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MARCH! RANKS UNBROKEN.

"All round the world our ribbon white
is twined."

Our beloved President, Miss Anna Gordon, has sent a ringing triumphant call to all ranks of White Ribboners. She is rallying the forces for the last great struggle with King Alcohol. With inspiring words she bids us press on now that victory is within our reach. We commend her words to the careful attention of every N.Z. White Ribboner:

Rest Cottage, Evanston, Ill, U.S.A.,
March 19th, 1918.

My Beloved Comrade,—

You will be interested to know about the remarkable petition we have presented to the President of the United States. Accompanying the handsome document prepared in book form on parchment, with the flag its only decoration, was the following statement, which explains and justifies the appeal to the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States:

"March 1, 1918.

"Mr President,—

"We deeply appreciate the privilege of presenting to you a Memorial representing six million women patriots of the United States.

"We believe this is the first petition in the history of our country in which all leading organisations of women—civic, fraternal, social, patriotic, and religious—as well as hundreds of notable women in the educational and official life of the Republic, have united. It comes to you, Mr President, as the voice of the womanhood of America. It comes to your, our Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, at the time of an appalling crisis which peculiarly concerns the mothers of the nation.

"Educated by the Government to believe that food will win the war, these women, whose magnificent war service and sacrifice everywhere are attested, plead for the maximum conservation of food materials for the duration of the war. They earnestly and respectfully ask that all food materials now used in the production of malt liquors be diverted to food supplies, desperately needed by our army and the armies of the Allies.

"On behalf of these six million petitioners, Mr President, we thank you for the steps in this direction already taken, and we beg your early and favourable consideration of the prayer of the Memorial we have the honour to place in your hands.

"ANNA A. GORDON,
"President National Women's Christian Temperance Union."
"Washington National W.C.T.U.
Headquarters, Hotel Driscoll."

Unless radical conservation is speedily proclaimed, the united temperance forces of the nation, including churches of all denominations, will get back of a war prohibition bill in the Congress, and vigorously push its immediate passage. Already steps in this direction have been taken. Petitions, resolutions, telegrams, letters—an avalanche of them—asking for war-time prohibition, are reaching Senators and Members of the House of Representatives of our United States Congress.

The individual States are doing splendidly in their State legislatures ratifying the prohibition amendment to the national constitution submitted to the States last December. 1919 will be the great year for the ratification of this amendment; more than forty Legislatures will then be in session. This year only eleven States

meet in regular session. Other States have been called in special session, and have ratified the amendment. Thus far, we have eight States toward the necessary thirty-six. Since we have twenty-seven Prohibition States, it is fair to assume that all the Legislatures of these States will ratify the amendment. Among the eight States thus far secured, there are three license States. Another State in the license column, Delaware, has just been called in special session, and will no doubt be the ninth State to ratify the amendment.

As this awful war is sure to develop a wonderful new internationalism, it is vitally important that our organisation everywhere shall hold steadfastly together, and win all possible new members. With unbroken ranks we must help the mighty movement for a sober world. Our war service is imperative. Nothing less than "the full measure of devotion" will satisfy us. But we can do war work along relief lines as an organisation co-operating with others, and still maintain our W.C.T.U. identity, while adding to our patriotic service our efforts for total abstinence and prohibition. In my opinion, this special temperance work is the greatest constructive piece of war work entrusted to any body of women since the world began. News from most of our national auxiliaries shows that they fully realise this vital need, and are grandly measuring up to it.

Our World's White Ribbon Missionary, Miss Flora E. Strout, during a few months' furlough in the United States, has greatly helped the work of the World's W.C.T.U., through forceful addresses in many States. Miss Strout soon sails from San Francisco for a term of five years' service

in the Orient. It has been a joy to have her with us in Evanston for a few days en route. She will spend two or three months in Manila, going thence to her new foreign field, Malaysia and Ceylon.

The W.C.T.U. of Scotland has invited Miss Mary Campbell to organise in India, under the Catherine Forrester Paton Fund, for W.C.T.U. missionary work in India. Miss Campbell plans to sail for India in the autumn.

Miss Hardynia K. Norville, in South America, is achieving remarkable victories for our cause.

Your American comrades, dear friend, now feel the same sorrow that for the past three years has been smiting the hearts and homes of White Ribboners in many lands, bound together by the sacred tie of the white ribbon. Our hearts go out to all in very close, tender sympathy. The comfort of God upholds us. We feel a just pride in those who are making a supreme sacrifice for sacred principles. We at home each and every one belong to the vast civilian army "back of the lines" helping sustain the noble, heroic fighters in the trenches. With prayerful good wishes.—Affectionately,

ANNA A. GORDON.

WHITE RIBBON HUTMENT FUND.

Dear Sisters,—You will by this time know I was appointed at Convention Treasurer of our "White Ribbon Hutment Fund."

I hope that each one of you are doing all you possibly can to help raise the amount of £1000 for such a worthy object. You will all be pleased to know I have received from Mr F. L. D. Ferriman, of Ashburton, who is the first Dominion hon. life member, a splendid donation of £100, and 10s from one of our Dunedin sisters. Such a grand beginning should inspire each one of us to strive with all our might to achieve the objective that has been set before us. Funds may be collected by concerts or in any other way thought desirable.

Collecting cards can be obtained on application to me.

Thanking you in anticipation.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

W. B. YOUNG,

National Treasurer W.R. Hutment Fund.

Address: Mrs Young, 18, Dunblane Street, Roslyn, Dunedin.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE—AT LAST.

Rejoicings at the victory of the cause of Woman Suffrage in Britain are not loud, but deep. The war cloud hangs too heavy for jubilation to be possible to thinking minds. As might be expected, the spiritual aspect of the question has come to the fore. On February 9th, the Saturday following the passage of the Bill into law, the Church League for Woman Suffrage (Established Church) held very striking services of thanksgiving and dedication in St. Martin's in the Fields, the great church which dominates Trafalgar Square, London. At these services, conducted by the Bishops of Stepney, Willesden, and others, special commemoration was made of those, and the list was a long one, who have suffered unto death in the cause. On February 10th a similar service was held by the Free Church League for Woman Suffrage in the even better known City Temple, London, where Miss Maude Royden, assistant minister, preached on "the great cloud of witnesses." The audience, which filled the large building to overflowing, included many men in khaki. On Sunday, February 17, High Mass was performed in the magnificent Catholic Cathedral by leave of the Archbishop of Westminster, for "the intention" of the cause. At the close of this service, the members of the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society, reinforced by many members of other Societies, walked in procession to the shrine of Joan of Arc and laid a wreath in her honour. At all these services, the Dominions Overseas were officially represented by members of the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union.

A number of public meetings, at which the future work of the great Women's Suffrage Societies will be discussed, are shortly to take place. The most important of these, in which all the Societies, including the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union, will take part, will be held in the great Queen's Hall, London, on March 13. The veteran suffrage leader, Mrs Fawcett, will preside, and members of Parliament who have been instrumental in passing the measure into law are announced as speakers.

Many schemes for the organisation of women as voters have been under consideration for months past, and quietly, under the surface, as it were, a vast amount of work in preparation

for the coming social reconstruction, has already been done. The tone of hope, the firm belief in the uprising which is at hand, which characterises all these gatherings, augurs well for the entry of women into the political sphere, and the calmness and quiet which marks every woman's assembly is a very remarkable feature at this moment of deep unrest in our nation's life.

(Sgd.) HARRIET C. NEWCOMB,
Hon. Sec. British Dominions
Woman Suffrage Union.

OUR STATE SCHOOLS.

For some time there has been deep dissatisfaction in educational circles on the state of our schools. The teachers have had to undertake a campaign to get justice for the starved schools. They have asked local bodies for their co-operation. They also approached our Union at Palmerston North, an account of which appears below:—

Deputation was received from the N.Z. Educational Institute. Mr Campbell explained that the campaign inaugurated by the Executive of the Institute was animated by the very highest spirit of citizenship. The object of this campaign was to urge upon the authorities the necessity of certain reforms in education, especially primary education. He read several statements telling of overcrowding, lack of cleanliness, and insanitary conditions.

The following motion was put by Mr Campbell:—"That in view of the strenuous year, and reorganisation that must assuredly follow the declaration of peace, this branch of the W.C.T.U. strongly urges Cabinet to at once overhaul the school system, particularly with reference to the size of classes, schools, and playgrounds, and the status of teachers, in order that it may be properly equipped and fully ready to discharge efficiently its important part in the development of the nation."

Mrs Kendrick, Miss Powell, Mrs Hodder, Mrs Cobb, and Mrs Doull all spoke to the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting thanked the deputation most heartily.

Go to the Police Court to see the finished product of the liquor traffic.

MANIFESTO FROM CHRIST- CHURCH UNION.

(Referred to in Convention Number,
page 3.)

The position of the W.C.T.U. with regard to the question of Venereal Disease being very much and very generally misunderstood, this Convention resolves that the following statement be published:—

The W.C.T.U. opposes compulsory measures, because:

1st. Long and extensive practice in the registration, compulsory periodic examination and detention for medical treatment of prostitutes has proved that no such measures can keep that class of woman free from disease, because on her release, however long her period of detention and treatment may be, she very soon becomes re-infected by intercourse with diseased men, and is just as virulent a source of infection as before her detention. These methods, involving much time, expense, and skilled treatment, while in no way effective in reducing disease, lead to nothing but the repeated compulsory treatment of women for the avowed purposes of prostitution, and tend to State regulation of vice.

2nd. The fact that prostitutes are compelled to undergo examination and detention for treatment for the avowed purpose of rendering immorality physically safe for men holds out an inducement to vice, by raising a false sense of security, such security being impossible to obtain for reasons given above.

3rd. All measures compelling notification, examination, and detention, applied to Venereal Disease, have invariably led the sufferer, whether morally innocent or guilty, to strenuously conceal his or her condition as long as possible, and as the earlier stages of these diseases are both the most infectious and most yielding to curative measures, it follows that compulsory methods can only have the effect of increasing the evil by driving it underground, and unless in the case of prostitutes, such measures cannot be enforced.

4th. Compulsory measures necessarily tend to promote the White Slave Traffic, as, for the system to continue, it is necessary to keep up the supply of prostitutes, and these must be drawn, by some means or other, from among the young girls.

The W.C.T.U. strongly condemns and opposes the practice of issuing to soldiers, going on leave, prophylactic packets of appliances and drugs intended to enable them to indulge in licentiousness without danger of infection. Even if such protection were reliable—which it is not—the practice is mischievous and indefensible. It embodies in the worst form the error of treating men as bodies only. Such protection cannot be provided, or even connived at, without conveying the impression that the authorities do not really expect self-control, however much they may talk about it. The result will inevitably be to lessen the resisting power of tempted men and to increase the number of those who yield. Where immorality is thus encouraged, habits are formed which must lead to far-reaching evil consequences, and ultimately, to increase disease.

The W.C.T.U. believe that other and saner methods could be devised for dealing with these evils, and draws attention to the following:—

Experts in these matters agree that the majority of women comprising the prostitute class drift into, or are entangled in, this manner of life while between the ages of 16 and 18, or even younger, tempted and seduced, in many cases, by men much older than themselves, and as a considerable portion are of weak intellect, and many quite young, we hold that these women are entitled to more rational and humane treatment than the infliction of fines or imprisonment upon conviction, or of repeated and indefinite detention for medical treatment, only to be liberated with no other course open to them than a return to their former method of life, a greater menace than ever to the youth of our land.

We hold that the diminution of vice and of the temptations to vice, should be our first consideration, and to that end we advocate strongly the establishment of two farm colonies, not prisons, for women, one for the older and incorrigible cases, the other for cases where reform is possible and probable, and in these should be placed the women convicted of leading immoral lives. Every effort should be directed to the restoration, as far as possible, of the moral and physical health of these women. Healthful occupation and decent surroundings would help many a young girl back to virtue, who now has no chance or

choice but continuance in her life of shame; while those mentally deficient would receive the care and guardianship that such women need and deserve at the hands of the community, instead of being left a helpless prey to the passions of vicious men. A similar institution should be established for the permanent detention of men who are sexual degenerates, such men being a greater menace to young women and children than any prostitute can be. All officials appointed to such institutions should be specially trained for their work, and their appointments should be in the hands of local bodies elected by the people.

The fact that many innocent women and children suffer from the awful effects of venereal disease is not due to female prostitutes alone. It is due also to the male prostitutes who are, or become, husbands and fathers, and for the sake of their unfortunate wives and children, we earnestly urge that free clinics be opened throughout the country, where advice and treatment can be obtained without cost or stigma for every sufferer from these diseases, whether morally innocent or guilty. This has been proved to be the most efficacious method of inducing infected persons to apply for medical aid in the earlier stages of these diseases. We urge the appointment of women police in the moral interests of young people of both sexes.

The evidence of medical experts given before the recent Royal Commission on Venereal Disease in England, testified to the large part alcohol is responsible for in the practice of immorality and the spread of disease. One doctor stated that enquiries into thousands of cases proved that 80 per cent. of men who had acquired venereal disease did so, on their own admission, while under the influence of alcohol.

We therefore ask for the total abolition of the drink traffic as the most immediate and effective means to minimise and prevent venereal disease.

Finally, we urge the careful instruction, by specially selected and qualified teachers, of girls and boys nearing womanhood and manhood, in sex hygiene, the inculcation of an equal standard of morals for men and women alike, and the education of the public generally in the nature and far-reaching effects of venereal disease.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.

MAORI DEPARTMENT.

Dear Sister,—I am glad to be able to report that Mrs Rebecca Harris has consented to act as Maori Organiser for the Maori Department of our work, and is commencing her duties this month.

In thanking the Unions for their interest and financial help in this department during the past, I would remind them of the need for a bigger effort now, so that Mrs Harris may not be hampered in the work which is so important to push forward.

I would also remind them of White Ribbon Day on June 15th, which is the day set aside for Maori work, so that they may prepare for a big effort on that day.—Yours in Union service,

N. F. WALKER,

N.Z. Organiser for the Maori Fund.

RED LETTER DAYS.

Will all Unions kindly remember "White Ribbon Day," June 15th, and where possible arrange for a social afternoon or evening with special addresses.

Collections in aid of Maori Fund.

A. C. JONES,

N.Z. Supt. Notable Days.

FAITH.

From the soft South the constant bird comes back
Faith-led, to find the welcome of the Spring.

In the old boughs whereto she used to cling,
Before she sought the unknown southward track;
Above the winter and the storm-clouds wrack
She hears the prophecy of days that bring
The Summer's pride, and plumes her homeward wing
To seek again the joys that exiles lack.
Shall I, of little faith, less brave than she,
Set forth unwillingly my goal to find,
Go home from exile with reluctant mind,
Distrust the steadfast stars I cannot see,
And doubt the heavens because my eyes are blind?
Nay! Give me faith like wings, to soar to Thee!

ORGANISERS.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—By this time you will all have made a thorough study of the Convention number of "White Ribbon," and will be fully conversant with the new scheme for employing Organisers. The principal points of the scheme are: (1) That as soon as it becomes possible to do so, an Organiser shall be appointed for each Provincial District; and (2) That a Travelling Secretary be appointed to collect annual and other subscriptions for a fund to be used for organising and campaign purposes.

Under this scheme the following appointments have already been made:—

Travelling Secretary: Miss Weymouth. Miss Weymouth's duties will be to collect subscriptions from sympathisers, and to secure subscribers to the "White Ribbon." Please note that Unions will still be expected to pay to the N.Z. Treasury the usual levy for the Organising Fund.

Organisers: Miss Powell, for the Dominion; Mrs Cowie (without salary), for Otago and Southland; Mrs Napier (without salary), for "Y" Unions; Miss S. Waterman. Miss Waterman will undergo some months' training before she will be ready to take up the duties of an Organiser.

In addition to these, Mrs Clara Neal, President of Pahiata Union, has offered to visit any Union inviting her, but the Union must provide hospitality and pay travelling expenses.

Applications for the services of Miss Powell, Mrs Napier, or Mrs Neal must be made to the N.Z. Corresponding Secretary, Miss Henderson. Unions in Otago and Southland will make their own arrangements with Mrs Cowie. Her address is "The Chalet," Littlebourne, Dunedin.

The Executive most warmly commends these workers to the prayers and sympathy of the members, and confidently expects that they will have the cordial co-operation of the Unions in order that their labours may have the fullest possible measure of success.—Yours in the work,

CHRISTINA HENDERSON,

Hon. Corresponding Sec.
26 Tui Street, Fendalton, Christchurch, May 7th, 1918.

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

Correspondence.

(The Editor is not responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.)

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—It is with some pricking of heart that I read the letter of Mrs S. S. Page in your February issue. A Press Superintendent should have led on this subject in the W.C.T.U.'s own organ. But I trust I am not too late to urge on every Union an earnest consideration of the treatment of conscientious objectors in New Zealand and the alleged worse treatment they have received on board ship, and in the English camps, with the terrible possibility of being shot in France as disobedient soldiers.

It may be that some few of our members themselves hold views as to the unlawfulness of taking life. Most of us certainly hold that the defence of home and country, women and children, calls a Christian man to warfare. But surely all of us hold that the call of conscience is sacred, although that call may differ to this one, and that, owing to psychological cause known only to our Creator. Is it, then, a light matter to Christian women that men, for the most part dutiful and honourable, are persecuted by law and authority in our country for holding more literally to the Sixth Commandment than the majority? Is it a light matter to New Zealanders that the New Zealand law, exempting only Quakers and Christadelphians from military service, is more unequal than the English law, which regards conscience even when divorced from the special dogma of any church? Is it a light matter to free citizens that men guilty of no crime are herded with criminals here, and liable to be spirited away to be persecuted, or even shot, in Europe, without the knowledge of their fellow-countrymen? Must we revert to the ways of the Star Chamber, and make our own gallant soldiers the minions of a new Inquisition, in order to win a "righteous war"? Are we, who stand no less for the rights of manhood than we do for the rights of womanhood, to see earnest young men, boys in many cases, either broken in body, or worse still, broken in soul, because they do not see eye to eye with us?

Personally, I have no understanding of the conscientious objector's point of view in regarding the wrongs of Belgium, the desolation of France, and indeed half of Europe, and the fate that Prussian militarism designed for ourselves four years ago. But I do understand that neither honour nor blessing can attend persecution for conscience sake, even of abnormal conscience. Ere this is in print, I trust our Unions will have spoken on this matter.—I am, etc.,

JESSIE MACKAY.

March 11.

A NOBLE WORK.

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S HOSPITALS
FOR WAR SERVICES.

(Address by Mrs Elizabeth Abbott, given in the Town Hall (Concert Chamber), on Wednesday, January 9th, 1918.)

An eloquent appeal on behalf of the Scottish Women's War Service Hospital was made in the Concert Chamber of the Town Hall, Wellington, on January 9th, by Mrs Elizabeth Abbott, who has already toured India and Australia lecturing on the splendid work of the hospitals. The lecturing tour has covered a space of two years, and since its inception Mrs Abbott's appeals have resulted in the cabling Home of £25,000 from India and Burmah, and 6000 from Queensland.

In returning thanks for the kindly welcome and hospitality she had received in New Zealand, Mrs Abbott said that she felt it had been accorded, not to herself, but to the Scottish Women Hospital Workers. Wherever she has been the story of the work had been welcomed, and a ready response to the appeal had been met with.

Mrs Abbott said she wished to stress the point that the work of the Scottish Women's Hospital did not in any way overlap that of the British Red Cross. The two societies worked in unison and co-operated whenever possible, and the hospitals were greatly assisted by the Red Cross, which supplied them with "minor munitions," such as dressings, etc. The Scottish branch of the Red Cross had made them important gifts, and last year sent them four motor ambulances for use on the battle front, believing that they could be sent to no better place. The various hospitals, camps, and canteens under the control of the organisation required £7000 a month to keep in working order, but she wished to make clear that the Scottish women had not simply collected funds and carried on the work as it suited their wishes. The growth of the movement had been made at the demands of the military and civil authorities of the countries in which they worked.

Mrs Abbott then told the story of the beginning and expansion of the hospitals. The organisation, she said, was founded in 1914, by a little band of Scottish women under the leader-

ship of Dr. Elsie Inglis. She was a woman not only of high attainments, but of indomitable spirit, who knew that women could manage peace hospitals, and was convinced that they could run war hospitals as well. The first donation of £10 was received from a school teacher, who gave her increase in salary to the cause, and the first large sum was received from the Scottish Women's Federated Suffrage Society, which made a donation of £1000. Since then the movement had become British and Imperial in scope and appeal, and workers from all parts of the Empire had enlisted in its ranks. New Zealand, the most loyal of all the Empire's dominions, had sent three women doctors to do their splendid part in the work—Dr. Mary Blair, Dr. Agnes Bennett, and Dr. Jessie Scott—and, Mrs Abbott felt sure, would give further and willing help by a ready response to the appeal for funds to back these women and the Hospital in their endeavour to make easier the lot of sufferers, not only of the British race, but of all nations.

The first hospital unit, under Dr. Alice Hutchison, was hurried across the Channel to Calais to deal with an epidemic of typhoid which was then raging. So successful was the effort, that the hospital was shortly afterwards reported to have the lowest death rate of any in the epidemic area.

The venture had been kept under the close surveillance of the French authorities, who were so thoroughly satisfied, that the women were asked to establish a surgical hospital of 100 beds in the Abbey of Royaumont, some twenty miles behind the firing line. The British papers, said the speaker, still wrote of the "Miracle of Royaumont." It was a beautiful old abbey, with delightful historical associations, and wonderfully picturesque, but it was far from an ideal hospital. The drains had been laid down in the time of Louis IX., and nothing had been done to them since; there was no lighting or heating apparatus, and no water was laid on. The first night after the arrival of the unit, five women slept on the floor of the cloister. However, they found a decrepit plumber and a friendly electrician, and in five weeks the 13th century abbey had been transferred into a modern hospital, with an operating theatre, a laboratory, and—greatest of all—an X-ray equipment. It was

the only X-ray plant within a very large area, and many patients were brought from other hospitals for treatment and diagnosis. Moreover, the Scottish women were the first to have a mobile X-ray equipment, fitted up by Madame Curie and Madame Eyerton, at a cost of £1000, and this had been in use ever since. The first hospital, of 100 beds, had started to receive cases only six hours after the final inspection by the French medical and military authorities. Twice since then the hospital capacity had been doubled, at the request of the French Government, so that Royaumont Abbey was now a 400 bed hospital. Even that was found insufficient to cope with the terrible rush of wounded which came in after the big Somme push, for the men came in at the rate of 70 a day, and on the first day Dr. Frances Evens, who was in charge, operated from 9 o'clock one morning until 5 the next morning, taking only what food was brought to her, and some of the nurses worked 20 hours out of the 24, until they were completely exhausted, and had to be reinforced by others rushed across from England. A special feature of the work at Royaumont was the treatment of the deadly gas gangrene, which must be immediately dealt with if life is to be saved. One of France's most eminent medical men visited the hospital to study the dread disease, and the methods employed in its cure. A fleet of motor cars and ambulances brought and took the wounded from the Abbey, and drivers, stretcher-bearers, orderlies, all were women. Royaumont at the present time took the less severe cases only, as another hospital of 230 beds had been opened nearer the firing line.

The success gained at Royaumont led to a second demand by the French in the way of a camp hospital of 250 beds near the firing line. The French authorities, said Mrs Abbott, were perhaps afraid that such a camp, though very necessary, would be a failure, and so they asked the women to make the attempt, for then if the scheme had failed, why, it was a case of mismanagement. The experiment, however, was far from a failure, and the organisation now maintained a camp of 400 beds near Soissons in tents perfectly pitched and with excellent equipment. This again was the unaided work of women. General Petain, after inspecting the camp, described it as a "little paradise for wounded men."

The greatest honour of all was conferred upon the women when a unit of the hospital was attached to the French Expeditionary Force under General Sarraill, proceeding to Salonika, and then the women began to find out what hospital work in a foreign country, with no facilities, could really be. When the unit arrived, the only place for their camp was the filthy compound of a disused silk factory, and there they set to work to get their hospital together. Even their tent poles had been stolen by the Greeks who brought their baggage up, but when the second unit arrived their tent poles arrived safely. They had been told of the disappearance of the first consignment, and, said the speaker, "They sat on theirs." No sooner had everything been put into working order than notice was received to evacuate and to return to Salonika. Here a semi-morass was assigned them for a camping ground, but, in spite of all, they succeeded in establishing a model hospital, which had remained ever since, though it had been recently removed to a better site, and increased from 300 to 500 beds. In addition, a hut hospital was established near the firing line, and three canteens were also established for the benefit of French soldiers returning from the trenches.

Continuing, the speaker dealt with the work in Servia. There had not been a more tragic nor a more gallant figure in the great war than Servia. It was not generally realised, said Mrs Abbott, that another nation beside Belgium had been overrun by the German hordes, and, moreover, that Servia had re-built and re-organised itself as a nation three times, until there was nothing left to rebuild. The first hospital of 100 surgical beds was established in 1915, under Dr. Saltaire, when the worst outbreak of typhus of modern times was raging throughout the country. There were no Red Cross, and few medical men, of whom two-thirds were British, French, or American, and the situation was desperate. In addition to the 100 surgical beds, Dr. Saltaire undertook to tend 500 fever patients. She cabled for help, and three more units were sent out. All through the summer and autumn they worked to the sound of the big guns at Belgrade, restoring the nation to health, several of them paying the price of their devotion with

their lives, but the women buried their dead and worked on. Even when the Austro-German thrust caused the evacuation, they protested that they should not be treated as mere women, but as surgeons and nurses, and should be allowed to remain with their patients. All would willingly have stayed, and finally two units were allowed to remain, in almost certain knowledge of being taken prisoner. The other units went over the Montenegrin Mountains to the sea with a strange medley, not of a retreating army, but of a nation, men, women and children, old and young. The terrible journey, of 200 miles, over mountain passes 7000 feet high, took eight long weeks to accomplish, and all that time the women, starved, scantily clad, suffering, and never knowing what the morrow would bring, tended the refugees who, weakened by the way, and, in many cases, tenderly cared for those who came into the world on that terrible journey. The safety of the nation lay over the mountains, but literally the journey was the "way of the Cross."

Dr. Hutchison's unit, which had remained behind, was captured by the Austrians, and taken to Hungary, where they were treated as common prisoners. Dr. Hutchison through all carried the flag with her, wrapped round her body, and at last, when released from captivity, she waved the Union Jack from the window of the train as it passed over the Swiss border, to the accompaniment of "God Save the King."

Dr. Elsie Inglis fell into the hands of the Germans, and she and her unit were kept tending 400 Servian sick and wounded under frightful disabilities; while some 900 wounded were waiting for treatment. It was a terrible building, with but few beds and palliasses, and the compound was in an indescribable state. Two overflowing cesspools were in its centre, and filthy heaps of rubbish, even the grisly remains from operations, lay about. The whole scene was indescribably terrible. Three young English women with Servian orderlies were set to clean the place, and they did it.

It was not womanly work, for they emptied the cesspools with hand pumps, they cleaned the compound, dug drains, and made the place into a hygienic hospital. There the unit

worked till March, 1916, when the Germans sent it back to England.

The fifth unit, under Dr. Mary Blair, a New Zealand woman, never reached its intended destination, for the roads were blocked, so they cared for the refugees who poured into Salonika, and eventually went with them to Corsica, and had there remained supervising 2000 or 3000 Servians ever since. Their work was perhaps less heroic at first sight than that of other units, but it is on the Island of Corsica that the nation was once more being built up. After the terrible exposure on the mountain roads many of the refugees were suffering from tuberculosis, and so successful had the women been in the treatment of these cases that the French Government had asked the women to establish a similar hospital in the south of France.

Soon a call came from Macedonia, where wonderful work was done in organising an ambulance corps to bring wounded down precipitous and dangerous roads at all hours of the day and night to Monastir.

Rumania asked for two field hospitals and equipment, and six weeks later they were despatched, but the only possible route was via Archangel and overland through Russia.

In the Dobrudja, the women worked often in the front lines, and under bombardment, until another retreat began. Only six bull-waggon waggon were available to get to the station the equipment which 600 had brought from it. The retreat was made through what was practically enemy territory, for the Germans had penetrated deeply into the country, and dangers were met with on every side. After the Russian collapse it became impossible to carry on the work, and the women returned after adventurous trips by widely different routes.

Mrs Abbott spoke feelingly of the gallant work of Dr. Elsie Inglis, a woman of iron will and iron body, who, after terrible privations, brought her unit to England in November last, and two days after she had landed at Newcastle, died of utter exhaustion. "I shall never see my friend again," said Mrs Abbott, "but the work which she founded must go on, so that she, although dead, may speak."

The Scottish Women's Hospitals had gone into the darkest places of the

European battlefronts without a thought of honour or glory, said Mrs Abbott, before closing her lecture, but honour and gratitude had come to them, and that alone was a worthy reward. In India and Australia there were many lotteries and things of the kind in which a small sum was asked, and the chance of a big prize was offered in return. "You cannot with your hands touch anything the Scottish Women can offer you in return, nor will your eyes see the gratitude that will be yours for the giving, but, 'Blessed are the merciful.'"

Mrs Abbott closed her stirring address by quoting the lines of "The Field of Honour."

"THE FIELD OF HONOUR."

(By H. Fielding-Hall.)

Child:

"Where does the Field of Honour lie,
For I would like to know its story;
Where is the place where heroes die,
And dying, win eternal glory?"

"Where is the soil that always yields
So much for such a little given?
Tell me, where are these battlefields
From which men rise up straight to
heaven?"

"Father, the road I want to know,
And you must tell me all its story;
And, when I'm old, I too will go
And die upon the field of glory."

Father:

He took the lad upon his knee,
The curly head was on his shoulder:
"My son, if you that field would see,
You need not wait until you are
older."

"The field of honour always lies
Wherever gallant folk are living,
And under whatsoever skies
Their lives they are for honour
giving:

"Wherever noble deeds are done,
Wherever pain and death are suf-
fered
In every land, 'neath every sun.
Where true self-sacrifice is offered."

"Not only gallant soldiers who
Have faced and dared the King of
Shadows;
All those whose lives and deaths are
true
Lie buried in those sacred meadows."

"And if, my Son, you wish to lie
At last upon the Field of Glory,
Live on it now; and when you die
You will not have to ask its story."

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SOLDIERS AND DRINK.

EXPERT OPINION.

EFFECT OF THE CIGARETTE.

Evidence of military and medical officers regarding the effect of drink on soldiers was placed before the Australian Senate's Special Committee in Hobart recently, together with some statements with reference to cigarettes.

Dr Goddard, medical officer at Claremont Camp, thought drink interfered with soldiers' efficiency, and to a certain extent with their morale. Since September 1, 1917, the number of men rejected was 115, of which 14 were suffering from alcohol. Such men were not fit to stand the strain of warfare. They were also much more likely to contract colds and pneumonia. The man who had a heavy night in town was not likely to do his work efficiently next day. The number of men in camp suffering from drink is not very large, but several times he had to treat these lads. Since October 9, 1917, he had treated 37 cases, 16 of which were returned soldiers. Eleven were under the influence of drink when they contracted disease. He had good reasons to believe alcohol was connected with 45 or 50 per cent. of the venereal cases. He preferred to see other things tried before prohibition. In some cases boys were rejected because of palpitation of the heart, due to excessive cigarette smoking. He had heard boys say they smoked forty in the day.

Senator Grant: Do you favour regulating the supply of cigarettes or prohibiting their sale entirely?

Witness: Something should be done to stop boys smoking so many cigarettes.

Further questioned, the witness stated alcohol affected the vision, hastened fatigue, usually rendered pneumonia cases fatal, and lowered the powers of resistance of men suffering from shock and from wounds.

Colonel Dr. W. W. Giblin, who had been at the Front in charge of a casualty clearing station for two and a half years, now Chief Military Medical Officer of Tasmania, said there was a little drinking in the camp, but it was chiefly confined to those who drank prior to enlisting. These were turned out if their health were seriously affected. Occasionally they

were boarded out in the hope of recovering. He favoured wet canteens and anti-shouting. It was advisable to close hotels when troops were passing through a port. He was convinced a large number were rendered inefficient through drink.

Mrs Shoobridge, matron of the Red Cross Hotel at Hobart, said nearly all the returned soldiers passed through her hands. Drink affected them badly. Men and women shepherd soldiers when they knew they had cheques and stuck to them till the money was all gone. Returned men often drank to cure depression, and because they had no occupation. When repatriation was commenced these men should not be sent to isolated parts, but given industrial employment.

Sergeant Duncan McRae, a returned soldier, stated when men were doing hard training the effects of drink wore off very quickly. In Egypt drink interfered with discipline.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since the date of last report:

NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Life Membership Fees.—Mesdames W. T. Lill and F. Ferriman and Mr Ferriman, £5 each.

Donations.—Mr J. Hutchison and Christchurch Union, £5 each; Mrs Sheppard, Miss Maunder, and Timaru Union, £1 each; Ngaere Union, 10s; Mrs Jamison, Mrs Neal, and Mr Broad, 5s each. Total, £20 5s.

Expenditure (Convention grants and expenses), £123 13s 5d.

STRENGTH OF THE NATION FUND.

Christchurch Union, £2.

WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Tauranga, £3; New Plymouth, £1 9s 3d; Napier, 10s 3d.

ORGANISING FUND.

Invercargill (balance), £3 19s 1d; Blenheim and New Plymouth, £3 each; Tauranga, £1; Wanganui Y, 10s; Per Miss Powell—Mr W. D. Hunt, £2; Mrs W. Brown and Mrs Haynes, £1 1s each; Mrs A. S. Paterson, £1; smaller sums, 12s 6d. Per Miss Weymouth—Collection Y meeting at Convention, £5 4s 1d; sale of photos, 10s 6d. Total, £22 18s 2d.

Expenditure, £10 7s 8d.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 2nd May, 1918.

IN THE FIELD.

After all, I was able to attend almost all the sittings of Convention, and a most inspiring and uplifting time we had. Close on a hundred members gathered from all parts of the Dominion, age and youth being both well represented. The meetings were characterised by a deeply spiritual tone, and, that being the case, it is needless to state that, as usual, not a single jarring note was apparent. Furthermore, for the third year in succession, our four Dominion officers were re-elected by an absolutely unanimous vote. Timaru friends gave us a right royal welcome, and altogether we had a very happy time.

The rest of the month has been spent in the Dunedin district. Before Convention, Sawyer's Bay (the fine little Branch which I organised three years ago) and Kaikorai Valley were visited, and on March 26th I travelled up to Alexandra. This Branch has held no meeting since the commencement of the war, owing to pressure of patriotic work. I visited all the members, and a good many other women interested, and arranged for a public meeting next month, to be addressed by Mrs Lee-Cowie, and an afternoon meeting next day to re-organise the Union, all the members, after a little chat, being quite willing to again take up the work. As I had only three days before Easter, and the journey occupies over eight hours each way, no more could be done.

The conclusion of the work at Anderson's Bay, Dunedin, was reached on Thursday, April 11th, when a meeting of ladies was held in the S.S. Hall. Mrs Hiatt, District President, occupied the chair, and Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an address. A number of members were initiated, but as they could not see their way to starting a separate Branch, it was decided to meet once a month. Mrs Lee-Cowie undertaking to take charge of the meeting and give an address. As this has the effect of adding thirty-six members to the Dunedin Union, the time spent in visiting was not lost.

On the 20th a start was made for Greymouth, but upon arriving in Canterbury a letter was received stating that circumstances had arisen which rendered the time inopportune for my visit, though, if I decided to go on, the friends would do everything to make it a success. In view of this information, it was decided to

postpone the West Coast trip. My luggage was checked on to Arthur's Pass, and it had to go on and be consigned back.

While in Kaiapoi I had the pleasure of attending the Band of Hope, which was just commencing the winter session. This meeting is under the auspices of the W.C.T.U., and the Superintendent is Mrs Laishley, one of our Vice-Presidents. The Oddfellows' Hall was well filled, and I understood that there was an average attendance of three hundred (including adults), with a membership of over 170. The organisation is very fine, and Mrs Laishley has the faculty of keeping order and keeping everybody in a good temper. There is an admission fee of threepence to adults and children a penny, and as each year the Band of Hope contributes £2 to the Organising Fund, the audience was interested to hear a little about what the fund is used for. A couple of days were spent in Wellington with Mrs Houlder, and Palmerston North reached in time for the first May meeting.

M. S. POWELL,

Dominion Organiser.

Address: Box 48, Palmerston North.

A TOUCHING OFFERING.

The following letter was received by Mrs Lee-Cowie from the Sudan United Mission at Nigeria, B.W. Africa:—

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OURSELVES.

Once more the Convention was faced with another rise in the cost of production of its official organ, the "White Ribbon." Again it appeals to Unions to increase the circulation, and asks each branch to send in 6 new subscribers. Several Unions last year never sent in one new subscriber, and quite half did not gain the 6 new subscribers. Other Unions did so well that our total increase was over 400. Unless new subscriptions are sent in during this quarter in good numbers, we shall have to use ordinary newspaper for the "White Ribbon." Will all Unions help to circulate our official organ, and make it a real help to our campaign? Don't leave all the work to your "White Ribbon" agent, but every member try to secure one new subscriber.

HOUSE RAIDED AT KELBURN.

The police at Wellington raided a house at Kelburn. The Press, with its usual unfairness in affairs of this kind, published the names of the girls found there, but the names of the men, who were at least equally guilty, were not published. The girls, two of whom were only 19, were hurried off to gaol, and the men were allowed to go free.

We cannot too strongly protest against such sex legislation and class legislation. Both men and girls are found in the House. Why are not all detained as prisoners?

The following resolution, passed by the Wellington District Union, speaks for itself:—

"The members of the Wellington District W.C.T.U. desire to protest most emphatically against the publication of the names of the young women arrested in the recent raid on a Kelburn house. Considering the popular odium attaching to the crime of which they are accused, and the probability that they will at once lose their business positions and incur the opprobrium of society in general, such publication is tantamount to the infliction of a severe penalty before their guilt is proved, a method of procedure utterly opposed to British justice, and tending to drive them to a life of crime. The Union desires also to express their unqualified disapproval of the injustice perpetrated by the publication of names of the women arrested, while those of the men are withheld and the men themselves escape scot free, and being convinced that to set up a different standard of morality for men and women renders it impossible to deal effectively with the social evil, and they emphatically protest against such differentiation of the sexes."

As the Magistrate has not yet given his decision in this case, we forbear further comment till next issue. But we strongly urge that the police in future be authorised to arrest both men and women found in any house raided by them. Why should these girls be subjected to the indignity of arrest and their male companions go free?

In Victoria all bars were closed on the day the Referendum was taken. In Melbourne there were only five arrests for drunkenness on that day.

ANZAC DAY.

STRONG PROTEST BY A MAGISTRATE.

Mr Frazer, S.M. at Auckland, said at the Police Court: "On the afternoon of Anzac Day I saw more drunk men about than I have seen for years past. It is disgusting the way the returned men are allowed to get drunk, and I guarantee that 99 per cent. of them get drunk in the bars. I am not personally inclined to take a harsh view of the liquor business, but what I saw that day, a day which was more or less a solemn occasion, is the sort of thing that will bring prohibition quicker than anything else." His Worship went on to urge the putting of hotel bars out of bounds.

Similar scenes were enacted in Wellington, where the Anzac Dinner was marred by disorderly conduct of men under the influence of liquor.

If the few soldiers who so far have returned have been so subjugated by drink that they cannot let it alone on an occasion so sacred as a dinner to the memory of the brave who fell on that historic day, what will be the state of our Dominion when war is over and all the forces return?

Must we not be more than ever determined to close all hotel bars "before the boys come home"?

OPEN LETTER TO THE UNIONS NOT REPRESENTED AT CONVENTION.

Dear Sisters,—It is very unfortunate, but no doubt sometimes inevitable, that some Unions are not represented at Convention, either by delegates or proxies. At Timaru there must have been 20 or more. To all these I want to suggest that they obtain a concise and interesting report that has been supplied through the proxies to several Unions. A copy of this report could probably be obtained by application to the Secretary of one of the following Unions:—Wanganui East, Kaiapoi, Lower Hutt, Devonport, Winchmore, Henderson, Waipukurau, Pahiatua, Warkworth, Birkenhead, Takapuna, Hawera, Ormondville, Stratford.—I am, yours in W.R. bonds,

KATE M. EVANS,

Dominion Rec. Secretary.

April 15th, 1918.

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DOCTORS AND ALCOHOL.

Among the agents which produce degeneration of tissue, alcohol may be characterised as the most prominent of all, it having an especial action on the most highly developed tissues of the human body.—Prof. G. Sims Woodhead, Professor of Pathology, University of Cambridge, England.

Alcohol is a poison having a specific affinity for the nerve centres of the brain and paralysing those centres in the inverse order of their development, the last developed suffering first and most, and the first developed suffering last and least.—Dr W. A. Chapple.

Even the moderate quantity of alcohol contained in a glass of wine or a pint of German beer is sufficient to paralyze, retard, or diminish brain functions.—August Forel, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, University of Zurich.

It is clear, in the light of experience and of recent research work, that alcohol should be classed in the list of dangerous drugs, along with morphine, cocaine and chloral. On the basis of experience, I appeal to my colleagues everywhere to abjure its use.—Dr Howard A. Kelley, John Hopkins University.

The seeming indifference of the public and the authorities appears incomprehensible when it is considered what havoc is wrought by alcohol. The harm done by alcohol is infinitely greater than that caused by all the infectious diseases put together.—Dr M. S. Gregory, Bellevue Hospital.

It is a sin to give children wine or beer. It is criminal to teach that wine nourishes. The dreadful neurasthenia of our day is due just to this early use of alcohol. Those who say that alcohol is a poison are wholly right.—Prof. Nothnagel of Vienna.

Alcohol's only place now is in the arts and sciences. Medicine has reached a period when alcohol has been displaced by better remedies.—Dr C. H. Mayo.

MINE SWEEPERS.

A splendid contribution is on its way to Lady Dimsdale for the Ladies' Guild, from the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand, consisting of 26 cases of clothing, to be used at her discretion, and also a sum of £350 (in addition to £50 already received), of which £100 at least is to be used to send comforts to the New Zealand sailors and engineers who are prisoners of war in Germany, and elsewhere. A matter of special interest in connection with the money is that the Maoris of Tokomaru Bay collected amongst themselves the sum of £47 10s, with the request it was to be cabled "Home" as being from the Maoris. The best thanks of the Ladies' Guild is due to Mrs Nimmo, Superintendent of the Union, for the trouble she has taken in the collection and despatch of these goods. Lady Dimsdale learns with much regret how severely wounded Mrs Nimmo's son, Lieut. A. J. Nimmo, was, but is happy to know that he was discharged from the N.Z. Hospital at Brokenhurst early in January, and will now be detailed for Home Service.—"Chart and Compass."

SOLDIER'S TRAVELLING.

At their last meeting, the members of Palmerston North Women's Christian Temperance Union decided to send a strong protest to the Minister for Railways against the usual treatment meted out to soldiers travelling on our trains. It seems the usual thing for these men who are giving up so much—perhaps life itself—that we may live in comfort, to have to travel long distances often in trucks. We believe that the majority of women would, if aware of the circumstances, resent this, and that the general public would be willing to at least share equally with the soldiers in any discomfort that may be necessary.

AUSTRALIA'S ANSWER TO BRITAIN'S CRY FOR BREAD.

I heard the cry of the children,
It came across the sea,
'Twas a cry of want and famine,
The wild waves bore to me,
For the precious little children
Of whom our Lord has said:
"What ye do to them is done to Me."
Were famishing for bread;
While some were cold and hungry,
Mothers with hearts of stone,
Through strong drink's power forsook them,
Nor heard their feeble moan.

I heard the cry of the wounded,
Their faces worn and white,
In hospital wards so weary,
Once foremost in the fight,
Now turning from tasteless morsels—
They were too sick to eat.
They longed for a better portion,
They craved for something sweet,
But the sugar was denied them,
Those gallant soldiers true;
It was taken by the brewers,
The poisonous drink to brew;

But they looked for help to our land,
Knowing the bounteous store
God had provided so richly,
Enough for us and more.
But like a dread coil'd-up python,
Waiting to crush its prey,
The submarine there was lurking
To snatch their food away.
Yet men with a noble courage
Still crossed the dangerous wave,
Defying the mine and submarine,
The Motherland to save.

But bow your head, O ye nation,
For men in place and power
Said, "Send them wine instead of wheat.

In this their darkest hour."
Oh, shame on ye Christian rulers
Who heard the cry for bread,
And then for the filthy lucre
Bestowed a stone instead.
"Bestowed a stone!" that were kindness,

They tried to send a foe
That now was sapping their life blood,
Helping to lay them low.

Oh, hide it, ye future records,
Let history be dumb,
Nor reveal their cruel conduct
To children yet to come.
Our Father above forgive them,
Lest when Thy face they see,
Thy piercing voice shall say to them;
"Ye did it unto Me."

L.T.L. Reports.

ARAMOHO.

The opening meeting was held on the 12th April. Mrs Duxfield presided, and instructed the children in L.T.L. work. The officers elected were as follows:—Pres., Master G. Whitlock; Sec., Master E. Bathgate; Treas., Miss A. Curnow; Librarian, Miss A. Gilmour. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Duxfield, and meeting closed with Benediction.

Y's Reports.

WANGANUI.

April 29. The attendance was small. Mrs R. Smith took the chair. Decided that this year the Branch would take up work for the mine-sweepers. A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Murray, our delegate, at the Branch Convention, for her fine report. Four new members were initiated.

AUCKLAND.

April 29. Glad to report a very successful meeting and large attendance. Miss Parkinson presided. The reports of the previous Convention were read to all present, and all were filled with interest, and we feel sure that all will agree to "go forward" into the coming year with more enthusiasm and zeal to do all in their power for the uplifting of the Dominion. One new member was initiated. We are hoping to accomplish great things this year, and pray that God may guide us in all we do.

ASHBURTON.

April 18. Mrs W. T. Gill presided over a good attendance. The President introduced Mrs Napier, who spoke on the work undertaken by the "Y" Branches generally, and the advantages to be gained by electing their own officers. Miss R. Oakley, delegate to Convention, submitted her report. A varied programme was given, and much enjoyed by those present. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Sister Jessie; Vice-Pres., Mesdames A. Pollock and W. H. Robinson; Sec., Miss R. Oakley; Treas., Miss Osbourne. Supper was handed round, and votes of thanks passed to all who had taken part.

ARAMOHO.

April 12. Owing to the bad weather, only 14 were present. Our L.T.L. was formed by Mrs Duxfield, Superintendent of the Wanganui East L.T.L. Officers were elected in due form by the little ones. The Wanganui W.C.T.U. appointed Mrs Bathgate Superintendent, with a Commit-

tee of "Y" members. A paper by Miss Tucker on "Christ's Touch and Ours," was very much enjoyed. Miss Currow was elected Vice-President. We are thankful to God that our Secretary, Miss Christie, has passed safely through the crisis of her trying illness, and also another of our members, who is recovering from sickness.

AVONDALE.

April 17. A well-attended meeting. Miss Stevens presided. The Convention report was given by the delegate, Miss G. Wright. Mrs Pirrett added a few remarks, which were interesting, and appealed to the girls to work well for the future.

March 25. A very pleasant evening was spent in hearing the report of our delegate, Miss Murray, about the Convention. Each member was greatly aroused and more eager to help in Temperance work, and we also realised how helpful it was for some member to attend Convention. Decided to visit the Jubilee Home, as the old people there appreciated our visits so much last year. Two new members were initiated.

ARAMOHO.

March 12. Special meeting to discuss organising of an L.T.L. President in the chair. 28 members present. Mrs Duxfield spoke ably on L.T.L. work. Decided to organise a Legion in connection with our Branch. Vote of thanks to Miss Gilmour for her able and interesting report of Convention.

MAORI REPORT.

PAHL.

Aperej 27. I tu te mitingi a te Roopu Karaitiana o Pahi ki te whare ote Perehitini. Heretina P. Hemana i whaka puaretia, e Paratene Hemana katu te Perehitini. Kawhakamihi kite roopu wahine mete roopu Kautamua, mete roopu taetamariki. Kua hui mai nei tatou. Ki roto i tenei whare, i runga ite tumanako o te ngakau. Kapai tenei e hine ma e te roopu taitamariki kei te koa toku ngakau. Kia koutou kua hui mai nei ta tou Kati Mehemea he take tate roopu metu mai; Katu, ko Teria T. Hemana hore kau aku take hoi ano taku take ete ete Perehitini. Kei tekoa toku ngakau kia tatou e hui nei inga marama katoa. Kia ora katu kote mini ta tai tamariki kawha kapia kite karakia. Amene.

"I am not much of a mathematician," said Alcohol, "but I can add to a man's nervous troubles; I can subtract from his energy; I can multiply his woes; I can divide attention from his work; and I can discount his chances for success."

News of the Unions.

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

NELSON.

April 9. Mrs Emmett's resignation as Librarian accepted with regret; resolution of appreciation and thanks passed. Mrs Kirby appointed to take her place. Support of the Union given to Mrs Buchanan and Mrs Redgrave as candidates for School Committee. Four home meetings arranged in connection therewith. Mrs Tait requested to interview the Vicar of All Saints' with regard to the use of fermented wine in the Anglican Church, and also the announcement of Union meetings. Two visitors welcomed: Mrs Down (Palmerston North) and Mrs Reeve (Cambridge). Resolutions passed at Convention re cinema performances for children were endorsed by the Union.

April 16. Special social meeting for receiving Convention reports. The Union's delegates being absent, short reports were given by Mrs Brown and Mrs Judson, delegates to give report at next meeting. Songs contributed by Miss Mae Davis, of Wellington. The School Committee, including two women candidates, went in without election, there being only the required number of nominations.

ASHBURTON.

April 18. Drawing-room afternoon at the residence of Mrs W. Oakley. A large attendance. Mrs W. T. Lill briefly introduced Mrs Napier, New Zealand "Y" Organiser, who spoke on the work the Y Unions were doing in the Old Land, and closed a deeply interesting address with a stirring appeal to all to work and save until victory is assured. Nine present were enrolled as new members. Vocal and instrumental items were pleasingly rendered, and a dainty afternoon tea handed around. Several new subscribers to the "White Ribbon" were secured. Votes of thanks to speaker, hostess, and performers were carried unanimously.

WANGANUI.

May 3.—Mrs H. Smith presided, and Miss Tucker read a splendid paper. Votes of sympathy with Mrs Wilton, Mrs Strong and relatives of the late Mrs Hill in their recent bereavements were passed, by members standing in silence. Letters of appreciation were received from the bereaved members. Decided to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs Tremilow, in her present illness. Also decided to give an evening to returned soldiers.

OXFORD.

April 24. Mrs Kippenberger gave an interesting account of the recent Dominion Convention. The President thanked Mrs Kippenberger for her report, and said that the Oxford Union would have an opportunity of attending the next District Convention, which would be at Oxford in September.

MATAURA.

February 22.—Mrs Galt presided, eight present. Mrs Loudon spoke on the drink traffic, and the Life of Dr Bedford. A vote of sympathy was sent from this Union to Mrs Bedford.

April.—Mrs Galt occupied the chair. Resolved that a box be started for some home—destination to be decided later. One new member. Secretary invited Mr G. D. Verco to attend next meeting.

HAMILTON EAST.

April 16.—Mrs Snow presided over a full attendance. Two new members initiated. Mrs Anderson, a visitor, was welcomed. A vote of sympathy to Mrs Boal on the death of her little child, a member of our Cradle Roll. Mrs Watkins spoke on the needs of the brave mine-sweepers, and decided to appeal for funds through the local press.

TIMARU.

March 31. About 82 members had joined during and since Convention. A framed photograph of Convention Delegates was presented to Mrs Rule as a memento of Convention. A resolution, which had been received from the W.C.T.U. Executive, was read expressing appreciation and thanks for the carrying out of the details in connection with recent Convention. Hospital visitors' report received. Notes of condolence were passed to three members who had lost relatives. Sailor's Rest report showed a quiet month.

WANGANUI EAST.

March 22.—Nominations for appointment in school committee were handed in, and two Union members were again nominated. Reports re literature, visiting sick and absent members were given verbally. An interesting and instructive address: "A Smoker's Heart," taken from the W.C.T.U. Scientific Temperance Charts, was given by the local Superintendent of Narcotics.

April 26.—Fair number present. Votes of sympathy were passed on account of illness of Mrs J. Jones, and also Mrs Melvin's little daughter. Mesdames Walpole and Ellis were congratulated on attaining high places, 3rd and 4th respectively, at the school committee election. Mrs Suisted expressed pleasure with response from Union on behalf of sufferers from the bush fire. Members also assisted in connection with Red Cross Day at Wanganui East. A most interesting report of Convention, written by

proxy, was read by Mrs Andrew, and a hearty vote of thanks followed, to the reader and writer.

TAURANGA.

March 27. Mrs Chappell presided, and presented financial statement and reported number of members. Decided to forward £3 to Dominion Treasurer from proceeds of effort on Frances Willard Day. Decided to forward £1 to Organising Fund. Two new members welcomed from Palmerston North into our Union. A pleasant social was held afterwards.

WARKWORTH.

April 25. Good attendance. Mr Gould gave an address on Temperance, dividing it into four parts, the initial letters forming the letters of the Union. Work, Courage, Thorough, United. He was heartily thanked. Mrs Buckingham read a very full report of Convention sent by our proxy.

GREYTOWN.

April 5. Mrs Lee-Cowie visited the Hospital at 3 p.m., and gave a very interesting address in the Buchanan Women's Ward, some hospital patients, soldiers, and men from the Home being present. On Saturday a meeting held, at which Mrs Cowie gave a thrilling address. Two new members. Sunday afternoon Mrs Cowie addressed the united Sunday Schools. In the evening she spoke in the Presbyterian Church to a very appreciative congregation on her visit to Palestine.

April 26. Mrs Quin, V.P., in the chair. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Whincop for hospitality given to Mrs Cowie when in Greytown.

TAKAPUNA.

April 4. Eight were present, Mrs Fulljames in chair. Short address by Mrs Harris.

May 2. President in chair. Miss Rushbrook took charge of meeting at first, then Miss Hughes gave us an interesting and touching account of her work in Australian Rescue Homes. Two ladies were initiated, and three new members were added to Cradle Roll.

HAMILTON.

May 2. Over 40 ladies present. President gave a short address. The President introduced and welcomed Mrs E. O. Blamires to our Union, and a hearty welcome greeted her when rising to reply. Miss Tidd sang a solo. Three new members joined our Union. A vote of sympathy was passed with several members who had since last meeting lost their dear ones at the Front. Decided to hold next "Home" meeting at Mrs Auld's. Afternoon tea was then handed round by several members of the Y Union. Mrs Snow, on behalf of the Hamilton East Union, extended a warm welcome to Mrs Blamires.

EDEN.

April 17. Miss Wilson presided. Letters were read from Mrs Evans, Mrs Lee-Cowie, and Miss N. Dewar. The Cor. Sec. reported the purchase of literature on State Control. Mrs Pirritt gave a concise and inspiring report of the Convention. One new member was initiated.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

Convention report was given by our President on April 11. A full account of the forward movement arranged for the coming year was given, and some of the resolutions of Convention considered, endorsed, and reported in local papers.

PETONE.

April 2. A fair attendance. Mrs Ashby presided. Mrs Hope gave a very interesting report of Convention, which was much enjoyed. On 17th a pleasant afternoon was spent at the residence of Mrs Collins. Readings were given by Mrs McBean and Miss Rouse. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

GREYMOUTH DISTRICT.

April 30. Good attendance. Mrs Gaskin presided, and gave report of her visit to the Timaru Convention. A vote was taken in silence, members standing, that a record of the long-continued and consistent faithful service to the Prohibition cause be put upon the minutes, in relation to the lamented death of our sister, Mrs Mason, senr., one of the Vice-Presidents. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved family. Mrs Gaskin gave a welcome to Sister Moody-Bell, who has lately left Invercargill to settle on the West Coast. Two new members initiated.

FEILDING.

May 2. A fair attendance. Mrs Crabb (District President) took charge of the meeting. Mrs Bridge gave a splendid report of Convention, which was much appreciated. Miss Powell is expected to visit us. Dorcas work was discussed. A vote of thanks to Mrs Crabb and Mrs Bridge closed the meeting.

LYTTELTON.

May 1. Monthly meeting held. Mrs Wilson presided. Eight members present. Miss Roberts and Miss Henderson, from Christchurch Union, came down and gave us very interesting addresses on the work done at Convention, which were much appreciated.

RAKAIA.

March 21. A united meeting with the Mother Union was held, Mrs Blakiston in the chair. Mrs Williams, of Sumner, gave a very interesting address on the evils of strong drink. There was a good attendance. Greetings were sent to Convention.

April 11. A large attendance of members. Mrs Boag presided. A report of Convention was read by the delegate. Decided to start the Band of Hope for this season on 26th April, and to hold it fortnightly when possible. One new member.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Feb. 13. Miss Henderson presided. Reported that City Council had granted permission to erect a tent on Cathedral Square for sale of gifts for Red Cross work. Balance-sheet read and adopted, and Treasurer and Auditor thanked. Mrs Saxton, Misses Gordon and Roberts elected delegates to Convention, and instructions given.

March 27. Mrs Taylor presided. Decided to postpone suburban meeting till April 17th. Mrs Saxton gave a report of Convention. Decided to ask Mrs Neal to address a Cradle Roll meeting.

April 10. Miss Roberts presided over large attendance. Mrs Neal gave an address on Medical Temperance, and was thanked. Miss Bishop urged Unions to try and get women appointed on School Committees. Votes of sympathy to Mrs Taylor and Mrs Luke in reference to serious illness of Lieut. Luke in France.

April 24. Attendance good. Mrs Taylor in the chair. Decided to co-operate with Red Cross Society in sending honey to the soldiers at Home. Mrs Taylor, Mrs Sheppard, and Miss Roberts appointed delegates to Round Table Conference. Misses Roberts and Moody-Bell addressed the meeting. Reported 23 women elected on School Committees in and around Christchurch.

April 17. Successful suburban meeting at Opawa. Miss Roberts presided, and Mrs McKee and Mrs Williams gave addresses. Five new members.

SAWYER'S BAY.

April 9. A very fine report of Convention by Mrs Tiffany, our delegate. Resolved to ask storekeepers to be careful that cigarettes were not bought for children under 16. Decided to write to Health Authorities re a bad drain. Four new members.

BLLENHEIM.

March 4. Mrs Litchfield presided. Attendance good. Mrs Brewer thanked for services as reporter. Secretary to report meetings. Resolution re wet canteens in camps where New Zealand boys are was sent to Convention by our delegate.

April 2. Fair attendance. Mrs Litchfield in the chair. Resolutions of sympathy with Mrs Grace in the loss sustained by the death of Archdeacon Grace, and with Mrs Hohe for the loss of her mother.

April 16. Social gathering. Mrs Richards gave report of Convention, which was received with much interest, and she was heartily thanked. Musical items were rendered.

AUCKLAND.

Feb. 27. Votes of sympathy with bereaved members. Convention instructions given to delegates. Fine address on "Failure of State Control of Liquor Trade" by Mr McDermott.

March 13. Mrs Cook presided. Attendance large. Vote of sympathy with family of Mrs Yeoman. Y.M.C.A. wrote thanking members for generous supply of cakes at Featherston Camp. Superintendents of Departments appointed. Miss Hughes gave an address. Several new members.

March 27. Resolved to forward following to Minister of Defence:—"Believing that it would be in the best interests of our soldiers, we sincerely pray that hotel bars be closed on the arrival of a hospital or troop ship in New Zealand." A branch has been organised at Papatoetoe, with nine members. Nurse Wilson gave an instructive address.

April 10. Votes of sympathy to family of late Mr Richardson. The remarks of Mr Fraser, S.M., re inadvisability of showing pictures featuring crime to children were warmly commended.

April 24. Interesting and enthusiastic reports of Convention. All were delighted with the speeches of our delegates.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY.

April. There was a fair attendance of members. The President, Mrs Peart, presided. The meeting took the form of an evangelistic service. After praise and prayer, Mrs Peart gave a very fine address, taking as her subject 4th chapter of Esther. One new member was initiated.

CAMBRIDGE.

Feb. Chair taken by Mrs Hogan; small attendance. Decided that we carry on the Band of Hope work, committee to be elected at next meeting. Resolved that letters of sympathy be sent to Mrs C. H. Bycroft and Mrs P. Smith in their illness. Decided to vote for N.Z. officers nominated in the "White Ribbon."

March. Five members present, Mrs Watson presiding. Mesdames Watson and Hogan elected on the Band of Hope Committee. Resolved that the proceeds of Band of Hope meeting be devoted to Mine Sweepers' Fund, and that the children be encouraged to help with this work.

April 2. President, Mrs Watson, presided; 14 members present. Mrs Watson read part of Mr Lloyd George's speech. Several members prayed that help and strength may be given in this time of stress and war to the Prime Minister. Letters of sympathy to be sent to two members in sickness and bereavement.

HAMILTON.

April 11. Eleven members present. Mrs Horne gave a short talk. The President told us that Mrs Brown, a faithful worker in our Union at Mor-

rinsville and elsewhere, was lying hopelessly ill at the Hamilton Hospital. A vote of sympathy was passed. Decided that the next meeting be partly social, to enable members present and absent to meet and welcome some new ones. Decided next evangelist prayer meeting be held at Mrs Ashby's. Mrs Jones read the Social Hygiene Bill.

BLUFF.

March 28. An "At Home" to welcome Mrs Moody, our late President, who has been on a two years' visit to the Old Country. Mrs Donaldson presided, and expressed the pleasure of Mrs Moody's many friends on her safe return. Mrs Moody gave an excellent address on her first impressions of the Home Land and her work as an official visitor at the Third London General Hospital. Solos were rendered by Miss Imlay and Miss Brooks, and afternoon tea served.

April 3. Harvest Festival. Mrs Donaldson presided, and gave a brief review of the financial position of the W.C.T.U. in regard to the hall. The programme opened with an operetta entitled "The Seasons" by a number of children. The solos, recitations, and choruses were well rendered, and great credit is due to Miss Mitchell and Miss Imlay for their training. Produce, cake, jellies, and work stalls were well laden with goods, which were all rapidly bought up at the close of the programme.

WAIPIKURAU.

May 12. Small attendance. Mesdames Hopkirk and Harris were appointed delegates to Provincial Convention. Mrs Harris was appointed "White Ribbon" Agent. Miss Stirling sang two solos. Collection was taken up at close of meeting for World's Missionary Fund.

GISBORNE.

Feb. 26. Small attendance. Votes of sympathy passed with Mrs Walker and Mrs Bedford, also Mr Glanville. Decided to send our President (Mrs Goffe) as delegate, and instructions were given her re voting on resolutions. Proposed and seconded that Dominion officers be re-elected, appreciation of their able services being voiced. Mrs Graham, one of our oldest members, promised to give us a resume of the early days of our Society, which began about 25 years ago. Vote of thanks to our President for providing an acceptable afternoon tea.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

April 5. A well-attended meeting. Mrs Crabb presided. Decided to cater for Winter Show, part of proceeds to go to W.C.T.U. Hutment Fund. Decided to send an emphatic protest to railway authorities re soldiers travelling in trucks.

April 16. Annual Convention social. Members and friends entertained by the President, who welcomed

the guests, and expressed pleasure to see so many Y's present. Convention report given by delegates. Miss Rowlands, Y delegate, gave a short account of Convention. Dr. Godfrey spoke. He considered women police an acute necessity. Musical programme contributed. Supper and vote of thanks to Mrs Crabb closed the proceedings.

NGAERE.

April 2. Meeting at Mrs Morrison's. Small attendance. List of missing and reported dead members of military forces, enquired about by friends, to be placed in prominent place. Resolved to hand over maternity bag to Salvation Army for use of sufferers through Waimarino fire.

LYTTELTON.

April 3. Monthly meeting held. Mrs Todd presided, eight members being present. In connection with Union a Purity Class has been formed, and am pleased to say we have a membership of 28, with an attendance of 18 every Tuesday evening.

KAIKORAI.

March. Good attendance. Mrs Napier present, and gave inspiring address; very helpful. Mrs Lee-Cowie present, spoke encouragingly; much appreciated. Touching allusion made to the late Dr. Bedford, members standing the while.

TAKAPUNA.

March 7. President (Mrs Fulljames) in chair; 18 present. Officers elected. Mrs Smeeton, of Auckland, gave an inspiring address, especially urging mothers to safeguard their daughters. White Ribbon picnic arranged for 21st of present month.

LEIGH.

This Union, through stress of circumstances, has not been reported for some time. One or two meetings having to be passed over, a postponed meeting was held on March 9th, the President (Mrs J. C. Wyatt) in the chair. Decided to make an effort to raise funds for patriotic purposes.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

March 13. The hall was full. Mrs Pasley (President) presided. Meeting took the form of mothers' afternoon. Splendid addresses by Rev. Hughes (Baptist minister) and Mrs Morrison. Two sick visitors appointed. Mrs Garrett and Mrs Parkin again nominated for seats at coming School Committee elections. Three new members elected. Afternoon tea handed round.

April 9. Although the weather was bad, 27 members attended. Mrs Fairbairn, our delegate to Convention, gave a splendid report of work done there, special emphasis being given to matters and work affecting our own Branch. Arrangements were made

for forwarding the election of two of our members at the coming School Committee election. (At the election the Mayor headed the poll, our two members coming next with equal votes, three votes under the Mayor's.) Three new members were welcomed.

GREYTOWN.

Feb. 26. Meeting held in Presbyterian Sunday School, Mrs Quin (Vice-President) in the chair. Resolutions by Mrs Crabb read and passed. One new "White Ribbon" subscriber secured.

PUKEKOHE.

March 7. Meeting held in Methodist Church. Mrs Vaut presided. Election of officers confirmed: Pres., Mrs Vaut; Vice-Pres., Mrs Stevenson; Mrs Honeyford; Treas., Mrs Wilson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Curnow; Rec. Sec., Miss Usher; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Stevenson. Mrs Routley, a visiting member from Wellington, gave us an encouraging address, urging us to press on, and to keep our Branch alive by taking up one or more departments of work.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

April. Mrs Evans, M.A., presided. The following resolution was passed: "That the Government be asked to protect our returned soldiers by closing the hotels on the day of their arrival, when indiscreet friends many times lead them into temptations, which injure them morally and physically." Mesdames Houlder, Boxall, and Mowlem were elected members of the deputation to Parliament. Mrs Evans gave an interesting account of Convention, which all enjoyed.

HAWERA.

March 28.—Mrs Young presided. Reported five new members to L.T.L. and officers elected. Special prayers offered up.

April 25.—Mrs J. S. Young presided. Reports of Convention by our proxy and by Miss Maunder. Discussion postponed till next meeting.

PETONE.

March 5. Attendance good. Mrs Ashby presiding. Decided to forward resolution re anti-smoking to all who are educating the young.

March 20.—Social afternoon at Mrs Jones's. Musical items were rendered, and a reading by Mrs Hollard. Mrs Rowse thanked our hostess.

TIMARU.

March 26.—Thirty-five present, Mrs Rule presiding. Delegate appointed to Council of Workers' Education Council. Report from Sailor's Rest: 53 men paid 120 visits to Rest. Vote of thanks to all who helped at Convention. Social held to introduce new members, and to discuss plans of work. Three hospital visitors appointed.

INVERCARGILL.

April 2.—Mrs Baird presided. Meeting for mothers with social cup of tea. Mrs Morrison gave an able and instructive address. Mrs Macalister reported on her visit to Ryal Bush Union, which started with a membership of 22. Miss Weymouth also spoke.

EDEN.

March 20.—Miss Wilson presided. Good attendance. Mrs Peryman's tribute to Professor Bedford was read from "Vanguard." Resolved to send greeting to Convention. Decided to ask Central Union to discuss at United Executive the closing of hotel bars when soldiers are arriving or leaving any part of New Zealand. Two new members.

MATAKANA.

February 28.—Members to supply in turn readings for each meeting. Letters of sympathy to Mrs E. Roke, Mrs Pattison and Mrs E. O. Brown. Reading by President.

March 21.—Meeting at Big Omaha; fair attendance. Resolved: "That this Union endorses the criticism of Miss Rout's letter by the Editor of "White Ribbon," and is of opinion that houses of ill-fame are detrimental to the morals and efficiency of our soldiers." Attention drawn to number of abortion cases, and suggested that W.C.T.U. draw the attention of our Government to the serious menace to our birthrate. Afternoon tea was handed round, and appreciated by visitors from a distance.

ONEHUNGA.

March 14. Good attendance. Arrangements made for our day at Soldiers' Club. Afternoon tea handed round.

April 11. Mothers' meeting, Mrs Logan presiding. Plunkett Nurse Wilson gave an interesting address, and was heartily thanked. Two new members.

ASHBURTON.

April 2. Good attendance, Mrs Lill presiding. Decided to co-operate with other Unions to raise funds for N.Z. White Ribbon Hutment. Decided to send letter of thanks to manager of Farmers' Co operative for complying with request of Social Hygiene Superintendent. The banners presented at Convention were received, and President urged members to do their best to retain honours banner in 1919. Our life members were welcomed, and badges presented. Miss Watson gave report of Convention, and was thanked.

Moral suasion for the drinking man,
Mental suasion for the thinking man,
Legal suasion for the drunkard-maker,
Prison suasion for the statute-breaker.

WOMAN'S WORK.

GREAT WOMEN'S PETITION.

On March 4 Senator Jones, of Seattle, in presenting the great woman's petition to Congress, spoke as follows:—"A few days ago, Mr President, one of the most remarkable petitions ever prepared was presented to the President of the United States, asking in very respectful terms that he exercise the power that Congress has given him, and, as a war measure, prohibit the further use of grain and other food products in the manufacture of malt and vinous liquors. That petition was signed by many prominent women of this country of every class and occupation. It was signed by the representatives of all the big women's organisations in the country. It represented 6,000,000 of the patriotic women of this country, of the most representative character, not only in their own persons, but for those whom they represented as the officials of organisations of various kinds. This is distinctly a 'win the war' appeal by the patriotic women of this country, who are doing everything in their power to bring this war to a successful termination. The women of America are doing their part now, as they have always done it in the history of the Nation, and they presented the petition to the President as a war proposition. They believe the course suggested by them would have much to do with the winning of the war, and as patriots, and not as partisans of any particular idea, they presented it to him.

Mr President, I have the letter transmitting this petition to the President. I have also the petition, signed by about a thousand of the most representative women of the country. Many of the representative women of the country have not signed it, simply because they did not have the opportunity; but the women whose names do appear do represent the patriotic, loyal sentiment of the great majority of the women of the Republic.

"I think this is the first time in the history of the temperance movement that all of the leading organisations of women have united in behalf of a particular proposition. They have all united in behalf of this proposition, and they are all represented in the petition that was presented to the President.

"This petition was prompted by that great organisation, the Women's Christian Temperance Union, and, in my judgment, will take rank among the historic petitions of the world."

CANADIAN WOMEN AND WAR CABINET.

In a recent conference of representative Canadian women with the War Cabinet, the following resolution was passed:—"Whereas the allied nations are facing imminent starvation, and are looking to Canada as the source of supply, and whereas the people of Canada are making great sacrifices, and are willing to make further sacrifices to supply this need, and whereas part of the grain which is being sent to Great Britain is being wasted in the production of spirituous beverages, which are no benefit, but a very serious detriment to the cause of the allied nations, therefore be it resolved that this Conference express its belief that to prevent this waste of foodstuffs the milling of grain be done in Canada, and only the manufactured article be exported to Great Britain until such time as remedial legislation prohibiting such destruction of foodstuffs be enacted in Great Britain."

WOMEN ON SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

A large number of women were returned members of School Committees. Our list is very incomplete. Will every Union please forward on a post-card the names of women elected to their School Committees, so that a full list may appear in next issue? full list may appear in next issue?

MY CREED.

I would be true, for there are those who trust me.
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare;
I would be friend of all—the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving, and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up, and laugh and love, and lift.

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 8.30 p.m., Central Mission Hall, Albert St.; Pres., Mrs Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Miss J. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace; Org. Treas., Miss Dewar, 4 Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; "W.R." Agent Mrs Nelson, Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden.

Auckland, Y's.—Last Monday at 7.45 p.m. in Y.W.C.A. Rooms. Pres., Miss Alice Parkinson; Vice-Presidents, Misses E. Foster, I. Cook, and O. Scott; Rec. Sec., Miss Hazel Patterson; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Bottrell; Treasurers, Misses E. Crowe and E. Purdy; W.R. Supt., Miss I. Sussex.

Ashburton, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., in Baring Square Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill; Cor. Sec., Mrs C. Holland; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs W. J. Brown, Walnut Av.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

Ayondale Y's, 3rd Wednesday, 7.45 p.m., in Ante-room, Town Hall. Pres. Miss Elsie Stevens; Vice-Pres. Misses Ada Adams, Lilla Russel & Rowley; Rec. Sec., Miss G. Wright; Cor. Sec., Miss L. Morey; Treas. Miss A. Douthwaite; W.R. Supt. Miss R. Thomas; Y. Supt; Mrs Pirrett.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Pres. Mrs A. Jackson; Secretary, Mrs Litchfield; Treas., Mrs Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Mesdames Brewer and Hancock; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, first Tuesday, in month in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs A. T. Watson; Rec. Sec., Mrs Moore; Cor. Sec., Mrs James; Treas., Mrs C. E. Rycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs W. Hogan; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.

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

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

Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hieta, 72, Heriot Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs Macarney, 156, Eglinton Road, Mornington; Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson; Supt. WHITE RIBBON, Mrs Anderson, 82, Duke St; Treas., Mrs Young, Bishopscourt, Roslyn.

Devonport, Second Thursday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Barr, Victoria Rd.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Budd, Elliot, Sheppard, George and Young; Sec., Mrs Burnett, Jubilee Av.; Treas., and Supt W.R., Miss Le Roy, Waterview Rd., Stanley Bay; Supt. Cradle Roll, Miss Lilliwall.

Fitzroy, last Friday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs A. Hayward, 834, Devon Street, Fitzroy; Sec., Mrs L. Gray, 688, Devon Street East, New Plymouth; Treas., Miss Tolme, Chilman St., Fitzroy; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Kibby, Clemow St., Fitzroy.

Feilding, 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., St. Paul's Hall; Pres., Miss Moore, c/o Mr. W. H. Bain, Feilding; Rec. Sec., Miss Jordan, c/o Mr H. Feild; Cor. Sec., Mrs C. J. Thompson, Danbigh Street; Treas., Mrs Williamson, The Hill; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Burnley; Railway Box, Mrs Shearer.

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

Greymouth District, last Tuesday at 8 p.m., in Sailor's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs Gaskin; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Sweetman; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs T. Brown; Cradle Roll and Band of Hope, Mrs Stewart and Mrs Perry.

Greytown, Last Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. in Presbyterian Sunday School. President, Mrs Whineop, Gasworks; Secretary, also W.R. Agent, pro tem., Mrs Banks, Humphreys St.; Treas., Mrs Boucher, Humphreys St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Quin and A. Haigh.

Hamilton District, first Thursday. Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs J. T. Horne, Clifton Road; Sec., Mrs W. H. Paul, Clandlands; Treas., Mrs E. J. Davey, London Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Gaulton, Rosstrevor Street

Hamilton East—3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Methodist Hall. Pres., Mrs Snow, Wellington St; Sec., Mrs Ogilvie, Firth St; Treas., Mrs Jack, McFarlane St; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mears; W.R. Agent, Mrs Day

Hastings, 2nd Thursday. St. Andrew's Hall, 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Moore, Stratford; Vice-Pres., Mrs Boyle, Mrs Burr; Sec., Mrs K. M. Lovell-Smith, 803 Ellison Road; Treas., Mrs J. Wilson, Hastings Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cameron.

Hawera meets in Wesley Hall, Regent Street, on the last Thursday, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. S. Young, Cameron Street; Vice Presidents, Sister Nellie, Mesdames Bone, Dixon, Gray, and Miss Maunders; Rec. Sec., Miss Biscoff, Turuturu Rd; Cor. Sec., Mrs White, Argyle Street; Treas., Mrs Best, Milmo St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Tonks, Campbell St.

Henderson, 3rd Wednesday. Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Gilbard, "Homeview"; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Williams and Wright; Secretary, Mrs McKay, Great North Rd.; Treas., Mrs W. Williams, Gt. North Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Platt, Gt. North Road.

Invercargill District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Allen's Hall; Pres., Mrs James Baird; Vice-Pres., Mesdames C. H. Macalister, McKenzie, Lopden, Peters, Hunter; Rec. Sec., Mrs Kennedy, Gladstone; Cor. Sec., Mrs Parsonson, Princes St., Edwood; Treas., and "W.R." Agent, Mrs F. Lillierap, Eara St.

Invercargill South. Meets every second Tuesday, in Amethyst Hall, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pasley, Centre St. Gorgetown. Sec., Mrs Garrett, 195 Ness St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Morrison, Parkins, Morris, Hughes, Clements, Ewart; W.R. Agent, Mrs Pate; Treasurer, Mrs Aitken; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs Parry

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

Kati-Kati, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m. in Public Hall. Pres., Mrs Baines, Vice-Pres., Mrs J. Hume Tres., Mrs Woolford, Sec., Mrs Jack Hume, W.R. Sp. Miss McCutchan, Cradle Roll, Misses Dickey and Andrews, Organist, Mrs N. Johnston.

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

Lytelton, 1st Wednesday, Presbyterian School-room; 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, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Devonport; Sec., Mrs M. Flanagan, 4 Cole Street; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Ross, High Street.

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

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

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

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

Ngaruawahia, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church; President, Mrs Bycroft; Vice-Pres., Mrs Vincent; Sec., Mrs J. S. Colhoun; Treas. Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs Nicholson

New Brighton, 3rd Thursday in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hall, 36 Wainui St., New Brighton; Secretary, Mrs W. Smith, 344 Wainoni Rd., Christchurch; Treas., Mrs Nicholas, Brooke St., Bexley, N.B.; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Strand, Bexley, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Langley, Park Rd., New Brighton.

New Plymouth District, first Friday, 2.30 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres.,

; Sec., Mrs Griffin, Gilbert Street; Treas., and W.R. Agent, Miss Taunt, Victoria Rd.

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

Norsewood, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Speight; Vice-Pres., Mrs Gatman; Sec., Miss A. E. Olsen, "Willow Park"; Treas., Mrs S. Fredrickson; "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, 43, Frame St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs Wright, 78, Main Road.

Nelson District, Second Tuesday, Temperance Hall, 3 p.m.; Acting Pres., Mrs Watson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Knapp, Alfred St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Judson; Treas., Mrs A. Brown, Weka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford, Mount St.

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

Oxford, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall; Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. Compys; 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 Maud 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, 37 Cuba St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Eason, 82 Richmond St.; Treas., Mrs Donaghue; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Barrow, Hutt Road.

Picton, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church. Pres. Mrs Arthur Broadway; Vice Pres. Miss Jennings; Sec. & Treas. Mrs Wilkes, York St. Supt. Cradle Roll; Mrs Tregruthen, Taranaki St., Band of Hope; Mrs Jacques & Miss Jennings; W.R. Agent, Mrs Jacques, York St.

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

Pukekohe, Methodist Church, 1st Thursday, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Vant, Beresford St.; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Wilson; Rec. Sec., Miss Usher; Cor. Sec., Mrs Haslam, 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 Jenkins, Treas.; Mrs Hopwood Sec.

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

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

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

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.; Pres., Mrs Lamb; Cradle Roll, Miss Evans, Victoria St.; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Brooker, 11, Mere Mere St.

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

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

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

Wanganui East meets last Friday at 2.30 p.m. in Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Duxfield; Mahoney Street; Vice Pres., Mesdames Blair, and 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 Ave.; 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., School-room, 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, 3 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Houlder, 108 Wallace St.; Sec., Mrs Dennett, 27 North Terrace, Kelburn; Treas., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St.

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

Wellington Central, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis St.; Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Wadestown; Acting Pres., Mrs McDonald, 8 Huia Rd., Hataitai; Cor. Sec., Miss Helyer; Rec. Sec., Mrs Clark; Treas. Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Port, Aust Street.

Waipukurau, 2nd Friday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 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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