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SOME OF THE WORKERS OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN SAILORS' SOCIETIES' LADIES' GUILD UNPACKING THE GREAT CASES OF WOOLLEN COMFORTS FOR THE MINE-SWEEPERS SENT BY MRS. HAMILTON NIMMO ON BEHALF OF THE W.C.T.U. OF NEW ZEALAND.

OPENING OF THE EFFICIENCY CAMPAIGN.

It was unfortunate that Thursday, August 8th, should have been one of Wellington's bad days, with cold south wind and drenching rain, for on that evening the big "petition" meeting was held in the Town Hall, when the three Organisers, just arrived from Canada, made their first

public utterances in the Capital City. Despite cold and wet, a large audience gathered to hear them, and a lively and interesting meeting it proved to be, for certain individuals, evidently representing the "Trade," were in attendance, ready to argue and interrupt whenever opportunity occurred. However, they found more than their match in Rev. R. S. Gray, who occupied the chair, after the first half-hour, and in the Canadian visi-

tors, and in every contest of wit they came off second best.

Mr Temple White contributed during the half-hour before the meeting several most enjoyable musical items on the large organ; and he accompanied the singing of the National Anthem, with which the proceedings opened.

The chair was taken by His Worship the Mayor, who, in a few well-chosen sentences, welcomed the visi-

tors in the name of the citizens of New Zealand, and paid some graceful compliments to Canada and to the Canadian "boys."

Pressing civic business then compelled him to withdraw, and his place was taken by Rev. R. S. Gray, who said he wished, on behalf of the Executive of the Alliance, to explain briefly the reasons for accepting the National Efficiency Board's proposals re the Liquor Traffic. The Government, he said, had been greatly praised for their wisdom in selecting these business men of such standing, though, after their report came out, these very men were branded as "wowsers." The Efficiency Board appealed to men that the Prohibition party had never been able to touch, and their appeal came at the psychological moment, when every Government in the world was dealing with the Liquor Traffic. Russia, for instance, had been able to mobilise her armies far more quickly than the Central Powers had expected, because every man was sober. A strong case could be made out against the "Trade." When the Home leaders were in great anxiety over the submarine menace and appealed to the people to ration themselves, so as to conserve the rapidly diminishing food supplies, the Liquor Trade was destroying, every week day, the equivalent of seven million rations, while all that the submarines were destroying was seven millions in a week. The navy and the mine-sweepers were guarding a great drink fleet that was bringing into England not soldiers, but food to be destroyed by the brewers, whose profits were increased by 800 to 900 per cent. The Italian debacle had been caused by hunger, and when Britain was asked to help with food, the answer was that she could do nothing, though there was still plenty of food-stuffs available for the brewers to destroy. In our own Dominion, in Dunedin, beer had right of way on the railways, though ploughs had to be refused. The Trade had such power at Home that it seemed impossible for the Government to tackle the Drink Question successfully, but we should put a stop to it here before it attained to such huge dimensions. Why, he asked, did we adopt the Efficiency Board's proposal, involving compensation, against which the Prohibition party had always taken so firm a stand, denying the right of the Trade to compensation on any ground what-

ever? These business men showed that because of the four years' delay in making National Prohibition operative, even after being carried, there would be a loss to the country of £40,000,000, not to speak of the moral wreckage and wastage; and the Temperance leaders dared not take the responsibility of refusing a proposal that made it possible, by the expenditure of four and a-half millions, to sweep away the whole Traffic immediately and for ever; for it was understood that the Efficiency Board had in their minds decision for a bare majority, to be immediately operative. Because they were patriots, the Prohibitionists dared not put even that principle for which they had stood up so long against the good of the country. Therefore, after long consideration, they commended the proposal of the Efficiency Board as being in the best interests of the nation, and were prepared to tell the Liquor party to take their blood money and clear out.

Mr George Bell, M.P. for Victoria, in British Columbia Legislature, and for six years President of the Y.M.C.A., then addressed the meeting. After saying a hearty "Thank you" for the kindness already shown to him and his colleagues, and referring to the splendid landscape, climate, and people of the Dominion, he went on to tell the story of Prohibition in Canada. He described how for long they had had Local Option, and district after district went dry, but no district had jurisdiction over its neighbour. So after the outbreak of the war five Orders-in-Council were passed, stopping the use of grain for distilling or malting, and making it illegal, after April 1st of this year, for intoxicating drinks to be imported, manufactured, sold, or carried from one province to another. Only in the province of Quebec was this regulation not yet in force, but after May 1st, 1919, the whole Dominion of Canada would be "dry." Similarly it was only a matter of a few months before the United States would have declared for National Prohibition; 12 out of the 49 States had already voted unanimously for it, and when three-quarters had decided for Prohibition, it came into force automatically throughout this vast country.

Passing on to the reasons for this decision against the Traffic, he said that though he did not personally believe in leaving out the moral and social and spiritual aspects of the

question, yet he was going to confine himself to the financial. The Dominion had been getting annually 19 million dollars as revenue from the Trade, and it was spending 215 millions directly and indirectly as the result of its accursed work. Would not any one in his personal business "quit" under such circumstances? The United States were spending two and a half billions of dollars annually, and in return received 45,000 dead babies, 100,000 orphans, 100,000 criminals, 100,000 cases of insanity, 65,000 suicides, and 75,000 buried in drunkards' graves. Every day, in the United States, the Liquor Traffic had been practically sinking a "Titanic," with its 1500 victims.

The speaker dealt next with the question, Does Prohibition work? He brought forward varied and convincing evidence to show that everywhere that Prohibition had been tried, the results had been good. He had a letter from the Premier of Saskatchewan declaring the benefits arising were beyond dispute. In that province, as also in Manitoba and British Columbia, gaols had been closed. Outside Regina was a large penitentiary, and this year there were so few occupants that men had to be hired to do the work, connected with the growing of vegetables, which in previous years had all been done by the prisoners. In British Columbia, when Prohibition first was adopted, Government liquor stores had been opened, but before long the people voted them out by a majority of 9 to 1.

It was often stated that Prohibition ruined a place. The facts proved the reverse. A striking illustration was afforded by Kansas and Missouri, adjoining States, with but an imaginary line dividing them, of which Missouri had the advantage in natural resources. Yet the assessed value of property in Kansas, that had had Prohibition for 30 years, was 1750 dollars per head, as against 300 dollars in Missouri, the "wet" State. Kansas had the lowest death-rate in the world, and conscription was useless there, for all having volunteered, there were none left to conscript. Out of 800 newspapers in Kansas, only eight would insert a liquor advertisement. There were no bad results either to employer or employee. One sawmill proprietor, talking to him on the subject, said: "It's a godsend, for we can start our mill now on a Monday morning." Even hotel property had

improved. In his own district three breweries had been closed and turned to other uses, as furniture or boot factory or tannery, employing between them 4600 people, in place of under 400 employed before in brewing. Hotel accommodation had greatly improved, as to table, quietness, and general comfort, and though it was true prices had gone up, that was the case everywhere as the result of the war. The Canadian Commercial Travellers' Association had officially stated that boarding accommodation was in no way worse. The hotel-keeper himself was taken out of a line of life that was bad for him, and found he could do much better in another occupation. North America had benefited in every way, and so would New Zealand. If the Dominion once adopted Prohibition she would never regret having done so, or wish to go back on it.

After a collection had been taken up, Mr Bayley, Teacher of History and Economics in Winnipeg, addressed the meeting. Taking as his text a pamphlet adorned with the Union Jack, but issued by the Merchants' Protective Association, that really stood for the liquor interest, he dealt with the ways in which the Trade had endeavoured, in British Columbia, to upset the voting for Prohibition by tampering with the soldiers' votes. The voting closed in September in British Columbia, but arrangements were made whereby the soldiers in England and at the Front could vote up to the end of the year. When these votes were taken account of it was found that the Prohibition majority of 6000 gained by the home votes had been wiped out. But as there were many suspicious circumstances connected with these soldiers' votes, the British Columbia Legislature decided to send over a commission of three business men to enquire into the matter. The investigation brought to light many irregular and fraudulent transactions. Of the 5701 alleged votes, apparently 50 were of men who had died before the poll, 689 appeared to have voted in England, though at the time they were in the trenches in France, 583 had apparently voted twice, 39 three times, and a large number seemed to have voted who had never been in the Canadian Army at all. Other glaring instances were given by Mr Bayley of the lax way in which the soldiers' votes had been taken, both in France

and in England; "dry" votes had been suppressed or exchanged for "wet" votes, though the utmost precautions had been taken, and the clearest directions given to ensure a clean and secret ballot. Quantities of cigarettes or of liquor had been used to influence the soldiers' votes; in one case the soldiers who declared they had already voted were told the poll had to be repeated because the first voting papers had been lost through the torpedoing of a boat. These fraudulent practices were absolutely proved on conclusive evidence, and the result of the investigation was to restore the majority for Prohibition, which was thus duly carried. Thus the "Trade" was shown up in its true colours, and we could understand what it would stoop to when fighting for its life.

The last speaker was Mr Simpson, who said he came as a representative of Labour, and on a recent visit to England had had the opportunity of addressing the Labour members of the British Parliament on the prohibition of the Liquor Traffic. He maintained that the workers are not opposed to Prohibition, and that it is a vile slander to say that the working man is the great obstacle to this reform. To disprove this last statement, plebiscites were taken in every part of the United Kingdom, resulting in large majorities for Prohibition. In six districts in England the majority had been over 53,000, in two districts in Wales over 7000, and in twelve districts in Scotland over 32,000. In 1920 the people in Scotland would probably have the power to vote out the Traffic, and he believed they would do it. He instanced Porto Rico, which had recently voted liquor out, though the people were so illiterate that their voting papers had to bear symbols as distinctive marks, a coconut for Prohibition, and a beer bottle for liquor.

He showed that a great change had come in the attitude of Labour towards Prohibition. In Colorado, Denver, and in British Columbia there had been opposition at first from newspapers and from officials, but now they heartily supported it. He did not hold with any attempt to control the Traffic, such as by State ownership, which, according to the principles of true Socialism, he contended should be applied to the means of living, not to that which brought only ruin and misery and death. Enunciating the four standards of value—

real value, exchange value, use value, and sale value—he showed that from the economic standpoint there was no valid argument for the production and use of liquor. Other common articles of trade were to preserve life; this tended to destroy, and liquor required less labour and material for its production than any other article of the same selling value.

Employees connected with bars and breweries he considered were not truly democratic, for they placed their own interests before the interests of the community. They had always opposed reforms, such as woman suffrage and the referendum, because they feared that these would tend towards the overthrow of the Liquor Traffic. The workers as a body desired knowledge, and when science demonstrated to them that alcohol injured the body by robbing the red and white corpuscles in the blood of their power to resist disease, they recognised that it impaired efficiency, and they would have none of it. The movement for Prohibition, he believed, would go on irresistibly. Weak and humble in its beginning, it had gained strength by slow degrees, but now it had become a mighty force, which would eventually prevail.

The proceedings closed with the National Anthem.

THE LATE MRS S. B. WHITE.

Early in June there passed from our midst one of the members of the pioneer W.C.T.U., which was formed in New Plymouth in 1885. When the Union was re-organised in 1895, Mrs White again became a member, and remained in it to the day of her death one of the most sympathetic in the work. Through business and home ties, she was not able to attend the meetings very often, but her purse and keen interest were ever at our service. Remembering, as we do, the strenuous worker her husband was in the Temperance fight, one scarcely expects that every member of a family can soar to the height of ardent self-sacrifice attained by the late Stephen Boothby White in the good of the cause—God bless his memory. Mrs White has borne her affliction of blindness of late years with Christian patience and cheerfulness. We offer our sympathies to the family in their loss.

FACTS FOR VOTERS.

If the importation and production of intoxicating liquors were prohibited in Great Britain, 1,385,000 tons of shipping would be liberated. That is equal to 29 ships of 5000 tons' carrying capacity each able to make four voyages a year.

Grain used in the manufacture of alcoholic liquors in Europe in one year would feed thirty million people for the same length of time.

Beginning with April 15, no wine, champagne, or port can be loaded in Europe on a ship bound for America. All these have been branded as non-essentials of commerce.

"I am for prohibition as a war measure, primarily because it will release vast quantities of rye, corn, barley, and wheat, which will be needed for food supplies. In addition, it will make men more efficient, and it will undoubtedly reduce venereal diseases."—Dr. Austin O'Malley.

As a general principle, total, world-wide prohibition, in my opinion, would be one of the greatest possible forward steps for humanity."—Dr. Romaine Newbold, Prof. of Intellectual and Moral Philosophy at University of Pennsylvania.

"Prohibition during war time is necessary. We are training for a national effort, and we cannot train men for anything worth while on rum."—Dr. Martin, Surgeon-in-Chief, University, Penn., U.S.A.

"I am for prohibition as a war measure, first, because it means an immense saving of food supplies. Second, because the experience of France and Russia proves that prohibition increases the efficiency of the people immensely; and third, because prohibition will remove the temptation to vice."—Dr. Keen, Prof. of Surgery.

"The consumption of so much food value in intoxicants is inconsistent with efficiency."—Dr. Lichtenberger, Prof. Sociology.

"The amount of work that the individual can do will be vastly increased by the prohibition of liquor. It will also diminish crime at home among the civil population, and it will largely reduce venereal diseases."—Dr. McFarlane, Prof. of Pathology and Bacteriology.

Captain Wagner, of the American sailing ship *Minnie Caine*, spoke thus to the Superintendent of the Sailors' Rest at Port Adelaide:—"My outstanding impression of your port is the amount of booze there is consumed in your midst, and the many facilities there are for getting it. I attribute the long delay and worry I have had to the drink. I have the strongest suspicion that drink caused the fire which broke out shortly after we berthed. This I know for certain, that when the fire was discovered the crew were so helplessly drunk that they could not assist me to put it out. Drink was the cause of one of my men hanging himself while here. I tell you we have none of this booze nonsense in the ports I come from, which are in prohibition States. Here I have been held up for over six months waiting repairs just completed. Now for two days I have been waiting for one of my officers, who is still somewhere about the port helplessly drunk, and I can't go to sea without him. It annoyed me very much to see an advertisement in your papers purporting that water-drinking was causing a deterioration of the American race. My children have never seen a saloon, and I am prepared to hand them over for a comparison with young people in any drinking country in the world."

The British Food Control Board for 1918-1919 reduced the tonnage for carrying brewing materials by 988,000 tons, leaving tonnage for this purpose amounting to 512,000 tons.

In the United Kingdom, with starvation looming ahead, during the last year the brewers destroyed 650,000 tons of bread and sugar. The drink trade has made more out of hindering the war than any trade in the kingdom has made out of helping it. The brewers had to reduce their output from twenty-six to fourteen million barrels, but they made more money out of the lesser output, and got back a Treasury rebate of one million pounds in taxation.

In the United States of America last year, "the liquor trade consumed foodstuffs sufficient to feed 7,000,000 men for a year, required the toll of 75,000 farmers for six months to furnish these foodstuffs, engaged 62,920 wage-earners needed in legitimate industry, and exacted a heavy toll of life."

If, instead of encouraging our children and our men and women to eat less, we simply refused to allow any grain or foodstuffs to be used for the production of liquor, we would not only avert the destruction which commonly results from the consumption of liquor, but we would save enough grains to supply continuously the bread and rations for our own army and the combined armies of our Allies.—Miss Jeanette Rankin.

The enormous expenditure on drink—even if drink were innocuous—implies a corresponding abstraction of wealth from useful and beneficent uses. But drink is not innocuous. It is the most powerful and fascinating of all means of degradation and disease which unfortunate human nature can find to debase itself. Every medical practitioner sees illustrations of this almost every day of his life. The bishops have set us an example, and we of the medical profession have also our religious duties.—"The Lancet."

The trade uses seven million tons of coal. It requires one million cars and thirty thousand locomotives to haul rum's products.—Hanley, of Indiana.

The land in Great Britain alone that is devoted to the cultivation of grains for distilling and brewing purposes would make a grain bed a mile wide and long enough to reach across the Atlantic, and this in a land that produces only one-sixth of the grain it consumes. From twenty to thirty million dollars' worth of fruit formerly used for home-made English jams could not be preserved for lack of sugar. It takes 1000 trains every week of twenty cars, carrying ten tons each, to transport the trade in intoxicants.

The Brewers' Year Book for 1917 in America admits destroying 2,949,249,292 pounds of grain and two million tons of coal.

England's liquor bill for 1914 was £164,000,000; for 1915, £182,000,000; for 1916, £204,000,000; for 1917, £259,000,000.

Great Britain destroys annually, for brewing purposes, 70,300,000 bushels of grain, 1,600,000 cwts. of rice, 4,400,000 cwts. of sugar and molasses, and other foodstuffs too numerous to mention.

Since the war began the British breweries and distilleries have destroyed 5,110,000 tons of human food.

The American Medical Association, with a membership of 81,000 physicians and surgeons, adopted the following resolutions:—

Whereas we believe that the use of alcohol is detrimental to the human economy, and whereas its use in therapeutics as a tonic or stimulant or for food has no scientific value; therefore

Be it resolved, That the American Medical Association is opposed to the use of alcohol as a beverage; and

Be it further resolved, That the use of alcohol as a therapeutic agent should be further discouraged.

STRENGTH OF THE NATION MOVEMENT.

(By Mrs Lee-Cowie, Organiser.)

Otago and Southland have done nobly in response to the call of God. Nearly 1000 new members in three months. Such a fine lot of men are joining, and in many places the school teachers are our auxiliaries. We are rejoicing that the educated, the earnest, the loyal, are falling into line and getting ready for the final battle.

I have had wet, cold weather in many places, but in not one instance have we missed a meeting, and every meeting has resulted in its quota of members.

Mrs Weaver, of Alexandra, secured 17 names on a train journey (and the fees also). Now she sends me 12 more names, so I would say to every member, "Go and do likewise."

Mr A. Cowie is paying for a page in "The Outlook" to bring our work before the churches. Already several names have been sent me as a result. One lady in New South Wales has sent us 10s as her membership fee.

We urge every member to secure names to the great petition, and above all, to keep the prayers ascending day and night for the final victory over drink this year.

SOME DAY.

"Nearly every means except Christianity has been tried to get rid of war."

"Some day, it is hoped, that will be tried."

PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

STRATFORD, JUNE 13th. 1918.

Convention opened with devotions, conducted by Mrs Kennington, life member of the Ngaere Union.

Welcome to delegates by Mrs M. Philips, President of Stratford Union.

Reply, Mrs Duxfield, Wanganui East.

Convention Letter-writer, Mrs Gillings.

Reports of Unions.

Ngaere has collected money and clothing for Red Cross work; assisted Stratford in efforts for Y.M.C.A. funds; visits the hospital; collects for Maori Department; a member on the School Committee, also a member Secretary and Treasurer of School Committee.

Stratford has a member on the School Committee; took over the patriotic shop and tea rooms on Y.M.C.A. Day, when nearly £50 was raised, no raffles or guessing competitions; runs a successful L.T.L.; has a Sunshine member.

Hawera has a flourishing Cradle Roll and L.T.L., also a Young People's Union; £60 was raised for comforts for mine-sweepers; Maori work undertaken.

Eltham has worked for patriotic purposes; held a Band of Hope last season.

Manaia conducts a most successful L.T.L., members 94; contributions are given at every meeting for Y.M.C.A. Fund.

Normanby reports keen interest in all work; held a Garden Party for mine-sweepers; has a flourishing Cradle Roll; takes flowers to the hospital; has an absent member letter-writer; owns a library in connection with Union, and, like most other Branches, been very busy with patriotic work.

Wanganui.—Home meetings; two members on School Committee, one on Hospital Board, and a Y Union.

Wanganui E.—Red Cross work, work among seamen, and home meetings were held and white ribbons distributed; L.T.L. does good work under the leadership of Mrs Duxfield; educational literature distributed. Most of the Unions have been visited by Mrs Lee-Cowie.

Reports adopted.

Noontide hour.

Afternoon. Devotions conducted by Mrs Campion. Roll call.

Twenty-six answered with a verse of Scripture.

Resolutions.

"That this Convention views with concern the insanitary condition of many of our public school buildings, and considers that, although much is needed to carry on the war, yet it is unwise to neglect the health of the rising generation, upon whom so much of the future welfare of the nation depends, and requests the Government to take means speedily to remedy this serious flaw in our education system."

"That in view of the fact that it is unwise, in the moral interests of children between the ages of 14 and 17, to be out so much at night away from their parents' control, the Government be strongly urged to amend the Education Act that compulsory continuation classes should be conducted at the Technical Colleges during the day time, instead of as now, at night."

Recommendation.

"That each Union procure a few copies of Parliamentary Rules by J. Roberts."

President's address. A review of work during the year; thankfulness for six o'clock closing, and encouragement for coming year. Received and adopted, and appreciated.

A paper on "Influence" was read by Miss Johnston. This was much appreciated, as it was the first time one of our young members appeared in public.

A few words of encouragement from Mrs White.

A short address from Mrs Duxfield on the evil effects of cigarette smoking.

Election of Officers.—The present officers were unanimously re-elected for ensuing year. Pres., Mrs Philips; Sunny Hollow, Stratford; Sec., Mrs Jones, Ngaere; Treas., Mrs Jemison, Tariki.

Invitations for next Convention were received from Hawera and Wanganui. Wanganui accepted.

Votes of thanks were passed to the ladies of Stratford Union, hosts and hostesses, Trustees of the Methodist Church.

Convention closed with singing the Temperance Doxology and the Benediction.

A law has been drafted in Nebraska authorising any peace officer in the State to arrest anyone whose breath has the odour of liquor.

THE WOMAN'S PART.

(Paper read before Takapuna Union
(by Mrs Waghorn.)

The world to-day is passing through a most terrible time of darkness, suffering is everywhere; for the flower of the nation's manhood is being destroyed upon the battlefields of Europe and Asia. This sad time with its attendant ills, could not have come to pass had not the civilised world needed it; for, in this way, God has to teach a lesson to us, His children. If the world is to benefit by the lesson, and if we would save humanity the horrors of war in the future, we women must do our part. More is needed from us than the giving of our men to fight. Unless this is recognised, the sad lesson will need to be gone through again and again, until, by suffering it is learned.

What is the great part for the women to play? Is it to train up the children in such a manner that the world may become better through them.

When reading the other day, I came up this beautiful quotation, "The World moves forward on the feet of the little children." After being struck by the beauty of the thought, I could not help but see it's truth; for upon the efforts made to-day for the children, and the success which attends these efforts, depends the future of mankind. When our work here is done, it is in their hands that we shall leave the welfare of our country, the future of our beloved Empire and the training of the next generation. We have always to remember that "the race has not only to continue but progress," so each succeeding generation should be a step in advance of the last.

The privilege and responsibility of this great work of training the children, and it is the greatest work in the world, lies largely with the mothers and the women. They have in their hands, the power to make or mar the character of the children and through them the character of the nation.

Most mothers desire that all things good and beautiful shall come to their children. They plan and contrive ways and means, and often debar themselves even of necessities that they may give them the things they consider good. If we ask ourselves:

What is the most beautiful thing that a child can have? In nine cases out of ten, nay, I believe in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred, the answer will be a noble character. Character-building is really the greatness of life. Riches may bring comfort and luxury; they only exist for this world—no one can carry them into the Great Beyond. Our character, with its many qualities, is the only thing that we take with us. Therefore, it is that which is lasting, not that which is transitory which we need to strive for and live for.

The first thing for a mother to do is to set her own house in order. She must look to herself to see if she is all she would wish to be, for it is by her example that she will best teach her children. The character of the Christ is ever before her as an example, so her life must show the love, the tenderness, the truth and the purity she would wish to see in her little ones. Let her ask herself: Do I show all the beauties of character that I would have my children associate with the name of mother? Then she can set to work to build into her character the qualities lacking, and to strengthen those that are weak. The every day life will supply plenty of opportunities for this work, and the conscious effort will gain for her a control over herself, which is so necessary for all who have to do with the training of children.

Love is the most powerful force in the Universe. True mother-love is the greatest and purest of all earthly love; it is nearer the Love of God because of that purity. It calls for continuous self-sacrifice. The mother first gives of her body that a soul may be provided with a physical form, in which to learn the lesson of life. Later she gives both time and thought to the upbringing of her children.

A mother's love needs to be strong, for she has always to keep before her the true welfare of the child, or she may err by being too indulgent. This would be disastrous, for it would make her little one self-indulgent. Now, self-indulgence, with its sins of sloth and idleness, undermines character and does not bring out the application necessary for life. Too many mothers, in their desire to sacrifice themselves upon the altar of love think only of what they can do and not of how they can best train a young life to show its love in service.

It is mistaken kindness to do everything for a child. He can be taught from earliest years not only to help himself, but to help others, to show kindness to animals, and to care for plants. A child loves to help; there are so many ways in which he can be of use. In training him to think of others you are training him to be a thorough Christian. Can he be other when he has learned from his mother something of the loving tenderness of the Christ, as shown in service to all?

It is well for a child when he comes to a home where he is provided with a pure, clean body, and surrounded by love and tenderness; under these circumstances he develops quickly to his best, and a good start is given to a life.

Obedience is a lesson that cannot be learned too young, and once learned, will be a great help through childhood. It does not mean taking away of all liberty, for, within bounds, a child needs to be free to develop along his own lines.

Timid, self-distrustful children are best helped by the judicious use of praise and encouragement; in this way they gain a certain amount of confidence in their own powers. Encourage the good rather than call attention to the bad; faults are never remedied by calling attention to them. Mothers should try to leave the word "don't" out of their vocabulary.

It will be remembered that the more flowers there are in a garden the less room for weeds; so cultivate the flowers of a child's character and allow the weeds to die.

Anger should never be shown in a child's presence, for it will arouse anger in the child, and possibly fear—fear of the results of a mother's anger. This in turn, may lead to untruth, which is nearly always the result of fear, in this way much will be done to a child's character, and a bad start given to a life.

An old friend of mine who has given both time and thought to the study of children and their development, always advises that they be allowed, when playing happily, to work out the game without interruption, as this helps the continuity of thought. The idea of doing away with corporal punishment is gradually gaining ground, and should in time become general.

Ladies' Home Journal Patterns for Easy Dressmaking.

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CHRISTCHURCH.

At one time prisoners, soldiers, sailors and women were thrashed, but it is now only in exceptional cases that this is resorted to. Whipping and slapping should be avoided as much as possible. Many mothers object to teachers inflicting corporal punishment, and look for the time when it will be done away with in schools. They must not forget that the home training must be such as will allow the teacher to do without it. Whatever form punishment may take, it should be the unavoidable consequence of the deed, and never referred to again.

The life of a mother is one of constant self-sacrifice; she must be willing to do her work well, then her first thought will be of her home and children. Perfect service cannot be rendered to them if her time and attention are too much diverted into other channels. The result will amply repay for her sacrifice, for she will see her boys and girls grow into noble men and women, who are able to take their places in the nation, and to help lead it to something better and something nobler, than in the past.

I fancy that I can hear some of you saying: This is quite an ideal mother that you speak of. Well, we must have the ideal mother before we can grow towards being one. When mothers have done all possible for them to do, they may not have ideal children, but their efforts will have helped them to grow nearer the ideal; the next generation will be a step in advance of the last, and they will have the satisfaction of knowing that they have endeavoured to do their best for the souls God entrusted to them, for help and guidance along the Path of Life.

In conclusion, I would ask mothers to extend their mother-love until it embraces all children, and that in their prayers, they ask God's blessing for all. By so doing the conditions would so become such that even the most neglected child would grow into something better and something nobler than would otherwise have been.

WITH OUR ORGANISING SECRETARY.

During my three months' campaign in this vast district I have travelled hundreds of miles, motoring, driving, and walking. Owing to the severity of the weather, I was unable to finish the Ryal Bush district. Much time has been given to the Unions. I have formed two L.T.L.'s, and a splendid Y Branch (with the assistance of Miss Waterman), with a membership of over 60. The girls are enthusiastic, and are splendidly officered. Mrs Younk was elected Superintendent. Arrangements are made for a big Y social on August 16th, to secure new members. I have secured 15 new subscribers for "White Ribbon," 23 new members for the District Union, and 8 for the South Branch, 34 for the Y's, and 13 babies for the Cradle Roll. Total amount secured for Campaign Fund to August 8th, £250 17s 6d.

MYRIE WEYMOUTH,

N.Z. Travelling Secretary.

Address: C/o Miss Henderson, 26, Tui Street, Fendalton, Christchurch.

IN MEMORIAM

Of my dear son Jock, who was killed leading a charge on 15th July, 1916, in the big push on the Somme, with the hope that these verses may comfort mothers who also have lost a good son.

He sleeps on the blood-stained fields of France,

My gallant son so brave;
No loving hands may place a wreath
Upon his unknown grave.
A patriot's soul—his country's call—
He heard the cry, "O, come!
Help Freedom's cause 'gainst tyrant
foes!"

My noble boy, "Well done!"

Oh, mothers, ye whose hearts are torn
With sorrow like my own;
Whose brave, heroic son has fall'n
On the battlefield of Somme.
Their memory liveth in our hearts,
And never shall grow dim.
He will not come again to me,
But I shall go to him.

—Helen Barton.

SECRETARY DANIELS MAKES CAMPS "DRY."

In the vicinity of Newport, U.S.A., is located the naval training station, at which there are at the present time, 6,500 enlisted men, practically all young lads, who are receiving their first training in the Navy, and who are at that impressionable age when they should not be exposed to insidious temptations. Representations have been made by the authorities at the training station that in spite of every effort on their part, and in spite of the detail of numerous naval patrols throughout the city, the liquor menace continues unabated and is constantly undermining the physical and moral welfare of the navy personnel. In response to these representations, Secretary Daniels of the U.S.A. Navy has issued an order that dry zones five miles wide, irrespective of incorporated cities and towns within these limits, are to be placed around seven permanent naval training ports, and the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. It forbids the sale or giving away of any alcohol or liquors, including wine or beer, or the importation of such liquor, except for medicinal or sacramental purposes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since last report:—

N.Z. FUND.

Per Mrs Lee-Cowie (Somerset members), £20; Waitoa Union (disbanded), 18s 1d.

ORGANISING FUND.

Per Miss Weymouth, £86 10s 6d; Fitzroy, Greymouth, and Marton, £1 each; Rakaia, 10s; Mrs Ogle (Waitara), 5s; Sawyer's Bay, 5s; per Miss Powell, collection at Marton, 9s 8d; sale of literature, 4s. Total, £91 4s 2d.

Expenditure for the month, £41 4s 9d.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 7th August, 1918.

IN THE FIELD.

I travelled to Taihape on June 14th, and spent some days in visiting, finding the harvest ready for reaping. The following Wednesday I was conveyed by motor lorry to the residence of Mrs Collins, Taoroa, where a number of ladies gathered and a Branch was formed. Officers: Mrs D. G. Gordon, Mrs Collins, and Mrs Dixon. One of the girls was delighted with the idea of "chasing around after the babies," and took up the Cradle Roll work, two or three other departments being also arranged for. Hearing of this meeting, the ladies at Pukeokawa put in a claim. As usual, the White Ribbon husbands came nobly to the rescue, Mr Platt motoring me up there, Mr E. Gilbert taking me back to Taoroa, and Mr Gordon returning me to Taihape the following day.

Pukeokawa is close on 3000 feet above sea-level, and the day was bitterly cold and showery, and the men were all too short-handed to leave their work, and the mothers couldn't tramp those long distances in the wet with the babies, so just six came to the invitation of Mrs Platt. Decided to form a Branch, and Mrs A. K. Overton, Mrs E. Gilbert, and Mrs Platt were duly elected. Each took membership cards to start off on a recruiting campaign.

Next day the Taihape meeting was held. More rain. However, we organised, raising our membership to 27, and electing as officers Mrs McDonald, Mrs Haydon, and Mrs Bennet. Arrangements were made for an evening meeting on July 1st "of all interested in forming a Juvenile Temperance Society," and two or three minor offices were filled. These three branches are auxiliaries of Palmerston North.

The following day (Saturday) I started at 10.20 for Feilding, arriving at 7.40 p.m. Woodville was visited once more on the 25th.

For some weeks I have been working in the Palmerston North district. Early in June I gave a talk to the girls in Marton, a nice number gathering, and arrangements being made for a visit from Mrs Napier.

At the June meeting in Feilding a Cradle Roll Superintendent was appointed in place of the one who had left the town. A deputation was set up to try and arrange for Bible-teaching in the schools on the Nelson system. Great energy has been display-

ed in the matter, and there is every prospect of this becoming an accomplished fact within a few days.

Having paid several visits to Marton, working up the Union, I had the satisfaction on July 11th of seeing Mrs Parton elected Secretary, and Mrs Winchcombe Treasurer. For many months Mrs Knigge has sustained the burden of all three offices, but as she now has two reliable, good colleagues, things should go on well.

Feilding, too, had suffered through the removal of its President; in fact, of a succession of Presidents, but just before leaving I obtained the consent of a very suitable member to consent to nomination.

Mrs Napier and Mrs Peryman were both travelling through, and various meetings were arranged, but the stormy weather and the perpetual rain, rain, rain, forbade any measure of success.

On July 18th I went South for a rest and change, and while staying at Kaiapoi ran up to Rangiora and interviewed the members of the late Union, but found it impossible to revive it, though I succeeded in enrolling a life-member for the Dominion Union in the person of my late host, Mr Eli Scott, whom I was proud to decorate with our badge.

M. G. POWELL,
Dominion Organiser.

Address: C/o Rev. A. Doull, Palmerston North.

One day little Flora was taken to have an aching tooth removed. That night, while she was saying her prayers, her mother was surprised to hear her say: "And forgive us our debts as we forgive our dentist."—"Everybody's."

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The White Ribbon. For God and Home and Humanity.

WELLINGTON, AUG. 19, 1918.

The Temperance forces are mustered, drilled and ready for a grand advance all along the line. We have started upon the last battle in the long campaign against the Licensed Liquor Trade. There will be two distinct stages of this fight. The first stage is the Petition, the second stage the Poll. Ere this reaches our readers they will already have received Petition Forms. This Petition is one praying Government to grant a Referendum upon the question of National Prohibition. This Petition must speak with no uncertain sound. It must be the largest petition ever presented to Parliament. It must contain so many signatures that it will compel the Government to recognise the fact that the people of this Dominion demand a Referendum, and will insist upon having one.

This demand is a reasonable one. In view of the condemnation pro-

nounced upon this trade by Statesmen, Admirals, Generals, Medical Experts, Business Men, and Social Reformers, surely it is a fair thing to ask that the people be allowed to express an opinion, at the ballot-box, as to whether this enemy within the gates shall be outlawed and banished; whether this foe to national efficiency shall be allowed to continue its deadly work.

General Joffre says: "Alcohol, by diminishing the moral and material strength of the Army, is a crime against national defence in the face of the enemy."

Colonel Nicholson, of U.S.A., says: "A soldier who gets drunk is only 40 per cent. efficient, and this country is not looking for men who are so low in efficiency."

In this Dominion an Efficiency Board, consisting of three keen and capable business men, was set up by the Government. After taking evidence from people of all shades of opinion, it expressed its conviction that for the sake of national efficiency the Liquor Trade should be closed down, that the importation, manufacture, and sale of intoxicating liquors should be prohibited. Their recommendation also allowed a reasonable compensation to the Trade, which they estimate will not be more than 4½ millions. The N.Z. Alliance and the W.C.T.U. have always held, and still maintain, that the Liquor Trade has neither legal nor moral right to compensation. But hard facts have to be faced, and the hardest fact of all is this, that if we could get an election before the end of this year, and secure a three-fifths majority against the Liquor Trade, then by an iniquitous law, this infamous and unpatriotic trade is allowed 4½ years to carry on its work of ruin and destruction in direct violation of the will of the people as expressed at the ballot-box. But we are hoping and expecting to see our boys home long before four years have expired. And we have resolved that they shall come back to a dry Dominion. Experience has shown how deadly is the open bar to the returned soldier. We know how wounded Canadian soldiers were driven mad by drink given in direct disobedience to medical orders, and we know how an indignant doctor said to the liquor-ridden authorities of England, "Don't be surprised if you lose Canada over this!" If our wounded boys, with their weakened bodies, and racked

nerves, came back to the temptations of the open bar, many of them will yield to its spell and forfeit all chances of recovery. The open bar means death to the wounded soldiers. Bearing in mind these facts, we say in this petition that we are willing to pay a commutation in money to get rid of the four years and to secure immediate prohibition on a bare majority.

The Liquor Trade costs our Dominion ten millions annually to take care of the moral, mental, and physical wrecks made by the drink trade, and from a financial standpoint it will pay us handsomely to get rid of it at the price named by the Efficiency Board. But when we consider the cost in human life, in tears and suffering of 4½ years extra trading, we say emphatically to the Liquor Trade: "You are holding us up like a highway robber, and saying, 'Your money or your life.' Well, sirs, take our money, but 'hands off' our boys and girls."

"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide
In the strife with truth and error for the good or evil side;
Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight,
Parts the goats upon the left hand, the sheep upon the right,
And the choice goes on for ever, 'twixt the darkness and the light."

It is the age-long strife with evil; the repeatedly offered choice, "Christ or Barrabas."

The issue is clearly defined, "Boys or Dollars?" The brewer is working to save his dollars, the mothers to save their boys. Who is to win?

One word of caution to our workers. Don't under-estimate the enemy. We are started upon the stiffest battle of the long campaign. It must be a fight to a finish. We are not going to a warfare at our own charge. The battle is the Lord's, and he wins who fights with God.

"Careless seems the great avenger,
history pages but record
One death grapple in the darkness
'twixt false systems and the Word,
Truth for ever on the scaffold, wrong
for ever on the throne,
But that scaffold rules the future, and
behind the dim unknown
Standeth God within the shadow,
keeping watch above His own."

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.

MAORI DEPARTMENT.

Dear Sisters,—In a letter recently received from Mrs Rebecca Harris, she states that she has not been able to start her Maori organising work for us yet. Her husband, Rev. Mr Harris, has not been well, and she has been busy helping amongst his people. She hopes, however, to be able to take it up later on. As the weather and roads are very bad just now in these districts, perhaps this may be just as well, and we hope that when the fine weather comes again circumstances will enable her to carry on our work.

The thanks of this department are due to the following for donations sent:—Waipukurau Feb. 9th, 8s 6d; Ponsonby, May, £1 10s; Dunedin, May, 11s; Otamatea, June, 5s; Oran-whereo, June, 5s; Winchmore, June, 9s; Ashburton, June, 11s; Nelson, June, 16s 6d; Napier, June, 10s; Gisborne, June, £1 13s 6d; Mrs Toney-cliffe, June, 10s.—Yours in Union service,

N. F. WALKER,

N.Z. Supt. Maori Department.

“Gortgowan,” Upper Fox Street,
Gisborne.

NOTABLE DAYS.

As next September 19th will be the 25th anniversary of the extension of the Parliamentary Franchise to the women of New Zealand, it would be instructive, as well as interesting, to call to mind some of the humanitarian enactments passed in the New Zealand Houses of Legislature since the granting of that privilege in 1893:

Infant Life Protection Act.

Act to regulate the adoption of children.

Industrial Schools Act Amendment.

Juvenile Smoking Suppression Act.

Servants' Registry Offices Act.

The interests and health of shop girls safeguarded (Shop Assistants' Act).

Equal standard of morality in new Divorce Act.

Criminal Code Amendment in the direction of purer morals.

An Act enabling women to receive compensation for slander without proving special damage.

Summary Legal Separation Act.

Recognition of the principle of equal pay for equal work, in Factory Act.

Economic partnership of husband and wife. Principle acknowledged in at least two Acts (Municipal Franchise and Old Age Pensions). Testators' Family Maintenance Act. Women admitted to the practice of law.

Technical Schools, giving equality of opportunity to both sexes.

Old Age Pensions.

An Act regulating the election of Hospital and Charitable Aid Boards, whereby women have the right as ratepayers, and in municipalities as the wives of ratepayers, to vote, and are also eligible as candidates for election.

Compulsory scientific temperance instruction given in our public schools.

Abolition of the C.D. Acts.

Probation and First Offenders' Act.

Reformatory treatment in our prisons.

Six o'clock closing of hotel bars.

There are still many reforms which the women of New Zealand hope to gain. At present they suffer under legal disabilities, in the matter of trial by jury.

Having to obey laws which are framed by men only, the New Zealand law forbidding the election of any woman to Parliament.

While recalling with gratitude all that has been achieved during the last 25 years we should also remember that advantages entail responsibilities, and that there is still much to be done.

“Progressive” New Zealand is lagging behind other countries in many respects.

Norway and Canada have women Judges, and Canada a woman Member of Parliament; Russia has appointed women as assistant Judges, while in the early stages of the war Russia completely abolished vodka.

Several countries have appointed women police; the force, even in conservative England now numbering 612. Nine women were sworn in at the Guildhall as special constables. Australia recently appointed 14 more women as J.P.'s.

The entire Dominion of Canada now prohibits traffic in liquor. Alcohol has been prohibited in the American Army and Navy.

What are we doing to justify our enfranchisement? The work nearest to hand just now is the struggle for National Prohibition. Let us see to it

that we all do our part in the great fight.

Franchise Day collections go to the N.Z. Treasury.

A. C. JONES,
Dominion Supt. Notable Days.

LECTURE BY MR J. PRICE AT RICHMOND W.C.T.U.

Members present expressed pleasure in their welcome to Mr Price, who said that he always felt glad to do his little bit in the district. Men were just beginning to realise the good work the W.C.T.U. were doing. Men had tried for 2000 years, and had failed! What a sad state the world was in to-day. Woman in the past had been underestimated; men had not encouraged her, had tried to do without her, but to-day, because of the war, her help had to be sought. We had often thought that woman's uplift by the Lord Jesus Christ must have been for a purpose. Woman should do more. Women have the vote, and should use it if in the interest of temperance and to combat the social evil. This they were not doing as a body we knew from the results of the ballot. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Mr Price counted the number present; why so small in a place like Richmond? No doubt many were kept away through force of circumstances, but it is our duty to do all we can, and every member try to bring one more. Try to get the law enforced in regard to 6 o'clock closing. Mr Price thought we should meet the district police in a body, and not let things rest till law was enforced. After-war questions will be greater than before, continued the speaker. We shall be cleaner or dirtier as a nation; it must be one or the other. Which shall it be? The women must decide—men would not, because men as a rule were selfish. The W.C.T.U. stands for sobriety, responsibility, and more. He was glad that drink was kept from wounded soldiers; it should be kept from every soldier. Put women in the House of Parliament; they could do good there. Mr Price advised members to try to increase strength and numbers. He would always be glad to help in any way possible, and hoped that his little talk would encourage us in our good work.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr Price.

Y's Reports.

AUCKLAND.

On account of important temperance meeting, held on Monday, July 20th, in the Town Hall, at which the Rev. R. S. Gray, and Mr Isitt, M.P., were the speakers, we decided to hold initiatory service, and then proceed to public meeting in a body. During the month we have gained four new members. Decided to hold another social in the Piccadilly Tea Rooms on August 24th to gain new members, and to take up a collection for the mine-sweepers.

ARAMOHO.

June 11. President presided over a fair attendance. A protest was forwarded to Sir James Allen re a statement made in Wanganui "Herald" to the effect that a transport leaving England left behind certain mail matter and brought whisky as cargo. Members decided to have a Novelty Jumble Stall at forthcoming W.C.T.U. Sale of Work in September. Final arrangements were made for the welcome social to "Y" Organiser (Mrs Napier). Collection in aid of mine-sweepers. Workers came forward to assist in canvassing for signatures for petition to Parliament. Interesting letters were read re mine-sweepers' appeal.

July 16. Social evening. Attendance 56. A musical programme and a Temperance play: "The Sick Baby," by members of the L.T.L. were much enjoyed. Mrs Napier gave an address to the young people, which was much appreciated. Collection for mine-sweepers. Votes of thanks to speaker and performers. Three new members.

AVONDALE.

June 12. Social evening. Mr G. Chapman presided. Miss Stevens gave an address on the aim and objects of our Union. 16 recruits and two honorary members. Musical items, refreshments and competitions.

June 19. Miss Stevens presiding. Decided to have a concert in aid of our Hutment Fund. Interesting address by Mr Charteris.

July 17. Fair attendance. Three new members. A paper on "Should Pledged Abstainers use Alcohol as a Medicine" was read by Miss Wright.

INVERCARGILL.

July 8. A Branch was formed by Miss Weymouth. An initiatory service was held. The election of officers was as follows:—President, Miss Allan; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Irwin; Recording Secretary, Miss Kerse; Treasurer, Miss Featherstone; Asst. Treasurer, Miss Ruby Dewe; Pianiste, Miss Ramsay; Vice-Presidents, Miss Dewe, Miss Seed, Miss Williams, and Miss Shepherd; "White Ribbon" Superintendent, Miss Alcock. Decided to meet the first Monday in every month. Membership 50.

July 22. Miss Allan presiding. Decided that we advertise in the "Southern Cross" and "Times." A letter was read by the Secretary from Mr Peryman, who wrote in the absence of Mrs Peryman, re the W.R., also congratulating this Branch on its formation. The roll was then called, nine new members joining. Mrs Baird addressed the meeting, and was listened to with deep interest, and heartily thanked. Miss Weymouth spoke for a few minutes as this was her farewell meeting.

NORMANBY.

July 18. A visit from Mrs Napier, Y Organiser. There was a good attendance, and a Branch was formed, and elected the following officers:—Superintendent, Mrs D. Scott; President, Miss I. E. Gane; Secretary, Miss F. Jackson; Treasurer, Miss E. Anstis. Ten members joined after a very interesting address on the aims and work of the "Y's." Supper was handed round by Mrs Scott, who was Con- vener of the meeting, and it promises to be fruitful with good hopes of more members.

ASHBURTON.

July 15. "Pay Up" social. The Secretary reported that since last meeting we had sustained a loss through the death of Mrs A. Pollock, one of our Vice-Presidents. A motion of sympathy was passed to members of the family. We had a good attendance of members. Four new members initiated. A very pleasant time spent in games, interspersed with musical items, and competitions being indulged in. Supper was provided by the members, after which the singing of the National Anthem brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

ARAMOHO.

June 12. The President presided. A fair attendance. Mrs Hague Smith (President of Wanganui W.C.T.U.) gave a very interesting address, which contained some very helpful suggestions re Union work, and impressed upon the members to "aim high" in their daily lives, and work for the Master. A hearty vote of thanks was then tendered to the speaker.

NELSON.

May 3. An interesting meeting. President in the chair. Delegate's report of Convention was read, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Miss Hayes for her splendid report. Decided to invite Mrs Napier to Nelson. Miss McConchie appointed to take account of new members for L.T.L., as two prizes have been offered to children bringing most new members. One new member initiated.

June 28. Special meeting of young people. President in the chair. Mrs Napier gave a very interesting address, and urged all present to join

our ranks. Four new members were initiated, including one young man as an associate member.

June 30. A meeting of United Bible Classes was held in the Church of Christ. Mr Dickson in the chair. Mrs Napier gave a fine address. 17 new members were enrolled.

July 1. Attendance small, on account of rough weather. Mrs Napier gave a very helpful talk on how to make our meetings a success. Decided to have competitions, trading with 3d, 6d, and 1s, prizes being offered for best articles.

L.T.L. Reports.

ARAMOHO.

June 8. The President presided. Attendance thirty. Miss E. Burnett, a member of the "Y" Branch, gave a very instructive lesson from Temperance Tales. A flower mission was organised, and Miss Myra West nominated President of the Band of Mercy.

June 22. The President presided. Good attendance. Miss Betty Titze sang a solo, "The Child at the Door." The Leader gave us an address on the "Uncrowned Queen" (Miss Willard). Miss Myra West read some passages from the "Young Crusader" for the Band of Mercy.

July 20. The President presided. Attendance 22. The first pledge-signing took place. Officers elected: Pres., Eric Bathgate; Vice-Pres., Flora Christie and George Whitlock; Sec., Irene Smith; Librarian, Edmund White; Monitor, Jack Ireland; Assistant Pianist, Maggie Smith; Supt. for "Young Crusader," Lexie Christie. A very interesting experiment showed how, although beer is made from barley, it is a poison. We all know that the starch in barley is good for the body, but in beer this starch has been destroyed by the addition of the poison—alcohol. This proved that beer should not be taken, as it has such harmful effects upon the consumer. A recitation entitled "Nellie's Victory" was then given by Irene Smith.

Aug. 3. The President (E. Bathgate) presided over a good attendance. Devotional exercises, responses, mottoes, national salute, and pledge and company rule were gone through. Miss Myra West addressed the Band of Mercy. L.T.L. badges were then given to full members, who were eager to wear them.

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

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.)

S. INVERCARGILL.

June 11. Mrs Pasley (President) presided over a large gathering. Successful arrangements reported for concert to returned soldiers following week. President reported arrangements made for Convention delegate to visit Bluff Branch and give her report. The President also reported the formation of a Loyal Temperance Legion. Resolved to affiliate with the National Council of Women. Resolved to co-operate with the town Union with regard to the mine-sweepers. Mrs Blackmore and Mrs Graham appointed sick visitors for the month. Three new members welcomed.

MATAURA.

May 31. Meeting held. President Mrs Galt. Mr Verco gave a very interesting address on evils of drink traffic. Proposed that Secretary write and ask Mrs Lee-Cowie to come on June 19th to lecture on the work. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Verco. Mrs Harrison Lee-Cowie held a meeting on Strength of Nation Movement in Horticultural Hall on June 19th; good attendance, about 200 being present. Thirty-two members joined.

June 28. President in chair. Two new members. Secretary read paper on New Zealand Alliance from Mr J. Dawson. Resolved that Mataura Branch of the W.C.T.U. urges that in cases where the police take action with regard to persons found on premises suspected of being used for immoral purposes, the men as well as the women found there should be made responsible and punishable. The Union holds that in arresting and punishing women only, the law encourages a double standard of morality. Proposed and seconded that Secretary invite Mrs Landels to address our next meeting.

HAMILTON.

July 4. Attendance most encouraging. Letter received from Rev. Brown thanking Union for sympathy expressed during Mrs Brown's illness. A deputation was received from the No-License Council, who solicited help from us in the proposed fight for National Prohibition, also to explain the aims of our party. The deputation were thanked, and assured that as a Union we would do everything possible to bring about the desired end. Mrs Blamires spoke on the Kelburn case, and was selected to attend the

meeting in Wellington called to discuss matters of vital importance to women. The meeting closed in the usual way.

SOUTH DUNEDIN.

June. Miss M. McCarthy presided. Mrs Hiatt gave an address, referring briefly to the recent No-License Conference, explaining the project for obtaining Dominion Prohibition. Miss McCarthy gave an interesting account of organising work amongst the Maoris. A collection in aid of Maori work was taken up.

TAKAPUNA.

June 6. President in chair. Mrs Smeeton gave a very helpful address to mothers. 21 present. 10s collected for new W.C.T.U. room in Wellesley Street. Offers of cakes made for Featherston Camp. Tea served at close. Cradle Roll signatures taken.

July 4. Mrs Fulljames in chair. Mrs Hoare, of Gisborne, addressed the mothers especially on the right training of their young. She also sang a duet with Miss Rushbrook. Thanksgiving for answered prayer was made. 19 present.

OXFORD.

June 19. Attendance large. An address on "Social Hygiene" was given by Nurse Chappell, for which she was heartily thanked. Decided to form a Study Circle to follow up the subject. Collection taken up in aid of the social hygiene campaign. Nurse Chappell was entertained at tea in the Coronation Hall by the members of the "Y" branch, and in the evening delivered a splendid address to a well-attended meeting of girls and women.

June 26. The following resolution was passed and forwarded to the Hon. T. M. Wilford, Minister of Justice:—"That this meeting of the W.C.T.U. urges that in cases where the police take action with regard to persons found on premises suspected of being used for immoral purposes, the men as well as the women found there should be made responsible. The Union holds that in arresting and punishing the women only, the law encourages a double standard of morality." In connection with the social hygiene campaign, it was decided to hold a meeting, open to all women interested in the subject, early this month. Decided to give the "Y" Branch the usual grant of £2 10s. A paper, entitled "The Flag and the Fight," written by Arthur Mee, was read by Mrs Gainsford, senr.

HAMILTON EAST.

June 18. A full attendance, with Mrs Snow in the chair. A farewell to our President, who is leaving the district. Mrs McArthur, on behalf of the members, spoke in enthusiastic terms of the respect and esteem in which Mrs Snow was held, of benefits

derived from her talks, and asked Mrs Snow to accept a small token of our love. Mrs Snow feelingly replied. Mrs Gillies was elected President. One new member initiated.

PAKIRI.

July 4. Well-attended meeting, two visitors present. Miss Dyer gave a reading, entitled "Social Purity." The following resolution was carried unanimously, to be forwarded to the Minister of Justice:—"That the clause in the War Regulations dealing with houses of ill-fame be so amended that the men found on such premises be arrested and their names published, as well as those of the women." A sailors' evening is to be held in the Pakiri Hall in August, stalls, musical items, and supper, to raise funds for the mine-sweepers.

RAKAIA.

July 11. In connection with the campaign, a big public meeting to be held as soon as we can arrange for a speaker, within the month. A resolution was sent to the Hon. T. M. Wilford, Minister of Justice: "The Rakaia Branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union urges that in cases where police action with regard to persons found on premises suspected of being used for immoral purposes, the men as well as the women found there should be made responsible and punishable. The Union holds that in arresting and punishing the women only, the law encourages a double standard of morality." Proposed to hold a Sailors' Day on August 8th in the Methodist Church, and parcels and money to be received for mine-sweepers. Decided to send delegate to Provincial Convention.

WANGANUI.

July 5. Mrs Smith presided. A vote of sympathy passed with Mrs Hartnell on the death of her husband. Decided to affiliate with the National Council of Women of New Zealand. A resolution was passed urging that police women be appointed in undertaking investigations among women and children on the street and in the home, such police women to be chosen on recommendation of women's societies; also that women should be tried in separate Courts from men. Mrs Upton appointed delegate to the No-License League Convention. Decided to hold a Sale of Work in aid of mine-sweepers and Local Union Fund. Report of the Taranaki Provincial Convention was read and received. Mrs Emmett, of Nelson, heartily welcomed.

ONEHUNGA.

May 9. President spoke of the N.Z. Alliance Convention in Auckland and the work in connection with the same. Letter of thanks to be sent to Mrs Sheppard, who acted as proxy for us at Convention, for her interesting and full report, and her services on our behalf. Decided to forward 10s

for Organising Fund, our proxy having promised this on behalf of our Union.

June 13. Appeal from Mrs Nimmo read, and circular from N.Z. Educational Institute. Decided to help fund for mine-sweepers. Cradle Roll Superintendent resigned. Question box opened, and discussion on the various questions followed.

July 11. The President introduced the question of a poll on the Prohibition question being petitioned for this year. Helpers asked for; seven gave their names. Resolution proposed and carried re the punishing of men as well as women when found in houses suspected of immoral purposes to be sent to Hon. Wilford. Leaflets from Mrs Nimmo distributed, members taking up this work heartily. Secretary to write Onehunga School for help, and leaflet to be sent there. Mrs Hunter appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent.

EDEN.

June 19. Mrs Pirratt in the chair. A letter was read from Miss Wilson, our President, resigning. Resolved to grant Miss Wilson three months' leave of absence. Resolved to take a day at the Soldiers' Club. Tickets sold for concert in aid of Mine-sweepers' Fund. Five pairs of knitted socks were donated by Edendale Presbyterian Guild. The petition to the Minister for Defence regarding the Kelburn case was signed.

NEW BRIGHTON.

June 20. A well-attended meeting. Decided to send 16s to Sailors' Rest Fund. Monthly subscriptions of 17s 6d for Lady Liverpool Fund handed in. Sister Moody-Beil spoke a few words in her usual bright manner. Five new members joined.

July 4. We held a public meeting in the Pier Hall in aid of our Y.M.C.A. Fund. The Mayor presided. Rev. Walker, a returned chaplain, spoke of the work the Y.M.C.A. are doing in the various camps. Vocal and instrumental items were given. Admission by silver coin, and also collection was taken up after the address.

OPOTIKI.

July. Owing to adverse circumstances, just held annual meeting. Officers elected for coming year: Pres., Mrs J. T. Thompson; Sec., Mrs J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs Holman; Vice-Pres., Mrs Morice, Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Francis, Mrs Hewston; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Francis; Flower Mission Supt., Mrs Hewston; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Pearson; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Gow. Two new members were enrolled. The Union deeply appreciates the services of our late President, Mrs Francis, who, despite her many duties, kept the Union flag flying; also Miss D. Morice, who rendered valuable service as Secretary.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

"White Ribbon" Day was celebrated on Thursday, July 4th, by holding a drawing-room meeting, over which

Mrs Houlder presided. Mrs Napier, "Y" Organiser, gave an interesting account of her work while visiting Ashburton, Timaru, Kaikora Valley, Feilding, Palmerston North, and Nelson. Mesdames Bott and Patience contributed vocal items. Mesdames Houlder and Webb were elected representatives to the National Council of Women.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

July 2. Mrs Baird presided. Good attendance. Arrangements were made for the canvass of signatures for the monster petition, which work is being very heartily taken up by our Union. Mrs Macalister is going to put an appeal in our local papers for the mine-sweepers. Eight new members joined.

PAHIATUA.

July. A well-attended meeting took place in Salvation Army Barracks. Captain Huston presided. 24 ladies were present. Songs, reading, and afternoon tea was given. Miss Henderson's motion was moved and carried: "That in cases where police take action with regard to persons found on premises for immoral purposes, that men should be made punishable as well as women." Also decided to accept Mrs Kinton Parke's generous offer to assist in giving public lectures in aid of our Hutment Fund.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

July 19. Mrs McDonald presided. Decided to join with the District Union in holding a Sailors' Day in aid of fund for mine-sweepers and crews of torpedoed vessels. Letters of thanks for gifts received were read by Mrs Nimmo. A paper by Mrs Godfrey on "How Prohibition Was Won in Manitoba" was read by Mrs McDonald.

NAPIER.

July 11. Mrs Napier, organiser of the Y Branch, visited us. Fair attendance, also about 20 girls from Hukarere Maori Girls' School. A branch was formed, Miss Cade, late of Christchurch, being appointed President. The objects of the movement were outlined by Mrs Napier. On the following night, by the consent of the Principal, a visit was made to the Hukarere School, when some 41 Maori girls signed the pledge. Much enthusiasm was displayed, and an interesting time was spent. Mrs Venables (the President) accompanied Mrs Napier on this visit.

July 18. The ordinary meeting was held, when arrangements were made for holding Mine-Sweepers' Day on the 7th September.

HAMILTON.

July 1. Attendance good. Weather bad. An appeal received for help for the mine-sweepers. Decided to have a Day for this purpose. Mrs Blamires, Vice-President, then addressed the meeting. Conveners were

appointed, and the town apportioned. Members were urged to make this campaign their chief business this month.

EDEN.

July 10. Mrs Pirratt in the chair, fair attendance. Final arrangements were made regarding Our Day at the Soldiers' Club on 17th July. Prohibition, based on the Efficiency Board's recommendation, was well discussed. Plans were put before the meeting for canvassing the streets, several names being entered of ladies willing to be workers, forwarded to Central Union. Mrs Pirratt read an inspiring article by Mrs Lee Cowie: A Call to Work and Pray. Two members were initiated.

TAKAPUNA.

August 1. Mrs Fulljames in chair. 24 present. Mrs Cook spoke a few words, also Rev. Gosnall. Mr Lukins, who is organising for the Waitemata, gave an address to the members on canvassing for the Petition for Prohibition. Forms were served out. A solo was sung. Four ladies were initiated.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT UNION

August. Mrs Baird, President, in the chair. A very enthusiastic meeting. We are all very much indebted to Mrs Harrison Lee-Cowie for the splendid results from her campaign in Southland, also we very much appreciate the work that has been done by Miss Weymouth and Miss Watterman. Decided to send five pounds to the "Outlook" for the S.O.S. Fund.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

July 9. Large attendance of members. Mrs Pasley, President, presided. Sick visitors reported, and Mrs Pasley and Blackmore were appointed for the ensuing month. Reports on L.T.L. and Education matters were also received. Resolved to co-operate with Central Union re Mine Sweepers Fund. Mrs Cowie briefly addressed the meeting. Two new members welcomed.

ASHBURTON.

July 18. Drawing-room meeting at the residence of Mrs W. H. Robinson, Hampstead. Large attendance, Mrs W. T. Lill officiating. A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of our late sister, Mrs A. Pollock, also with members whose sons have been wounded in action. Four new members were enrolled. Musical and elocutionary items were excellently rendered, and a cup of tea handed round. Votes of thanks to hostess and performers were carried.

July 30. A meeting of Executive was held. Decided to make arrangements with the head masters of the town schools to supervise the writing of temperance essays.

August 6. A very successful Pay-up Social was held, Mrs Lill presiding. Votes of sympathy were passed with members suffering bereavement.

and sickness. Mesdames J. Thompson and H. O. Amos were elected Delegates to Convention at Oxford. Papers were considered, and resolutions endorsed for discussion at Convention, including the following:—"That this meeting protests earnestly against the double standard of morality which the law permits in arresting and punishing women only, and that it urges in the interests of common justice the arrest of men as well as women found on suspected premises, regarding them as equally responsible and punishable." Decided to provide the send-off luncheon to the men going into camp in September, and a committee was appointed. Arrangements were made for the visit of Mrs K. Parkes, also for canvassing work in the No License Campaign. A very enjoyable programme was submitted, followed by a cup of tea. Votes of thanks to all who contributed were passed.

GREYTOWN.

July 30. A meeting was held, the President in the chair. The organiser of Win the War League was invited to be present. He outlined the method to be used to embrace every unit when canvassing for signatures.

TIMARU.

Decided to arrange for a lecture on "Women's War Work in England and France," on September 17th, by Mrs Kington Parkes, proceeds for Hutment Fund. Over 50 collecting cards are out for the Hutment. Mrs Rule, Mrs Brown and Mrs Grant were appointed to represent the Union on the Prohibition Poll Campaign Committee. Mrs Fraser's name to be sent on as our Representative to Provincial Convention at Oxford. Hospital visitors reports received, and visitors appointed for next month. Mrs Dr. Pettit then read the greater part of a lecture by Dr. Pettit on the teaching of sex hygiene to the young, which was very helpful, especially to those having charge of children and young people. Mrs Pettit brought literature for distribution, and our Study Circle for this subject was started. Vote of condolence to one of our members who had lost her father.

HAWERA.

Miss Maunder and Mrs R. Tait represented our Union at the Conference of Prohibition Workers. One dozen collecting cards for the White Ribbon Hutment Fund were distributed to the members. Decided that we send £1 to the Sailors' Tea Fund for work among the New Zealand sailors.

N.E. VALLEY.

July 25. Mr Flamanck kindly explained the proposed new movement for improving the present educational system. The following resolution was carried: (a) Increased staff for primary schools; (b) Increased allowance for pupil teachers, probationers, and training college students; (c) compulsory continuation day classes at

least to the age of 16 years; (d) Staffing the school on some basis that cannot be seriously affected by epidemics, or stress of weather. Miss Lowe, a member of Union, gave a short address on "Lasting Peace." Thanks were accorded to both Miss Lowe and Mr Flamanck.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

A White Ribbon Social was held in St. Andrew's Schoolroom, Friday, July 26th, Mrs Crabb being in the chair. Songs were rendered by Mrs Henderson, Miss Bennett, and Miss Ferguson. A recitation by Mrs Withers. A letter was read from the Area Council asking for assistance in connection with the Prohibition Movement, and several of those present handed in their names as workers. A very interesting address was given by Mrs Peryman, of Port Chalmers, Editor of the "White Ribbon," which was appreciated by all present. Mrs Kenrick proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, this was seconded by Mrs A. E. Whitehead, and carried by acclamation. Afternoon tea was handed round, after which the initiatory service was read by Mrs Peryman, and three new members were enrolled.

BLUFF.

July. Good attendance. President reported that Mr McChesney, Head master of the Bluff Public School, would give an address on Educational Reform on the evening of August 8th, and Dr. Torrance, Chairman of the School Committee, would occupy the chair. Arrangements were also made to hold a gift afternoon on August 21st, and also a sixpenny concert, in aid of the appeal on behalf of the British and Foreign Ship-wrecked Sailors' Society. Miss Waterman gave an address on the working of the L.T.L. Decided to call a special meeting of the Band of Hope, when Miss Waterman will be present, and give a demonstration of an L.T.L. meeting.

PETONE.

June 4. Mr. Ashby presided over a good attendance. Decided to take charge of the Red Cross Shop on June 21st. Mrs Burd was appointed Delegate to the New Zealand Alliance Convention at Palmerston North.

July 17. Annual Cradle Roll Tea. Mrs Rouse in the chair. There was a good attendance of mothers and their babies. Mrs Chapman-Taylor gave a most interesting and instructive address on the care of the little ones, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Houlder also addressed the meeting. A short programme was given. Tea was served.

LEIGH.

July 7. In spite of bad roads, seven members and three visitors present. President in the chair. Initiatory service held. One new member. Decided to sew and knit for the Red Cross. Afternoon tea at close.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

July 18. The United Executive had the pleasure of meeting Mrs Peryman, our "White Ribbon" Editor at the Headquarters. After the business was transacted, Mrs Peryman gave a stirring talk on the great campaign so soon to be entered upon, and the proposed plans of work. We are delighted to have Mrs Peryman with us, and her words were a source of stimulus to all. Morning tea was dispensed.

An evening meeting was hurriedly arranged at the Headquarters on Friday, July 19th, when Mrs Peryman spoke on another aspect of the campaign. She urged on all to reconsecrate themselves in this great work, showing the urgent need there was for Prohibition before our boys' return. The following resolution was passed: This meeting of the Auckland Women's Christian Temperance Union strongly protests against the granting of a license at Taneatua, in spite of the overwhelming testimony of the Stipendiary Magistrate, the police, and residents, to the grave menace of liquor to the Maoris, as well as the European population in the district.

On Sunday afternoon, July 21st, at the Salvation Army Barracks, Mrs Peryman gave a most inspiring address on the Great Campaign. We feel sure that her earnest words will bring forth fruit in the efforts of her hearers to do their utmost to cleanse our fair Dominion of this great curse.

July 24. A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the Central Mission Hall, Mrs Cook presided. Letters were read from Sir James Allen, Acting Prime Minister, Hon. J. A. Hanan, Minister for Education, Hon. A. M. Myers, Minister for Finance, acknowledging receipt of our resolutions re improved education. Addresses were given by Hon. G. Fowlds and Mr Wesley Spragg on the coming campaign, outlining the plans of operations, and urging all to put their very best into the work. Questions were asked at the close, and all present pledged themselves to help in the work of the campaign. New members were initiated.

AVONDALE.

July 16. Mrs Stevens presided, and there was a good attendance of members. Mrs Entrican gave a deeply interesting and instructive address on Bible reading. Decided to ask Mr Penny to lecture on Aeroplanes and Submarines, proceeds for the benefit of the mine-sweepers. Mrs Stevens spoke very earnestly on the coming campaign, and urged members to be ready to do their utmost for the cause. One new member was initiated.

HENDERSON.

July 17. Mrs Williams presided over fair attendance. An interesting report of Alliance Convention given by Miss Gilberd. Decided to co-operate with local Branch of No License League for Referendum Campaign. Resolved to work for Mine-sweepers Fund, also to collect for Red Jersey Fund.

WAIPIKURAU.

July 12. Good attendance. Resolution rescinded re the sending of cheque of £30 to Mrs Nimmo for mine-sweepers, and Committee authorised to spend it locally on woollen goods for same. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs Neal in her illness. Letter from Miss Henderson, with resolution re double standard of morality. Decided to take no action in matter. White Ribbon Day to be celebrated next meeting, with collection for Maori Fund.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

July 4. A very successful patriotic concert by the Central Mission Choir, Orchestra, and Band. Mrs Cook in the chair, and a splendid programme of musical items and recitations was provided. Rev. Ralph Gebbie, of the Church of Christ, gave a stirring address, making an eloquent appeal for the dual objects of the concert, to provide funds for the N.Z. White Ribboners' hutment and the mine-sweepers' comforts. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Adams, the choir, orchestra, and band, for the very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

July 10. Mrs Cook presided. Able addresses were given by Miss Ingoll, member of the Auckland Women Teachers' Association, and Miss Wilson, V.P. of that Association. Miss Ingoll spoke on the importance of compulsory continuation classes for children from 14 to 18 in daylight hours, in order that they might be made more efficient for the responsibilities of life. Miss Wilson appealed very forcefully for the urgent necessity for increased staffing, improved buildings and playgrounds, which are due to our children, that they may become efficient citizens. The following resolutions were passed:—"That the Government be urged to provide compulsory continuation classes in daylight hours for children between 14 and 18 not attending secondary schools." (2) "That the Government be urged to take immediate steps for the improvement of staffing, buildings and playgrounds of all primary schools." Letters were received from Featherston Camp from the Secretary Y.M.C.A., and some of the soldiers, thanking the W.C.T.U. for the large consignment of cakes sent.

NELSON.

July 9. Mrs Watson presided. Letters were read, enclosing a circular, from the Educational Institute. The following resolutions were passed:—(1) "That the Nelson Union expresses its sympathy with the N.Z. Educational Institute in its efforts to secure the improvement and extension of our education system, and will be very glad to assist the Institute in every possible way." (2) "That the Corresponding Secretary be asked to

write to the Secretary of the Nelson Branch of the Institute, asking that one of its members may address the Nelson W.C.T.U. at an early opportunity." Letter read from Mr Dawson, inviting delegates from Nelson Union to attend the Christchurch Conference to consider plans of campaign. Mrs Watson and Mrs Wilkinson appointed as delegates. Letter read from "White Ribbon," containing Mrs Kington Parkes offer to lecture on behalf of the Hutment Fund. Decided to write for further particulars. The following resolution was passed in reference to reports of disorderly conduct amongst returned soldiers in Wellington:—"In view of the recent disturbances reported in the papers, the Nelson W.C.T.U. would urge upon the Acting-Prime Minister and Minister of Defence the desirability of closing all hotel bars on the arrival of troops with invalided soldiers on board until after their dispersal to their homes, instead of penalising the soldiers and making a distinction between them and civilians by putting hotels out of bounds." Decided to write for fuller information as to the statement in the "Vanguard" to the effect that rum rations are served to soldiers in New Zealand camps. Mrs Hill appointed joint organiser with Mrs Knapp for the Mine-sweepers' Fund.

WAKAPUAKA.

March. At Mrs Brown's, only six present. Decided to send £1 to the Organising Fund. Resolved to nominate one or more women for School Committee. Afternoon tea dispensed.

May. At Mrs Dodson's, nine members present. Mrs Watson and Mrs Brown, from the Nelson Union, attended, the latter giving a very interesting account of the Annual Convention. She strongly urged our Union to try and send a delegate next year. Decided to raise funds in various ways to help defray expenses. Two new subscribers to "White Ribbon."

On July 1st we had a meeting at the Foresters' Hall, to meet Mrs Napier. Mrs Napier was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for her impressive talk, and afternoon tea was then handed round.

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 1.30 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.

Avondale, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Brown Street Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Stevens; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Nesbitt and Mrs Martin; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Gittos; Cor. Sec., Mrs Proctor; Treas., Mrs Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan; Organist, Mrs Douthwaite.

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; Supt., Mrs Perrett, Market Rd. Epsom; Rec. Sec., Miss Hazel Patterson; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Bottrill; Treasurer, Miss M. L. Anderson, Lake Rd. Devonport; W.R. Supt., Miss I. Ruxxex.

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.

Avondale 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, Market Rd., Epsom.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Pres. Mrs A. J. Litchfield, Livermere; Sec. Mrs H. S. Horn, Springlands, Blenheim; 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; Sec. Mrs Clark, Methodist Parsonage; Treas., Miss Clark, Hall Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs W. Hogan; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. T. Watson.

Christchurch W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre. Second and third Wednesday; Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Casnmere 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 Drinnan, 11, Brown St., St. Albans.

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

Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms; Moay Place, 8 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hiett, 72, Harlot Row; Cor. Sec., and Pres. Cor., Mrs Macartney, 156, Egmont Road, Mornington; Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson; Supt. WHITE RIBBON, Mrs Anderson, 82, Drake 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 Lillwall.

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

Feilding, 1st Thursday, 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, Denbigh Street; Treas., Mrs Williamson, The Hill; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Burnley; Railway Box, Mrs Shearer.

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

Greymouth District, last Tuesday at 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 Whincop, 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 Gillies, Nixon St.; Sec., Mrs Ogilvie, Fifth St.; Treas., Mrs Jack, McFarlane St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mears; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dey.

Hastings, 2nd and 4th Thursday, St. Andrew's Hall, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Moore, Stortford; Vice-Pres., Mrs Boyle, Mrs Burr; Sec., Mrs M. R. Lovell Smith, 803 Ellison Road; Treas., Mrs J. Wilson, Box 273, Hastings; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Cameron.

Hawera meets in Wesley Hall, R-gert 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 Maund; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff, Turuturu Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs White, Argyle Street; Treas., Mrs Best, Milmo St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Tonks, Campbell St.

Henderson, 8rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Gilberd, "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, Lopdell, Peters, Hunter; Rec. Sec., Mrs Kennedy, Gladstone; Cor. Sec., Mrs Parsonson, Princes St., Endwood; Treas., and "W.R." Agent, Mrs F. Lilliecrap, Earn St.

Invercargill South. Meets every second Tuesday, in Amethyst Hall, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Pasley, Centre St., Gorge town. 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.

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

Kati-Kati, 2nd Wednesdays, 2 p.m., in Public Hall. Pres., Mrs Haines, 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, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Quech 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 Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs Wilson; Sec., Mrs Bromley; Treas., Mrs Clark; "W.R." Agent, Miss Elsie Clark, "Waratah," W. Lytelton.

Leigh, 1st Saturday, Leigh Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs C. Wyatt; Vice-Presidents, Mrs D. Matheson and Miss G. Matheson; Sec., Miss E. Matheson; Treas., Miss A. Matheson; Cradle Roll, Miss J. Wyatt; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Matheson.

Mania, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs T. Pait; 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, Ashbridge Rd.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Dods and Fawcett; Sec., Mrs A. Chellew, Macdonald St.; Treas., Mrs Grayling, Faraday Street; Asst. Treas., Mrs Chapman; Evangelists, Mrs Dods; 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. Colhoan; Treas., Mrs C. Rogers; Supt. Cradle Roll and W. R., Mrs Nicholson.

New Brighton, 3rd Thursday in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hall, 96 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, last Wednesday, 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 Dickson, Hurstlands; Treas., Mrs Lynn; Cradle Roll, Miss Clement; White Ribbon, Mrs Dickson.

Norsewood, 3rd Thursday, 2 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Speight; Vice-Pres., Mrs Gatman; Sec., Miss A. E. Olsen, "Willow Park"; Treas., Mrs S. Frederickson; "W.R." Agent, Miss Olsen, "Willow Park"; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gatman; Evangelistic, Mrs Todd; Home Meetings, Mrs Jensen.

North East Valley, fourth Thursday, 2.45 p.m. Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mrs Peart, 4, Pine Hill Ter.; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45, Selwyn Rd.; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 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.

Oporiki, 2nd Friday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jas Thompson; Sec., Mrs J. Gordon; Treas. and Supt., "W.R." Mrs Francis; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Pearson.

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

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

Palmerston N. District, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Crabb, 128 College St. W.; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills, 64, Cuba St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder, Allan St.; Treas., Miss Hodder, Allan St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Holbrook, 41 Waldegrave St.

Palmerston N., Y's.—Pres., Miss Lorna Hodder; Cor. Sec., Miss Aline Rowlands, 21 Victoria Street; Rec. Sec., Miss Winnie Crabb, 128 College Street; Treas., Miss Maud Randall; White Ribbon Supt., Miss Cassie Bruce.

Petene, 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, 87 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 Street; Acting-President, Mrs C. R. Vickers, Millais Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs A. Thorne, C. I. Harris, and Miss Caley; Sec., Mrs Plummer, Coronation Rd., Epsom; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Plummer; Treas., Mrs T. Walker, Rose Rd.

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

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

Sawyer's Bay, 2nd Tuesday in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Allen; Sec., Mrs Booth, Roseneath; Treas., Mrs Mains; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Perry; Supt. Home Meetings, Mrs Horn.

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

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

Takapuna, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Takapuna Methodist, and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs Fullames, East Coast Rd.; Vice Pres., Mrs Veats; Sec., Miss Rushbrook, Kitchener Road; Treas., Mrs Penning, East Coast Road.

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., Sailor's Rest, Pres., Mrs Rule, North St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Grant and Miss Evans; 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 Owen.

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 Foster Bott and Roberto n; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, Rose St.; Treas., Miss Johnson, Rose St.; W.R. Supt., Mrs S. Bott.

Wanganui East meets last Friday at 2.30 p.m. in Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Duxfield; Okoia, Wanganui E.; Vice Pres., Mesdames Blair, and McLeod; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Andrew, Mackay St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Dowsett, Nixon St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Melvin, Young St.

Wanganui District, 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs H. Smith, 88 Liverpool St.; Sec., Mrs J. Upton, 165, Victoria Av.; Treas., Mrs Siddells, Guyton St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. Smith, College Street; "W.R." Supt., Mrs W. R. Grant, Harrison Place.

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

Winchmore, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Frost; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Prebble, and Mrs McIlroy; Sec., Miss Shearer, Ashburton; Treas., Mrs Moore; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Glassey.

Wellington District, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Rooms, Constable St.; Pres., Mrs Houlder, 108 Wallace St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Keene, Island Bay; Cor. Sec., Mrs Evans, 19 Hiroki St.; Treas., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St. L.T.L. Rooms, every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Y Branch, Rooms, alternate Thursdays at 8 p.m.

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, Austi 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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