. J. Hitchens, "Te Ranghi, 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 McLeod; 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 McIlroy; Sec., Miss Shearer, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs Moore; White Ribbon Agent Mrs Glassey.

Wellington District, 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Boulder, 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 Friday, St. Andrew's Hall, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. E. Reid; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hopkirk, Hardy, Stace; 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.

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