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Delegates Attending the W.C.T.U. Convention, held at Napier, April, 1919.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The 34th Annual Convention met in "Sunny" Napier. The town proved true to its name, and sunshine flooded the streets and halls during the whole of our sessions. The Executive met on Wednesday, 23rd, at 10 a.m.

PUBLIC RECEPTION.

On Wednesday evening, April 23rd, the public reception took place, and proved a very successful and interest-

ing function. On the platform were Mrs Don, the Dominion President; Mrs Venables, the President of the local District Union; Mr Hill, Mayor of Napier; Rev. A. Hodge, President of the Ministers' Association; Mr Peters, President of the Napier No-License League; and Mr Harding, Secretary of the Order of Rechabites.

Mrs Venables, on behalf of the Hawke's Bay Unions, welcomed the members of the Convention to sunny, sleepy Napier. For many years Napier had been honoured as the home of the

"White Ribbon" Editor, and when the printing of the paper was transferred to Wellington some members of the Union were not even aware of the fact. But now they were all waking up, and the Convention that was just opening was going to be historic. They had hoped it was to be a record Convention, celebrating the return of peace and the overthrow of the Liquor Traffic; but instead, it was to inspire the enthusiasm and energy that would sweep away all obstacles and secure a great victory in the near future.

The Mayor welcomed the delegates on behalf of the citizens of Napier. He stood there as a life-long temperance man, who had worked and sacrificed for Prohibition. Going back 150 years, to the time when Captain Cook came to New Zealand, he stated the Maoris were then a sober people, with no method of intoxication, but on May 4th, 1836, Mr Colenso, who had landed the first printing press in New Zealand, printed a placard—the first piece of English printed in the young colony—announcing a meeting for 12 o'clock on May 11th to discuss the establishment of a Temperance Society. In the interval the Maoris had become drinkers—the result of contact with European civilisation. After propounding for the consideration of Convention several economic questions dealing with a living wage and an eight hours' day—fundamental principles formulated by the founders of the White Ribbon movement in America—His Worship pictured the day when electricity would do all the work of the women in the household, so rapidly was science moving. He concluded by giving a hearty invitation to the delegates to visit the Acetone works, the bridge being constructed in the Inner Harbour to connect the East Coast with Wellington, and other interesting features of the town.

Rev. A. Hodge gave delegates a welcome on behalf of the Ministers' Association, a welcome specially fitting because they came as Christian women, members of the churches, soon to be members, he hoped, of one united church, and they stood for liberty, justice, mercy, and good government. He scouted the idea that a Christian man could not be a good business man. The cause of Prohibition was a Christian cause, a religious cause, and therefore we must win.

Mr Peters, President of the No-License League, was the next speaker. He dwelt on the great progress made during the last months; though we had not won the fight, still we had by no means altogether lost. We had now to bring home to people's minds that State Control meant also State Purchase. The next campaign must be conversational, and must be won by personal, individual effort, but with determination and faith and enthusiasm we should march forward to victory. He extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the No-License League.

Mr Harding, representing the Rechabites, also spoke words of cheer and welcome. He referred to the time of Mrs Leavitt's visit to New Zealand to organise the W.C.T.U. in 1885, and read an interesting little letter written to his daughter by Mrs Leavitt in reference to the meetings she proposed to hold in Napier. (This letter was presented to the President next day as a valuable memento of Mrs Leavitt's visit.)

Mrs Don, on rising to reply, was presented with a lovely bouquet from the Y's of Napier. Speaking in her happiest vein, she thanked, in the

gracious way that is her own, each and all who had extended so warm and hearty a welcome. All were glad to come to Napier, ever dear to the veterans in the W.C.T.U. as the home of Mrs Oldham. They had come for inspiration to carry on, and while cordially thanking the Mayor for his invitation, she feared they would not be able to accept it, for they had come for solid work, and not for sight-seeing. She too had pleasant recollections of Mrs Leavitt's meetings in Dunedin, that formed the starting point of what was now a Dominion-wide and influential organisation.

During the evening several delightful items of music and recitation were contributed by Mrs Findlay, Miss Ennor, and Messrs Lee and Sheppard; and the proceedings were brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

We all keenly regretted the absence of our Dominion Treasurer, and our sympathies went out to her in her long illness, and she was ever remembered lovingly in our prayers.

On Saturday the delegates were taken by motor to Mr Holdsworth's lovely garden in Havelock. The drive through such lovely scenery was a treat. Everywhere the eye turned were the most gorgeous autumn tints, poplars a blaze of golden glory, and beeches one crimson splendour stood out against a background of dark green pines and firs. The grounds were beautifully laid out, and delegates and friends wandered around, or stood on the lawn and gazed away over miles of plain and woodland to where the mountains towered against the sky-line. Afternoon tea was served on the lawn by the Hastings Union. Cameras were much in evidence, and the official picture was taken while delegates were grouped upon the lawn. A hearty vote of thanks to our entertainers was proposed by Mrs Peryman, and seconded by Mrs Crabb. A framed photo. of the delegates and friends was presented to our host as a souvenir of the occasion.

On Sunday the Methodist, Congregational, and Presbyterian pulpits were occupied by delegates. The official sermon was preached by Rev. T. R. Richards in the Methodist Church. Delegates marched in procession to church, headed by the Salvation Army Band. After the service a public meeting was held in Princess Theatre. Mrs Don presided, and addresses on Christian Citizenship were delivered by Mrs Kinton Parkes and Mrs Peryman, Mrs Lee-Cowie

made a fine appeal for new members, which was well responded to.

On Monday evening the session was devoted to Social Hygiene. Mrs Cowie, Nurse Chappell, and Mrs Kinton Parkes spoke, and many delegates took part in the after discussion.

On Tuesday evening the Y's gave a concert, and very sweet our girls looked, grouped upon the stage around their youthful chairwoman, Miss Hughes, of Wellington. Mrs Napier, Y Superintendent, gave a short address. The initiation service brought the evening to a close.

We had hoped to celebrate Victory, but though this is longer delayed, there was no feeling of depression. We were not down-hearted, but rather was our Convention pervaded by a feeling of determination to relax no effort till we win, and a quiet confidence and trust in the God of Israel. We did not feel defeated, only halted to dress our ranks, to reform our lines ere we press forward to victory not denied, but delayed.

A MESSAGE WRONGLY DELIVERED.

The President would like all members of Convention to know that before she left Napier it was discovered that the courteous message which the Bishop of Waiapu sent to Convention was wrongly delivered, and therefore created a most unfortunate impression. The message was merely sent to change the hour for the deputation (and not with any idea of postponing it), as an important fixture for the Bishop had already been made at the time appointed.

Steps were at once taken to rectify the mistake, and on Saturday, May 3rd, three delegates who were still in Napier, members of the Anglican Communion, were received at the Cathedral buildings.

A very appreciative understanding of the position was sympathetically expressed, and the delegates left feeling quite hopeful that some effort would be made in the direction which we all so earnestly desire.

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

MINUTES OF Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention OF THE N.Z. W.C.T.U.

Held in St. Paul's Schoolroom,
Napier, April 24th, to May 1st,
1919.

(Abridged.)

Convention opened with Devotions, conducted by the President, who, basing her remarks on passages from Joshua 23 and Philippians 4, urged the necessity for pondering on good things whence follows right acting. The whole service was deeply impressive, and struck the keynote of earnestness and the fixed determination to continue the fight to the finish.

MEMBERS OF CONVENTION.

Dominion Officers.—Mrs Don, President; Mrs Crabb, Chief Vice-President; Miss Henderson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs Evans, Recording Secretary; Mrs Peryman, Editor "White Ribbon"; Mrs Lee-Cowie, World's Missionary; Mrs Walker, Maori Organising Treasurer; Mrs Napier, "Y" Organiser; Miss Weymouth, Traveling Secretary; Miss Earnshaw, Organiser.

Visiting Fraternal Delegate.—Mrs Kinton Parkes.

District Presidents.—Mrs Goffe, Gisborne; Mrs Venables, Napier; Mrs Smith, Wanganui; Mrs Wright, Wellington; Mrs Watson, Nelson; Mrs Brown, Timaru; Mrs Hiatt, Dunedin.

District Secretaries.—Mrs Chellew, Napier; Mrs Judson, Nelson; Mrs Day, Christchurch.

District Treasurers.—Mrs Pirrett, Auckland; Miss Taunt, New Plymouth; Mrs Grayling, Napier; Mrs Brown, Nelson; Mrs Young, Dunedin; Mrs Lillicrap, Invercargill.

Dominion Superintendents.—Mrs Neal, Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Medical Temperance; Mrs Cobb, Bible-in-Schools and Sabbath Observance; Mrs Upton, Rest and Refreshment Booths; Mrs Whincop, Military Camps.

Delegates.—Nurse Chappell and Mrs Garroway, Auckland; Mrs Fulljames, Takapuna; Mrs Burt, Waihi; Mrs Thompson, Opatiki; Mrs Galpin, Whangarei; Mrs Chapman and Mrs Walker, Napier; Mrs Wilson, Hastings; Mrs Anderson, Norsewood; Miss Webb, Ormondville; Mrs Bibby, Wai-pawa; Mrs Witham, Ngaere; Mrs Phillips, Stratford; Miss Maunder, Hawera; Miss Patterson, Manaia; Mrs Scott, Normanby; Mrs McAllister, Wanganui; Mrs Dowsett, Wanganui E.; Mrs Dorreen, Palmerston N.; Nurse Wallis, Feilding; Mrs Doull, Marton; Mrs Spackman, Pahiatua; Miss Fastier, Woodville; Mrs Butler and Mrs Spearman, Wellington Dis-

trict; Mrs Boucher, Greytown; Miss Wingate, Masterton; Mrs Johnson, Petone; Mrs Lippett, Wellington Central; Mrs White, Nelson; Mrs Field, Richmond; Mrs Albrough, Wakapuka; Mrs Moffatt, Motueka; Miss Bishop, Christchurch; Mrs Ancell, Oxford; Mrs Robinson, Ashburton; Mrs Oakley, Winchmore-Greenstreet; Mrs Pratley, Sawyer's Bay; Mrs Pasley, Invercargill South.

Y Delegates.—Miss Lee, Auckland; Miss Wright, Avondale; Miss Glenney, Napier; Mrs Bathgate, Aramoho; Miss Chisholm, Wanganui; Misses Crabb and Cruickshank, Palmerston N.; Miss Sutherland, Nelson; Miss Hughes, Wellington South; Miss Gainsford, Oxford; Miss Oakley, Ashburton; Miss Wagstaff, Timaru; Miss Seed, Invercargill.

Minutes of last meeting of Convention (1918) read and confirmed.

Appointments made: Committee of Courtesies and Resolutions (Mrs Venables and Mrs Chellew), Convention Letter-writer (Miss Crabb), Press Reporters, Messenger for Mails.

Resolution of condolence with Mrs Rule.

Letters of sympathy to the following:—Miss Mason (Ponsonby, Auckland), Mrs Flanagan (Masterton), Mrs Stichbury (Takapuna), Miss Thompson (Feilding), Mrs Driver (Dunedin), Mrs Johnson (Invercargill), Mrs Olsen (Norsewood), Mrs Campbell (Waipukurau), Mrs Griffin (Napier), Misses Heyes (Nelson), Mrs Bower (Greytown), Mrs Blair (Havelock), Mrs Lichfield (Blenheim), Mr Colyer (Napier), Mrs Beachy (Napier), Mrs Mann (Gore), Mrs Wilkin.

Corresponding Secretary's report read and adopted, showing 105 adult Unions, 19 Y Branches, total membership approaching 7000. Special note of Miss Ruth Atkinson sent with Mrs Fawcett on deputation to Peace Conference in Paris, and their requests being supported by Mr Massey and Sir Joseph Ward. Resolved to cable congratulations to Miss Atkinson, and pass vote of appreciation to Prime Minister.

Resolved to send telegram of sympathy to Mrs Bendely, prevented by indisposition from attending Convention.

Miss Henderson moved notice of motion adding Superintendents of Departments to Executive (on behalf of Miss McCarthy). Discussion followed, adjourned to later time.

Letter from Mrs Leavitt to Miss Harding (date April 8th, 1885) presented to Convention by Mrs Martin (née Harding), being one of her most valued possessions. Received with warm thanks by President, and directed to be handed to Custodian of Records.

Noontide Devotions, Crusade Hymn and Crusade Psalm. Prayer (Mrs Hiatt).

Reports.—Evangelistic, Home and Mothers' Meetings, Narcotics adopted without discussion.

Educational Bureau: Suggested that paper be written for the Bureau by a doctor on effect of smoking on future mothers.

Session closed with prayer.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions (Mrs Crabb, Mrs Doull, and Mrs Cobb).

Roll call, 87.

Proxies appointed for Greymouth, Wakefield, Port Chalmers, Eden.

Greetings from Wellington Central, Mrs Pearson (Wellington), Mrs Hills (Palmerston N.), Miss Dewar (Auckland), Mrs Gaskin (Greymouth), Mrs Bendely, Pahiatua, Auckland Y's, Avondale Y's, Sawyer's Bay, Port Chalmers, Wanganui East, Nelson Y's.

Organisers' Reports.—Miss Powell's.—About 6 months' work. She then became Matron of Turakina Native Girls' School. Report adopted.

Mrs Peryman and Mrs Hiatt appointed to draw up a resolution of appreciation of Miss Powell's work.

Resolved that Miss Powell be made a Dominion Life Member.

As many delegates wished Unions should have opportunity of testifying further their love and gratitude to Miss Powell, Mrs Hiatt (264, George Street, Dunedin) consented to receive donations for a special presentation.

Mrs Cowie's.—New members obtained, 986, mostly Somerset members and paid up; "White Ribbon" subscribers, 82. Money collected, £65; expenses, £67. Balance cleared by Mrs Cowie, who received no remuneration for her services.

Several members spoke of her work in terms of high appreciation. Report adopted.

Miss Weymouth's.—Splendid record of achievement, both in collecting money by Union, and later for Alliance, and in organising, obtaining "White Ribbon" subscribers, and gaining votes for Prohibition. Nearly £1400 collected altogether.

Miss Henderson, Mrs Peryman, Mrs Crabb, and others spoke highly of Miss Weymouth's work. Report adopted with great enthusiasm.

After recess for afternoon tea, President gave her address, a fair résumé of the year's campaigns and efforts, rapid sketch of the position in other parts of the world, and earnest appeal to engage in the new campaign. Address adopted with hearty greetings.

Discussion as to evening meetings during Convention.

Resolved to hold on Sunday evening an after-church meeting on Christian Citizenship, and on Monday evening a Conference on Purity, open to Union members.

Session closed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Johnston Wright).

Roll call, 86. Minutes read and confirmed.

Proxy appointed for Kaiapoi.

Re presentation to Miss Powell, circular letter to be sent to Unions not represented at Convention. Subscriptions to be in by end of July, and money received to be forwarded to Miss Powell, with a testimonial.

Re Organiser, Executive recommended bonus of £25 be paid to Miss Weymouth from the N.Z. Treasury for her splendid work during the past year. Recommendation endorsed.

Discussion on Plans of Work for 1919.

Mrs Cowie put forward two schemes for reconstruction:

(1) That Union support a scheme for production, on waste lands of North Auckland district, of grapes, grape syrup, unfermented wine, raisins, grape sugar, industrial alcohol, cream of tartar, etc.

(2) Scheme for opening "parlours" as centres of society and home life.

Discussion followed on provision of wholesome recreation in evening, on Soldiers' Clubs, and suggestions for present campaign.

Discussion adjourned till Tuesday.

Being Anzac Day, short memorial service for those who had fallen, whether in the war or the epidemic.

Session closed in the usual way.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions (Mrs Cowie and Mrs Cobb).

Roll call, 85. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings from Invercargill S., N.E. Valley, Miss Powell, Bunnythorpe, Christchurch, Devonport, Papatoetoe, Mrs Moyes, Rev. R. S. Gray.

Correspondence.

(1) From Citizens' Educational Board of Saskatchewan. Brief statement of present position and activities.

(2) Mrs Barney, Rhode Island, U.S.A. Greetings, request for copy of "White Ribbon," and enclosing account of birthday party given to Mrs Barney on her 84th birthday. Resolved that a letter of congratulation and greetings be sent to Mrs Barney.

(3) Tenth Triennial Convention of Australasian W.C.T.U. Thanks for greeting, and reciprocating good wishes.

(4) Committee to deal with Social and Moral Conditions of Indian Women in Fiji. Forwarding report of last meeting, and stating suggestions made and action taken for reform.

(5) Department of Internal Affairs, re Town Planning. Conference to be held May 20th to 24th. Inviting Union to send delegates and appoint one to read a paper on one of the subjects on programme forwarded. Cor. Sec. stated that each District Union could send one delegate, besides three to represent National Union. Resolved Miss Henderson be one representative of National Union, and Mrs Field write a paper for the Conference.

(6) World's Treasurer, to Mrs Bendely, acknowledging letter and remittance, and stating N.Z. Union entitled

to nominate a life member of the World's W.C.T.U. Resolved that the Dominion President be nominated.

(7) Miss Agnes Slack, wishing New Zealand success in poll of April 10th, and hoping New Zealand will send large delegation to next World's Convention, to be held in 1920.

(8) Miss Anna Gordon, acknowledging cable of congratulation on Canada's Prohibition victory, and stating intention of planning to aid in World Prohibition. Also letter asking for W.C.T.U. exhibit for the Methodist Foreign Missionary Work Centenary. Decided only some copies of "White Ribbon" be forwarded, as lost exhibit sent to 'Frisco Exposition had disappeared, and nothing could be learned about it.

Notice of motion re Superintendents (Miss Macarthy's) further discussed, and lost.

Treasurer's Report and balance-sheet presented. Receipts, £1183 16s 6d, Expenditure £798 8s 8d, leaving credit balance of £609 14s 4d. Banner Contest won by Edendale (percentage membership, 140 per cent.), followed by Eden (117 per cent.). Absolute Membership Increase: Banner won by Dunedin, 61 increase, followed by Timaru 43. Report and balance-sheet adopted.

Appeal for donations to N.Z. Treasury resulted in promises to amount of £50 5s.

Maori Organising Treasurer's Report and Balance-Sheet, showing balance of nearly £100. Difficult to carry on work of this department, owing to want of organisers. Mrs Harris had undertaken to do some organising, but was prevented from doing so, and eventually succumbed to influenza, after helping to nurse others.

Some Unions had distributed literature, but more could be done.

Suggested that more Maori girls might be trained as nurses in the Hospitals, and that co-operation might be arranged with churches working among the Maoris.

Mrs Cowie reported on progress made by her ward, Pani Paku (Fanny), and asked for help and sympathy for her.

Resolved to send letter of congratulation to Mrs Harsent (nee Marie Woodhead) on her marriage. Also letter of encouragement to the 51 Maori members working, in spite of many difficulties, under leadership of Mrs Noda and Mrs Manakau.

Resolved to send letters of thanks to the Auditors, Mr Charles Garrett, of Auckland, and Mr D. Morice, of Gisborne.

Session closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotions (Mrs Upton and Mrs Wright).

Roll call, 88. Minutes read and confirmed.

Resolved to provide Pani Paku with certain books she required from Maori Organising Fund.

Greetings from Wellington District Union, Auckland Rechabites (Past Chief Ruler W. Pirrett), Australasian W.C.T.U.

Letter received from Secretary of Retail Shop Assistants' Federation asking permission to address Convention on certain proposed reforms. Resolved to hear him on Monday at 2.30.

Resolved to send special letter of sympathy to Miss Dewar.

Reports. — Scientific Temperance, Social and Moral Hygiene, adopted without discussion.

Work Among Seamen. — Balance-sheet presented, showing mine-sweepers' effort amounted to £1453 15s 6d, of which Y Branches contributed £63 10s 1d, and a further sum of over £130 sent too late to be recorded. Letters read from lighthouse-keepers and others expressing thanks and appreciation for kindness of those who had so generously sent clothing and money. Report adopted.

Prison and Reformatory Work. — Superintendent Sister Moody-Bell congratulated on her work, and authorised to prepare circular letter for the World's W.C.T.U., "Prison Sunday" (4th Sunday in October). Report adopted.

Medical Temperance. — Mrs Neal urged necessity of continuing work of this department, and referred to fine pamphlet dealing with Alcohol and Influenza. Report adopted.

Convention unanimously endorsed recommendation of Executive: That no business sales of any commercial goods, outside what may be the property of the Union, be carried on at Convention; and that all Organisers and others in the employ of the Union be absolutely forbidden to carry on such sales.

Session closed with noontide devotions.

MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 28th.

Devotions (Mrs Hiett).

Roll call, 86. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings from Ashburton.

Mrs Peryman presented report and balance-sheet of the "White Ribbon." Receipts £397 19s 4d, expenditure £414 0s 6d, leaving debit balance of £16 11s 2d. During 1918, 330 new subscribers obtained, Dunedin heading the list with 22. Number of subscribers, . . . Since Convention began increased to 3000. During last two years printing had cost £100 more than would have been the case at pre-war prices. Also Epidemic had interfered with collecting of subscriptions; therefore Union to be congratulated on the smallness of the deficit, especially seeing that price had not been increased nor quality lowered. Deficit more than covered by overdue subscriptions. Appeal to Unions to get 1000 new subscribers during coming year, and to secure more business advertisements. Report and balance-sheet adopted.

Recommendation from Executive that deficit of £16 11s 2d be paid from

N.Z. Treasury endorsed by Convention.

Proposed by Mrs Wright: "That vote of appreciation of the Editor's work be recorded in the minutes." Carried, proposer to draw up the resolution.

Mrs Peryman reappointed Editor and Business Manager; Mrs Evans nominated Associate Editor.

Usual votes of £15 for Business Manager, and £20 honorarium for Editor passed; also £25 for printing of Convention number.

Reports.—Literature—Balance-sheet read, showing receipts £33 2s 6d, expenditure £4 3s 9d, leaving credit balance of £28 18s 9d, against which, however, was sum of £13 13s 4d due to Messrs Wright and Carman for printing. Report adopted.

Peace and Arbitration.—Very little had been done, but effort should be made to influence people towards peace, and get principles of peace inculcated into minds of children. Mrs Parkes asked whether there was a branch of the League of Nations in New Zealand, and gave some information about this organisation. She suggested that message be sent from this Convention to Peace Conference to express wish of the women for establishment of permanent world peace, and that resolution be sent to Parliament advocating formation of League of Nations Branch in New Zealand. Mrs Parkes and Mrs Judson to draw up resolutions accordingly. Report adopted.

Noontide devotions.

Bible in Schools and Sabbath Observance.—Mrs Peryman warned delegates that attempt might be made to take away privilege of the weekly hour's Bible instruction in school hours; such attempt had been made in Port Chalmers. The right course to take against this was to elect School Committees favourable to weekly Bible instruction. In response to questions, she explained the legal position: Schools must be open for secular instruction 24 hours per week; in schools open for 25 hours, one hour's Bible instruction could legally given through the Ministers' Association, provided the School Committee consented, consent of Education Board not being now required. Report adopted.

Reports on Home Science, Flower Mission and Relief Work, Rest and Refreshment Booths, Back Blocks and Work Among Railwaymen, Notable Days, Press, adopted without discussion.

Military Camps.—Discussion re welcoming wives of returned soldiers and getting in touch with them. Auckland White Ribboners had done something in the matter, and Women's National Reserve also. It would be well to co-operate with this organisation. Several delegates promised to help in their own district. Suggested a special department might be set up

to deal with the matter. Report adopted.

Session closed with prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions (Mrs Dowsett).

Roll call, 87. Minutes read and confirmed.

Resolutions Passed.

1. That a series of questions dealing with the various matters that have been passed by previous Conventions be submitted to Parliamentary candidates at the coming election.

2. That seeing the Government has already admitted, through two of its Departments—the Health Department and the Defence Department—that the ordinary Widows' Pension is not enough to keep a mother and her family, unless she either leave her young children to the care of others while she goes to work, or else resorts to charitable aid for assistance, we would respectfully urge upon their attention the necessity for giving all widows with young children a basis of pension not less than that granted to epidemic widows and the widows of soldiers. We would further venture to point out that it is not in the best interests of the individual or the State that a mother should have to leave her infant children in the care of others while she works to support them. On the other hand, if she does not do this, part of the maintenance of her family must ultimately fall on the State or the community through the Education Department (Charitable Aid), and her children have to carry a stigma from this source, which it should never have been their misfortune to incur.

At 3 p.m. Mr Martin, Secretary of the N.Z. Shop Assistants' Federation, waited by appointment upon Convention to ask support of Union for certain amendments in the legislation affecting conditions of shop assistants' work, chief among these amendments being shorter hours, a week of 45 hours, shops to close at 5.30 and 12 on Saturday, and no late night.

Better dining-room accommodation, and better heating and seating facilities.

Prohibition of concrete floors.

Provision of rest rooms.

Appointment of women inspectors for shops and factories.

Questions asked, explanations and illustrations given. Hearty vote of thanks passed to Mr. Martin for his address.

"Y" Organiser's Report presented (Mrs. Napier)—

Many new branches formed, old ones visited and helped, and great increase in number of "Y" members.

Interesting discussion followed; girls themselves giving details of their work and their methods for keeping up the interest. In response to questions, advice on various matters was given to them, and President addressed to them a few words of encourage-

ment, bidding them keep pegging away, trust in God and do the right.

Report adopted.

Hearty vote of thanks and appreciation passed to Mrs Napier, who promised to donate a banner for annual competition.

Hutment Fund Organiser (Mrs Young) presented report. £475 7s 6d raised, including two contributions of £100 each (Mr Ferriman, of Ashburton and Palmerston North.) Expenses, £2 13s 2½d, balance £472 14s 2½d handed over to Y.M.C.A. Letters of thanks and appreciation from Secretary of Y.M.C.A., and Minister for Internal Affairs.

Report adopted.

Session closed with prayer.

MONDAY EVENING.

Monday evening a special conference was held to consider questions of Purity and Moral Education.

Roll call 73. Mrs Crabb presided.

Miss Henderson, speaking with reference to Social Hygiene Bill, passed last year, described how the objectionable clauses, that practically revived the C.D. Acts, were withdrawn through the prompt action of the W.C.T.U., and in view of the possibility of another attempt being made along similar lines, she urged delegates to impress on their Unions the necessity of trusting the Dominion Officers, and acting immediately and unitedly according to the instructions that might be written or telegraphed to them by the Executive.

Mrs Cowie showed how from earliest times the punishment for immorality had fallen upon women, and men had not been called to account, but Christ's judgment was quite different. He held up a standard of morality the same for men and women. She explained the action and value of the life-creating forces in the human body, forces instinctively used by the lower animals only at the proper times, but in man, placed under the control of his will. If the life-fluid, or semen, is not used for the purpose of reproduction, it is available for strengthening any part of the body that requires it; but if wasted, the whole body is weakened. She showed how the system of regulation utterly fails to protect from disease, how the clean certificate given to a woman, who after treatment is supposed to be cured, is no safeguard (for she may become infected again within 24 hours), but is really a source of danger. Sin can never be made safe; no one, man or woman, can sin against the laws of purity without incurring the penalty. It was an exploded fallacy that a life of continence was prejudicial to health; were impure practices a necessity of nature, women who sacrificed themselves for meeting this necessity ought to be held in high honour, instead of being regarded with scorn. It was time all recognised that the provisions of the C.D. Act simply ruin women, and utterly fail to protect men.

Mrs Parkes spoke on the political aspect of the question, of the way the women at Home had been fighting the same battle, and urged that education must be made the chief weapon. The many excellent headmasters in the Dominion could do much to influence the boys, and create a right atmosphere. The appointment of women police would also tend largely to prevent immorality, being admittedly a **preventive** rather than a **corrective** measure.

Nurse Chappell, speaking with 10 years' experience of rescue home near a military camp in England, and her further experience as a Plunket nurse, dealt chiefly with the necessity for education and training. She referred to Kitchener's effort to raise the soldier's ideals, and to the American camp, whose Commander would have neither drink nor women. In both cases the V.D. cases went down in number, or almost disappeared. Lack of right knowledge was the main cause of immorality. The Plunket system of training babies gave the foundation for a pure life, and from the very beginning the children ought to be taught purity, and should know the facts about life. The improper feeding and clothing of children predisposed to immorality.

A good many questions were asked and answered; and on the motion of Mrs Peryman, the following resolution was unanimously carried:—

3. That we make a determined effort this year to get women police in New Zealand.

Conference closed with prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 29th.

Devotions (Mrs Peryman).

Roll call, 88. Minutes read and confirmed.

Greetings from Waipawa, Kaiapoi, and Oxford Unions, and Mrs Blackwell (Kaiapoi).

Letter from Mrs Griffin, acknowledging letter of sympathy.

At 10.25 Convention adjourned till 2 p.m. for the purpose of accepting Mayor and Mayoress's invitation to morning tea, and then to visit the Acetone works.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions (Mrs Pasley).

Roll call, 88.

Greetings from Dunedin.

Report presented by Sub-Committee re Superannuation Scheme for Organisers and other employees of Union. Discussion postponed.

Plans of Work.—Mr Peters, President of Napier No-License League, attended Convention by appointment, and addressed delegates on the lessons to be learnt from the recent poll, and suggestions for the next. Analysing the answers given in the plebiscite taken by his request among the members of Convention, he discussed the weaknesses in organisation for the last campaign, the causes of

defeat, and the arguments that had been successful in winning votes. He then sketched the probable tactics of the enemy in the forthcoming campaign, and gave advice and hints as to how it should be conducted.

An animated discussion followed, in which many delegates took part.

A letter from Rev. R. S. Gray was read, thanking the W.C.T.U. for the valuable help given by its members in the last campaign, and outlining the plan of campaign for the next one.

Miss Weymouth was then presented with the bonus of £25 voted to her for her invaluable services during the past year. She responded feelingly, and acknowledged the help she had received from Mrs Don and Miss Henderson.

Report on Superannuation of Organisers was adopted, and the same sub-committee was re-appointed, with the addition of Mrs Crabb, to take further steps, with power to act as soon as it was found possible.

Convention closed in the usual way.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 30th.

Devotions (Mrs Cobb).

Roll call, 86. Minutes read and confirmed.

Reports.—L.T.L., and Cradle Roll and Band of Mercy.—Mrs Neal again urged that Medical Temperance leaflets should be distributed with Cradle Roll cards. She explained re giving brandy for heart failure, that it was the act of swallowing that stimulated heart action, irrespective of the liquid swallowed. She urged that the capitation of 3d per member of an L.T.L. asked for by the N.Z. Union, should be taken from the proceeds of an entertainment, and not collected from the children themselves. She brought before notice of delegates the varied literature she had suitable for L.T.L.'s or for Y. Branches.

Mrs Crabb asked for suggestions as to methods for preventing misbehaviour on part of boys and girls of L.T.L., especially when returning to their homes of an evening. Answers given included the following points: Afternoon meetings, held in rooms not used for day schools; alternate afternoon and evening meetings; placing responsibility on most troublesome members by putting them in office; careful arrangement of members in the meeting; system of marks and prizes, such as that used in Kaiapoi. Report adopted.

Welcome extended to Mrs Rankin, an Australian White Ribboner.

Reports.—Good Citizenship.—Mrs Judson gave a sketch of basic principles of this department and their practical application. (To be printed in full in later issue of "White Ribbon.") She also, by request, described the method of forming an urban district for election of School Committee. Report adopted.

Noontide devotions.

Mrs Peryman's notice of motion re proxies. Discussion showed delegates divided in opinion. President pointed out that every Union ought to keep in touch with N.Z. Union by sending a delegate to Annual Convention, and travelling expenses of such should be regarded as an obligation to be fulfilled before the Union votes money away to a kindred institution.

Session closed with Doxology and Benediction.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotions conducted by the Y's, under leadership of Miss Weymouth.

Roll call, 88. Minutes read and confirmed.

Mrs Peryman's notice of motion re proxies was put and lost.

Mrs Peryman gave notice to move the same again at next Annual Convention, chiefly for educative purposes.

Reports—Legal and Parliamentary.—Miss Henderson pleaded for loyalty from Unions, so that when she sent out request for united action on some emergency all Unions would at once respond.

Discussion as to the Bill for allowing women to sit in Parliament. As it was possible this might pass during next session, Union should be prepared to nominate suitable women and draw up a platform. Report adopted.

Resolutions Passed.

4. That this Annual Convention of the W.C.T.U. desires to place on record its appreciation of the generous treatment accorded to it by Messrs Wright and Carman in connection with the printing of the "White Ribbon." In spite of the unfavourable war conditions, they have raised the prices only as far as they were absolutely compelled to do, and have in every way placed the interests of the Union before their own personal gain.

5. That the resignation of Miss Powell be accepted with sincere regret, and that we place on record our deep appreciation of the splendid work which she accomplished for the Union during her fifteen years of strenuous service. Our Union has greatly benefited by the enthusiasm, energy, and wisdom displayed by her in all her work, and we wish for her many years of happy and useful service in her present position in Turakina College.

6. The New Zealand Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention, now assembled in Napier, wishes to express its sympathy with and keen interest in the objects of the proposed programme of the New Zealand Town Planning Conference. The improvement of the conditions under which the people live has always been one of the planks of the platform of the W.C.T.U.; the Conference can thus be assured of its hearty co-operation.

7. That a remit be forwarded to the New Zealand Town Planning Conference urging that it use its influence with local bodies having the necessary

powers to induce them to consider the suggestion that public recreation rooms be opened and maintained as a permanent Peace Memorial.

After tea adjournment, Mrs Peryman made strong appeal to Unions to appoint "White Ribbon" agents and to make more use of the paper by reporting, shortly, anything of interest.

A discussion, arising from a resolution moved by Mrs Smith (Wanganui), took place as to the advisability of Unions establishing hostels for young women. Hastings and Wellington South were both moving in this direction. As Palmerston North was the only place so far running a hostel, Mrs Crabb explained that under present conditions a hostel could not do more than pay running expenses, therefore the first effort must be to get wealthy sympathisers to buy or lease a house. The W.C.T.U. should take up, so far as possible, this work, for which there was urgent need, and it would help the Campaign work. Finally, following resolution carried:—

8. This Convention recommends the establishment, where possible, of hostels for young women, and for mothers and children; and further, that an Advisory Board be set up to advise Unions desiring to establish such hostels.

Mrs Crabb agreed to confer with Mrs Wilson, of Hastings, and assist her to initiate the Hastings scheme, which it was stated the business men of that place would be willing to finance.

Resolutions Passed.

9. This Convention desires to express its sympathy with the aims and ideals of the League of Nations Society, and would urge the Government to take immediate steps to inaugurate such a Society in the Dominion, in order to support the Imperial Parliament in the effort which is being made to establish a permanent and abiding peace.

10. It now being recognised that the State should provide for the maintenance of children who are deprived of their fathers, this Convention, while resolutely standing for purity of life and the absolute sacredness of the marriage tie, would ask that the claims of the children of unmarried mothers may be recognised. This is asked: 1st, in the interests of the children, who, coming into the world with a stigma attached to their birth, have more claim on the State, that they may be able to become useful citizens; 2nd, in the interests of the mother, that in the struggle to regain her self-respect, she may not be handicapped by the difficulty of providing for herself and her child.

This gave rise to considerable discussion, and Mrs Cowie moved the following amendment:—

"This Convention, while resolutely standing for individual purity of life and the absolute sacredness of the marriage tie, yet feels that the help-

less child of the unmarried mother should be protected and cared for by the State; and to this end urges that adequate provision be made for the child, while making clear that the sin of the parents has no countenance from Society or State."

In answer to certain criticisms, Miss Henderson pointed out that the question of pensions was already safeguarded, and these would be withdrawn if the mothers did not look after the children properly. The chief purpose of the resolution was to secure that the child should be kept with the mother for the sake of the reforming and elevating influence of mother-love.

Amendment was lost, and original motion carried.

Convention adjourned for tea till 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Prayer (Mrs Garroway).

Roll call, 68.

Report of Sub-Committee for Syllabus of Examination for Organisers presented. Syllabus was drawn up with a view to the future; standard of education constantly arising, so Organisers of the future must be fairly well educated. They would take up this work as their life work or profession, and would expect to have to spend some time and money in fitting themselves for it, exactly as in other professions, especially seeing that it was proposed to arrange for superannuation. The standard of English required was only such as any intelligent girl was expected to reach after two years at a secondary school, and other subjects only such as every Organiser must know, to be successful in her work.

The Question Box was opened, and various matters of interest dealt with.

Resolutions Passed.

11. The Annual Dominion Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of New Zealand, now sitting in Napier, desires to make an earnest appeal to the Synod of the Anglican Church to bring forward a motion to establish a Church of England Women's Total Abstinence Society on the lines of those in Great Britain.

12. That this Convention heartily supports the following reforms in our educational system:—(1) The standardisation of school books; (2) the modernisation of school buildings and furniture; (3) free school books and requisites; (4) forty-five children to be the maximum in any class under the charge of one teacher; (5) extension of open-air classes; (6) provision for larger play-grounds; (7) free and compulsory medical and dental treatment of children in State schools; (8) a complete and compulsory system of continuation schools up to the age of 18; (9) consolidation of schools in rural areas; (10) inclusion, in the training syllabus for teachers, of scientific instruction in sex hygiene and the effects of alcohol on the human body.

13. That in the interests of the women and girls employed as shop assistants throughout the Dominion, this Convention desires to support: (1) a 45 hours week; (2) the abolition of a late night; (3) the proper covering of concrete floors in shops; (4) the appointment of women inspectors to look after the requirements of women and girl employees.

Session closed with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 1st.

Devotions (Nurse Chappell).

Roll call, 81. Minutes read and confirmed.

Vote of thanks to Mrs Pasley for her trouble taken to ensure comfort of delegates lunching at the Trocadero.

Resolutions Passed.

14. That the Women's Christian Temperance Unions of the Dominion press resolutely for the appointment of women police, by sending resolutions to the Prime Minister and to the Minister of the Police Department, also by deputation as our Legal and Parliamentary Department may advise; and further, that every Union be instructed to ask all Parliamentary candidates for their electorate at the coming election whether they support this demand.

15. That Government be urged to fix the age at which persons can marry at 18 years of age for both sexes.

It was explained that at present girls could be married at 12, and boys at 14 years according to English law, and such cases had been known to delegates, even in the Dominion.

Mrs Peryman was granted leave of absence to go and address the elder scholars of the public school, the headmaster of which had asked her to do so, after hearing her speech at the Christian Citizenship meeting on Sunday evening.

A deputation had been arranged to wait on the Bishop and bring before him the resolution passed during the preceding session, but owing to unforeseen circumstances requiring the attention of the Bishop, the deputation had to be postponed till after the close of Convention.

Resolution moved by Mrs Cowie.

We, the delegates of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, have looked with sorrow on the sin and suffering caused by intemperance in our land, as in other lands, and we come to you to beseech your earnest help in the effort to reach the women of every church on behalf of home protection. We realise that our Society has not reached all the Church members, and we would respectfully ask you to devise ways and means of winning the women of your Church for the uplift of those who have fallen through drink, and to save the young from falling. Can you form in your Church a Temperance Society and unite all women for this great and Christ-like work?

This to be sent to all Churches.

After further discussion on Plans of Work, the election of Officers was held, Mrs Peryman and Mrs Young being appointed Tellers.

The result was the practically unanimous re-election of all the Dominion Officers.

Noontide devotions.

Superintendents of Departments were appointed as follows:—

Social and Moral Hygiene: Miss Webb, Ormondville.

Literature: Mrs Mowlem, Wellington.

Good Citizenship: Mrs Duxfield.

The remainder were appointed in a block, being the same as for last year.

President extended a greeting of good wishes and farewell to Mrs Parkes, who would have left the Dominion before next Convention; also to Mrs Judson, who expected to leave shortly for India. Both briefly responded.

President also referred to the greeting brought by Mr Bailey from the women of Vancouver, to whom a greeting should be sent in return.

Session closed in usual way.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 1.

Devotions (Mrs Rylands Brown).

Testimonies given by delegates to the help and inspiration they had received from the Convention.

Roll call 82.

Greetings from Oxford.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Mrs Walker re-appointed Maori Organising Treasurer. She expressed willingness to act again, provided Unions would assist her in the ways suggested.

Grants made from N.Z. Treasury for telephones for use of President, Corresponding Secretary and Editor of the "White Ribbon."

Resolution passed.

That this Annual Convention of the W.C.T.U. desires to place on record its high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the cause of Temperance by Mrs Peryman as Editor and Business Manager of the "White Ribbon." It congratulates her on the ability that has secured the high literary excellence of the paper, as evidenced by the testimonies received from various parts of the world, and upon the fact that unfavourable conditions of the war and epidemic have been met without incurring any appreciable debt, and without either raising the price or lowering the standard of the paper.

This special minute of appreciation to be placed on the Minute Book.

Mrs A. R. Atkinson re-appointed Custodian of Records.

Votes of thanks were passed as follows:—

To Mrs Cowie for the organising work done by her in the middle of a severe winter in Central Otago and Southland, resulting in a gain of nearly 1000 new members.

To Mrs Judson for preparing report for the typewriter.

To Mrs Napier for the services she had rendered to the "Y" Branches as Honorary "Y" Organiser.

Notices of Motion.

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

(2) By Mrs Field: That all Dominion Superintendents of Departments present at Convention shall have a seat on the Executive, except at the meeting at which they are nominated.

Invitations for 1920 Convention received from Wellington, Palmerston North, Dunedin; Wellington accepted.

Financial result of the "Y's." evening was a credit balance of 11s 9d.

Sunday night's collections, £5 3s 6d; garden party collection nearly £10, divided equally between Hastings Union and Napier Union.

In accordance with resolution passed at New Plymouth Convention, that one collection be always taken up during Convention on behalf of N.Z. Treasury, 11s 9d was handed over, and Hastings' Union generously donated to Treasury its share of the garden party collection.

Further discussion of plans of Campaign work.

Afternoon tea recess.

Mrs Lee-Cowie again outlined her schemes, and after discussion, the following resolutions were passed:—

(1) That this Convention urges that when licenses are removed, the need of each locality shall be met by members of our Unions, in conjunction with other societies, in providing "parlours" or other places to give "Home Life" to lonely lads and others.

(2) That this Convention recommends the promotion of the grape industry for the production of raisins, currants, unfermented wine, grape jellies and beverages, cream of tartar, grape sugar and industrial alcohol, to prove that the W.C.T.U. is for constructive, and not only for destructive, work.

Votes of thanks were passed to the following:—

The Hosts and Hostesses.

The Entertaining Unions.

The Trustees of St. Paul's for use of the schoolroom.

The Press.

The Adjutant of the Salvation Army for the services of the band in leading the procession on Sunday evening.

The Organisations who provided afternoon tea.

The Rev. Richards for preaching the Convention Sermon.

The Hastings' Union for the garden party, and for the donation to the N.Z. Treasury.

Convention brought to a close by singing Hymn 84, and prayer offered by the Dominion Evangelistic Superintendent.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Sisters,—

Our Convention is two months late. We postponed it, prayed and planned for it, and worked as never before to make it historic. We thought our rallying cry would be Victory, our prayers all thanksgivings, our dominant note praise, but here we are assembled with our slogan, "We will see this thing through," still unaltered, our prayers still suppliant, the disappointment of defeat heavy upon us, but with our faith in God unshaken, and through Him and with each other to gather up our forces and decide what next.

The year just passed has been one of the most eventful in our reform, and full of ceaseless activity. Our first effort was the preparation of and presenting to Parliament a petition containing 242,000 signatures, asking for an immediate referendum on the Efficiency Board's proposal of Prohibition with Compensation to be decided on a bare majority vote. At the same time our Unions and some churches started a season of definite prayer in the home and at special meetings, and in answer to our supplications the desired poll was granted to us, and six o'clock closing, which had been given only as a war measure, made permanent by Act of Parliament. But before we could muster our forces to consider plans of campaign, there came the glad proclamation of victorious peace, the four years of dreadful war had ended in glorious victory, the greatest conflict in the history of the world had come to an end, but while the songs of rejoicing were yet on our tongues, the scourge of war was followed by the scourge of disease, and the events of the great war sunk into partial insignificance under the shadow of pneumonic influenza, which swept the world, levying a fearful toll upon human life and health. All classes of the community, including White Ribboners in every centre, did what they could to minister to the sick and dying about them, and were the full story told we should doubtless hear of heroism and self-sacrifice on the part of Christian women equal to anything witnessed in recent years upon the battlefield. With the tragedy of pestilence resting heavily upon us, we plunged into the campaign against the Trade that has done more harm than war, plague, and famine put together. Never have we put up such a fight, never had we such a number of speakers that came from far and near, including politicians, professors, doctors, ministers, and laymen, returned soldiers, representatives of Labour, and women. We had the Bishop of Christchurch and Father Cronin advocating our cause; we had the whole weight of the Nonconformist Church; we had the heart and brain of the Labour party; we had the Acting Premier's voice as first citizen; and we had the co-operation of the Efficiency League. In many cases the

Press was more sympathetic than heretofore. For the first time on record the "Maoriland Worker," which is the journal of the Labour party, declared in favour of Prohibition, while the religious papers, especially the "Outlook," rendered magnificent service. Then we had the influence of the children, who appealed for votes by songs, processions, and spectacular demonstrations; and, more important than all, the numbers in our Union who individually and collectively gave themselves to unceasing prayer. Yet we have not won the hoped-for victory. How have we lost? By the soldier vote they polled such a big majority for Continuance, and the many who were opposed to Compensation for fear of taxation. The last defence of the Trade is that liquor revenue helps to pay the taxes, the truth is that Drink is our greatest public debt-maker and our greatest public burden. Then our opponents made a great cry about whisky being necessary to cure influenza and its accompanying pneumonia, and gave a superabundance of unsolicited advice, at the same time showing their dense ignorance of the effect of alcohol on the human system, and an equal lack of knowledge as to the attitude of intelligent physicians generally towards liquor as a medical remedy, and because of the dread malady that so recently has taken such a terrible toll of human life, some believed them, and refused to vote against alcohol. One cannot help asking if alcoholic liquor is a "cure" for this disease, why is it not a preventive? No one can dispute the fact that heavy drinkers are usually fatal cases in pneumonia. Physiology has found that alcohol is out of place in human insides, and that statistical and actuarial science has demonstrated that even steady drinking, not more than what is ordinarily called moderate, raises the death-rate over 80 per cent.

But whatever the reason, the fact remains we are not on the winning side. We did not obtain our objective, so we must work on until we do. Dr. Waddell tells the story of a little company of war-weary soldiers that were halted for rest alongside a certain rude entrance. A Boche shell screamed through the air and fell beside them, and a fragment of it got the youthful Captain. With the last surge of his departing life he raised himself, looked into the eyes of his lieutenant, and said "the order is Forward," and fell back dead. That is the spirit that won the war; the same spirit will win ours.

It is great to know that money is at our disposal, that science is in our favour. It is greater to know that men of all classes are on our side. The greatest of all is the knowledge that God is our Leader, and while we trust in Him we must win, though victory is long delayed. For a generation the Drink Traffic has stayed the march of higher and better things; it has been an obstacle in the path of

the forces of truth and righteousness, and it will resist to the last gasp all efforts to overthrow it, and as the object of our organisation is to destroy it, root and branch, we must unflinchingly fight until we have banished this great offence to God.

THE WORLD AGAINST LIQUOR.

We rejoice greatly with our American sisters in the glorious fact that on January 16, 1920, the United States will be "dry" throughout the length and breadth of its enormous territory, and affecting a population of over 100,000,000 men, women, and children.

We take the liberty of copying the following from a recent "Union Signal":—"America has erected a great Prohibition Lighthouse that is sending its gleams to the far corners of the world. In every country where campaigns of education or legislation are in progress America is the unanswerable indisputable argument for Prohibition. Our temperance papers have been filled with the success of the anti-liquor movement in America. It is exploited from the platform and pulpit; it is blazoned in posters on the walls and buildings. Do the slow of understanding insist that Australia cannot afford to relinquish its drink revenue. The Prohibition champion will pull from his pocket a signed statement from the Governor of one of the Prohibition States testifying to the unexampled financial prosperity of communities and States that have been relieved of the burden of caring for the victims of the liquor traffic. Do the agents of the liquor interests in New Zealand protest that the elimination of the traffic in Drink would work ruin, that commercial interests would cease to thrive, that hotels would be without patrons, and stores without customers, some well-informed advocate of 'dryness' will send a cablegram from the Mayor of Seattle and silence every objector by the emphatic answer that no law enacted has been such a prosperity promoter as that which abolished saloons, breweries, and distilleries. Does some employer of the booze interest bring forward the labour argument; the army of men out of employment; American labour leader in dry States will send back an answer true and strong that Prohibition in every instance has safeguarded the health and efficiency of the working man, and wherever fairly tried has been approved of by them."

And because of America's achievements we salute our White Ribbon sisters, and rejoice with them that their prayers and self-denying toil and unquenchable enthusiasm have now received a glorious crown. Canada is bone dry, bleached white, and over our sister Dominion floats the Prohibition flag, and every day she is proving that the benefits gained are so incalculable that the very thought of going back to the old system is quite out of the question.

The temperance societies of Great Britain are in possession of much evi-

dence showing that in spite of the Government limitations in the output of beer, there is still enough drinking to impair the health, efficiency, and discipline of the soldier, deplete the food supply, and sap the economic strength of the working people. Strenuous efforts are being made to secure State Purchase, but evidently public sentiment is much opposed to furnishing money to buy out the liquor traffic.

In France over one thousand drink shops have been closed in Rouen, Havre, Dieppe, and in the vicinities of Lower Seine. The Union is lending every energy to awaken public opinion and influence the public powers to take action against the sale of alcohol. The Minister of Armaments said recently: "At the end of the war there will have to be a readjustment of the alcohol question from the standpoint of the higher interests of the country. The industrialisation of alcohol, and not the alcoholisation of the individual, will be the programme to be realised."

Prohibition has prevailed in Belgium by the Royal decree of King Albert. We hope it will be easy for her people, after having driven out the curse of invasion, to prevent the return of the other curse, alcoholism. Holland has organised a National Local Option League to educate the people in total abstinence principles; a memorial asking, for local option, signed by over 600,000 citizens, has recently been sent to the Queen.

Russia, who took such a magnificent forward step in Prohibition, fell from being a world hope for freedom, and is now a world menace and a world problem.

The Parliament of Japan has enacted a law, which went into effect on the 1st of this month, prohibiting the sale to or giving intoxicants to minors. The W.C.T.U. in India sent a memorial appealing to the Governments of all civilised countries of the world to be presented at time and place of Peace negotiations. Powerfully they state their cause, and ask that a decisive step be taken against the acknowledged curse of the earth, strong drink. The memorial is signed by the Executive Committee of the National W.C.T.U. of India, numbering 4000 members.

China had the opium treaty forced upon her by a Western nation, and after years of degradation she was able to break that treaty. Now she faces a fact equally horrible. During the past two years American brewers, who have been forced to relinquish their hold on their victims in that land, have been pouring into China. By way of inducement to the Chinese officials to sell territory to the brewers for the erection of their plants, the enormous revenue that will result therefrom is being urged, and poverty-stricken China is facing this dire temptation. In her struggle against this new evil China is not left without help. The W.C.T.U. for 20

years has had organisations in Pekin and cities of the Yangtse Valley, and Dr. Mary Stone, China's National President, tells of a branch organised at Chingkiang that last year increased in its membership from 23 to 1400. Surely with such a growth of temperance forces will come the power to emancipate their own land from the unscrupulous and infamous liquor traffic.

Six Presidents of the coloured W.C.T.U. in South Africa sent to the Government a protest against the proposed legislation to allow the sale of Kaffir malt beer of approved strength to natives and coloured persons in canteens under strict State control, and under such restrictions as to ensure that no drunkenness or disorderly conduct takes place. They tell of the work of pioneer missionaries who taught them the golden rule, who taught them that civilisation was the forerunner of Christianity, and that loyalty's compensation was justice and freedom. They loyally accepted the message, but what was happening to them? They were more and more receiving slave law, their sons and husbands are being ruined by Kaffir beer sales, and they themselves forced to accept labour. No restriction of the traffic could mitigate the evil. Their only safety was in prohibition, and that was being denied them.

The Australian W.C.T.U. sent an appeal to the British Women's Temperance Association asking them to use their influence with the Prime Minister and Government to induce them to pledge themselves to do all in their power at the Peace Conference to secure the prohibition of the export to and importation into negro countries and places of settlement of any kind of beverage containing alcohol.

The world's tragedy and the world's need have led people of all classes to see what drink really is and does. And so the world seems united in at least one determination, to check the domination of alcohol. Lloyd Georges' recent charge to the labour men of England is as truly applicable to our forces to-day as it could be to those for whom first intended: "You must go on or go under." And we must go on. Already thousands of soldiers have returned; thousands more, who voted for Continuance, are coming home. We want to win their vote for Prohibition. The campaign just closed was strenuous; the next one, already commenced, will be still more so. We shall have three issues on the ballot paper. Either must be carried by a majority of those who vote. Many who were with us at the last poll express favour with State Purchase. It must be proved to them that it is a failure wherever tried. If the State should own the trade, we, being part of the State, would be partners in the traffic. That can never be; we must fight to the death to prevent it. We must organise into a fighting force every bit of intelligent energy against drink. We must at-

tempt things we have never dared attempt before, and to use our time, talent, and energy more efficiently than in all the days that are past. Our slogan for the year must be Pray on, March on, Carry on. The prayer meetings must continue; nothing else can take their place. Restraining prayer, we cease to fight. "The magnitude of the times are so great nothing human can compass them, but God has pressed into our hands the supreme instrument of approach to Himself, so let us Pray. The Ashburton Union is sending for their annual greeting, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord." This is the equipment we need. We cannot march or carry on without it. I call on this 54th Convention in the supreme hour of our nation's need to measure up to the responsibility and privilege of this opportunity. There must be no relaxation from strenuous work, but plans to make it more effective. No standing still anywhere, but in the name of our God and His Christ let us Pray on, March on, Carry on, until in His name we see this thing through.

"WHITE RIBBON" REPORT.

For the first time we show a debit balance on our year's work. During the last two years we have paid £100 extra for the production of the paper. That without raising our price, keeping up the style and attractiveness of our paper, we have only a debit of £16 18 2d, speaks volumes for the devotion and loyalty of our Unions. During 1917 the Unions secured over 400 new subscribers. During 1918, though the cost of printing was further raised, the Unions only secured 335 new subscribers. This was doubtless owing to the heavy work with petition and our other activities, taking the energy and time of workers, and so the paper has not been so loyally supported as before. 1918 closed with 2943 subscribers on the books. Mrs Cowie, Misses Weymouth and Powell did good service to our paper, and our thanks are due to them. Dunedin secured most new subscribers, 22; Palmerston North, 20; Ashburton, 19; Invercargill South, 12; Christchurch, 11; Eden, 10. No other Union got over nine new subscribers. Sixteen Unions sent only one new subscriber for the year, and 29 Unions, one of them being a District Union, did not gain one new subscriber for the whole of 1918. Auckland headed the list for the Y's with eight new subscribers.

Several Unions, notably Leigh and Ashburton, have a fair proportion of non-members among their subscribers, and we would urge other Unions to secure non-members as subscribers, and so interest them in the work and induce them to become members.

Our thanks are due to Mrs Evans, our Associate Editor, and to Mr Lynneberg, our Auditor. We also

wish to place on record our grateful appreciation of the help received from our many agents, and to ask all Unions to appoint real live "White Ribbon" agents.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Following was the Corresponding Secretary's report:—

The year which has just closed has been one of the most strenuous in the history of the Union. Departmental work has been well maintained, and the majority of the branches report continuous activity. The campaign to secure signatures to the petitions asking that the Efficiency Board's proposals should be given effect to by Parliament engaged the energies of the great majority of our members, and in many cases the local organisation in connection with the petition was undertaken by branches of the Union. The granting of the Referendum was a call for further strenuous service, and members once more heartily responded to the call.

While the opportunities offered for work have made so great a demand upon the Unions, their activities received a serious check during the influenza epidemic in November and December. The embargo placed upon all indoor meetings meant the closing down of our work for the last two months of the year. During this period of sorrow and depression the members throughout the Dominion did their part in nursing the sick or caring for the children of families that had been stricken. As a result of the epidemic most of the annual meetings had to be postponed until February or March of this year, and there has been considerable difficulty in securing annual reports. Some few Unions have sent no reports at all.

In accordance with the decision of last Conference the organising work has been greatly extended during the year. At the close of the Conference the new scheme for organisation was put into operation, and Miss Sadie Waterman offered herself for training. She joined the staff in May and was for some months under Mrs Cowie's tuition, travelling with her through Central Otago, helping to arrange her meetings and getting a general insight into Temperance work. Finally she spent some time in Southland, where she gave material assistance to the Unions in the district, and organised two strong branches. In October she resigned her position in order to get married. Miss Weymouth took up the work of collecting in May, and proved very successful. Her first field of operation was Southland and Otago, and here, too, she succeeded in organising two Branch Unions in the country, and a strong "Y" Branch in Invercargill. Mrs Napier, who offered her services as honorary "Y" Organiser, has travelled through the

Dominion visiting existing "Y" Branches and organising new ones. Our President, in the course of her lecturing tours for the Alliance, has visited a great number of our unions, and in several places where there is no union she has prepared the way for future organisation. The editor of the "White Ribbon" has also been able to visit some of the branches, and has organised two new ones. Mrs Lee Cowie has done splendid service in securing members, and preparing the way for the organisation of branches. In September, Miss Alice Earnshaw was accepted as a trainee, and after spending some time in Dunedin under Mrs Cowie's instruction, she was transferred to Christchurch for a few weeks and in December was assigned work under the Committee in No. 3 area. Our Dominion Organiser, Miss Powell, was with us for the greater part of last year, but as she found the travelling was getting beyond her strength, she accepted the position of Principal of the Turakina Maori Girls' College, and severed her official connection with the New Zealand Union. While we heartily congratulate Miss Powell on her new appointment, we as heartily regret the loss of so enthusiastic and capable an organiser. Three new branches in Palmerston North district are evidence of her activity. Miss Powell's wide experience and thorough knowledge of all branches of the work will make her place hard to fill.

In October, the exigencies of the campaign in connection with the Referendum made it necessary to have a radical change in our scheme of organisation. Miss Weymouth found it increasingly difficult to carry on her work in face of the fact that the New Zealand Alliance was also making a call for funds. In order to settle the difficulty, the Executive Officers of the Union met the Dominion Organiser for the Alliance, and agreed that the two organisations should work together until the poll was taken. Miss Weymouth to act as collector for the Alliance, while the organisers would work under the area committees, the Alliance assuming the financial responsibilities of the Union.

The activities of our organisers are reflected in the substantial increase in the number of Unions. The adult Unions now number 105, and the "Y's" 19. As a set off to this Warkworth, Hikurangi and Fitzroy have closed down, and Tuakau reports "meetings suspended." The new Unions are Grey Lynn and Papatoetoe in Auckland District, Matamata in Hamilton, Taihape, Taoroa and Bunnythorpe in Palmerston North, Motueka in Nelson, Rangiora (revived) in Kaiapoi, Kaitangata, Milton and Balclutha in Dunedin, Riverton and Winton in Invercargill. The new "Y" branches are Papatoetoe, Marton, Normanby, Hastings, Napier, Timaru, and Invercargill. The total membership according to the Treasurer's books is large, but this does not include the

full strength of several of the new Unions, while some of the old ones have not reported.

In connection with the campaigns for the petition and the Referendum some special efforts have to be recorded. During the campaign for signatures to the petition shops were opened in many centres in order to advertise Prohibition facts and secure signatures. In some cases the venture was entirely organised by the local Union, in others Union members took charge for the Alliance. In the same campaign our New Zealand President organised and carried out a scheme of advertising in Dunedin telling facts in connection with the liquor traffic. The medium used was the picture shows and theatrical programmes. Later in connection with the Referendum it was decided to appeal to the relatives of overseas soldiers to write to the men and urge them to vote for Prohibition. The appeal took the form of a letter signed by our President; 10,000 of these were issued, and as it was necessary that every one of these should reach someone who had a soldier relative overseas the work of distribution was somewhat difficult. The plan adopted was to send with every parcel of the letters a circular asking for co-operation. The organisations appealed to in this way were the branches of our own Union, those of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union, and the Methodist Women's Missionary Union, other Women's Missionary and Church Societies, Deaconesses and other interested individuals.

Our connection with the World's Union has been actively maintained during the year. Several letters have been received from Miss Anna Gordon in her capacity as Corresponding Secretary of the World's Union, and also in that of National President of the United States. When the news that the States had ratified the Prohibition Amendment to the Constitution was received here, a cable of congratulation was sent from the New Zealand Union to Miss Anna Gordon. Invitations to send delegates to the World's Convention next year have been received from Miss Gordon and Miss Agnes Slack.

The New Zealand Union was represented at the Congress of the Overseas Women's Suffrage Union held in London last June our delegate being Miss Ruth Atkinson.

Greetings were exchanged with the Australasian Convention, held in Perth last September. Inquiries with regard to the employment of women police and women Justices of the Peace have been made from the W.C.T.U. in Brisbane and Sydney, and the Women's Non-Party Association of South Australia. Very favourable replies were received from Sydney and Adelaide.

The New Zealand Union has been associated with the women's societies of all the Australian States in the inquiry which has been instituted into

the condition of indentured Indian women in Fiji. The matter was brought under the notice of the Union by an appeal from the Committee of Inquiry set up in Australia. In response to the appeal the Executive decided that our organisation should support the Committee, and a donation of £10 was sent to the fund for defraying the expenses of Miss Garnham, a missionary on furlough from India, who volunteered to visit Fiji, and make an investigation of the conditions of life among the Coolie women. A summary of Miss Garnham's report has been given in "White Ribbon," so it is only necessary to add that owing to the epidemic of influenza, we have had no recent communication on this subject, but we are still "standing by."

The general activity of the Unions is a sufficient guarantee that all branches of our work are alive, and there is no need to refer to any special department, except to offer hearty congratulations to the Auckland District Union on its enterprise in opening headquarters. The practice of holding provincial Conventions has been established as a regular feature of the year. Auckland, Taranaki, Wellington, Nelson and Canterbury report successful gatherings. These Conventions are invaluable since they afford many members an opportunity of attending a Convention, and also of taking part in discussions on the work. As an educative force their value is probably greater than that of the Dominion Convention.

In conclusion I want to urge upon our members the necessity for realising that there never was greater need of earnest consecrated service in the work that our Union has taken up; apart from the great reform on which our hearts are set, the problems that face us are many and serious. The education reform, the housing problem, the care and protection of young people, the many difficulties that will arise in connection with the return of our soldiers to civil life, will make insistent calls upon our energies, and if we are true to our motto we must respond to these calls.

DOMINION TRAVELLING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is a brief report of work accomplished from April 20th, 1918, commencing at the Bluff, and ending at Wellington on April 21st, 1919, during which time I have travelled over many thousands of miles in town and country districts. I have visited over 60 districts, very often in fearful weather, and under very trying conditions.

At Invercargill I formed a "Y" Branch, with 35 members, trained all the officers, and drew up their books, also assisted in organising a big social for same, which was a great success;

over 300 attended. A large number of new and honorary members were secured. Two branches of the Loyal Temperance Legion 1 also formed with a large number of members. Secured 13 babies for the Cradle Roll. Adult Branches: Secured 31 new members, also new "White Ribbon" subscribers. Collected a large number of back fees for membership and "White Ribbon." Prepared a set of new books for the District Branch.

Gore.—Secured two new members, and one "White Ribbon" subscriber. Balclutha.—Formed new branch, with a membership of 30, also a large number of "White Ribbon" subscribers.

Lovell's Flat and District.—Secured 16 new members.

Milton.—Formed new branch, with a membership of 57, also a large number of "White Ribbon" subscribers.

Dunedin.—Secured two new members, and re-enrolled five lapsed members, also "White Ribbon" subscribers.

Christchurch.—Re-enrolled two lapsed members.

Wellington South Branch.—One new member.

Wellington Central.—Re-enrolled four lapsed members.

Palmerston North.—One lapsed member, and one "White Ribbon" subscriber.

Total membership for the year: 200. "White Ribbon" subscribers: 39.

I have held thirty meetings in connection with our own W.C.T.U. work, besides visiting the different Bible Classes on Sundays, assisting and attending a large number of other meetings.

Financial Report.—Money Collected.

	£	s.	d.
W.C.T.U.	478	13	2
Dunedin Prohibition League ...	353	9	6
Christchurch Prohibition League ...	326	7	6
Wellington Prohibition League ...	186	18	6

Total £1345 8 8

Much other work accomplished too numerous to report.

Myrie Weymouth.

"White Ribbon" subscribers: £4 17s 6d paid, besides a large amount of fees paid in to the different Unions for new members.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the Period ending 1st April, 1919. Madam President and Dear Sisters,—

In making up the balance-sheet, which I have the pleasure of presenting to you to-day, I have as in the preceding year, included the Organising Fund as part of the general accounts. The balance-sheet shows that we commenced the year with a credit of £130 1s 11d in the New Zealand Fund, and £189 4s 7d in the Organising

Fund, making a total of £314 6s 6d; that the total receipts for the year have been £1183 10s 6d, and the total expenditure £798 8s 8d; and that the year closed with a credit balance of £699 14s 4d, made up of £199 7s 6d in the N.Z. Fund, and £500 6s 10d in the Organising Fund.

It will be evident at once that this year's transactions on both sides show a very large increase on those for the previous year, although some of the detail items show slight decreases. The receipts for Capitation Fees, for instance, are a little less, owing to an increase of the "Y" membership, and a slight decrease of the adult membership, although the total for this year is 4982 as against 4834 for the previous year. There has been a very substantial increase of receipts to the N.Z. Fund under the two headings of Donations and Franchise Day Fund, the total for which is £169 13s 6d, against £32 2s 5d in the preceding year. The receipts for the Organising Fund have amounted to £765 14s 5d, thanks to the efforts of Miss Weymouth, and the way in which the Branches have, as usual, responded to the call for funds.

It was, of course, to be expected that the expenditure would have increased also considerably, that out of the Organising Fund being over three times as much as that of the previous year, and the other expenditure twice as much. It may be noted here that the accounts cover a period of practically thirteen months, as, owing to the delayed sitting of Convention, I kept the books open as long as possible. Statements showing details both of the receipts and expenditure under the various headings will be shown for your information. From the balance-sheets furnished by the Unions I shall also exhibit the usual comparative statement of membership and branch finance. This will show that the Unions which furnished returns had, at the commencement of the year, an aggregate credit balance of £735 3s 9d; that their total receipts for the year were £3230 2s 3d, and their expenditure £3051 5s 1d; and that they closed the year with an aggregate credit balance of £914 0s 11d.

The following Unions have failed to furnish any returns for the year:—Hikurangi, Katikati, Warkworth, Morrinsville, Tokomaru Bay, Patea, and Rangiora; and no returns have been received from new Unions at Taihape, Bunnythorpe, and Winton, and the new Union at Balclutha and Milton are only credited with partial returns. The Tuakau and Ngaio Unions have reported that active work has been suspended. The Unions that have paid capitation fees, but failed to send balance-sheets, are Te Kuiti, Pukekohe, Napier, Urenui, Christchurch, and Lyttelton. The returns from the Okaiawa Union were received just after the closing of the books.

In the Banner Contest, the results this year are somewhat disappointing. The Edendale Union has scored the best percentage, 1.0 per cent., and near the other end of the Dominion, Eden comes second with 111 per cent. Good percentages are also shown by Hastings, Gore, Hamilton, and Pukekohe. On the membership increase, Dunedin comes first with 61 members, the next best being Timaru with 43 members.

The whole of the accounts for the year have been audited by Mr C. F. Garratt, of this city, to whom I would ask Convention to convey its thanks for his assistance. My own thanks are due to the Treasurers of the Branches for the manner in which their returns have reached me.

NELLIE BENDELY,
N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 19th April, 1919.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DOMINION ORGANISER.

My report this year is a brief one. As in the previous four years, patriotic work seriously interfered with organising, in most cases any woman possessing the qualities of a leader being already fully occupied. Only five new Branches were organised during my six months' work, namely, Taihape, Bunnythorpe, Taoroa, Ryal Bush, and Pukeokawa, the last three being in very scattered districts. Pukeokawa, being organised under most unfavourable weather conditions, had no chance, and the three plucky members soon decided to join Taoroa. An attempt was made to organise at Anderson's Bay, Dunedin, and also at Sumner, but in both cases, though a number of members were secured, no officers could be found. Alexandria and Rangiora were both visited, but it was found impossible to place our work on a sound basis in either town. Our energetic Vice-President-in-Chief having advanced an urgent plea for assistance in her district early in May, I arrived in Palmerston North, and until the end of October travelled around among the auxiliaries, putting in several days each month at Marton, Feilding, and Woodville, with satisfactory results in the case of the two former. Four of the five new Branches formed belonged to this district. Pahiatua was not worked, as no meetings were being held owing to the prolonged absence of the President. It was, however, arranged that I should go down in July, but, unfortunately, I was absent for three weeks on account of health. In September another interruption occurred, when, with the consent of the Organising Committee, I took charge of the petition work in Feilding. During the six months a total of 163 new members was secured, and 40 subscribers to the paper.

I have now resigned the office of Dominion Organiser, which (with the exception of some months devoted to No-License work prior to each triennial poll) I have held for close on fifteen years. Such a life involves many hardships, but, like every state in life, has many compensations, not the least being the warm friendships formed, which will last all through life and on into eternity. I much regret that my duties as Principal of the Maori Girls' School prevent my attendance at the Convention, but I shall be with my comrades in spirit, shall meet them at the throne of Grace, and shall always be glad to help forward our White Ribbon work as far as lies in my power.—Yours for World-wide Prohibition.

MARY S. POWELL.

OTAGO ORGANISER'S REPORT.

Put First Things First.

"Peace on Earth."
"Glory to God."
"Brotherhood of Man."
"Fatherhood of God."

Beloved Comrades,—When you asked me to take Otago and Southland to organise last Convention, I accepted the honour with pleasure. None of us could foresee the severe winter we were to face, and the terrible pestilence that was to try us. I had three months of very happy and successful service, and then was stricken down with pleurisy. The Gates of Heaven were very near, but God spared me to "live, and love, and labour" a little longer, and in February of this year I went to Central Otago, and on the West Coast and other parts of New Zealand, holding missions on behalf of the N.Z. Alliance. I am thankful to say my health was restored as by a miracle, and I was able to take two and three meetings a day right up to the day of the poll.

In addition, I had the pleasure of training Miss Waterman, Miss Battersby, and Miss Earnshaw for the work. Miss Waterman married one of our best Invercargill workers in December. Miss Battersby was ill with influenza, but helped well with petition and other work; while Miss Earnshaw is now at Palmerston North.

The unusual developments of the past year prevented much regularity in our procedure, but I should suggest the Committee on Subjects for Training should meet and outline a course for each month's study.

In the three months' organising I gained 986 members. Of these, 751 are Somerset members, and the fees, amounting to £94 8s 8d, have been paid in to our Dominion Treasurer. The others have been linked on to nearest Branches.

Eighty-two "White Ribbon" subscribers have been gained, and their fees paid direct to Mrs Peryman,

while others have paid through their local Unions.

The receipts from meetings and donations came to £65 3s 6d.

The expenditure for printing, travelling, accommodation, postage, telegrams, etc., came to £67 13s 6d. I have been happy to clear the small deficiency of £2 10s, so that the £94 8s 8d is clear gain to our Treasury. I have also given £60 to a page in the "Outlook," and kept it supplied with items of interest for nine months.

I again wish to state clearly and plainly, for the benefit of the outside world, that I have given the whole of my time and strength to the mission work, the training of young workers, and all the multitudinous duties of a World's Missionary and Dominion Organiser without desiring or receiving one penny of remuneration.

It is a joy to give all, and get the rich reward of our beloved Master.

In conclusion, I would lovingly urge every member to press on and take the world for our Jesus.

"He lives and loves and cares,
Nothing this truth can dim,
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to Him."

BESSIE LEE-COWIE.

April, 1919.

REPORT OF Y ORGANISER.

(Mrs Napier.)

Ashburton was reorganised after a period of over eight years; 27 new members joined. A sum of money was collected for Hutment Fund; £1 sent to Nurse Chappell for work amongst girls. Good service rendered in canvassing for signatures for Referendum petition. Unfortunately, the epidemic put a stop to much useful work in progress of being done.

Feilding.—After five attempts, a branch was started on November 11th with 15 members. Owing to influenza epidemic, it was impossible to do any actual work in connection with this Branch.

Hawera has now a membership of 43. Meetings have been well attended, helpful papers have been read, and addresses given. Mrs Bone has been specially mentioned for her untiring energy. Many signatures were obtained for Referendum petition, and many names put on the roll.

A Y Branch was formed at Invercargill on July 8th, 1918, by Misses Waterman and Weymouth. At present the membership is 141 and 14 honorary members. The opening social was attended by 200 guests; it was a great success. A second was held a month later, taking the form of a Gift evening in aid of the Parcel Fund for our soldiers at the Front. Altogether six meetings have been held, and five Executive meetings, at which interesting and instructive addresses have

been given. A number of the members promised to help at the Annual Show. Many willing workers canvassed for names asking Parliament for Referendum on Prohibition.

I visited Hastings, when a Y Branch was formed, with 15 members. There is not much to report, owing to difficulty of meeting and influenza epidemic. Hastings hopes for better start next year.

Oxford reports a Bazaar for Red Triangle Fund, which raised £128. Great difficulty is found in getting officials to take up work, and the epidemic stopped all work for the time being.

Palmerston finds difficulty in getting girls to attend regularly. Many attend technical classes, etc. In response to a request from me that an effort be made to raise funds for comforts for our prisoners of war in Germany, they held a social and mysterious supper, at which they raised over £20. They sent a donation of £10 to Mrs Nimmo for prisoners of war. The physical culture class held during winter was a great success, due to the energy and ability of our instructor.

Wanganui reports good work done during the year. At beginning of the year Miss Weymouth visited this Union. She was most anxious that they should send a delegate to Convention in Timaru. They raised money for expenses from a few sympathisers, and their representative brought back a very fine and interesting report of the proceedings. On two occasions they visited Jubilee Home, and gave musical items, which were much appreciated. On July 1 I visited this Branch, and on Sunday, 22nd, addressed a combined meeting of the Bible Classes. The hall was crowded. On Tuesday they gave me a social, and I again addressed them. A Sale of Work enabled them to send £5 to the prisoners of war in Germany, and 30s to the No-License League. It has left a balance of £2 10s towards the expenses of next year's Convention. Several of the members did very good work in canvassing for signatures to the petition for Referendum. Seven new members joined, and three were transferred to other Unions. A report of each meeting is sent to the local papers.

Aramo, near Wanganui, has a membership of 52, with three honorary members, and an average attendance of 21. Increase of membership for the year, 40. Held 12 ordinary meetings and three successful socials. Official visits were paid them by Miss Powell, Miss Weymouth, and myself, and were much appreciated. Reports have been sent to local papers and "White Ribbon." Subscribers to "White Ribbon," nine, an increase of three for the year. Cradle Roll, 26 babies; 24 visits paid, 18 birthday cards sent. Suitable literature sent to railway station and Jubilee Home. Distribution of flowers and many visits to the sick have been paid, and many letters of sympathy to the be-

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received have been sent. The report of Convention by the delegate was full of interest. Many members canvassed for signatures to Referendum petition. An American monthly jumble stall and laundry basket enabled them to send £5 to Mrs Nimmo for Prisoners of War Fund. As a part of their work for the coming year they have decided to study Sabbath Observance.

Nelson was visited by me, and a number of new members gained. The Y's raised £6 for Mine-Sweepers' Fund, and £3 for N.Z. Organising Fund.

Napier started a branch in July, 1918, and had only held a few meetings when the epidemic occurred, and everything was disorganised.

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE RE SUPERANNATION SCHEME FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE W.C.T.U.

We have the honour to present the following report re Superannuation Scheme for employees of the W.C.T.U.

We made enquiries from the Government Life Insurance, and from the A.M.P. in the hope that it might be possible to take out Endowment Policies. The necessity for medical examination of the assured, and for keeping in touch with employees until the policies matured, even when they were no longer in the service of the Union, rendered this method impracticable.

On enquiry from the Government National Provident Fund, we found that this afforded the means most likely to secure the end in view. According to this scheme, pensions varying from 10s to 40s a week can be secured at 60 years of age by the payment of a weekly contribution ranging from 9d to 19s 8d, according to the age of the employee when first contribution is made.

The following conditions apply:—

1. The age of the contributor must be between 16 and 44 when first contribution is made.

2. Should an employee, for whom contributions were being made, withdrawn from the service of the Union, the money already paid in could either be returned to the Union, without interest, or could be used for securing a pension for another employee. Similarly in the case of the death of an employee.

The benefits cannot, however, be transferred from one employee to the

other, except in the way just mentioned.

We understand that many societies and employers in different parts of the Dominion have taken advantage of the Government National Provident Fund to secure pensions and other benefits for their employees.

NELLIE BENDELY,

KATE M. EVANS,

Sub-Committee for Superannuation Scheme.

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE Appointed to draw up a Syllabus of Examination For the Training of Organisers.

We have the honour to present the following report on the Syllabus of Examination for the Training of Organisers. We suggest that the examination should be divided into two sections, A and B.

SECTION A.

The following shall be the subjects of examination for Section A:—

- (1) English equivalent to and on the lines of the Public Service Entrance Examination.
- (2) Constitution, By-Laws, and Departments of Work of the N.Z. W.C.T.U.
- (3) "Alcohol and the Human Body," by Sir Victor Horsley and Dr. Mary Sturge.
- (4) History and Present Position of the Prohibition Movement in N.Z.
- (5) Voice Production and Elocution as regards Public Speaking.

SECTION B.

The following shall be the subjects of examination for Section B:—

- (1) Elementary Civics.
- (2) Rules of Debate and Parliamentary Procedure.
- (3) Economic Aspects of the Drink Question: (a) Alcohol and the Revenue, (b) Alcohol and National Efficiency, (c) Alcohol and the Social Evil.
- (4) General Knowledge of the Progress of Prohibition in other lands, and more detailed knowledge of the position in Australasia outside of New Zealand.
- (5) Voice Production and Elocution (more advanced course).

REGULATIONS.

1. Candidates must have passed the Sixth Standard, or an equivalent ex-

amination, and may sit for the first section (A) any time after the completion of six months' training.

2. Candidates who have passed the Matriculation or the Public Service Entrance Examination will not be required to pass in English, and may take the remaining subjects of Section A after three months' training.

3. After passing Section A, candidates must complete a further six months' training before sitting for Section B.

N.B.—It is suggested that it may be found advisable at some future time to add to this Syllabus a Third Section C, including such subjects as a more detailed knowledge of the Purity Question, L.T.L. and Y work, Laws affecting Women and Children in New Zealand.

C. HENDERSON.

NELLIE PERMAN.

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BALANCE-SHEET FOR PERIOD ENDING 1st APRIL, 1919.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Credit Balance, 1st March, 1918—				Printing, Advertising, and Stationery	76	3	3
New Zealand Fund	130	1	11	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	33	8	10
Organising Fund	184	4	7	Travelling Expenses	40	3	0
			314	Grants to Departments	13	13	2
Capitation Fees—				Miscellaneous (includes Typewriter, £20)	134	11	1
Balance 1917—				"Strength of the Nation" Fund	27	6	2
6 Unions, 163 Members,				World's Missionary Fund	12	14	9
N.Z.	0	19	6	World's Capitation Fees	10	16	3
World's	0	11	1				348
1918—				Organising Fund—			
94 Adult Unions, 4168 Members, N.Z.	104	4	0	Salaries	331	10	0
World's	17	6	10	Travelling Expenses	92	12	6
18 "Y" Union, 814 Members	7	0	4	Postage	10	8	10
			130	Literature and Stationery	1	15	0
Refunds—				Reporter's Railway Ticket	11	14	0
Advertising	4	11	6	Accident Insurance	1	11	1
Travelling Expenses	0	6	0				449
Grants to Departments	0	15	0	Credit Balance at Bank, 1/4/19—			
Miscellaneous	66	13	0	New Zealand Fund	199	7	6
			72	Organising Fund	500	6	10
World's Missionary Fund	12	14	9				699
Franchise Day Fund	3	14	6				
Donations	165	19	0				
"Strength of the Nation" Fund	13	6	7				
Life Membership Fees	20	0	0				
			215				
Organising Fund—							
Branch Donations	140	2	3				
Private Donations	5	19	6				
Per Miss Weymouth—Donations and Subscriptions	481	16	4				
Refunds and Sundries	137	16	4				
			765				
			£1498				£1498
Refunds Due to—							
New Zealand Fund	£14	3	11				
Organising Fund	56	7	6				
			£70				

Auckland, 1st April, 1919.

NELLIE BENDELY, N.Z. Treasurer.

I have compared this Statement with the Vouchers and Books of Account, and believe that the financial position of the Union is correctly set out herein.

19th April, 1919.

CHARLES F. GARRATT.

"WHITE RIBBON."

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1918.

RECEIPTS.				EXPENDITURE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand, January 1st, 1918	9	16	3	Printing Account for 12 Months	282	17	9
Subs. and Sales	317	4	1	Blocks	1	2	6
Trade Advertisements	9	5	0	Travelling Expenses	4	12	6
Union Advertisements	26	4	0	Telephone Charges	5	0	0
Grants from N.Z. Fund	30	0	0	Postages	85	16	5
Donations	6	0	0	Wrappers	15	15	0
Debit Balance	16	1	2	Stationery	3	11	3
				Bank Charges, Cheques, Etc.	0	15	1
				Salary Business Manager	15	0	0
			£414				£414
ASSETS.				LIABILITIES.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Union Advertisements Due	17	0	0	Subscriptions Overpaid	84	17	6
Subscriptions Due	171	17	3	Union Advertisements Overpaid	4	0	0
Typewriter	5	0	0	Debit Balance on Year's Work	16	1	2
			£193	Surplus Balance	88	18	7
							£193

Audited and found correct—

BERGER LYNNEBERG, R.A.
Kaiwarra, April 23, 1919.

NELLIE PERYMAN,
Business Manager.

SUPERINTENDENTS' ANNUAL REPORTS.

EVANGELISTIC AND HOME MEETINGS.

Supt.: Mrs Johnson Wright.

The following Unions report holding Home Meetings:—Lower Hutt (1); Wanganui (2, with collections for mine-sweepers); Kaiapoi combines with Mother Union and Plunket Society for meetings; Picton held 30 meetings at home of President, and worked for patriotic purposes; Nelson, 5 home meetings; Auckland, Ashburton, and Wellington District report drawing-room meetings.

Weekly prayer meetings are held by Lyttelton, Dunedin, and Wellington District. Monthly prayer meetings by Pahiatua, Greymouth, Picton, Nelson, Waipawa. Auckland, fortnightly and many special prayer meetings have been held.

Evangelistic meetings were held monthly by Wanganui. Auckland and Christchurch hold monthly Bible readings. Waipawa helped with an evangelical mission last September. Wellington holds weekly evangelical meetings at Alexandra Home.

Timaru visits hospital and distributes literature. Dunedin sent Testaments to sailors and leaflets to soldiers. The Christchurch Union marched in a body to the combined intercessory service in the Cathedral.

MAORI.

Supt.: Mrs Walker.

Lyttelton held its usual Christmas Tree.

Pahiatua distributed Maori leaflets at Hamua.

Ashburton, Timaru, New Plymouth, Wanganui East, Auckland, and Gisborne have appointed superintendents, and distributed leaflets. Mrs Cooke (Feilding, Mrs McConnon (Palmerston), Mrs Evans, and Miss Gaustad have distributed leaflets.

The following Unions have contributed to the funds, as published in "White Ribbon" (January, 1919):—Oxford, Dunedin, South Dunedin, N.E. Valley, Wanganui East, Nelson, Wakapuaka, Ashburton, Ponsonby, Gisborne, Winchmore - Greenstreet, Richmond, Hawera, New Plymouth, Wellington District, Pahiatua, Napier, Waimate, Waipukurau, Ngaere, Christchurch, Otamatea, Onawhero, Pahi Greymouth. Otamatea, Onawhero, Pahi and Torere (Maori Unions) deserve great credit for keeping their work and membership going in spite of all difficulties this year.

I have written over 100 letters and sent out about 500 leaflets, and thanks are due to those ladies and Unions who have distributed literature and otherwise assisted the Maori Unions.

I was for some time in correspondence with Mrs Rebecca Harris, who hoped to be able to take up some organising work for us. Later on, however, she found, through pressure of other work, that she was unable to do so. A suitable organiser is much needed for this department of Union work.

MORAL AND SOCIAL HYGIENE.

Supt.: Miss McCarthy.

Of the hundred Branches now in existence, about one-fourth of that number have communicated with me during the year. From "White Ribbon" reports and other sources I gather that thirty-five branches have undertaken work in this department.

The activities may be summarised as follows:—

Literature: Circulating magazines.

"Purity Advocate": Forty-five new subscribers—Ashburton, Christchurch, Blenheim, Dunedin, South Dunedin, Kaiapoi, Kaikorai, Invercargill, Timaru, Palmerston North, Port Chalmers, Nelson, and Sawyer's Bay.

"American Motherhood": Dunedin, Greymouth, Nelson, and Waihi.

Libraries: The following have maintained or added to their libraries:—Christchurch, Nelson, and Pahiatua; while a commencement has been made during the year by the Avondale "Y's," Dunedin, Gisborne, Napier, South Dunedin, Timaru, and Wellington "Y's." Hastings and Nelson have depots for the sale of literature. Sales or distribution of literature are reported from Auckland, Dunedin, Eltham, Feilding, Greymouth, Hastings, Kaiapoi, Orari, Urenui, Oxford, and Wanganui East. Palmerston North distributed "White Ribbon" with manifesto in them.

Meetings and Addresses: These have been arranged at Auckland, Christchurch, Hastings, Oxford, Palmerston North, Rakaia, Takapuna, Timaru, and Gisborne. Special addresses urging improvements in the department of Education have been given at Auckland, Cambridge, Dunedin, Dunedin South, North-East Valley, Nelson, Palmerston North, Wanganui East, and Wakapuaka.

Resolutions and Protests to the authorities in regard to differentiation between the sexes, as revealed in the Kelburn Raid case, and sentences for assaults on children, against the appeal for supply of prophylactic outfits to soldiers on leave. Health patrols are reported. The following report in regard to one of these matters:—Auckland, Dunedin, Eden, Nelson, Hamilton, Matura, Oxford, Onehunga, Pahiatua, Pakiri, Rakaia, South Dunedin, North-East Valley, Wanganui, Wellington, Wakapuaka.

Study Circle: Lyttelton and Timaru report study circles. In conjunction with other societies, Christchurch contributed towards the salary of Nurse Chappell, who addressed several of the branches in Canterbury. Nelson has been successful in making arrangements for regular cinema programmes suitable for children.

Palmerston North and Norsewood sent protests re Miss Rout's letter.

A notable feature of this year's work is the co-operation of branches with other organisations, especially representatives from the Teachers' Institutes, both in regard to educational reforms and moral instruction.

Christchurch has sent delegates to a Round Table Conference called for the purpose of considering how to advance moral reform.

The Dominion Library, for the use of the members of the Executive, is now established.

I should like, in conclusion, to stress the value of libraries and special books now available for study.

LITERATURE.

(Superintendent: Mrs Houlder.)

Increased prices and war conditions have been felt amongst the Unions. Nelson, Christchurch, and South Invercargill have small libraries for their members to use.

Literature has been well circulated by the following Unions:—Nelson, four copies of "American Motherhood" among their members; South Invercargill, 150 copies of Dr. Platts-Mills' Pamphlet on "Social Disease," given away, and the Plunkett Nurse supplied with literature; Hawera, Feilding and Wellington District circulate by means of boxes at railway stations; Ashburton supplies Rest Room and Public Library, and sends to sailors' camps and hospitals; Picton distributes hundreds of copies of "Defeat," also dozens of khaki Testaments in soldiers' kits; Timaru supplies hospital and Sailors' Rest; Christchurch and Hastings distribute literature; Pahiatua distributed 50 copies of Convention number, and sends a copy of "White Ribbon" to the Library; it also put leaflets in sailors' comfort bags.

Balance-Sheet to April 21st, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Balance December, 1917 ...	3	4	1
Literature sold to 21/4/19 ...	29	18	5

£33 2 6

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Cartage Literature—			
Timaru ...	0	15	9
Timaru to Wellington ...	0	9	3
Telegrams ...	0	2	8
National Headquarters ...	3	0	0
Bible Tract Society ...	7	14	6
Wright and Carman ...	9	1	5
Cartage to Napier ...	0	8	0
500 "A Man's Question" ...	2	5	0
N.Z. Tract Society ...	1	3	0
Cash Payments ...	0	17	5
Postage ...	3	1	3

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Balance ...	4	3	9
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£33 2 6

Audited and found correct.

S. BOXALL.

April 23rd, 1919.

WORK AMONG SEAMEN.

(Superintendent: Bessie Nimmo.)

Work among seamen during the past year has been considerably restricted owing to fewer overseas vessels visiting our ports, and seriously hindered by the terrible influenza epidemic that passed through the Dominion, closing for a time the various Rests, and suspending all work among sailors.

All that was possible was however done, and not without a considerable measure of success.

The commodious Rest at Greymouth underwent complete renovation last year, enabling the work to be carried on with greater efficiency.

The work has been well maintained during the year. Comforts and refreshments for visiting seamen have been liberally provided, and expenses met by special effort.

Mrs C. H. Hansen, who for many years gave faithful and energetic service, has retired from the work. The resignation was received with regret.

Pahiatua supplied 24 Christmas comfort bags and 24 needle books for sailors.

These most useful items in an overseas sailor's outfit were gratefully welcomed by the recipients.

This Union also sent 24/- in cash, for the purpose of putting 1/- in each bag.

Timaru has again done excellent work. The previous caretaker leaving for Australia, the duties were taken up last February by Mr and Mrs Woodward.

The Rest was made as home-like as possible, everything being done that could be to make seamen comfortable and happy.

The Timaru public have liberally supplied magazines, books and papers. These and writing material provided have been fully appreciated.

Socials and pleasant evenings have been given whenever large vessels were in port.

During the year 490 seamen made 900 visits to the Rest. These figures would have been larger but for the closing of the Rest during the influenza epidemic.

Most gratifying work has been done at Wellington, full details of which will appear in the Annual Report of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society Branch.

Notwithstanding the compulsory closing of the Rest during the influenza epidemic, the comfort and welfare of a large number of seamen has been provided for in various ways.

The chief feature of work here, and the most successful is the evangelistic work on Sunday evenings.

On two of these occasions effective and welcomed addresses were given by the National President, Mrs Don, and by Sister Moody Bell.

A special donation of £10 to the funds of this Branch by Palmerston North Union was gratefully received.

Contributions to the W.C.T.U. Sailors' Tea Fund have been received amounting to £10 (details later.)

Convention having authorised a second campaign for raising funds to provide the mine-sweepers with warm clothing, an appeal was made with most gratifying results, full details of which will be given in a separate report.

£1000 was cabled to London for this special purpose. £200 was also cabled to the New Zealand High Commissioner, Sir T. McKenzie, for distribution among New Zealand sailors who were prisoners of war in Germany.

Of that sum our New Zealand Y's. contributed the sum of £63/10/1, viz.:

			£	s.	d.
Avondale	...	...	4	4	9
Palmerston North	...	...	10	0	0
Auckland	...	...	2	16	9
Aramoho	...	...	5	0	0
Wanganui	...	...	5	0	0
Normanby	...	...	22	8	7
Hawera	...	...	14	0	0
Total	...	...	£63	10	1

Our young people deserve a word of commendation for this splendid work they have done.

A number of letters have been received from recipients of woollen articles of clothing, expressing in admirable language the writer's gratitude for the "most splendid and useful work," for the "very nice gifts," and "most acceptable socks," etc., sent, and praying that God will bless the ladies who provided them.

The following is copied in full:—

"H.M.S. 'Haleyon II.,'

"Lowestoft, England,

"20th October, 1918.

"Dear Madam,—

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of two pairs of socks and one woollen comforter, which I received on Thursday last at the Sailors' Bethel. In thanking you for these things, I may say that it is not so much the gifts that we Naval men appreciate, but it is the spirit of love which we believe prompts the sending of them.

Charity in the generally accepted sense of the term is not what we care for; but the charity (love) the Apostle Paul speaks of in his epistle to the Corinthians, Chapter 13.

"This I trust some of us have been taught to value, and believing that such a spirit prompts these acts of kindness, I am led to value your gifts more than that of a millionaire.

"May the blessing of Him, who said, 'inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren,' etc., rest upon you is the desire of,

"Yours faithfully,

"EDWARD G. TRICKER, R.N."

As Superintendent, I have been surprised and concerned at the total absence of any reference among my reports to Gospel work having been done at any of the Sailors' Rests.

I regret this very much; this is the principle work done at the Wellington Rest, and it has been much blessed to many a precious soul.

May I suggest, therefore, that all Sailors' Rests get to work for the Blessed Master, and try and win our sailor men for Christ.

List of Donations and Comforts for Mine-Sweepers and Crews of Torpedoed Ships.

Bluff, £15 10s, goods valued £3 12s; Woodville, £5 2s 6d, goods valued 7s 6d; Cambridge, £15 6s, goods valued £18; Wanganui District, £35 0s 6d, goods valued £9 8s; Wanganui Y, £5; Wanganui East, £2 11s; Hamilton East, £11, goods valued £14 10s; Feilding, £15, goods valued 12s; Auckland District, £30, goods valued £73 19s; Ponsonby, £1 10s; Takapuna, £1; Grey Lynn, £3 11s 9d; Henderson, £1 13s 6d; Devonport, 16s; Papatoetoe, £1; Eden, Auckland, £1; Avondale, £12; Onehunga, £3 2s; Nelson, £23 10s, goods valued £12; Ashburton, £20, goods valued £3; Methodist Church, Ashburton, £4; Palmerston North, £30, goods valued £12; Palmerston North Y, £10; Invercargill, £126 10s 6d; Oxford, £2 6s; Mr C. W. Smith, Wellington, £1; Mr A. Parton, Wellington, 15s; Mr Seville, Wellington, £1; Friend, Wellington, 2s 6d; Mrs Gaudin, Wellington, 6s 6d; Mrs Crowther, Wellington, £1; Mrs M. Bell, Mataroa, £5; Mr Pettigrew, Wellington, 10s; Mrs Greenwood, New Plymouth, £5; Mrs Oliver, Mangaweka, £5; Kaiapoi, £1; Lower Hutt Patriotic Guild, £25; Lower Hutt, £26 3s, goods valued £22 10s; Ormondville, £3 1s 6d; Waihi, £5 10s; Norsewood, £5; Hamilton, £41 9s and 5s; Blenheim, £39 8s 6d; Tuatapere, £26; Mr Bellringer, New Plymouth, £1; New Brighton, £21; Pakiri, £27; Tauranga, £70; Avondale Y, £4 4s 9d; Miss Bassett, Audit Office, Wellington, £5; Miss Rowlett, Wellington, 5s; Kaimata Dairy Co., Inglewood, £33 10s; Napier, £103 1s 2d; Eltham, £22; Eltham Presbyterian Guild, case of goods; Taoroa, Taihape, £15 4s; Sawyer's Bay, 10s; Auckland Y £2 16s 9d; Manaiā, £16 18s 3d; Edendale, £22 3s; half proceeds lecture by Mrs Kinton Parkes, £6 16s; Balclutha, 10s; Dunedin, £1 10s; Gore, £10 12s; Waipukurau, goods valued £50; New Plymouth, £27 12s 6d and 10s; Aramoho Y Branch, £5; Sister M. Bell, Rata, £3; Mrs Hamilton, Warkworth, £14 3s 6d; Dannevirke, £23 1s; Gisborne, £44 3s 6d; Leigh, £4; Wellington Central, £2 16s; Wellington District, £4 4s; Normanby Y Branch, £22 8s 7d; Port Chalmers, £2; Pukekohe, 10s; Stratford, 7s; Hawera, £52 5s 5d; Hawera Y Branch, £14; Ngaere, £1 5s; Petone, £1 4s; Mrs Boucher, Greytown, 5s 6d; Rakaia, £4 18s; Marton, £1; Okaiawa, £2; Hastings, £37 1s 6d; Waimate, £24 10s; Masterton, £72 13s 7d, goods valued £47 10s; Waipawa, £40; goods sent in by other Unions not priced by W.C.T.U., and combined with goods from general public, total value amounting to £95 1s 6d. Totals: Cash, £1344 9s 9d; goods, £362.

British and Foreign Sailors' Society War Fund.—Comforts for Mine-Sweepers and Crews of Torpedoed Ships.—Cash Statement from 21st

February, 1918, to 28th February, 1919.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance	108	15	9
Donations Received—			
Patriotic Guild, L. Hutt	25	0	0
Wairarapa Patriotic Society	72	13	7
"Southland Times," per W.C.T.U.	63	0	0
Napier Red Cross Copper Trail, per Napier W.C.T.U.	102	11	2
Wellington Branch Navy League, half-proceeds lecture	6	16	0
Sundry W.C.T.U.'s	1074	9	0
	£1453	5	6

PAYMENTS.

By High Commissioner for Returned Sailor Prisoners	200	0	0
High Commissioner, for Minesweepers' Funds ...	1000	0	0
Masterton W.C.T.U., for Purchase of Material ...	20	0	0
Bank Charge and Exchanges	1	7	6
Printing and Stationery ...	10	14	0
Stamps, Telegrams, Freight, Cartage, and Sundry Expenses ...	13	17	10
Balance at National Bank, Te Aro	297	6	2
	£1453	5	6

Audited and found correct.

A. MAURICE ANDERSON,
A.I.A., N.Z.,

Hon. Auditor.

Wellington, 18th March, 1919.

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

(Supt.: Mrs Clara M. Neal.

The following Unions report Cradle Roll work:—

Auckland: 69 on Cradle Roll.
Leigh: 8 on roll; one mother joined W.C.T.U. since baby enrolled.
Opotiki: 86; new members, 10; reached age limit, 39; removals, 12.
Cambridge: 42; new, 6; reached age, 10; removals, 9.
Ngaruawahia: 26; new, 2.
Napier: 83; new, 3; reached age, 18; removals, 6.
Waipawa: 20; reached age and removals, 16.
New Plymouth: 319; new, 22; reached age, 41; removals, 12.
Urenui: New, 10; visits, 15.
Hawera: 130.
Normanby: 104; new, 21; reached age, 12.
Wanganui East, 50.
Aramoho: 23; new, 3; visits, 24.
Palmerston North: 120; new, 17; reached age, 5.
Pahiatua: 22; new, 22; reached age, 15.
Feilding: 6.
Wellington Central: 8; new, 8; reached age, 1.
Lower Hutt: 73; new, 31; reached age, 2.
Nelson: 116; reached age, 50.

Greymouth: Very little done.
Christchurch: New, 22; mothers visited.

New Brighton: 32; new, 7; mothers visited.

Oxford: 110; new, 12; reached age, 15; mothers visited.

Kakaia: 21.

Winchmore-Greenstreet: 36; new, 18.

Timaru: 116; new, 28; reached age, 20; removals, 5.

Kaikorai: 30; reached age, 7.

Sawyer's Bay: 42; new, 16; reached age, 1.

Invercargill South: 25; new, 8; reached age, 15.

Dunedin and Dunedin South: Working, but figures not supplied.

Kaikorai sends a personal letter with each birthday card.

The following distributed literature: New Plymouth, Oxford, Winchmore-Greenstreet, Dunedin South.

Picnics were held by: Christchurch, address given; and Napier, 60 present, tea and sweets provided.

Afternoon meetings: Christchurch, two, addresses given; Oxford, two; Winchmore-Greenstreet, one, address given, toys and sweets provided; Lower Hutt, one, address given, collection taken, sufficient to cover the Superintendent's expenses for the year; Dunedin and Dunedin South combined and arranged a meeting for mothers and children, which could not be held owing to the epidemic.

The following purchased Medical Temperance leaflets for Cradle Roll work: Christchurch, Invercargill, Timaru, Blenheim, Takapuna, Pahiatua, Lower Hutt, Nelson.

The following purchased "Purity" leaflets for mothers: Christchurch, Nelson, Pahiatua, Whangarei, Winchmore-Greenstreet.

The following purchased eighth year certificates: Hamilton, Cambridge, Normanby, Woodville, Pahiatua, Blenheim, Timaru, Oxford.

The following Unions purchased cards, but have not forwarded report: Auckland, Hamilton, Whangarei, Patea, Okaiawa, Henderson, Birkenhead, Woodville, Dunedin, Aroa.

Instructions "How to Organise a Cradle Roll" sent to the following Unions: Cambridge, Feilding, Aroa, Christchurch, Matura, Invercargill.

Loyal Temperance Legion.

The following membership is reported:—Nelson, 90; Hawera, 46; Aramoho, 39; Fitzherbert West, 20; Feilding, 63; Wellington District, 85; Lower Hutt, 34; Picton, 40; Kaiapoi, 220; Rakaia, 65; Invercargill, 46.

The following have addresses on Scientific Temperance or kindred subjects at every meeting:—Hastings, Waipawa, Wanganui, East, Aramoho, Fitzherbert West, Feilding, Wellington District, Wellington Central, Ngāio, Lower Hutt, Picton, Christchurch, Invercargill, and Otatau.

Concerts or socials were held at Nelson (proceeds £8), Hastings, Aramoho (two red-letter days, assisted at a "Y" social and at a W.C.T.U. Sale

of Work for mine-sweepers), Feilding, Wellington Central and Invercargill.

Donations to N.Z. Fund by Nelson, £2 10s; Aramoho, 5s; to mine sweepers, Feilding £2, Lower Hutt, Kaiapoi £1; to Soldiers' Christmas Parcels, Kaiapoi £5.

Hastings took 25 pledges, and Aramoho 20.

Work is given and prizes distributed for same by Feilding, Kaiapoi (67 prizes); Ashburton for essays and recitations (two of their members took a prize for vocal duet at Christchurch Band of Hope competitions); Wellington District and Invercargill give prizes to those securing most new members; Aramoho wears badges, and has eight subscribers to the "Young Crusader"; Kaiapoi has two choirs, and each learns and sings a new temperance song at each meeting.

Owing to epidemic, Waipawa and Hawera postponed their prize-giving, Aramoho its picnic, Ngāio and Ashburton their socials, and Kaiapoi and Otatau their wind-up socials.

The following Unions purchased L.T.L. Badges: Wellington Central, Ngāio, Wellington District, Aramoho "Y's," Whangarei, North Invercargill.

The following purchased Charts: Wellington District, Christchurch, Aramoho "Y's."

L.T.L. Lesson Manuals purchased by the following: Invercargill District, Christchurch, Invercargill North, Hastings, Invercargill South, Taihape, Aramoho "Y's," Picton.

L.T.L. Pledge Cards purchased by: Lower Hutt, Picton, Feilding, Aramoho "Y's," Invercargill District, Hastings, Invercargill South, Whangarei, Invercargill North, Nelson.

L.T.L. Handbooks supplied to: Christchurch, Ashburton, Invercargill District, Aramoho "Y's," Invercargill South, Dunedin, Hastings, Whangarei, Feilding, Taihape, North Invercargill, Nelson.

Subscribers to "The Young Crusader," 30.

Band of Mercy.

Nelson has a Band of Mercy, in charge of a Superintendent; over 30 members. One special evening devoted to this department. Address given by Mrs Judson.

Aramoho "Y's": Superintendent appointed, and Band formed; 14 members. Mercy leaflets distributed, and lesson given.

In addition to the above, the following purchased Mercy leaflets:—Christchurch, Manaia, Taihape, Ngāio.

Balance-Sheet Cradle Roll, L.T.L., and Band of Mercy Dept., 1918.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
1917 Balance	4	5	7
Band of Mercy Grant	0	7	6
Sales at Convention	3	18	11
Sales by Post	24	17	8
	£33	9	8

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Purchases U.S.A.	13	7	4
Printing Cradle Roll Birth-day Cards	5	7	6
Duty on L.T.L. Badges	0	10	0
Envelopes	1	7	5
Carriage on Cards	0	5	6
Carriage to Convention	0	3	0
Postage on Parcels and Letters	3	15	2
Balance in Hand	8	13	9

£33 9 8

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand	8	13	9
Manuals, Charts, Badges, Cards, etc., in stock	20	4	7
Amount of Accounts Owning	7	10	6

£36 8 10

228 letters written and 144 parcels sent out by this department during the year.

SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE INSTRUCTION.

Supt.: Miss Helyer.

Owing to the difficulty of obtaining scientific temperance literature, the work of this department has been seriously curtailed during this year.

Ashburton reports scientific temperance essays written by the children of the schools in the district, the High School sending in 132 essays. Four prizes were given in each school, the first valued at 10s 6d, and the second at 7s 6d.

Greymouth ascertained that Temperance Wall Sheets were in their place in their school.

Kaiapoi reports that every child in the three upper standards of the school competed for the prizes offered by the Union.

Wellington District and Feilding: Instruction given in the L.T.L.

Wellington Central: Literature sent to the Editor of the School Journal.

Waipawa.—Careful instruction given in the Band of Hope.

Palmerston reports chart lessons given at the L.T.L. meetings, and essays written on the lessons by the children. The prize competitions were hindered by the schools closing early on account of the epidemic.

PRISON AND REFORM WORK.

Supt.: Sister Moody-Bell.

This department becomes of increasing interest if New Zealand is to keep in line with the other nations in adopting improved methods.

Since the prisoners are entirely at the mercy of the penal system prevailing in the country, the general public need to be well informed, and consequently interested, so that the prison authorities can be well supported by sympathy and finance. For this reason, if agreeable to Convention, I should like to prepare a circular letter ready for the World's W.C.T.U. "Prison Sunday" (the fourth Sunday in October), which is "the special day of opportunity for arousing public sentiment in the best methods of dealing with crime and criminals." As has been said, "Prison reform, as a

child of Christianity, has a vested right to the care of the Church. If it fails to receive it, it is an orphan, and there is no adequate help elsewhere."

By personal visits I have come into touch with the Lady Superintendents; also by correspondence I have been the means of finding suitable positions for three women released from prison. By the closing of the Te Oranga Home for girls one less means of classification has occurred, as such girl cases may have to go to the General Reformatory for Women—to our regret. During the year valuable books and up-to-date pamphlets have been lent to officials for private perusal.

Last Convention instructed me to enquire into the prevalence of "shadowing" released prisoners. Enquiries have so far resulted in statements to the contrary. "Probation Officers" are often quite unconnected with the police association, and every effort is made to help rather than to hinder one who is ready to start afresh.

In the "White Ribbon" of September, 1918, an article was printed relative to the department. Also the same paper issued a block map showing that many prisons in England had been closed owing to increased liquor control. It would be very desirable if at Christmas, New Year, and Easter, etc., flowers, with Scripture texts attached, could be sent to individual prisoners.

Auckland reports that Adjutant Gordon, of the Salvation Army, is their W.C.T.U. representative in visiting the prison and Police Court.

Christchurch, by correspondence with Mr Matthews, Chief Inspector of Prisons, learnt that W.C.T.U. official visitors could not be appointed, but he wished all women's societies to be educated on the idea of farm colonies and the necessity of classification.

Invercargill gave financial help to the Prisoners' and Patients' Aid.

Otautau collected funds to aid the agent who visits the Borstal Institute.

The working of the First Offender's Probation Act is much approved.

The Victoria Home dealt with 19 adult women and 10 children. By pleasant return visits of patients, who are otherwise helped by correspondence, the work of improved mental, moral, physical, and spiritual, is faithfully carried on by Christian women.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

Supt.: Mrs Judson

Reports for this department have been received from 13 Unions, but with one or two exceptions very little has been reported, and it would appear that the special work of the department has not received as much attention as in former years. Three causes may have contributed to this: (1) The Prohibition Campaign, which has absorbed most of the time and energy of the members; (2) the fact that only two elections, for the Licensing Boards and School Committees, have taken place during the year; (3)

the influenza epidemic during November and December, which interfered greatly with Union activities, especially the annual meetings, and consequently with the writing and sending of annual reports. Added to this is the usual uncertainty as to what should be specially reported as Good Citizenship work, and I should like to suggest that if the special work of this department could be more clearly defined, it would greatly facilitate the work of the Superintendent, and also that of the Branch Secretaries.

The attention of the Unions was called to the election of Licensing Boards in March, and to that of School Committees in April. No work for the former has been reported except by Nelson and Richmond, which worked for the Temperance candidates, though without much success.

Work for the School Committee was done by Christchurch, where circulars were sent to induce women to stand as candidates; by Wellington District, where letters were sent to the Newtown ministers asking for their help in making the election known; and by Nelson, where home meetings were held to arouse interest. Women members of various committees are reported at follows:—School Committees: Christchurch (city and suburbs), 23; Wellington District, 1; Wanganui, 2; Wanganui East, 2; Nelson, 2. Board of Education: Auckland, 1. Hospital Boards: Auckland, 1; Nelson, 1. City Council: Auckland, 2. The Auckland City Council has also appointed a woman as Sanitary Inspector, and one as Inspector of Factories. Auckland and Wanganui Unions are affiliated to the National Council of Women. Resolutions have been passed and forwarded to the Government as follows:—For the closing of hotel bars during the Peace celebrations, by Wanganui East, Wellington District, and Nelson; for equality in treatment of women and men in cases of social immorality, by Greymouth, Richmond, and Nelson; for farm colonies by Greymouth; for educational reform on the lines suggested by the N.Z.E.I. by Auckland, Greymouth, Nelson, and Wellington District; that liquor may not be supplied to soldiers on trains by Greymouth; for the appointment of women jurors and for justice to women in the Police Courts by Hastings. The resolution re women in Parliament, as passed at the Timaru Convention, was sent to the local M.P., asking if he would support it, by Wellington District, Nelson, and Richmond, Balclutha, Dunedin, Sawyer's Bay, and Port Chalmers. Wellington District also sent a request to the Defence Minister to extend week-end leave to soldiers to include Labour Day, and thus to remove the inducement to attend races. Addresses of an educational character, including the gaining of the Franchise by women, and other subjects bearing upon citizenship, have been given at Union meetings in Auckland, Wanganui, Oxford, Nelson, and Richmond. In Nelson fortnightly meetings were held

to study subjects connected with duties and responsibilities of citizenship. The Nelson Union also aided in gaining improved picture programmes for children; two special programmes were given, and largely attended by children.

Other activities are reported as follows:—Deputations to the Police Inspector regarding the opening of refreshment rooms on Sunday, and to the Town Council re the censorship of posters on hoardings (Greymouth); the oversight and improvement of women's rest rooms (Ashburton); visiting the Hospital and Old Men's Refuge (Whangarei); help given to the St. John Ambulance Class (Pahiatua); Red Cross work and nursing during the epidemic (Ashburton and Wanganui); securing the services of St. Helen's maternity nurse (Ashburton); helping in street collections (Wanganui); securing the reopening of the Public Library (Oxford).

In conclusion, may I express the hope that, in the time of reconstruction that this year is bringing in, the Unions throughout the Dominion will endeavour to realise the responsibilities of women citizens in the remoulding of society upon a firmer, purer basis, and that each one will endeavour to take up some line of activity which may help in this great work.

LEGAL AND PARLIAMENTARY. (Superintendent: Miss Henderson.)

A great deal of work has been accomplished in this department during the year, the most important effort being that put forth in connection with the canvass for signatures to the petition asking Parliament to give effect to the Efficiency Board's proposals regarding the Prohibition of the liquor traffic. All our Unions report work in this connection, and a number were represented on the deputation which presented the petition to the leaders of Parliament.

In accordance with the decision of last Convention that the Government should be urged to pass legislation making women eligible for seats in Parliament, a circular letter was sent to every Union asking that a copy of the Convention resolution on this subject should be sent to the Member of Parliament for the district, and that he should be asked if he would support such legislation. The Prime Minister and Sir Joseph Ward were asked to introduce the necessary legislation, and the other Cabinet Ministers were asked for their support. The following Unions report that they complied with the terms of the circular letter:—Dunedin District, Otago, Balclutha, Ngaere, South Dunedin, Wanganui District, Auckland, Nelson, Ponsonby, Ashburton, Onehunga, Kaiapoi, Lower Hutt, Rakaia, Motueka, Pahiatua, Feilding, Picton, Marton, Timaru, Taihape, Christchurch, New Brighton, Tinwald, Richmond, Wellington District, Wakefield, Hawera, Gisborne, Milton, Napier, Wanganui

East and Port Chalmers. The appeal to the leaders of Parliament produced the usual reply: "The matter would receive consideration." During the Parliamentary session, however, Mr McCombs, M.P., introduced a Bill providing for the necessary amendment of the Legislative Act, but the House was not given an opportunity of considering this Bill. At a later stage when the Legislative Council Amendment Bill was before the House, Mr McCombs moved an additional clause, which would have the effect of securing what the Union was asking for; this clause passed the Lower House, but was rejected in the Legislative Council, and though a big effort was made to induce the Lower House to insist upon the inclusion of the re-rejected clause, the effort failed, both the Hon. W. Massey and Sir Joseph Ward being in the opposition, while some of the members who supported the clause in the first instance absented themselves from the division on the second occasion, and so helped to defeat us. Telegrams and letters of protest were forwarded to the leaders of both Houses.

Another question on which the Unions were asked to take action arose out of the notorious "Kelburn" case. The police having made a raid upon a house alleged to be used for immoral purposes, arrested all the women found there at the time, while the men present were allowed to go free. The Unions were asked to protest against the obvious recognition of a double standard of morality in carrying out the laws. The Unions which report that they took action are: Auckland, Christchurch, Nelson, Wellington District, Pakiri, Maitua, Waihi, Wellington Central, Ashburton, Onehunga, Kaiapoi, Lower Hutt, Rakaia, Oxford, Pahiatua, Feilding, Petone, Timaru, Picton, Winchmore-Greenstreet, Blenheim, Bluff, Wanganui East, N.E. Valley, Waipukurau, Invercargill District, Belfast, Tinwald, Wakapuaka, Richmond, Wakefield, Gisborne, Otahuhu, Wanganui District, Otago, Ngaere, and Port Chalmers Y's.

A comprehensive series of resolutions dealing with educational reform in the direction of providing better equipped schools, and special schools for defective children, limiting the number of children in each class, extending the provision for medical inspection of school children, making provision for free dental treatment of school children, the establishment of central schools in country districts, and the extending of the school age, were forwarded to the proper authorities by Auckland, Dunedin District, South Dunedin, Wanganui District, Wanganui East, Napier, Bluff, Nelson, Wellington District, Wellington Central, Ashburton, Lower Hutt, Hastings, Pahiatua, Feilding, Timaru, Christchurch, Wakefield, Gisborne, Otahuhu, N.E. Valley, and Waipawa.

Immediately on receipt of the news that the Armistice had been signed, telegrams were sent to all the District Unions advising that they should im-

mediately wire and urge their auxiliary unions also to wire to the Prime Minister asking that hotel bars should be closed during Peace celebrations, Auckland, Nelson, Napier, Wellington District, Christchurch, Dunedin District, Wellington Central, Ashburton, Tinwald, Onehunga, Kaiapoi, Lower Hutt, Rakaia, Feilding, Pahiatua, Timaru, Winchmore-Greenstreet, New Brighton, Gisborne, Wanganui District, Wanganui East, Bluff, all report having complied with the request.

Resolutions praying that hotel bars should be closed on the arrival of a hospital or troop ship in a New Zealand port were sent to the Minister of Defence by Auckland, Nelson, Onehunga, and Wellington District, and Avondale. Auckland also reports having sent to Sir James Allen a letter thanking him for the regulation making provision for closing the bars on such occasions, also asking that the area of prohibition should be extended. Auckland also protested against the granting of a liquor license at Taneatua, and also against Hon. T. M. Wilford's reply to the request of the New Zealand Union for the appointment of women police. This Union also joined in a deputation to the Acting-Prime Minister to protest against Miss Elsie Rout's propaganda, and to ask for her recall. In the same connection Wellington Central protested against the N.Z. Medical Club at Hornchurch being under the Expeditionary Force. Wellington Central also protested against the recent appointments to the Legislative Council. Wellington District made a strong protest against the publication of the names of the young women who were associated with the Kelburn case; and also expressed unqualified disapproval of the injustice perpetuated by the publication of the names of the women, while those of the men concerned were withheld.

Dunedin District Union protested against reports of race meetings being telegraphed through the Dominion after the closing hours of telegraph offices. Wanganui and Dunedin have advocated separate Courts for women, and Ryal Bush has protested against the granting of a license at Taneatua.

The resolutions supporting the demand for reform in our Educational System were passed by the Provincial Conventions, which met at Masterton, Stratford and Oxford. Nelson District Convention urged the throwing open of all public offices to women as well as men, and Wellington Provincial Convention forwarded to Cabinet Ministers a resolution urging that the legal age of marriage should be raised.

I have not included in my report resolutions which had been passed at the Dominion Convention and reaffirmed by Unions or Provincial Conventions, or resolutions having only a local significance.

NARCOTICS.

(Superintendent: Mrs. Boxall.)
Wanganui East.—An illustrated address, entitled "Smoker's Heart," taken

from W.C.T.U. Scientific Temperance Chart, was given by the Superintendent of Narcotics. A number of leaflets had been distributed, entitled "The Cigarette," which was also introduced at the Provincial Convention, and an address given on the same.

Mrs Duxfield says that they are excellent, and recommends them to all Unions. She also suggests that more work be attempted in this Branch of our work.

Feilding.—A letter regarding the danger and harmful effects of cigarette smoking was sent to the Young Men's Bible Classes.

Greymouth.—Letters on the evils of cigarette smoking were sent to the leaders of the local Bible Classes.

Hastings.—A circular deprecating cigarette smoking was prepared and forwarded to all local Bible Classes.

Wellington District.—Distributed literature on cigarette smoking, and spoken to young men and lads personally on the evils to their bodies and minds by indulging in smoking cigarettes.

Mrs Neal reports that a Paper is being read at the Provincial Convention on "How Tobacco Smoking affects the Body."

Ashburton typed circular letter, and forwarded to Young Men's Bible Classes.

HOME SCIENCE. (Including THRIFT AND HYGIENE).

Supt.: Mrs McDonald.

A paper on Home and Domestic Science was read at the Wellington Provincial Convention, pointing out how useful a knowledge of plumbing would be to home workers. It also spoke of the up-to-date house, both inside and outside, and urged the necessity of women architects for this work.

Hastings asked the Borough Council to take action in the matter of persons expectorating on the footpaths.

Wellington reports public lavatories inspected, and a marked improvement noted during the epidemic. The Social Service band of inspectors found a very bad state of affairs during the epidemic, children and parents sleeping in one room, while the rest of the house was let to married couples.

Another crying evil is the want of proper bathing accommodation for bathers at our seaside resorts, and Unions should bring pressure to bear on their local bodies to get suitable buildings erected. If fitted with a slot-lock they would soon pay for themselves.

Thrift.—No reports sent in. I would like to point out that this is a very live department in America, where 2500 schools in the U.S.A. have a school banking system. Every Union should order copies of "Thrift Tidings."

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS AND SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

(Superintendent: Mrs Cobb).

Early in the year the Superintendent sent out 64 three page circulars. Feilding reports sending a deputation

to wait on the Ministers' Association to ask for the Nelson System to be introduced into their schools; as result of this effort fortnightly Bible lessons are given in each of their two schools.

Nelson and Waipawa reports that the weekly Bible lessons are still continued in their schools, as they have been for many years past, all ministers assisting.

Greymouth reports that the Ten Commandments are hung in their schools.

Sabbath Observance.—Literature on this subject has been distributed by Pakiri, Willowby, Wellington District. Greymouth reports a deputation to Inspector of Police re opening of marble bars on Sunday. Wellington reports addresses at mothers' meetings.

FLOWER MISSION AND RELIEF WORK.

Supt.: Miss E. C. Cole.

The following Unions report visiting hospitals and the sick at home, also soldiers in hospital, distributing eggs, flowers, literature, etc.:—Pahiatua (helped in temporary hospital during epidemic), Feilding, Timaru, Kaiapoi (furniture and utensils lent to temporary hospital during the epidemic), Gisborne (22 visits to Home, and taken old people for a drive), Wanganui Central (relief during epidemic), Wellington District, Christchurch (gives a quarterly tea and entertainment at Jubilee Home), Ashburton (members helped with nursing during the epidemic), Waipawa.

Patriotic Work.—Waipawa (mine-sweepers' social and collection, realised £50), Christchurch (£50 raised at concerts and sales), Hamilton East (assisted Hamilton Red Cross League, £19 in cash, and a large collection of provisions), Wanganui District (£181 collected by Union on Red Triangle Day), Otahuhu (sent parcel of woollens to each boy as they left for camp), Kaiapoi, Hastings (£30 taken at Red Cross shop in Easter week), Rakaia, Picton (kits made up and given to soldiers leaving on active service), Nelson (collection for mine-sweepers and Y.M.C.A. Hutment Fund), Oxford, Auckland District (collection of money and garments for mine-sweepers), Hamilton East (collected £8 6s 6d at the time of Raetihi fires toward the Relief Fund).

Wellington District visits factories and laundries, the Alexandra Home, and Home for Aged Needy, distributing flowers and texts.

Napier, visited the Hospital; Pahiatua, helped during the epidemic both by nursing and cooking for the sick, and milking for farmers who were stricken down; Normanby, raised the following for this department: For Y.M.C.A., £23 10s; Hutment Fund, £16 5s; Red Cross Shop, £104; Patriotic Tea Room, £12 5s 6d; Refreshment Room for Red Cross, £34 16s.

Palmerston North reports making for St. John's Nursing Guild: 25 sponges; 44 pillowslips, and 14 many

tails. Parcels were sent out locally where needed, and cases sent to London poor, and to the mine-sweepers. This Union also reports visiting the local Hospital regularly, and taking scones and cakes for the patients' tea.

REST AND REFRESHMENT BOOTHS.

Supt.: Mrs Upton.

My report will be short, as I have received but few reports from Unions. Owing to the influenza epidemic, many Unions could not work this department.

Christchurch: This Union undertook again the luncheon and tea rooms at the A. and P. Show, with its usual success; 2200 were served at luncheon, and many thousands to afternoon tea.

Oxford: This Union catered for the Oxford Show, and 50 per cent. of the profits was given to the Lady Liverpool Fund.

Wanganui: This Union dispensed refreshments at Gift Sale in aid of Mine-Sweepers' Fund.

Ashburton: At the Agricultural Show members took charge of the Rest Tent, which was well filled throughout the day, and many expressed their appreciation of the care given.

EDUCATIONAL BUREAU.

(Superintendent: Mrs. Young.)

Educational addresses have been given, and papers read by the following Unions: Pahiatua (State Control, Women as Citizens, Alcohol as a Medicine, Scripture Teaching in Schools; Lives of Dr. Barnardo, Agnes Weston, and George Muller); Greymouth (Evils of Cigarette Smoking); Auckland (on the Care of the Babies). Auckland also reports that addresses have been given at each meeting on the subjects of the day. Prominent men and women have been pressed into service, and their addresses have been educative and instructive.

Timaru has distributed literature, and Hastings five dozen copies of educational numbers of the "White Ribbon."

Hastings and Auckland received deputations from New Zealand Institute, and assisted them in their campaign for educational reform. Auckland reports an address by the Vice-President of the Teachers' Association on the increased staffing and improvements of school ground and buildings. Also an address on continuation classes.

BACKBLOCKS AND WORK AMONG RAILWAYMEN.

(Superintendent: Mrs Moyes.)

After Convention over thirty Unions were written to, and asked to appoint Superintendents for this work. Ten new superintendents were appointed in addition to those already in office. Some Unions undertook to distribute literature to hospitals, railway stations and wharves. Owing to the difficulty of getting parcels carried on the railways, some Unions have not done all they would have liked to do, but the

Minister of Railways has been approached upon this matter. Gisborne has done splendid work in this department, Mrs Graham, their Superintendent, who has been in office for 12 years, has posted this year 102 papers to the outlying districts. Two parcels of literature received from Mr Dawson have also been distributed. Nelson has sent out parcels of literature to sawmills, railway stations and country districts wherever possible. Much has been done by enclosing small leaflets in letters, and leaving small parcels at country stores or other places where men congregate.

NOTABLE DAYS.

(Superintendent: Mrs X. Jones.)

Although from the "White Ribbon" may be gathered the information that quite a number of our Unions have done work in this department during the year, the only official reports to hand are from Auckland, Oxford, Christchurch, South Dunedin, Greymouth, Pahiataua, Nelson and Hawera—four Secretaries wrote to say that they had nothing to report.

The honour of being the only Branch to arrange for celebrating all the Notable Days rest with Oxford.

Collections have been sent to the different funds, and papers on suitable subjects, such as: "The Life and Work of Frances Willard," "The White Ribbon," "Work Among the Maoris," "The Efficiency Board's Recommendations," "Work for the Franchised," and "Women as Citizens" have been read and discussed.

A paper written by a member of the W.C.T.U. in India, and printed in the "Indian Record," was read at Oxford and at Auckland. Two Maori students and one Samoan sang hymns each in his native tongue.

Christchurch had the pleasure and inspiration of a visit from Mrs Don, Dominion President, when eight new members were initiated.

Pahiataua gained eleven new members on Franchise Day, and Nelson reports five new members as a result of White Ribbon Day appeal.

Ashburton celebrated Franchise and White Ribbon Day: with special meetings.

I have been asked to give a list of Notable Days (with object of collection.)

February 17th—**Frances Willard Day** (Missionary Fund.)

July 15th—**White Ribbon Day** (Maori Fund.)

July 27th—**T. E. Taylor Day** (collection as each Band decides.)

September 19th—**Franchise Day** (New Zealand Fund.)

PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

Supt.: Mrs Judson.

I very much regret that so little work has been done in this department, only two reports having been sent in. At the close of last Convention an appeal was made to the delegates to do all that was possible to inculcate peace principles into the minds of the children as the surest way of preventing future wars. Several delegates took circulars for distribution amongst Sunday School teachers.

I have had no report with regard to these, but I may say that copies were sent to the Superintendents of all the principal Sunday Schools in the Wellington and Nelson districts. Later on I sent a copy of the little book, "How the Nations Help One Another" to each of the District Unions, asking them to communicate with the Branch Unions, with the request that they would try to bring it under the notice of the headmasters of the public schools in their districts, together with the resolution passed at last Convention with regard to inculcating a wiser ideal of patriotism in the children's mind. Wellington District, Hamilton, Timaru, Greymouth, and Picton wrote expressing approval of the book, but only one has reported action taken. Wellington District obtained copies, and sent them to all their Branch Unions, appealing to them to take action as requested.

We have once more entered, as we earnestly hope, upon a period of peace. I would appeal to all our Unions to help on the cause of peace in the future, by working in the way that seems best to them towards the cultivation of the spirit of peace in the hearts of the rising generation, which is the surest guarantee of peace in the days to come.

PRESS.

(No Superintendent.)

The following Unions reported all meetings both in the local papers and in the "White Ribbon":—Timaru (also reports that Convention meetings were well advertised by the local press); Hastings, South Invercargill, Oxford, Feilding, Pahiataua, Rakaia, Nelson, Wanganui East, Wellington District, Ashburton and Auckland.

Palmerston North supplied the press with suitable paragraphs, which were willingly accepted and published.

South Invercargill reports that members use the correspondence columns of the local papers.

Auckland and Ashburton publish all resolutions passed in full in the local papers.

Nelson inserted a special appeal in connection with the Licensing Committee Election Wanganui East and Auckland published a special appeal for the mine-sweepers in the local papers.

Auckland reports that the lady editor of one of the papers has given them some fine paragraphs.

Ashburton gave a donation towards an illuminated address to be presented to Mr T. D. Taylor, on the occasion of his leaving Ashburton, and placed on record their appreciation of his unflinching courtesy and help.

MILITARY CAMPS.

(Superintendent: Mrs Whincop.)

Only two Unions report work in connection with military camps. Auckland District has sent cakes to Featherston Camp every three months, also literature. Nelson Union supplied New Testaments to men, leaving their district for camp.

At Greytown, I have paid 134 visits during the year to the local Hospital, which has been used by the military authorities. I have written 37 letters for the men to wives and mothers, and also when requested have found accommodation for relatives visiting the men. 67 Testaments have been given. These visits were appreciated by the men, as I am frequently meeting men who do not forget to remind me of my visits when they were there.

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE.

Supt.: Mrs Clara M. Neal.

The following Unions purchased leaflets for general distribution and Cradle Roll work:—Christchurch, Nelson, Invercargill District, Timaru, Blenheim, Takapuna, Lower Hutt, Pahiataua, Dunedin.

Leaflets specially suitable for Cradle Roll work sent to Cradle Roll Superintendents of the following Unions:—Cambridge, Christchurch, Invercargill District, Feilding, Mataura, Aoroa.

Palmerston North: The Superintendent prepared a paper, entitled, "Some Facts which Every Member of the W.C.T.U. Ought to Know," which was read at the Wellington Provincial Convention and at other meetings. A copy sent to Mrs Young for the Educational Bureau.

Dunedin South circulated literature. Pahiataua: One Medical Temperance paper read. Leaflets distributed at home meetings and by the Cradle Roll Superintendent. A copy of "Safe Remedies" given to each new member, and, with other leaflets, put into sailors' Christmas comfort bags.

Balance-Sheet Medical Temperance Department, 1918.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
1917 Balance	...	0	8 7½
Sales at Dominion and Provincial Conventions	...	1	16 4½
Sales by Post	...	0	14 8
Department Grant	...	0	7 6
	£3	7	1½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Purchases U.S.A.	...	2	18 6
Postage on Parcels and Letters	...	0	4 1½
Carriage to Convention	...	0	3 0
Balance in Hand	...	0	1 6
	£3	7	1½

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Cash in Hand	...	0	1 6
Value of Leaflets in Stock	...	5	3 0
	£5	4	6

Twenty letters and 10 parcels sent out by this department during the year.

1100 leaflets sold, and 600 leaflets distributed free to temperance workers, Cradle Roll Superintendents, and at meetings.

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WELLINGTON, MAY 19, 1919.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Among Plans of Work discussed at Convention was that of a big membership campaign. For the next great fight we want every temperance woman linked up in one great organisation. We will win only by the personal efforts of every worker. Every woman has a circle of friends, large or small, which she can influence, and the larger our membership, the larger the circle of outsiders that we can

influence. We would suggest that Unions approach Church Guilds and every other woman's organisation, and ask them to allow a speaker to urge the claims of our work upon their attention. Get as many as possible to join us. Then we must go out and each individual must try and win others. Our motto for this campaign should be, "Every Voter a Worker." Let us aim to get every woman who voted for us at the poll to come out and work for us during this campaign. We had a "Win one Campaign" in the past. Now we want a "Win Half-a-Dozen Campaign." Will all Unions join in this great effort? Which District, which Union, will gain the most new members during the year?

WOMEN ON SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

Feilding: Lytton Street—Mrs Rogers and Mrs Swainson. Manchester Street—Mrs Dr. Phillips and Mrs Darragh (at head of poll).

Hastings: Mrs Lovell Smith and Mrs Sheriff.

Greytown: Mrs S. E. Boucher.

Picton: Mrs Arthur (3rd year), Mrs Peek (2nd year).

Koromiko: Mrs Smith and Mrs Bright.

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"This is no new and sudden thing, victory has come quickly at the last, but the foundations were laid long, long ago. Fifty years ago the Women's Christian Temperance Union, the greatest organisation among women that the world has ever known, began its crusade. The work done by these women in having the evil effects of alcohol presented in the schools had very much to do with the sweep of Prohibition."

MY PRAYER.

O God, give me courage to live another day: Let me not turn coward before its difficulties, or prove recreant to its duties. Let me not lose faith in my fellow men; keep me sweet and sound at heart, in spite of ingratitude, treachery and meanness. Preserve me, O God, from minding little stings, or giving them. Help me to keep my heart clean and live so honestly and fearlessly that no outward failure can dishearten me, or take away the joy of conscious integrity. Open wide the eyes of my soul that I may see good in all things. Grant this day some fresh vision of Thy truth. Inspire me with the spirit of joy and gladness, and make me the cup of strength to suffering souls. In the name of the Friend that sticks closer than a brother.

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 Literature—Mrs Mowlem, 35, Constable Street, Wellington South.
 Work Among Seamen—Mrs Nimmo, Hataitai, Wellington.
 L.T.L., Cradle Roll, Band of Mercy—Mrs Clara Neal, Feilding.
 Y's and Medal Contests—Mrs Napier, c/o Miss Henderson, 26 Tui Street, Fendalton, Christchurch.
 Scientific Temperance Instruction—Miss Helyer, Tonk's Grove, Wgtn.
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 Notable Days—Mrs X. Jones, Ngaere, Taranaki.
 Peace and Arbitration—Vacant.
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 Military Camps—Mrs Whincop, Greytown.
 Medical Temperance—Mrs Clara Neal, Feilding.

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Leigh, last Thursday, 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.

Manaiia, 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; Rec. Sec., Mrs M. Jackson, Cor. Sec., Mrs M. Wingate; Treas., Mrs Sutherland; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Ross, High St.

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

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

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; Evangelistic, 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.

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

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

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 Plymouth District, last Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Good Templar Lodgeroom; Pres., ; Sec., Mrs Griffin, Gilbert Street; Treas., and W.R. Agent, Miss Taunt, Victoria Rd.

Normanby, Second Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall; Pres., Mrs Scott, Rural Delivery, Normanby; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs Dickson, Hurstlands; Treas., Mrs Lynn; Cradle Roll, Mrs 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 Edmonds, Tory St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Judson; Treas., Mrs A. Brown, Weka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford, Mount St.

Opoitiki, 2nd Friday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jas Thompson; Sec., Mrs J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs Holman; "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; Sec., Mrs R. Comyns; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, Sr., and Mrs Roy; Evangelistic, Mrs C. W. Tritt; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs Jim Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Kippenberger and Mrs L. Ansell.

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

Palmerston N District, 1st & 3rd 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

Petone, 1st Tuesday, Church of Christ, Sydney St., 2.30 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Ashby, 64 Britannia St.; Vice Pres., Mesdames Corner, McPherson, Murgatroyd, Collins; Rec. Sec., Mrs Burd, 57 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. Mesdames Smith and Miller; Sec. & Treas. Mrs Wilkes, York St.; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs Dry, Wai-kana; W.R. Agent, Mrs Jacques York St; President Band of Hope, Rev. G. K. Stowell.

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.

Papatoetoe, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday in month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Ashton; Sec., Miss Franks; Treas., Mrs J. Bryant; W.R. Agent, Miss A. Wyllie

Richmond (Nelson), 2nd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs L. Sutton, Upper Queen Street; Vice-pres. Mesdames Hunt, Field and Price; Sec., Mrs Cropp, Salisbury Rd.; Treas., Mrs Burrough, Hill St; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Fittall, Salisbury Rd.

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

Sawyer's Bay, 2nd Tuesday in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Allen; Sec., Mrs W. A. Tiffany; Treasurer, Mrs Findlay; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Perry; Supt. Home Meetings, Mrs Horn.

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

Stratford, 4th Wednesday, 3 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Phillips, Brecon Road; Vice-Pres., Mrs Madill and Mrs Foster; Sec., Mrs Fenwick, Cloton Road; Treas., Miss Everiss, Juliet Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs McMillan.

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 Wesley Hall, on third Wednesday, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs F. N. Christian, 6th Ave. W.; Sec., Mrs Weston, 3rd Ave.; Cor. Sec., Secretary, Mrs Petchell; Treasurer, 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 Rylands Brown, Gray St.; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Grant and Miss Evans; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Trott, Cane Street.

Waimate, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 9 o'clock; President, Mrs W. Stewart; Secretary, Mrs Geo. Dash, P.O. Box 27; Treasurer, Mrs S. J. Hitchens, "Te Rangī, Mill Rd.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs G. H. Graham, Rhodes St.

Waipawa, 4th Tuesday, 2.30 p.m.; Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs H. McLean, Waverley St; Vice-Pres., Mesdames 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; "Okola," 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, 2nd Friday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs H. Smith, 8 Liverpool St.; Sec., Mrs J. Bott, 76 Wicksteed St.; Treas., Mrs Siddells, Guyton St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs McKenzie, Wicksteed St.; "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 Mellroy; 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 Wright, 127 Constable St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Evans, 19 Hiropi St.; Treas., Mrs Boxall, 40 Pirie St.; White Ribbon Supt., Mrs Webb, Hall St. L.T.J. Rooms, every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Y Branch, Rooms, alternate Thursdays at 8 p.m.

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

Waipukurau, 2nd Friday, St. Andrew's Hall, 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Vice-Pres., Mrs Hardy, Nurse Murphy; Sec., Mrs Reid; W.R. Supt., Mrs Bungay; Treas., Mrs Robinson; Organist, Mrs Haswell.

Woodville, meets 4th Tuesday, 5 p.m., i Ormrod 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.