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## DAMASCUS.

### FROM CRESCENT TO CROSS.

How we have been thrilled by the cable news of the last week or two! With what breathless interest have we watched the progress of General Allenby and his victorious army! How we have waited with bated breath for news of the great conflict now proceeding 'twixt Cross and Crescent; news of the rolling back of the tide of Moslem invasion which swept across our Holy Places over 12 centuries ago. And, as we watch the progress of the flag, we pray that the light which shines from the Cross may lighten the dark and rayless night which followed in the wake of the Crescent, and settled like a pall over all the lands beneath its sway.

Jerusalem, so beautiful for situation, is once more beneath the rule of a Christian Power, and northward from it moved our army, with Constantinople as a possible objective. Just now we love to picture the boys from these far-off isles of the sea, from this newest of lands, encamped around Damascus, the most ancient city on record, enjoying the beauty of that Pearl of the Orient, that Eye of the East, which tradition asserts Mahomet refused to enter because "There is only one Paradise allotted to man, and I prefer to reserve mine for the future."

Perchance they bathe their wearied limbs in the clear, crystal waters of those streams which flow from snow-crowned Lebanon, and about which Naaman asked, "Are not Abana and Pharpar rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel?" and of which a devotee sang:

"Abana, the light of Damascus!

Thy flowing is music to me,  
My offering of bright, golden roses,  
Ere morning its beauty discloses,  
I bring, O fair river, to thee."

Truly, with its clear, blue, smokeless skies, its bright sunshine, its purling streams, and its verdure-clad plain, a paradise in which to rest and recreate for the further struggle which lies ahead.

How varied the history of this old city! Its origin is lost in the mists of antiquity. Josephus tells us it was founded by Uz, the grandson of Shem, in the glimmering dawn of history. How its fortunes were interwoven with those of God's Chosen People! It is first mentioned in connection with Abraham's struggle with the kings for the release of Lot. Captured by David, it was then afterwards the capital of the kingdom of Benadad, the determined enemy of Israel. It passed successively into the hands of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome. Conquered by Pompey, B.C. 64, it became part of the great Roman Empire.

The wheel of fortune turns up many strange changes. This city, which was old

"When the British warrior queen,  
Bleeding from the Roman rods,  
Sought with an indignant mien,  
Counsel of her country's gods."

which indeed had passed its first youth ere "Romulus and Remus had had suck," fell under the sway of Rome. But the prophetic eye of the old Druid saw the downfall of that mighty Power, and assured Queen Boadicea that

"Regions Caesar never knew  
Thy posterity shall sway,  
Where his eagles never flew,  
None invincible as they."

Now that prophecy is fulfilled, and the "progeny that sprang from the forest of her land" has come from the sunny islands of the Southern Seas, and, fighting as allies of the descendants of those ancient Romans, has halted around Damascus, that most Oriental of cities, on whose battlements the Cross has replaced the Crescent.

To this city was led Saul of Tarsus, smitten with blindness on "the road to Damascus," and deprived of his power to injure, was taken to a street called Straight, and there visited by Ananias. From its walls, let down in a basket, escaped Paul, the mighty apostle of the Gentiles.

In the 7th century the Saracens captured Damascus after a siege of 66 days, and for seven centuries it was ruled by them. Then Tamerlane swept like a devouring flame across Asia. He captured Damascus, and reduced it to ashes. He took away as prisoners the artisans, who made the far-famed Damascene blades, and with them the secret of their manufacture was lost to Damascus.

Again the city was retaken by the Turks, and ruled by them until in this year of our Lord, 1918, the city, which was the metropolis of the Mahomedan world, through whose gates annually passed 50,000 pilgrims on their way to Mecca, once more displays from its walls the flag of the Cross.

The Cross! Still like Constantine of old we see it flaming in the sky, still we hear the voice saying, "By

this conquer." Still, like Paul, we can sing:

"In the cross of Christ I glory  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time,  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime."

For all time the Cross stands as the symbol of sacrifice to the utmost. It is the most perfect expression of the divinest love. The Divine Master voluntarily took up the cross. "No man taketh My life from Me; I lay it down of Myself; I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up." And as we are animated by the Spirit of the Cross, so shall we conquer, and our conquest be for the good of humanity.

On that fateful day in August, 1914, when the die was cast, knowing well the nature of the task and the odds against us, we entered upon this struggle, not for self, but for others. And because the Spirit of the Cross, the spirit of sacrifice animated us in those dark days, a modern miracle was wrought, and "French's contemptible army" held at bay the Hunnish hordes, expecting an easy victory. The thin, alas! too thin, red line barred the way to Calais and Paris, and in spite of overwhelming odds, held the trenches and taught the Kaiser at Mons and the Marne the lesson learnt by Napoleon at Waterloo—"that God is not always upon the side of Les gros bataillons."

May not only the flag of the Cross accompany our armies, but may the Spirit of the Cross follow them, and may we exhibit this Spirit in our dealings with weaker nations till they shall say, "Their God shall be my God."

"No! we fought with a definite object,

And it's this—and we want it made plain—

That it's God, and not any devil,

That's to rule in the world again."

### WOMAN'S HOUR.

(Charlotte Perkins Gilman.)

Not for herself! Though sweet the  
air of freedom;  
Not for herself! Though dear the  
new-born power;  
But for the Child who needs a nobler  
Mother,  
For the Whole People needing One  
Another,  
Comes Woman to her Hour.

—"Woman's Journal."

### N.Z. TRAVELLING SECRETARY.

#### REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING OCTOBER 5th, 1918.

Travelled through Clinton, Ashley Downs, Waiwera, and Wairuna. Formed branch of Union at Balclutha on September 9th; membership 30. Addressed Presbyterian Young Women's Bible Class on the work of Union. Left Balclutha on the 11th, called at Lovell's Flat to interview Mrs Grant, (then) Hon. Secretary for Somerset members; secured 15s 6d membership fees, and attended to other business, after which I travelled to Milton and Milburn, and arranged to commence work throughout the district.

Thanks to Messrs Rennie, Dabinett, and Hayon, who motored me to Milburn, Clarendon, Tokoiti, Clerksville, Money More, and North Branch, I was able to secure £67 11s, also four "White Ribbon" subscribers. Arranged to form a branch at a later date, if advisable. Arrived in Dunedin on the 19th.

Returned to Dunedin on the 30th, and arranged to visit Milton on October 3rd, Mrs Coghill having arranged for a meeting to be held in the Town Hall, in order that I might explain the origin and work of the Union. Mrs Coghill presided over a very enthusiastic meeting. As a result it was unanimously decided that a Branch be formed. Everyone donned the white bow. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Coghill; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Featherston, Grant, Allan, and Sister Agnes; Recording Secretary, Miss McGuigan; Treasurer, Mrs Rennie; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Currie. Other officers to be elected at next meeting. Decided to hold meetings the first Wednesday in each month, at 2.30 p.m. An effort to be made by President and Secretary to secure the use of Council Chambers or some other public room.

The membership now stands at 50, including 16 Somerset members from Lovell's Flat, which I secured on a previous visit; "White Ribbon" subscribers, 12; total number of members for the month, about 47, and "White Ribbon" subscribers 18. Please see N.Z. Treasurer's report for month's financial statement. Saturday, September 5th, purchased the necessary books to rule and fill in all particulars for each officer. May I strongly advise authorised officers,

when forming branches, to personally attend to the latter, as it is quite impossible for new officers, knowing little or nothing about our work, to be successful if this is not done; also, it will save Organising Secretaries who come after, much time and trouble, trying to straighten out things.

The newly-formed Branches at Balclutha and Milton are specially blessed with capable officers, who are most anxious to become well informed on the many departments of work taken up by our Union, that they may be thoroughly efficient.

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### "SHUT UP THE LIQUOR BARS, AND YOU SHUT UP THE PRISONS."

The W.C.T.U. has always stood for Prohibition, and the principle that a great proportion of the crime committed is caused by drink.



A practical result of the good work of the Control Board of England and Wales has been shutting up of the prisons, shown in the map accompanying (kindly lent by the authorities of the Salvation Army), "The more drink sold, the more crime." During the war the public-houses have been shut up for the greater part of the day. At the beginning of the war, there were in our prisons 16,727 men and women. To-day there are about 9000. And all the prisons and prison buildings shown on this map have been shut up!

## SOCIAL HYGIENE.

(The following paper was read at a conference of various bodies on the Social Hygiene question.)

At a meeting on May 27th, 1918, a motion was carried unanimously in favour of legislation for the eradication of venereal diseases on the lines laid down in the following ten paragraphs. We give the pars. and comments upon them:—

1. "Notification of Venereal Diseases to be compulsory on the part of the medical attendant, but only if the patient does not satisfy the following conditions, Nos. 2 and 3."

Notification is not a punishment to certain people, who don't care if it were shouted from the house-tops, but to the vast majority, since the diseases carry a moral stigma, notification, however confidential, is a punishment. Then let it be used as such, and kept for those who, by carelessness of their own bodies, or those of others, deserve it. Segregation is not essential for the control of venereal diseases, as it is for the control of other infectious diseases, so long as the sufferer observes certain rules. The use of notification would be that he or she would be compelled to observe these rules, not necessarily that they must be isolated, being only notified if they fail to observe them.

2. "He or she must be efficiently treated."

Venereal disease is only easily or fairly easily amendable to treatment in the early stages, but that treatment must be efficient. One of the principal values of this proposed legislation would be that sufferers would seek treatment early.

The kind of treatment that would be looked on as 'efficient' treatment would have to be, and **can easily be**, laid down in the Act. **As a matter of fact the enacting of standard lines of efficient treatment would be of the utmost value as a guide to what is expected of the practitioner, and what will cure most effectively.** It would have to be laid down how often the sufferer must report to his medical adviser.

3. "They must not expose any person to the danger of infection."

4. "It is compulsory on the part of the medical attendant to inform the sufferer in writing of the facts contained in 1, 2, and 3, namely that he or she has the disease, must be ef-

ficiently treated, and must not infect others, and that notification is unnecessary so long as these rules are observed."

This would involve no more than the ordinary procedure carried out for ordinary notification of disease, in which the guardians or sufferer have to be helped.

5. "It is a criminal act to expose to infection or to infect any other person knowingly, and such intimation on the part of the medical attendant as outlined above, to constitute knowledge of a state of infectivity."

6. Failure on the part of the sufferer to respect these conditions renders immediate notification necessary to a duly constituted authority."

It will be said that perhaps a doctor might out of mistaken kindness, fail to notify a patient who ought to be notified.

No doubt it will be wise to make the authority some other person than the medical officer of health—perhaps a magistrate—so that the charge may be investigated before action is taken, but this can be settled easily. Otherwise, the ordinary rules that attach to the notification of ordinary infectious diseases will apply. Under these penalties are provided for failing to notify disease, which include suspension from practice for a period of months, if the charge is proved. The medical man would be just as open to such a charge as in the case of diphtheria; he would be just as easily found out, perhaps more easily, and the law will be upheld, if it is made, just as precisely in venereal diseases as in other diseases. **It will be found that medical men will do their duty, and it is a fact that the great majority of medical men are in favour of some form of notification.**

7. "The authority after due investigation of the charge, and after finding it proved, will either place the patient in a special clinique for treatment, or have him or her prosecuted for infecting others, or both, if necessary."

8. "It must be an offence under the Act for any person except a registered medical practitioner to treat venereal diseases, or to dispense drugs for venereal diseases, except on a registered practitioners' prescription, or to advertise drugs or treatment for venereal diseases."

The object of this is manifold. There is great danger that unqualified persons, such as druggists, may

tell the sufferer that he has the disease when he has not, or vice versa, that he has not got the disease when he has—or fail to recognise the disease at all, thus denying to the patient the extreme advantage of early treatment, and losing valuable time. In addition, the essential drugs **can only be administered by a qualified medical man as the methods of administration are highly technical.**

9. "Bacteriological and other diagnostic tests must be provided free by the State."

10. Free drugs and free treatment, and free specially-qualified doctors must be provided."

They are an integral part of the scheme; these last two sections go together. It is obvious that if the State requires a sufferer to be treated, it must provide the means free. These should not be in clinics, which are specifically labelled as venereal, as this is a more or less public advertisement of what a person goes there for.

It might be, however, that a person of either sex might be too poor to afford the proper skilled treatment, and yet too proud to go to a public institution. This is where the provision of free examination of clinical material, free blood tests, and free drugs comes in. In an ordinary case, when giving advice, the doctor is not out of pocket, except for time. In venereal cases it is not so. The clinical and bacteriological tests are very expensive, so also are the drugs. If he has to provide these, he may suffer severe money loss. But if he were able to obtain these free, the treatment of the patient would then resolve itself into such as would (as in ordinary practice) involve only the risk of loss of time.

Further, the provision of free tests, drugs, and free doctor would do away with any allegation that the doctors were playing into their own hands for profit.

It is useless to allege that some would rather go untreated than apply to doctors. If they did so, they must be few. In any case, their sufferings would speedily overcome their reluctance.

It is also useless to argue that one is powerless if the disease is concealed, or that if, for instance, an infected person does not complain of being infected, one is stultified. You might just as well say don't try to

obtain any hold over embezzlers because all embezzlers are not discovered, or because all embezzlers are not handed over to justice. There is no doubt that the knowledge of the penalties, and of the occasional embezzlers that are handed over to the law, does act as a deterrent to others not to sin. So also the knowledge of the penalties would drive the patients to the doctor, and would prevent the infection of others, if not entirely, at any rate to a great degree. While the fact that unqualified persons cannot treat them would make for early and therefore efficient treatment and cure. Such legislation as is outlined above would, if made operative, go far towards stamping out the disease, and every one part is essential to the other. So far as the Social Hygiene Act, 1917, is concerned, it is unworkable because it gives no hold over the individual.

The clause as to employment is not only unjust, but unworkable entirely. It should be dropped. It would be for the doctor to decide if the patient was risking infection to others in his employment. And he would act if it were essential in the public health, and make him stay away from it under threat of notification.

Of course, penalties may be provided for falsely accusing anyone, but if notification were only conditional on failure to observe rules as to treatment and infectivity, and then investigation carried out before any publicity, individual interests would be conserved.

With regard to prophylaxis (prevention) anticipatory to immoral acts, the loathing felt when first told of this issue, the repulsion with which it is heard, are measures of the infamy of the thing. No special reasoning can make a thing right which innate modesty tells one is wrong. It has been said that the advocates of this course, being sincere, should at least be given the credit of being sincere. But one ought not to see this subject through the glasses of the other side. If anticipatory prophylaxis is bad, no question of utility can make it right under any circumstances, from a moral viewpoint. There is no common ground for right and wrong. Then let it be fought with bare fists, and not with gloves on. The other side don't understand it. They take the "credits" as a sign of weakness. And why make a credit of sincerity? Of all specious argument in favour

of anything, this is the weakest. Sincerity in a cause is not an argument for its righteousness. The devil is sincere in all his doings. It is not to his credit. If the advocates of anticipatory prophylaxis are sincere, it is not necessarily to their credit, nor is it an argument in its favour. These advocates maintain that no man can be chaste, or if he is so, then it is from fear, not from inclination. If (they say) he is chaste, it is unnatural. They are wrong. It is a certainty that more men are chaste than unchaste, but because impurity is so blatant and purity so reticent, the clamouring of the vile drowns the whispering of the clean. More than that, chastity is the healthiest state, and the state in which both man and animal are more efficient.

It is said to be a fact that the greatest obstacle in the path of anticipatory prevention was the opposition of prominent medical officers. If it is a fact that every New Zealander proceeding on leave is provided with a prophylactic packet, then it is by order of the combatant officials. However greatly a civilian may be influenced by utility in this matter, he cannot ignore the fact that these medical men opposed it.

The aspect from which the problem has been approached in the past has always been that of stamping out the disease. It should continue to be so. No one will expect a doctor to lower himself to making venereal promiscuity safer because it must make it more frequent. But he can, and will make every effort to stamp out the disease, because of its effects on the sufferers, whether innocent or guilty. If this, incidentally, makes sin safer, that cannot be helped. If a man came to a doctor for an anticipatory preventive, he must refuse it from the fact that there can be no guarantee without this protection, the man would sin at all. Such a request practically puts the doctor in the position of a procurer. Hence the proper course is to eradicate the disease. In the pursuit of this policy of eradication of venereal disease, various and wrong methods have been tried, such as registration and inspection of prostitutes. These have failed, because, for one reason alone, it is not necessarily prostitutes that carry the infection. Hence the gathered power of the propaganda for prophylaxis in anticipation of immoral acts.

But the real reason for the failure of eradictory methods, in the past, is solely because venereal disease has never been treated as other infectious diseases have. Take typhus, or typhoid, or smallpox. We seldom hear of them. Nevertheless, at one time they were rampant.

But just a few more words in reference to the advocates of anticipatory prevention. Not only are they wrong that sexuality is a necessity, and not only is it true that chastity is a healthy, nay, the healthiest state, but also they are wrong when they assume that they can absolutely prevent infection. More than that, temptation may assail the sinner when under the influence of alcohol, or when no prophylactic packet is at hand. If he falls and escapes infection, he will be the readier to risk again, until at last he is infected.

They ignore the influence of prophylaxis on marriage, on the birth-rate, and on the attitude of the sexes to one another. In fact, one might say, marriage under this code, as with chastity, is only another preventive of infection, and if the prophylactic theory is carried out to its logical conclusion married people will be a joke, and children a rarity, and sexual promiscuity will universally obtain.

It is argued in favour of prevention that some immoral men fight well. But because a burglar is a good fighter, it is no reason for providing an escape from punishment, and the same reasoning applies to the unchaste.

The Royal Commission on Venereal Disease did not pronounce against notification, but found that the time was not ripe for it, and that the public must be educated on the subject. But misconception has arisen on the part of some on this account, and a large measure of opposition to notification is based upon such misconception.

Quite recently, the New Zealand Branch of the British Medical Association pronounced in favour of notification, and many bodies of public men, such as Hospital Boards, have voted for it.

The Prisoners' Detention Act is a legislative attempt to deal with the diseases, but is wrong in its principle, since the person suspected has to be arrested on a more or less trumped-up charge.

The Social Hygiene Act, 1917, is a real effort on the part of the Minister

of Public Health to deal with venereal disease, but is unworkable, particularly in the matter of employment. It does not deal with notification at all. The part of it which makes the sale of drugs for venereal disease or the treatment of venereal disease by unqualified people, illegal, is both necessary and good, and is the only really practical part. A scheme on the lines outlined in the ten sections which begin this paper, and firmly administered, will effect its purpose, and will meet all objections which can be raised. Anticipatory prophylaxis, if it lessens the percentage of infection, must inevitably widen the scope and increase the incidence of venereal disease in the end.

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### NELSON PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1918.

The first Nelson Provincial Convention was held on October 1st. Fourteen delegates attended, Nelson District, Richmond, Wakapuaka, and Motueka Unions being represented; delegates were also expected from Wakefield, Blenheim, and Picton, but were unable to attend. The Convention was presided over by Mrs Field, who in her address touched upon the principal lines of work taken up during the year.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs Field.

The report of the Recording Secretary showed the two chief points to be the formation of a branch of the Union at Motueka during Mrs Peryman's visit to Nelson, and the inauguration of special picture performances for children once a month, through the kind co-operation of the Nelson picture manager, Mr Surrell.

Reports of the Branch Unions were read, all of which showed good work done in connection with the Prohibition Campaign. Richmond reported a flourishing branch of the L.T.L., with nearly 100 members, and Nelson one with 80; both are holding regular meetings, and doing good work amongst the children.

In considering work for the ensuing year, it was resolved: "That Unions endeavour to extend their work amongst the young, and that Bands of Mercy should be formed in connection with the L.T.L." It was further resolved: "That each Branch

Union should endeavour to support the present movement for educational reform by the methods which seem to it most feasible and most conducive to permanent improvement."

Short reports were also given by Mrs Field (Superintendent of Social Hygiene and Literature) and Mrs Moyes (Superintendent for Backblocks and L.T.L.), of the work of these departments.

At the afternoon session the Constitution of the Provincial Convention was discussed and the one framed last year for the District Convention was adopted, with a few slight necessary alterations.

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Mrs Knapp, Mrs Field also taking part; in the prayers grateful reference was made to the Allies' success in Bulgaria, and the desire expressed that Bulgaria's surrender might be a step towards the restoration of peace amongst all nations.

The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Field; Cor. Sec., Mrs Wilkinson; Recording Sec., Mrs Judson; Treas., Mrs White.

Amongst the resolutions passed were the following:—

"At this time of universal sorrow, the Nelson Provincial Convention desires to tender its deepest sympathy to all those who during the past year have been called to pass through the fire of suffering, whether by bereavement, sickness, or in any other way."

"The Nelson Provincial Convention of the W.C.T.U. is pleased to be able to congratulate the Hon. the Minister for Public Health on his decision to at once appoint women patrols, and trusts that, though appointed under the Department for Public Health, it may not be found necessary to regard the work of women patrols as dealing only with the health of the community, but that their duties may be so arranged that they may find scope for preventive work, such as the protection of young people. This Convention recognises that the Hon. Minister's decision is a step in the right direction, and is pleased to assure him of its support. Recognising also that it is very important that the right class of women should be appointed, this Convention would respectfully suggest that he might get valuable assistance from the different women's societies, and especially from the Salvation Army, who have had long experience in a somewhat similar class of work."

"The Nelson Provincial Convention of the W.C.T.U. seeing to what a large extent women are undertaking work hitherto exclusively performed by men, considers that the time has now come for all public offices and employments to be thrown open to women equally with men and would specially emphasise the need for women in Parliament, in order that reforms affecting women and children, which have been again and again refused, may receive greater consideration. The Convention therefore appeals to the Cabinet and to the members of Parliament to make such alteration in the law as will give electorates the right to elect a woman representative to Parliament."

"This Convention condemns, as lowering to the moral standard, and as an unwarrantable insult to the great majority of men, the practice of regularly supplying prophylactics to soldiers on leave, and urges that all measures for stemming the progress of venereal disease should be based on the belief in the nobler side of human nature, and that all necessary instructions to the men should be accompanied by an appeal to the sense of duty, patriotism, and chivalry which exists even in the weakest." (This resolution was passed at the British Dominions Woman Suffrage Union Conference last June, being proposed by Miss Ruth Atkinson, and seconded by Mrs Waldegrave, also a New Zealand woman.)

The resolution already passed by the Unions with reference to the inequality of the treatment of men and women in cases of social immorality was also re-affirmed.

A well-attended public meeting was held in the evening, at which an address upon Educational Reform was given by Mr F. G. Gibbs, M.A., headmaster of the Boys' Central School, as representative of the Nelson Teachers' Institute. Mr Gibb outlined the proposals of the Institute for betterment of our educational methods, and showed some of the difficulties in carrying them out, and also emphasised the need of co-operation between teachers and parents. Mr Gibbs was heartily thanked for his most interesting address.

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London County Council has decided to make it a condition of all the new music hall and cinema licenses that no intoxicating drink should be sold or consumed on the premises.

## SCRIPTURE TEACHING IN SCHOOLS.

At a meeting of the Wellington Branch of the N.Z. Educational Institute, the following resolution was moved by Mr J. H. Parkinson:—

"That with a view to checking the present tendency towards sectarian divisions among the people of the Dominion, the Institute prepare and submit to the various churches a statement setting out the opportunities that the Education Act allows for moral and Scripture teaching, and explaining the advantages of the Nelson system for the carrying on of this work; and that teachers (while not taking any part in the actual teaching) be recommended to co-operate with representatives of the churches in establishing the system wherever such co-operation is desired."

After discussion, an amendment to leave out all the words after "Scripture teaching" was carried. It was also resolved that the resolution be forwarded as a remit to the annual meeting of the N.Z. Educational Institute.

The following article on the Nelson System was contributed by Mr Parkinson:—

### THE NELSON SYSTEM.

A good deal has been heard recently of the demand for some form of religious teaching for the youth of the Dominion, other than that which is provided for them by the home and the Sunday School; and some of the churches have definitely embarked upon a scheme of church schools to meet this demand. They are to be commended for their earnestness, but there are certain points of view from which their action is to be greatly deplored. The public schools are the nurseries of the nation, in which, with few exceptions, all the children of the nation have for forty years been brought up together, irrespective of class or creed, and have thus grown up almost wholly free from the sectarian divisions and class distinctions that have marred social life in the older countries. This happy state of affairs cannot exist unimpaired if the movement for the establishment of church schools attains any considerable dimensions; and it is important that those who regard this question seriously should know, for very many do not know, that under the present Education Act opportunity is given

for a great deal wider range of religious teaching in the public schools than can ever be attained by any probable extension of the church-school movement.

The method by which this can be brought about is by adopting what has been generally called the Nelson System, or some modification of it to suit particular localities. It has been the custom of certain assailants of the education system to say that it is a Godless system, and that it bolts and bars the doors of the public schools against the Bible. Nothing could be further from the truth, as the work being carried on in Nelson, Timaru, Oamaru, Waimate, Dunedin, Gisborne, and other places, amply proves. In 1914 it was estimated that 15,000 children in the public schools were then receiving regular moral and Scripture lessons in their own class-rooms and in the usual school hours,—not before or after school, but within the regular school hours. The lessons are given by visiting clergy and other approved workers, and in most, if not all, cases embrace the classes from the first to the sixth standards, so that a regular course of lessons extending over six years can be arranged for. The system is strictly in accordance with the law, and depends on the fact that the Education Act requires schools to be open for four hours a day, while the regulations of the Education Boards require five hours a day. Outside the legal hours, the four hours, the school buildings are under the management of the School Committee, representing the parents, and in section 49 of the Act there is this provision:

Provided that nothing in this section or in any by-laws of the Board shall prevent the Committee from granting as it deems fit the use of the school buildings as aforesaid for the purpose of moral and religious instruction.

There is thus one school hour per day outside the requirements of the Act, and the Nelson System consists in making use of a part of one of these five weekly hours for the purpose of religious teaching. In practice, the first half-hour of one morning per week is all that has been used so far, and it is sufficient for the present to say that half an hour's instruction is given per week. On the morning of the lesson the opening time of the school is put back half an hour. This allows those who do not wish to at-

tend the lessons to be absent without any disturbance of the classes. In practice it is found that the number of absentees is about one or two per cent. of the class rolls. On the morning of the lesson the appointed workers take the classes in their usual rooms,—the ordinary teachers are not in charge, though probably they are in the building—and give the lessons to the ordinary classes. There is no separation of the sects, so the children are not indoctrinated with the virus of sectarianism. At the expiration of the time for the lesson the ordinary teacher takes charge of the class, the absentees come in to their places, and the work of the day proceeds. There is ample testimony that wherever the system has been used with earnestness the results have been entirely satisfactory.

The two main objections to this system as usually stated are that it is subject to the whim of School Committees, and that it can reach only a small proportion of the children of the Dominion. As to the first of these, a great deal more is made of it than it is worth. The Committees represent the people, and if the people desire that willing workers should have the opportunity to form classes there need be very little trouble about the Committee. There have been cases of refusal, but it is hard to find anyone that can quote one. The other objection is sound so far as it goes, but even allowing its force, the Nelson system could reach, probably already reaches, a far greater number of children than can be reached by church schools. And the system is only in course of development. It is easy to imagine almost unlimited extension if only its possibilities were known and appreciated.

There are two great considerations that recommend the Nelson System. In the first place, it preserves the sanctity of sacred things, and fosters the feeling of reverence for them. The Scriptures are read and expounded by those who are known to be specially fitted for that duty,—not treated as ordinary class readers, nor committed to the handling of those who may be unwilling or careless in the use of them. The increased influence that the lessons acquire from this fact can hardly be calculated. In the second place, it avoids the division of the young people of the nation into sectarian camps. They are thus enabled

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to pass through their school lives free from all that we understand by the term religious bigotry, and grow up with an appreciation of the essential unity of life. There is at present a stirring of the religious waters in the direction of church union. How much greater would be the probability of union if the present generation of church members had all had before them from childhood such concrete evidence of the benefits of union as the Nelson System provides! How much better that the foundation of this union should be laid in the nation's schools than that from their very childhood those who should live together in peace and friendship should be separated into antagonistic and warring camps. The nation's schools are truly national, as witness the splendid unity of their product in the face of the enemy. Why should this unity be dissolved when there is available this means of preserving it and cementing it with this course of Scripture lessons, in which all share, and from which all derive a common benefit?

### IN THE FIELD.

Since my last report I have been chiefly occupied with petition work. I am now working in the Palmerston North district. Having assisted Mrs Crabb in the District Union, I am visiting in Bunnythorpe with a view to organising, but the prospects are not rosy. It is many years since our Union there collapsed, and most women taking an interest have moved away.

**M. S. POWELL.**

Dominion Organiser.

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### ART UNIONS.

#### , SECOND ADDRESS BY MISS OUTRAM.

Last Sunday I spoke to you about Art Unions, which I told you were a very dangerous form of gambling. To-day I want to speak to you about the right way of giving. When our Lord was upon earth, He said to certain people that inasmuch as they had done anything for one of the least, they had done it for Him. Now, we cannot call our soldiers the least. Whenever we see a soldier, we should remember they are all willing and ready to do what our Lord did, and lay down their lives for their friends. I suppose if Jesus was living on earth just as He did hundreds of years ago, hungry, poor, no home, and with very few friends, and we were to come to Him, and were to say to Him, "Here, Lord, is a sum of money, there are hundreds and hundreds of pounds, and we raised it all by a great big Art Union—if we were honest, we should call it gambling, but we are not very honest, so we call it an Art Union). Take it, Lord, to feed yourself with, to clothe yourself, and when you are sick and wounded, and lying on a bed of pain, use it to relieve your sufferings." Do you think He would take it? I don't think He would. I think He would say much the same as He is saying in the picture we are looking at, "The Temptation in the Wilderness: "Take it as far away from Me as ever you can; I will have nothing whatever to do with it." If, on the other hand, we were to come to Jesus and say, "Here is a sum of money, not as large as the one you refused, but it is all given by those who wish to show their love for you; some have had extra good seasons on their farms, or in their orchards, and they can give you ever so much; others work on the railway, in shops, factories, or other places, and they are giving all they can. Then there are the children; they wish to help too, and they are giving some of their

money, and it is all honestly earned. Take it, Lord, and use it to feed yourself with, to clothe yourself with, and when you are sick and wounded, and lying on a bed of pain, use it to relieve your sufferings." Jesus would accept that money with a smile that we should never forget, and we should hear His "Well done, you have been faithful; faithful in that you have not caused other people to sin, and you have given to Me that which has cost you something." I said just now that last sum of money would not be as large as the one Jesus refused, and I don't think it would matter. When Jesus was living on earth, a boy one day asked his mother to give him his lunch, he wanted to go out all day to heal the great preacher. When evening came, and the disciples wanted to send the multitude away, Jesus said, "No, we will feed them here," and that boy was asked to give his lunch. Did he do it? We all know he did. He did not say, "I will give it if I have the chance of getting ten times as much to-morrow." No, he gave willingly, and Jesus took that lunch and blessed it, and prayed, and made it enough to feed that great multitude. I think if we give what money we honestly can to help our sick and wounded soldiers, and give it willingly, remembering we are giving to God, we can trust to Him to do the rest.

### TARANAKI PROVINCIAL CONVENTION (Continued).

New Plymouth Report.—Membership, 103; "White Ribbon" subscribers, 35. Deputation to member re women police. Cradle Roll, 350. Literature had been distributed, and Notable Days observed. Fitzroy Union has assisted New Plymouth. £82 raised for Red Cross.

(The Secretary regrets that inadvertently the above report was omitted from the report of Convention.)

**WOMAN'S WORK.**

Miss Alice Klein has been appointed assistant chemist in the State laboratory of hygiene at New Hampshire. This lady is a graduate of Sommons College, has specialised in public health chemistry, and her endorsements for the position are of an exceptionally high order.

"The time is ripe to extend the suffrage to women, and I hope the present Legislature may grant it."—Premier Orlando, of Italy.

Four local street cars are run with women as conductors at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

For the first time in the world's history Jewish women are to be allowed to vote for nominees for the Congress to be held in Washington.

Berlin has elected women as Magistrates.

A Russian girl took a doctor's degree at Zurich in 1867. In the early seventies the admission of women to medical courses became a settled practice in Russia. In 1876 women surgeons in numbers distinguished themselves at the Front in the Servian-Turkish war, also in the Russo-Japanese war, and in the present conflict. To-day women physicians are as prominent as men, and in some cities there are more female than male dentists. More than 620 of the teachers in Zemstov schools are women, and the census of 1897 showed that there were four women to every five men in the State and Public Service.

The women railway workers have demanded an extra war bonus, so they get equal pay with the male workers.

Danish women cast their first ballots in a recent election. The result was to keep in power the Ministry which has kept Denmark out of war for the past four years.

**WOMEN'S VOTE IN U.S.A. PROTECTS THE HOME.**

Out of eleven full suffrage States of the Union, 72.7 per cent. have good child labour laws, and 100 per cent. have compulsory education laws. 90.9 per cent. of the Suffrage States have mothers' pension laws. In 90.0 per cent. mothers have equal rights with fathers over their own children.

**WHITE RIBBON HUTMENT FUND.**

(Please read at your next meeting.)

Dear Sisters,—I should again like to bring before your notice the urgent claim for funds towards our White Ribbon Hutment. In six months' time Convention will be upon us, when the list will be closed and the opportunity gone for contributing to such a splendid cause.

Now that the campaign for signatures is practically over, I would urge all Unions to make a big effort to collect funds now on behalf of our own Hutment, which will prove such a blessing to our loved ones over the seas.

Last week I received from New Brighton Union a splendid contribution of £21. If all did equally well in proportion to membership, I would not be long in recording the required amount.

A few months ago the Dunedin Union raised over £42 by a concert given by one of our Y's (Miss Mazengarb) and her pupils, which was a grand success. Surely each Union can endeavour to do something in this direction.

Ashburton, New Brighton, South Dunedin, Dunedin, and Avondale Y's are the only Unions which have so far sent me donations for the fund. The total amount I have in hand is £181 12s, so you will see we have got to work hard to obtain the amount we are aiming at.—Yours in White Ribbon bonds,

WINIFRED B. YOUNG,  
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## HALT!

The canvassing with petitions,  
which formed the first half of our bat-  
tle, is over, and we are waiting now  
to know whether we have succeeded;  
whether the Government will grant the  
earnestly and insistently demanded  
poll.

The time of waiting should not be  
spent in idleness, but in preparation  
for the next advance.

See that all over 21 are enrolled.  
Do your best to educate voters to the  
evils of the traffic, and the great and  
urgent necessity we are under to ban-  
ish it before our boys come back.  
Treat it as an important matter; be  
zealous and let our zeal enthuse others.

Above all let us remember the words  
of our Crusade Psalm: "Put not thy  
trust in Princes." Let us put our  
trust in the Living God in whose  
hands are the hearts of all men.

As never before let us pray devoutly  
and hammer away stoutly.

## CALLED TO HIGHER SERVICE.

MRS T. MASON.

Mrs Mason, Vice-President, and for  
many years an active and faithful  
member of the Auckland District  
W.C.T.U., passed suddenly and  
quietly away in her sleep on Septem-  
ber 11th, at her residence. The news  
came as a great shock to the officers  
and members of the Union, as Mrs  
Mason was very busy almost to the  
last moment securing signatures for  
the petition. She had set her heart  
on obtaining 1000 signatures by her  
own personal effort. Mrs Mason was  
of a genial and generous nature, full  
of zeal for every good cause for the  
uplifting of humanity, especially in  
the Temperance cause. Her loss will  
be keenly felt.

A very impressive service was con-  
ducted by the Rev. Ralph Gebbie at  
the Church of Christ, Ponsonby Road,  
where our sister was a member and  
ardent worker. The church was beau-  
tifully and suitably decorated in black  
and purple and fragrant violets.

She was laid at rest in the pretty  
Purewa Cemetery, the service at the  
grave being conducted by Rev. P. S.  
Smallfield, President N.Z. Alliance. A  
large number of friends and Temper-  
ance workers attended the funeral to  
pay the last tribute to one who was  
much loved and esteemed for her ster-  
ling Christian character and work.  
The wreaths were many and beautiful.  
As our late beloved sister lay in the  
coffin our little White Ribbon badge  
was pinned to her breast. She has  
gone to her reward, and we mourn  
the loss of a stalwart in our ranks.  
We trust that others may catch the in-  
spiration of her heroic spirit, and  
come to fill the gap in the line. We  
sympathise with her family, who

mourn the loss of a loving and devoted  
mother.

"Blessed are the dead that die in  
the Lord. They rest from their  
labours, and their works do follow  
them."

MRS BROWN.

Delegates to the Auckland Conven-  
tion will remember Mrs Brown, who  
represented Morrinsville Union. They  
will regret to hear that our sister, after  
a period of weakness and suffering,  
was called up higher. She was very  
earnest and faithful, and one whose  
loss will be much felt. Few who  
listened to her emphatic words and  
noted her earnest attention at Con-  
vention will ever forget her. To her  
sorrowing husband we tender the sin-  
cere sympathy of White Ribbon sisters.

MRS WILSON.

We sincerely sympathise with Mrs  
Duxfield, President of our Wanganui  
East Union, in the loss of her  
mother, Mrs Wilson. Mrs Wilson  
was a valued and sympathetic worker;  
little children loved her as a dear and  
understanding friend. Though frail  
for some time, it was only during her  
last month that our friend's condition  
caused anxiety. After a period of  
much weariness and discomfort, her  
bright and happy spirit passed home  
during her sleep. "The memory of  
the just is blessed."

## HABIT.

What is a habit? 'Tis a fettering  
chain  
That binds the struggling spirit to  
the earth;  
A hampering weight that clogs aspir-  
ing worth,  
And makes its brightest visions all  
in vain;

A blighting pall whose midnight  
depths detain,  
And quench each glowing fervor at its  
birth;  
A serpent coil within whose monstrous  
girth  
Is crushed each noblest impulse of the  
brain.

What is a habit? 'Tis a silver thread  
That links the soul to possibility;  
A magic stone that turns the baser  
lead  
Of evil bent to golden tendency;  
A precious stepping-stone from low to  
high;  
A Jacob's ladder stretching to the sky.  
—J. Forsyth Smith, in "Nautilus."

## WELLINGTON PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

The 5th annual Wellington Provincial Convention was held at Masterton on September 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

Mrs Devonport, local W.C.T.U. President, and the Rev. T. Halliday, Organising Secretary for Masterton of the National Campaign, welcomed the Convention; and Mrs Crabb, Provincial President, replied on behalf of the delegates.

The Convention was a record one. Thirty delegates answered the roll call, representing the following Unions:—Wellington District, Palmerston North District, Feilding, Pahiatua, Masterton, Greytown, Petone, Wellington Central, Lower Hutt, and Wellington "Y."

Replies received from members of the Cabinet to last year's resolutions were read.

The balance-sheet, presented by Mrs Houlder, Treasurer, showed a credit balance of £5 os 3d.

Mrs Crabb gave an inspiring Presidential address, which was received and adopted.

Resolved that the address be typed, and copies sent to those Unions desiring same.

The Dominion President (Mrs Don) gave several short addresses.

Mrs Napier, Dominion Superintendent of "Y" work, addressed the Convention on her travels in the Dominion since her appointment, and the success which has followed her efforts.

Some very fine papers were read on the following subjects:—"The Necessity for the Teaching of Sex Hygiene in Our Schools," by Mrs Hodder; "Medical and Scientific Temperance," some facts which every member of the W.C.T.U. ought to know, by Mrs Ritchie; "Sabbath Observance," by Mrs Cobb; "Cinema Pictures as an Educational Factor," by Mrs Kenrick; "Economy in the Home," by Mrs McDonald; and "How Tobacco Smoking Affects the Body," by Mrs Neal.

Miss Finlayson and Mr F. L. Combs, M.A., of the Teachers' Institute, Masterton, addressed the Convention, by invitation, and replied to many questions regarding the comfort and welfare of the children attending our public schools.

The following resolutions were passed:—

"That our tenderest sympathy be conveyed personally by our delegates,

or by letter, to mothers and friends of fallen soldiers wherever they can be reached; that this resolution of our Convention be conveyed in such a manner as to show our love to those who have suffered for our safety."

"That this Convention of the W.C.T.U. express its thanks to the Railway Commissioner for having put a ladies' carriage on the Main Trunk railway; also for the nurse who is in attendance at night. Her services have proved a great boon to all classes of women but especially mothers with babies; and also expresses the hope that the Commissioner will soon be able to put a carriage for the use of women only on all the express trains throughout the Dominion."

"That we urge upon the educational authorities the urgent need of teaching the boys and girls in the higher standards in our schools, by carefully selected teachers, some knowledge concerning their own bodies, and something of the responsibility attaching to the reproduction of life."

"That separate infant school buildings and playgrounds be provided for the infants' departments of all schools of 300 and upwards, such schools to contain a separate classroom for each class."

"That no infant-room class shall consist of more than 30 pupils, and that all teachers in charge of such classes be fully qualified."

"That this Convention heartily supports the effort now being made to secure the adoption of the system of open-air schools."

"That this body, representative of a large section of the mothers of the Dominion wishes to call the attention of the Minister to the scandalous deficiencies of our schools, and emphatically asserts that the removal of these is a matter of the first and most immediate importance. It takes it for granted that the physical disabilities of the schools, lack of fresh air, etc., are to be remedied without delay, but points to the recruitment of 1500 or more of the pick of our high school pupils to the teaching profession as the most vital aspect of education reform."

"This Convention being of opinion that the marriage of children of 12 years (for girls) and 14 years (for boys) is a relic of barbarism, strongly urges the amendment of the marriage

laws in the direction of raising the legal age of marriage."

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

(2) "That the suggestion of model programmes for children's performances would be most usefully undertaken by representatives of educational bodies in co-operation with the picture managers."

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

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

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

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

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

The resolutions passed by the Dominion Convention were reaffirmed, and the Secretary was directed to forward them to the various members of the Cabinet.

The Provincial officers were re-elected as follows:—Pres., Mrs Crabb, Palmerston North; Sec., Mrs Neal, Pahiatua; Treas., Mrs Houlder, Wellington.

Mrs Neal gave notice of motion: "That 'Y' Branches be not required to pay the Provincial Convention capitation fee of one penny per member."

An invitation to hold the Convention of 1919 at Petone was received, and accepted.

On Thursday, a tea for delegates and hostesses was provided by the Masterton Union, in Knox Hall, after which an adjournment was made to the Municipal Hall, where a public meeting was held.

The National Anthem was sung.

Commandant Cook (S.A.) led in prayer.

Mrs Crabb presided, and musical items were rendered.

Mrs Don gave a stirring address, at the close of which four members were initiated.

Votes of thanks to Mrs Don, and also to our hosts and hostesses.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTERS.

### APPEAL FOR MINE-SWEEPERS.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,—

Just a word or so re your work for mine-sweepers and the crews of torpedoed merchant ships in response to my appeal.

The time is drawing near when all knitted garments, etc., etc., will require to be sent in to me, so that they may reach London in time to be distributed during the most severe part of the winter these men have, unfortunately, to again face in the North Sea.

Will you therefore please note that the second week in November will be the limit for your goods to reach me here in Wellington. Cash can still be sent any time after then. Both money and garments are coming in very well indeed, and the effort promises to be a success this year again.

I trust the Unions who have not yet sent in will do so now, and so have their names and work added to the list when published in the "White Ribbon."

Any further information I will be glad to send to any Union. I have still a number of Appeals to send on request where required.—Yours in the work,

BESSIE NIMMO.

### GOOD CITIZENSHIP DEPARTMENT.

We began our usual winter course of meetings under this department in connection with the Nelson Union on June 7th two meetings having been held during the month. Both were devoted to the consideration of the British victory for women suffrage, mainly with reference to the responsibilities which the possession of the vote brings to women and the wider opportunities thereby opened up. At the Union meeting in June, also a slight sketch was given of the history of the Women's Movement in England during the last 50 years, with its struggles, hopes, and disappointments, and its unceasing efforts, culminating at last in the partial attainment of their aims on February 6th, 1918, with the passing of the People's Representation Bill, containing the Women's Franchise Clause. Though only a partial attainment, restricted by limitations of

age and other qualifications, it yet marks an important step forward, being the affirmation of women's right to take some part in the management of the affairs of the country. The account of the celebrations by the Suffrage Societies and the enthusiasm of the women, together with the programme of work mapped out by them, should serve as an object-lesson to those of us who have possessed this privilege for so many years, and should rouse us to more earnest efforts for the many reforms still needed in this country.

We are also beginning work in connection with the Parliamentary and Municipal Electoral Rolls, with the object of ensuring that there shall be as many electors' names as possible on the roll in the event of a General Election or a Referendum on the question of Prohibition during the next twelve months; and also in readiness for the next municipal election. This is important work at the present time, more especially as there must be a large number of young people who have come of age since the last rolls were compiled in 1914 and 1915, and we older members of the community should make it our business to see that all such (especially the girls) have taken the necessary steps to have their names placed upon both rolls. I would suggest to all our larger Unions in particular that this work should be taken in hand at once, in order that it may be more thoroughly done than is possible if left to the last few weeks before an election.

We may notice, in reading the accounts of the work undertaken by the newly enfranchised women in European countries, the formation of classes or courses of lectures for the education of women in their civic and political duties. This again is a most essential piece of work, which I should much like to see taken up by those who have the requisite knowledge and time. It is with this object, though on a very small scale, that we have endeavoured year after year to carry on some kind of study-circle in connection with the Nelson Union, and I may repeat what I have written on former occasions, that if we can give any assistance to smaller Unions by passing on the results of our studies, we shall be glad to do so. In addition to the discussion on the women's movement already mentioned, we have studied a very interesting

paper on Municipal Law, kindly lent to us by our Town Clerk, and a pamphlet by Norman Angell, "The Prussian in Our Midst," some of our meetings being devoted to work under the Peace and Arbitration Department. We hope to be able to give one afternoon to President Wilson's address to Congress, and another to some line of Educational Reform, but our local work is for the present subservient to the special campaign in which we are now engaged. We may not be able to accomplish much by our efforts, but if we can in any way increase the interest of women in the management of civic and political affairs, and help them to feel that it is their duty and privilege to understand something of the national and international questions of the day, we may feel assured that our work has not been in vain, but will have its effect, however small, on the future of our country.

MARIAN JUDSON, N.Z. Supt.

### WITH THE ALLIES TO BERLIN.

(These verses have been sent from the firing-line by Sergeant Woollard, of the 10th Essex Regiment.)

On the road in stricken Flanders  
There's a place that's vacant still;  
There's a rifle lying silent,  
There's a uniform to fill.  
Those at home will hate to lose you,  
But the march will soon begin—  
On the roads through stricken Belgium  
With "The Essex" to Berlin.

In your home securely resting,  
Are you there content to stay  
While the others guard your honour,  
While the Germans toast "The Day"?  
For your King and Country need you,  
And we want to count you in—  
On the roads through stricken Belgium  
With the Allies to Berlin.

In the lonely wayside graveyards  
Sleep the boys whose day is done:  
Don't you hear their voices calling,  
To complete the work begun?  
There are ghostly fingers beckoning,  
There are victories yet to win—  
On the roads through stricken Belgium  
With the Allies to Berlin.

When from Mons they fought each  
footstep,  
When their lips with pain were  
dumb,  
'Twas their hope which held the  
trenches,  
Always thinking you would come;  
Thro' the frozen hell of winter  
Thro' the shrapnel's racking din—  
They have waited, never doubting  
That you'd join them to Berlin.

## Y's Reports.

### ARAMOHO.

Sept. 11. Most successful Gift Social, over 120 present. Fine programme of musical and elocutionary items. The Wanganui Orchestra assisted, also a ventriloquist amused the audience. Refreshments were handed round, and games indulged in. Votes of thanks to all who had assisted. One new member.

Sept. 28. Sale of Work by District Union. Our Y's had charge of Novelty Jubilee Stall and a Laundry Basket. Proceeds £12. We are grateful to all who assisted.

### AUCKLAND.

Oct. Social evening, musical items and refreshments. Collection for mine-sweepers of over £2 10s. Mrs Napier gave us a few words of help and encouragement. Sorry to report resignation of our President, Miss Parkinson. It was accepted with deep regret, and Miss I. Sussex elected President. Three new members.

### PAPATOETOE.

Oct. 1. A new Y Branch formed by Mrs Napier. Mrs Napier addressed a well-attended meeting, and 30 responded to her appeal for members. Officers were elected: Pres., Miss M. Sanderson; Sec., Miss M. Barton; Treas., Miss H. Hallberg. Four officers of the Auckland Y Branch were present, and their offer to take next meeting was accepted. Mrs Ashley appointed Superintendent. Refreshments closed a most successful meeting.

### OXFORD.

June 10. The Y girls entertained Nurse Chappel at tea. In the evening Nurse Chappel gave a most helpful address. One new member was enrolled.

August. Attendance, 13 members. Chief business to arrange for concert. Letters of greeting were sent to Invercargill and Hastings. Miss J. Gainsford elected delegate for Convention to be held in our township September 3rd and 4th. Concert held August 17th. Good programme given by the members. Supper provided.

### WANGANUI.

Sept. 28. Two members passed on to the Senior Union. Silent vote of sympathy passed with two members who have lost a brother at the war. Satisfactory returns from our stall at the Sale of Work in conjunction with the Senior Union for mine-sweepers. Miss Cruickshank, principal of the Girls' College, gave an inspiring address on "Christian Citizenship," which was much enjoyed. A vote of thanks and appreciation was accorded the speaker.

## L.T.L. Reports.

### ARAMOHO.

Aug. 31. A good attendance. The Company Rule was gone through. A silent vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Duxfield. Two recitations were given, "What Have We Done To-day?" by Vera Gilmore, and one by Jack Whitlock. An interesting lesson, "The Soldier's Resolve," was also given. One new subscriber to the "Young Crusader" was reported.

Sept. 14. The Company Rule and Responsive Exercises were gone through. An interesting lesson was also given by Miss Burnett. The Band of Mercy pledges were given out.

### HAWERA.

Officers for 1918 are: Pres., Adelaide Wilkie; Sec., Joyce Gilling; Treas., Doris Swadling; Steward, Charlie Curtis; Supt., Mrs Curtis.

July 12. President in chair; 13 members present; one joined. Recitations and song were given. Mrs Curtis gave a reading.

July 26. 17 present; two new members joined. A piano solo, recitation, song, and a blackboard talk on the effect of alcohol on the blood by Mrs T. W. Gilling filled the programme.

Aug. 9. President in chair; 10 members; two others joined. Recitations were given by members. Mrs Gilling continued the series of blackboard lessons, dealing with the nerves of the skin, and how alcohol affects that part of our body.

Aug 23. 26 members present; two others joined. Recitations were given. All repeated the 26th Psalm, and Mrs Curtis gave a reading. Mrs Don, N.Z. President of W.C.T.U., paid us a visit, and gave a very interesting talk on "Water," which was enjoyed by all. The Company Rule is recited at each meeting, also the Motto and Salute given.

### ARAMOHO.

Sept. 8. E. Bathgate in chair. Instructive lesson, "Hiawatha," by Miss Burnett. Band of Mercy pledges given out, and 14 signed them.

Sept. 22. Good attendance, President presiding. Pledges, Salute, and Rally Cry. Practised Young Crusader songs. Recitations and dialogues by members.

Manaiia L.T.L. sets its budding poets to work, and the following "strictly original" couplets are from their pens:—

"I swear by all that's sacred  
Not to partake  
Of beer or wine or whisky,  
Or any other fake."

"Without being told you would not think  
How many evils are due to drink,

For most of the evil and most of the crime  
Drink is responsible half of the time."

"Little drops of water,  
Little drops of rum,  
Take the cash of many,  
And the lives of some."

## 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.)

### GISBORNE.

Sept. 24. Franchise Day. A good attendance. An excellent paper given by Mr Rowley, head master of the town school, on the subject of "Reforms in our Educational System" (address printed in full in our daily papers). The following resolution was moved by Mrs Walker, and unanimously carried:—"That this meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union strongly supports the N.Z. Educational Institute in its demands from the Government for certain most necessary reforms and extensions in the educational system of New Zealand, so that this country may hold its own with other nations in the efficiency of its people. It especially desires to emphasise the immediate need for improved and up-to-date school buildings and playgrounds, and compulsory continuation classes in daylight hours." Tea was handed round, and a collection taken up for the N.Z. Treasury. A day was appointed for a street collection on behalf of mine-sweepers.

### PAKIRI.

Aug. 15. Social and Sale of Work in aid of Mine-Sweepers' Fund. Proceeds £28. Rev. Orchard gave an address. Mrs Turtley, who is leaving the district, was presented with an auto-album, and Mr Turtley, who is going into camp, with a pocket Testament. Supper and the National Anthem closed a pleasant evening.

### N.E. VALLEY.

Sept. 26. Mrs Peart presided over a well-attended meeting. Votes of sympathy with Mrs Donald and Mr Callender. Mrs Peart gave an account of Area Council Conference.

### BALCLUTHA.

August 27. Mrs S. W. Currie presided, and introduced Miss Weymouth, Organising Secretary, who gave a splendid address on the work done by various branches of the W.C.T.U. A Union was formed with 14 members, and two "White Ribbon" subscribers were gained.

September 9. First meeting of the newly-formed Branch. We now number 20 members. Following officers were elected: President, Mrs Jas. Clark; Vice-Presidents: Mrs R. Stewart, Mrs Grigor, Mrs McGuffog, Mrs Currie, and Miss Dallas; Recording Secretary: Mrs McLean; Cor. Secretary: Miss Maud McKay; Treasurer: Miss Tosh; Assistant Treasurer: Miss McLaren; W.R. Superintendent: Mrs Boyd. Agreed to meet first Monday evening in the month at the Council Chambers.

#### HAWERA.

September 26. Miss Maunder in the chair. Reported that the Y's. had raised £51 for mine-sweepers' fund. President to arrange committee to act in conjunction with League to enrol voters. Regret expressed at Mrs Gilling's departure for Auckland, and her resignation accepted. Miss Maunder thanked for gift of five sheets of Memory Gems for schoolroom. Vote of sympathy with Mrs J. S. Young, our President, in her recent sad bereavement.

#### RIVERTON.

September. Union organised here by Miss Waterman. A fair number of members joined, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs C. A. Gray; Vice-President, Mrs J. Field; Secretary, Miss J. M. McGregor; Treasurer, Mrs J. Cassels.

#### TAKAPUNA.

September 5. President in chair; 15 present. Mrs Moody, lately returned from London, spoke of her work in connection with the N.Z. War Contingent Association there.

September 19. A drawing-room meeting was held at Mrs Rushbrook's. Many members and visitors present. Mrs Napier gave an eloquent and forceful address. Afternoon tea was served. Five ladies were initiated.

October 3. Mrs Hoare, of Gisborne, opened with prayer. President in chair; 19 present. Mrs Moody again addressed us. She spoke of her work amongst soldiers, munition workers, and of her experiences in a London air raid. Subscriptions were invited for White Ribbon Hut.

#### INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

September 1. Mrs Baird presided. The Rev. G. Young, of Waikiwi, gave an account of the conference held in Dunedin, which will be very helpful. Miss Waterman visited Riverton and Winton, and organised Unions. Mine-sweepers' fund altogether for this year is £121 19s 6d, and £11 10s worth of woollen goods. Miss Dewar and Mrs Pierce to help Mrs Knucky with the L.T.L. work in North Invercargill. Mrs Wright gave an account of her work in connection with visiting the soldiers in hospital. She will be glad of any magazines or papers to take to the boys. A collection of 7s 5d was taken up for use in this work.

A letter of sympathy to be written to Mrs James Hunter regretting her continued illness. Mrs Stuck and Mrs Lillicrap appointed Superintendents of Literature. Rest and refreshment rooms are to be run at the Summer Show as usual.

#### WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

October 3. Mrs Houlder presided. Mrs Wright gave an interesting account of the Provincial Convention, for which she received a hearty vote of thanks. Decided that the books which were used as a circulating library for the mothers' meeting should be given to Mrs Boxall in connection with her meetings. Mesdames Wright and Webb were appointed delegates to the N.Z. Alliance Conference. Resolved that the proceeds of Madame Mueller's concert be devoted to the mine-sweepers' fund. Those present expressed pleasure and satisfaction that the hotel bars were closed while the hospital and troopships were in the harbour.

#### PAHIATUA.

September 9. Special meeting. Mrs Neal in the chair. The Mayoress, Mrs J. D. C. Crewe, welcomed Mrs Don, Dominion President. Afternoon tea dispensed. Mrs Don gave an inspiring address on "Women as Citizens." Eleven new members. Collection for White Ribbon Hutment Fund.

September 12. Business meeting. Campaign matters discussed.

October 3. Monthly meeting. Mrs Neal in the chair. Arrangements made for the visit of Mrs Crabb, District President. Mrs Neal read the Provincial President's address and gave a report of the Convention.

#### NEW BRIGHTON.

Aug. 15. Attendance good. Interesting paper read by Mrs Walker, and newspaper report of great Prohibition meeting in Christchurch read by Mrs Thompson. Reported that £21 had been forwarded to N.Z. Treasurer for Y.M.C.A. Hutment Fund, and 20s for Lady Liverpool Fund.

Sept. 2. Social evening at residence of President to bid farewell to Mrs Smith (now removed to Blenheim). Small presentation by members as token of esteem and appreciation of four years' loyal service as Secretary.

Sept. 19. Good attendance. Report of Provincial Convention by Mrs Hall. Successful Jumble Sale resulted in £21 being sent to Mrs Nimmo for Mine-Sweepers' Fund. The collections for month for Lady Liverpool Fund 18s 6d.

#### DUNEDIN.

Oct. 7. A fair attendance. Mrs Hiatt presided. Mrs Lee-Cowie received a warm welcome after her severe illness. Two new members were initiated. The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—(1) "In view of the overcrowding that obtains in many of the public schools

of the Dominion, and in the interests of the mental and physical requirements of the children, the Dunedin District Women's Christian Temperance Union urges the immediate adoption of the single adjustable desk." (2) "Seeing that there is a shortage of teachers, and that the lot of those in charge of small schools is extremely unattractive, we urge the necessity for the consolidation of these schools. If two or more were grouped, it would set free a number of teachers and allow of better staffing and better equipment for the schools, and improved accommodation for teachers."

#### WANGANUI EAST.

Sept. 28. The President occupied the chair. Silent votes of sympathy were passed to Mrs Ambury in the sad loss of her husband, the Rev. Ray Ambury, killed in action, and also Rev. Abernethy, Christchurch, who has given two sons for King and Empire. Mine-Sweepers' Day was celebrated, when cash and woollen articles were handed in. Mrs Andrew, Secretary, read some most interesting letters received by Mrs Nimmo from sailors and other recipients for last year's donations. Decided that a pay-up social be held. Donors having gifts for mine-sweepers are asked to leave same with Mr Andrew at the school. A cup of tea and musical items.

#### LOWER HUTT.

Sept. 1. Weather very bad, only nine present. Sympathy expressed for our Secretary in her sickness, and hopes for speedy recovery. Mrs Ballantyne read report of Masterton Convention.

#### TAURANGA.

Sept. 25. Quarterly social. President in the chair. Address by Pastor Weston, for which he was heartily thanked. Mrs Chappell gave an instructive reading, followed by musical items and recitation. Competitions and afternoon tea.

#### EDEN.

Aug. 21. Mrs Pirritt in the chair. Most successful day at the Soldiers' Club reported. Two new members received. Mrs Napier gave an interesting and fascinating address. £1 voted to the Hutment Fund.

Sept. 18. Miss Wilson in the chair, and spoke of Franchise Day and privileges and responsibilities of women. Resolved to hold pay-up social on November 20th. Two delegates to District Convention appointed. Resolved to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mrs Pirritt for acting President for three months. Two new members.

#### WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Oct. 1. An "At Home" held under auspices of Wesley Church Ladies' Guild. Guests were invited by Mrs S. Evans, the hostess, and Rev. J. G. Chapman. Mr Bailey, of Canada, delivered an address on the effects of Prohibition in Canada, and read ex-

tracts from letters by Governors of Provinces, schools teachers, and by a woman Magistrate bearing testimony to the great improvement socially and financially under Prohibition. Hearty vote of thanks to Mr Bailey.

#### OXFORD.

Sept. 25. Resolutions of sympathy with Mrs Hawke, senr., in the death of her nephew, and with Mrs Ivory, whose son has been wounded. President thanked all those who had helped to make the recent Convention a success. Secretary to send thanks to hostesses, and to those who had lent motor cars. Mrs Don gave an address on "Women's Work," urging members to use every opportunity for service. Y Branch entertained Mrs Don at tea, and an evening meeting followed, at which Mrs Don delivered an address, for which she was most heartily thanked.

#### CHRISTCHURCH.

Sept. 11. President in chair. Good attendance. Decided to assist Red Cross in the "Our Day" appeal. Mrs Blythe gave an account of the Oxford Convention. Secretary to thank Oxford for kindness to delegates.

Sept. 18. President presided. Good attendance. Decided to celebrate Franchise Day on October 2nd. Decided to accede to a request from Lady Liverpool Committee that the Union dispense tea in W.C.T.U. rooms at Show Grounds on Saturday, October 5th, at a Carnival for Soldiers' Christmas parcels.

Oct. 2. Franchise Day celebrated in Art Gallery. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided. Mrs Don gave a most inspiring address on many reforms gained since the franchise was granted to women. Eight new members initiated.

Oct. 3. Suburban meeting addressed by Mrs Don, who spoke on Deborah, and urged all to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Four new members.

#### KAIAPOI.

Sept. 25. Mrs Brighting presided. Mrs Barnard, delegate to the recent District Convention, held at Oxford, gave a very interesting report. We learned that the delegates were especially interested in the account of how the Kaiapoi Band of Hope was conducted, and some intended introducing some of the methods in connection with their own organisations. Mrs Brighting read an extract from a paper entitled "The Women's Part: What of Ourselves?" by Elsie M. Morton.

#### HENDERSON.

Sept. 17. Mrs Gilbert presided over fair attendance. Business: Packing and despatching mine-sweepers' parcel, 76 articles, including 21 articles and £1 13s 9d from young ladies of Presbyterian Church; approximate value £17 5s and £1 13s

9d: total, £18 18s 9d. Scarf knitted by little boy much appreciated. Vote of thanks to Mr H. Platt for his help in packing and forwarding parcel. Three new members were initiated in August, and one in September.

#### WAIHI.

Aug. 6. President in chair. Resolved to endorse heartily the Educational Campaign asking for improved buildings and playgrounds, further medical inspection, additional staffing, etc. Resolution passed and sent to Minister of Justice re "equal moral responsibility" of both men and women in social evils, and fairness of similar treatment by Magistrates.

Sept. 5. Address by Rev. J. Olphert. Reported that social evening for mine-sweepers resulted in total of £5 10s. Reported that the W.C.T.U. suggestion of holding monthly united intercession meetings had resulted in the first of the series being held on September 12th, arranged by Ministers' Association. Three new members received.

Oct. 3. Special thanks given to Sister Moody-Bell and Mrs Brown (Secretary) for their co-operation in successful effort for mine-sweepers. Resolutions passed to secure empty shop window for display of cartoons, diagrams, and temperance cuttings, to impress "the man in the street"; to collect business coupons and used postage stamps (to be sent to Mr T. E. Whitton, Secretary Baptist Children's Home, Manurewa, Auckland). Decided to re-commence a Cradle Roll department; also to order "American Motherhood" for passing systematically round to members and others. One new member.

#### PALMERSTON NORTH.

Oct. 4. Mrs Crabb presided. Matters in connection with "Willard Home" discussed. The Home has been opened a year, and has proved a great convenience to the soldiers' wives and next of kin. The balance-sheet was read, and showed a credit balance of £34 10s 8d. A letter was received from Colonel Gabites, of Awapuni Camp, in praise of the Home and management, and the object of its establishment. Letters were also received from soldiers now on active service, returning thanks for the attention given in the Home.

#### ASHBURTON.

Sept. 9. Union provided the "send-off" luncheon to the South Canterbury men of the 47th Reinforcement, going into camp. Over 100 soldiers and friends sat down to a bountiful and tempting repast. His Worship the Mayor (Mr R. Galbraith) presided, and brief but appropriate speeches were delivered by Mrs W. T. Lill, Rev. G. Miller, Mr W. Nosworthy, M.P., and Mr H. M. Jones, Chairman of the Second Division League. On leaving, each reservist was presented with packets of chocolate and fruit, the gift of the Union.

Sept. 19. Celebrated the 25th anniversary of Women's Franchise in New Zealand by holding a public drawing-room meeting. Mrs Dow congratulated the large audience present on their "political birthday," and referred to the efforts made to secure that privilege for our sex, and the responsibilities attached thereto. This was followed by an inspiring talk on the work of the present campaign. On behalf of the Union, she extended to Nurse Byers, St. Helen's district nurse, a public welcome to Ashburton, and congratulated all on the wisdom of such an appointment. Musical items and refreshments. Collection £1 14s 6d. Votes of thanks to speakers and performers were carried.

Oct. Mrs W. T. Lill presided. Votes of sympathy were passed with members having relatives killed in action or wounded, also with members who are sick. Decided that a mine-sweepers' afternoon be held on Thursday, October 17th, Mrs G. Bowman to be in charge. Delegate's report to Convention was adopted, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded Mesdames Thompson and Amos.

#### HAMILTON.

Oct. 3. The President (Mrs T. Horne) presided. The President apologised for Mrs Napier's absence. Mrs Jones stated that permission had been given to the Union to hang two copies of the Ten Commandments in the Hamilton East Public School. Satisfaction was expressed by all at the success which attended our efforts for the mine-sweepers; £42 odd was handed in. Great pleasure was expressed at the grand total of over 8000 names on the efficiency list, with more still to come for Waikato. Last evangelical meeting was held at Mrs Bailey's, Claudelands.

#### TIMARU.

Sept. 24. Mrs Trott presided. Votes of sympathy to the families of Mrs Cowan and Mrs Raitt, two of our oldest members, also to Mrs Rule. Reported 50 visitors paid 110 visits to Sailors' Rest. Deep regret expressed that Mrs Rule, who had served the Union most capably as President for nine years, was compelled to resign owing to continued ill-health of her husband. Members then adjourned to a social given for men from a big boat in port. Members of Y Union helped with programme.

#### GREYTOWN.

Sept. 12. Special meeting at Mrs Whincop's. Vote of sympathy to Mrs Bower and family. Letter of appreciation sent to Mrs Banks for her faithful services as Secretary.

#### LEIGH.

Sept. 7. President in the chair. Eight members present; one visitor. Suggested, in the event of licensing poll being granted, members should see that all those who came of age since last election should be enrolled.

Reading by Mrs J. Torkington. Duet (Mrs D. A. Matheson nad Miss E. Matheson). Afternoon tea.

### NAPIER.

Aug. 7. Mrs Venables in the chair. Decided to hold Mine-Sweepers' Day in Red Cross shop September 7th. Arrangements made to entertain the "Y" Branch at social on August 16th. Vote of sympathy passed to Mrs Mens in the death of her father.

Aug. 15. Mrs Venables in chair. Fair attendance. Miss Collison appointed "Y" Superintendent. Vote of sympathy passed to Mrs Tarrant in the death of her son, killed in action. Vote of sympathy passed to Mrs Lee-Cowie in her illness.

Aug. 28. Prior to Mrs Don's public lecture on Prohibition, 47 members of the Union met Mrs Don at tea. Mrs Don gave a most inspiring talk. The public meeting addressed by Mrs Don was largely attended. Mrs Venables took the chair, and was supported on the platform by the Mayoress and officers of the Union.

### WANGANUI EAST.

Aug. 30. Mrs Andrew presided. A silent vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Duxfield (President) on the sad occasion of the loss of her mother, Mrs Wilson. Members Prohibition canvassing reports received, which showed excellent results. Decided to devote next meeting day (September 27th) to a gift afternoon for mine-sweepers. Mine-sweepers' literature distributed.

### AVONDALE.

Sept. 17. Mrs Stevens presided. Small attendance of members. A motion of protest was passed against a ration of rum being served to men in camp in New Zealand. Articles from the "Vanguard" and "White Ribbon" were read by two members of the Branch. Decided to ask Mrs Kington Parkes to give one of her lectures in Avondale. Votes of sympathy with Mr and Mrs Abel and Mr and Mrs Lees on their sad losses were passed.

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT.

Sept. 11. Mrs Garroway presided. Just before the meeting the sad news was received of the sudden passing away of our Vice-President, Mrs Mason, who for many years had been an active member of our Union. A vote of sympathy was passed to the members of her family in their great sorrow. Sympathy was also expressed with several of our members who had suffered bereavement in their families. A very impressive address was given by Mrs Reuben Bailey. Two new members joined.

### BLENHEIM.

Aug. 6. Attendance fair. Mrs Litchfield presided. Decided to ask permission to display copy of Ten Commandments in State schools of Marlborough, to be repeated once a month in the interest of character building.

Sept. 6. Mrs Litchfield presided. Attendance good. Names and donations towards appeal for Mine-sweepers' Fund were read out. An invitation to attend Provincial Conference in Nelson, commencing on October 1st, was received.

### POUTO.

Hepetema 26. Toru toru nei e nei kupu kinga tuahine i roto i te ropu. Kotahi tena koutou e nga tuahine i runga i tenei pa kanga nui. Kia nui ano te inoi kite matua nui kia tiakina o tatou tuakana e riri nei i tenei Pakanga nui-kia riro mai ano te Wikitoria. I a ratou. Kati me tetahi kite waipiro kia kaha ano te Turaki Pooti tia nga Pitihana Turaki Waipiro kia kaha te pooti, kia hinga ai tenei kai kino te waipiro no reira e nga tuahine te tumanako o toku whakaaro. Kia hinga tenei taniwha te waipiro koia nei e tahi atua whakahaehae ote iwi nei ote Maori. Kia ora ano i raro ite roopu karaitiana. Hoi ano na to koutou Tungane. I roto ite roopu. KAWHI KENA.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since last report:—

#### N.Z. FUND.

Mrs Don (donation of amount given by N.Z. Alliance for assistance in campaign), £25; Mrs Lee-Cowie, £10; Ashburton Union (Franchise Day collection), £1 4s. Total, £36 4s.

#### ORGANISING FUND.

Per Miss Weymouth, £112 7s; Masterton Union, £1 5s. Total, £113 12s.

Expenditure for the month, £51 7s 2d.

#### NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 8th October, 1918.

### PLENTY MORE BEER.

The Beery One: "I can't have any fancy cakes!"

Attendant: "No. They use up the nation's grain and sugar."

The Beery One: "Oh! and as beer uses up sugar and grain, I can't have any more beer, I suppose?"

Attendant: "Oh, yes! Plenty more beer, sir!"—"London Opinion."

**Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.** W.C.T.U. Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers, Wellesley Street (entrance Lorne 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; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Nelson, 78 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 W.C.T.U. Headquarters. Pres., Miss Alice Parkinson; Vice-Presidents, Misses L. Cook, and O. Scott; Supt., Mrs Perrett, Market Road, Epsom; Rec. Sec., Miss Hazel Patterson; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Bottrill, 31 Arthur St., Ponsonby; Treas., Miss D. Stubbs, Shoal Bay Rd, Devonport; "W.R." Supt., Miss I. Sussex.

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

**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 B. 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 Brewster and Hancock; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Parker, Grove Rd.

**Cambridge, 1st 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 fourth Wednesday; Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs R. Day, Millford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey St.; Treas., Mrs Patterson, 346 Worcester St., Linwood; Asst. Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Marchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Drinnan, 11, Brown St., St. Albans.**

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

**Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms; Moray Place, 3 p.m.** Pres., Mrs Hiatt, 72, Heriot Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs Macartney, 156, Eglinton Road, Mornington; Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson; Supt. WHITE RIBBON, Miss Anderson, 82, Duke St; Treas., Mrs Young, Bishopscauld, 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.

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

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

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

**Greytown, Last Tuesday at 2.30 p.m.** in Presbyterian Sunday School. President, Mrs Whincop, Gasworks; Secretary, also W.R. Agent, pro tem., Mrs 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, Clandelands; 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 Barr; 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 Maunders; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff, Turuturu Rd.; Cor. Sec., Mrs White, Argyle Street; Treas., Mrs Best, Milmore St.; W. R. Agent, Mrs Tonks, Campbell St.

**Henderson**, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Gilbert, "Homeview"; Vice-Pres., 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., Enwood; Treas., and "W.R." Agent, Mrs F. Lillierap, 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

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

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

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

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

**Leigh**, 1st Saturday, Leigh Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs C. Wyatt; Vice-Presidents, Mrs D. Matheson and Miss C. 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. Tait; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Parkinson and Hunt; Treas., Miss York; Sec., Miss Craig; Cradle Roll, Miss Ricketts; "W.R." Supt., Mrs Hunt.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**New Plymouth District**, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres., 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. Fredrickson; "W.R." Agent, Miss Olsen, "Willow Park"; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gatman; Evangelistic, Mrs Todd; Home Meetings, Mrs Jensen.

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

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

**Ootiki**, 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, 47 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 Treguthen, 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; 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, Rose-nath; 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, 3 p.m., Methodist Church; Pres., ; Vice-Pres., Mrs White and Mrs Phillips; Sec., Mrs J. McAlister; Treas., Mrs Birdsell.

**Takapuna**, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Takapuna Methodist, and Milford Baptist, alternately. Pres., Mrs Fulljames, East Coast Rd.; Vice Pres., Mrs Vents, Hurstmere Rd.; Sec., Miss Rushbrook, Kitchener Rd; Treas., Mrs Penning, East Coast Rd.

**Tauranga**, Meets in Presbyterian Hall on last Wednesday, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs F. N. Christian, 6th Ave. W.; Sec., Mrs Weston, 3rd Ave.; Cor. Sec., Mrs A. Turner, Devonport Rd.; Treas., Mrs J. B. Chappell, Cameron Rd.; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Christensen, 5th Ave.; Cradle Roll, Mrs A. Christensen, 5th Avenue.

**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 Dwen.

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

**Waipawa**, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.; Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs H. McLean, Waverley St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Foston, Bott and Robertson; 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 Hiropi St.; Treas., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St. L.T.L. Rooms, every Wednesdays 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 Bv; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Port, Austi Street

**Waipekura**, 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., i 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.