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THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free; there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus."

Paul, the great Apostle, was centuries ahead of his time, and enunciated here to the Galatians a truth which, as yet, our own enlightened age does not fully realise.

We are sometimes astonished at the slowness of the people in grasping the wide conception that in Christ Jesus we are all one great harmonious whole; our nation only one in the great brotherhood of nations; our planet only one in God's great universe, and that not only our world, but all the worlds, are "bound by golden chains about the feet of God." The links of that golden chain are love and self-sacrifice, a love that overleaps the boundaries of country, race, creed, or colour, and applies the golden rule alike to black or white, bond or free, man or woman. Especially should we feel the sacred obligation to treat our coloured brethren, who give allegiance to our flag and are our fellow-subjects, with the spirit of love, courtesy, and self-sacrifice.

Parts of our vast Empire are moved with the spirit of unrest: Ireland on the verge of rebellion, India and Egypt seething with discontent. And these troubles are largely the result of the mistakes of the past, of the spirit of coercion instead of sympathy, and of the lack of imagination in the ordinary British statesman, his utter inability to put himself in another's place, or see any point of view but his own.

We cannot undo the past, but in the name of common sense, for the sake

of our common humanity, do not let us repeat these mistakes and hand on to our successors an Empire torn by the spirit of discord, when we might, by the healing power of an understanding sympathy and the application of the golden rule, knit together the various parts of our Empire in the bonds of love and unity. When the first slaves were taken across the Atlantic and sold in North America, no one guessed what a frightful convulsion of affairs was to develop. We cannot plead ignorance in regard to indentured labour. We have seen its late development both in Fiji and in South Africa.

We are told that indentured labour is different in Samoa from what it is in Fiji. We have never questioned this, but indentured labour in Fiji is a growth, and even those who introduced it never contemplated its becoming such an open sore. The introduction of indentured labour into Samoa is a little step on the down grade, but "Facilis descensus Averni," and Fijian plantation and South African compound give fair warning what depths can be reached even under the Union Jack.

The same old arguments are advanced. We are told the indentured labourer is not a slave. He certainly is not a free man, and therefore, to a greater or less degree, is a slave. The fact that some of these labourers are happy is no reason to leave them in slavery. Many slaves in Kentucky homes were happy, but that was no reason why the thousands who were unhappy should be left in slavery.

The Samoan plantations cannot be profitably worked by free labour. The same old lie that we read in U.S.A. If the slaves were set free national

bankruptcy would follow. Abraham Lincoln set the spiritual advance of his people before material prosperity and freed the slaves, and the country is richer and more prosperous than ever. One M.P. has said that the folk who oppose indentured labour in Samoa do not know what they are talking about. We think Drs. Burton and Andrews know more about the question than the M.P. who so grandiloquently discounts their knowledge. We do not ourselves lay claim to any special knowledge about Samoa, but we do claim to know the bedrock principles of Christianity, and every one of these is outraged by indentured labour. Would any of the people who defend this system like their own sons and daughters to be indentured labourers, even in New Zealand? The principle is outrageous and vicious; it raises deep indignation against us in India and elsewhere, and it lowers the morale of the people who own these labourers.

Even in Australia, when prisoners were hired out as servants, it is well known how cruelly and unjustly they were treated. Men can not be trusted to have slaves or servants under their absolute control. We sincerely hope that the elections will return to power men who will set national character and the principles of liberty and justice above material prosperity.

"In a hovel rude,
The King I sought for meekly stood.
A naked, hungry child

Clung round His gracious knee,
And a poor hunted slave looked up
and smiled,

To bless the smile that set him free.
I knelt and wept; my Christ no more
I seek,
His throne is with the outcast and the
weak."

YOUNG WOMEN'S EFFICIENCY LEAGUE.

ADDRESS BY BISHOP JULIUS.

(Published in the Christchurch Sun.)

About the beginning of last century, a great change, involving many restrictions, passed over the life of people in England. Law after law, regulation after regulation, circumscribed the life of the country. Another such upheaval has taken place during the last five years. Among the customs affected by the War, the most important were those connected with liquor. These were found to be antagonistic to efficiency, and if Great Britain was to win, the use of alcohol had to be greatly restrained. In other words, the conviction was forced upon the people that liquor spelled ruin in war time. First, naval and military officers issued orders for their own men and the cities in which they were quartered, restricting hours and places of sale. The people made no complaint. Then, somewhat timidly, the authorities took further action as to the powers of Justices in curtailing licenses. This roused some opposition, but the Government began to take up the efficiency problem in earnest, following on Mr Lloyd George's famous speech declaring alcohol a greater danger to Great Britain than all the enemy's armies and submarines. It was a tremendous and truthful denunciation of custom and traffic centuries old in the Homeland.

What were the results of the partial Prohibition thus put into operation—not only in Great Britain, for each of the Allied Powers dealt somehow with the problem? First, we won the War by the grace of God. Again and again it was shown how these restrictions saved the young recruits, and how the slackers among the munition workers became industrious and efficient under this policy. Second, there was created a public opinion that we must never go back to pre-War conditions. This new effectiveness taught us that one old catch-cry was utter and absolute "rot"—the saying that we cannot make a man sober by Act of Parliament. We did make men sober, because we had to have them sober. You can make people sober if you take away opportunities to drink on every side of them. Yet the old catch-cry will be heard again, though there is nothing in it.

This new public opinion was based, first on the memory of what drink has been. I have worked in the slums, I have lived in the country places of England, and the awful curse that drink has been in both is written into my very soul. Think of the enfeebled children, the wretched homes, the miserable women. We cannot have back again the vice and degeneration that comes from a public-house at every corner.

Then this new opinion was founded on actual experience of the conditions prevailing without the traffic. It could be done without. And it was realised what great things under God's mercy a sober country could do. Lastly, the necessity of it was driven home. We had emerged victorious, but sadly battered. It would be long years before any of the Allies recovered. It is easy to forget what the country owes while we ourselves prosper, but high prices must convince us that we are near bankruptcy. Great Britain, they say, must suffer greater loss yet before shipping, transit and supplies are fully organised again. Turn to that great, that enormous, country, America, almost unharmed by the War—richer, indeed, than ever. I don't grudge it. I honour and respect America; I love America; but I do not want to see Great Britain go down before her. She has got the ships, money, power, organisation. On even terms, how could we compete with her? How much less once she is a Prohibition nation? Great Britain and her Dominions are saddled with a yearly payment for the drink. How in God's name are we to compete with a country that is free?

Australia spent £95,000,000 in drink straight out during the War. "Ah! But there are compensations!" they say. Where? Compensations! The loss of power, efficiency, vitality! I love the land of my birth; I love the land of my adoption, and pray God they may never go under by reason of drink. And you must make up your mind about this thing—you who think one thing to-day, hear someone else talk, and then think something else to-morrow. Do not take it from me alone. Pray! Think it out! Do the right thing in the sight of God!

Look at the three issues. Take Continuance first. That means going back to pre-war conditions. There is plenty of drinking still. We have our Prohibition areas as before, but

they are near "wet" areas. I can get drunk in Ashburton by taking a run up to Rakaia. I do not say anything against the men in the trade. They fight for their own interest—so would you. The Trade is strong and rich; it knows what ropes to pull. In the Old Country it is the greatest organisation reform has to face; here, after only 50 or 60 years, it is quite strong enough. The men in it know more of it than we do; yet private interest, a curse born of other people's loss, blinds them to the results. No man should be put in such a position; it is a marvel that publicans are as good as they are. I only wish them a better job.

New Zealand compares well with other countries, you say? I am not dealing with statistics. But remember that the "sober" country contains so many total abstainers that the remainder must drink heavily to bring the figures up to what they are. Do the people who talk of our sobriety ever travel in boats, or are they always dead sick in their berths? Do they ever travel in trains, and see the drunken men passing up and down, to and fro, all the time? Do they know how many ruined homes there are here—how many hungry children and wretched women? Don't trust the parsons about it! Go to the nearest nurse and ask her. I am not talking of statistics, but I will say there are more institutions in New Zealand for looking after other people's children than in any other country I know of, and the root of the matter is usually drink. That is Continuance! Don't vote for that!

What of the future? We have a split vote this time; some will say, "Vote for State Control." My first objection is that I don't know what I am voting for. I know what I vote for in Continuance, and would at least expect the devil's thanks for that. But the other is a vote for a State experiment. If the Government had had experience, some might say it should be tried. But Government is not experienced, and not qualified to deal with such a charge. If a member of Parliament can travel from Wellington to the Hutt without seeing a drunk man, I would not give much for his powers of observation. State Control is an ideal thing on paper, and always a failure in practice, wherever tried. It demands an ideal Government and an ideal Executive. We

have plenty of good laws already, but we do not carry them out well.

Why is it wrong to say "Give us Prohibition first, and if that fails try the other"? They tell us this is opportunism. I don't see it, girls. I want to wipe the Trade out, with all its wire-pulling and social influence. The country is not likely to go back under Prohibition, but if it did, we could then try anything that seemed better.

Lastly, there is Prohibition. This some tell us will do much harm. Can we get on without drink? Take a great English expert's statement of why people drink at home. It is the "Three F's," he says—Food, Fatigue, and Fellowship. Does that obtain here? Hardly. There is plenty of food in New Zealand. As to fatigue, some are born tired, and always want the drink. I can understand the man who is genuinely tired taking "a nip," though I am sure even then he would be better without it. But for the rest, men don't work here unless they want to. These are the days of stops, go-slows, conferences. Well! Thank God we are not overworked here—except the women. No! Not you girls—your mothers!

Now, as to fellowship. If you have a good garden, a spacious house, a drawing-room, and so on, you are all right at home. But take a man who comes home to a small, poor house, the children yelling, the wife washing, and rather short, poor dear! It isn't surprising to hear him say, "Missus, I'm off to the pub." What does he get there? Bad liquor, indifferent company, stories none of the best. Yet it is no good to say he should stay at home and nurse the baby. Something must be put in place of the pub. Why not do it now? Because we have not the money. Some day—perhaps I shall not live to see it—there will be social halls for men, where they can smoke and talk, and find real recreation after work, and women perhaps will have something of the same sort. The day of fine temperance saloons is coming. So much for fellowship!

People say, "It's all very well for parsons to talk." Somehow, for my part, I never felt much like a parson. But have we no right to talk? Not long ago I went out to hold a confirmation service in the country, and stayed at the vicarage. Another guest turned up that evening—dead

drunk. The vicar gave the man a shakedown, and was in and out of the room all night, tending the uninvited guest, who was seeing devils and what not in his delirium. Had not that parson a right to talk? It is those who love Jesus Christ who are slaving to amend the ravages of drink—the nurses, the deaconesses, the social helpers, all working for the victims of temptation.

I used to work for women's franchise long ago, but you have been a great disappointment to me. What are you going to do with your great chances? Pray about it! Use your vote for your country! Listen to the voice of God! We are at the turning of the ways. New Zealand may rise renewed, with her face turned toward a better age, or she may go back to the past, and vote Continuance, the old mud in which we have wallowed so long. I am old; I can no longer speak with the enthusiasm of youth, and I know that Prohibition will not mean the millennium altogether. It may be I shall never speak again in public on this question. I do hope and pray that we may sweep this thing away for ever. I wish I could live to see the day when we could say, "We have done with the Drink."

THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER.

(With alterations, from the "Union Signal.")

How dear to our heart is the steady subscriber,

Who pays in advance at the birth of each year;

She forwards the money, and does it so gladly,

It casts round the office a halo of cheer.

Refrain.

White Ribbon, White Ribbon, our very own paper,
It's only half-a-crown, why don't you subscribe?

She never says: "Stop it, I cannot afford it;

I'm getting more journals than now I can read."

But always says: "Send it, I can't do without it;

In fact, we all know it's a help which we need."

How welcome her cheque when it reaches our sanctum;

How it makes our pulse throb; how it makes our heart dance;

We outwardly thank her, we inwardly bless her—

The steady subscriber, who pays in advance.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND.

As a consequence of the war and the famine which followed in its train, there is a most deplorable condition of affairs in Central and Eastern Europe. Not only are grown-up men and women suffering, but thousands of small children are absolutely starving. Many babies never get one drop of milk, and as a consequence they are dying by hundreds, and those living are emaciated, afflicted with tuberculosis and other diseases caused by malnutrition, and whose health is being permanently ruined.

The object of the 'Save the Children Fund' is to send relief to all children throughout the famine area.

Lord Robert Cecil is at the head of the organisation, and the British Government have sanctioned, within certain limits, a proposal to provide one pound for every pound raised, and spent by charitable organisations in the United Kingdom for the relief of the distress in Europe. General Smuts and Lord Curzon have both made eloquent appeals for help. Mothers have been so starved that in many districts 50 per cent. of the children are stillborn. One Jewish mother had been four days without food when her child was born.

Famine is a deadly menace to the whole of Central and Eastern Europe, and an appeal has been sent to the women of the British Empire to help their sisters in distress. This appeal has been signed by Ruth Atkinson and Elizabeth B. Rutter as representing New Zealand women.

The need is very urgent. Hundreds of thousands of children will die this winter of cold and hunger and disease unless we make the greatest efforts to save them. Wherever a child is starving or a mother needing food there our sympathy and help should go, whether to our brave allies or to the conquered countries, now no longer enemies. Little children were not responsible for the war; their mothers had no voice in declaring it, but upon these the heaviest suffering has fallen. Can we not at this Christmas time deny ourselves of luxuries and send the money to those who have neither food, clothing, nor firing? The Master said, "Inasmuch as ye did it to the least of these My brethren, ye did it unto Me."

We hear much of the German Hymn of Hate. Let us send back to them as answer a glorious hymn of

love translated into deeds. Love showing itself by denying oneself to send food and comfort to the suffering.

All contributions may be sent to the N.Z. Treasurer of the Society of Friends, War Relief Committee, Mr Theo. West, 20, Dexter Avenue, Mt. Eden, Auckland, or direct to the London Secretary, Mr C. R. Buxton, 329, High Holborn, London, W.C. The money may be ear-marked to be sent to any country the subscriber wishes.

DRY HUMOUR.

Many of the American journals commented in their usual witty manner on the Prohibition victory in their States. We print a few of them:—

"Not all to-day's moaning is limited to the harbour bars."—"Newark News."

"U.S.A. means U Stay Arid."—"Detroit News."

"How do the dries 'celebrate'?"—"Brooklyn Eagle."

"All States ratifying after Nebraska are extra dries."—"New York Sun."

"This generation may miss the booze; the next will wonder what it was."—"Baltimore American."

"The shipwrecked sailor of the future may not be so keen about reaching dry land."—"Brooklyn Eagle."

"According to the liquor men, it is unconstitutional to change the constitution."—"Louisville Post."

"It is going to take hard work for some people to take to soft drinking."—"Memphis Commercial Appeal."

"Certainly it must be that this country is under a dry noon. But, ah, there's the moonshine."—"Baltimore Sun."

"The distillers might turn some of their plants into orphans' homes. They are responsible for lots of them."—"Philadelphia Inquirer."

"Just think of the footnotes that will be necessary to make most of Bobby Burns's verse intelligible to coming generations."—"Manchester Union."

"Enough State legislators have responded to the poetic appeal of the Prohibitionists: Drink to me only with thine ays."—"New York Evening Sun."

"The clove business shows signs of panic."—"Chicago Daily News."

AUCKLAND DISTRICT W.C.T.U. CONVENTION.

The District Convention was held in the Headquarters, on Wednesday, November 12th. Morning session opened at 10 o'clock. There was a large number present. Mrs Cook presided, and spoke a few words of welcome to the delegates. Mrs Reuben Bailey conducted the Devotional Meeting, and gave a most inspiring address on Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple.

Reports were received from the following Unions: Auckland, Ponsonby, Birkenhead, Takapuna, Avondale, Henderson, Eden, Waibi, Tauranga, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Papatoetoe, City "Y," Eden "Y." The work had been principally in connection with the Prohibition Campaign. Educational meetings had been held, and good cradle roll work done. Some Unions had supplied meals on polling day. The "Y" Branches had linked up with the Young People's Movement. The reports were all of a helpful and encouraging nature. A new "Y" had been formed during the year at Eden and also at Henderson by Mrs Pirret (Dominion Supt.) Quite a number of White Ribboners had been elected to school committees during the year.

Mrs H. Brown, new "Y" Supt., spoke a few words in connection with the "Y" work.

A helpful discussion on the work of the Unions brought the morning session to a close. Letters of sympathy were sent to Mesdames Thorpe and Holdsworth in their illness, also to Mrs Yorkney on the death of her son.

Afternoon session, 2 o'clock.

Mrs Kinmont gave an inspiring address at the devotional meeting, urging all to go forward—no slackers.

Solos were rendered by Mrs Anstice and Miss Rimmer.

Afternoon tea was dispensed.

Miss Melville, President of National Council of Women, then addressed the meeting on "Women and Politics." In the course of her remarks she said it was a well known fact that the W.C.T.U. was the pioneer movement in New Zealand for political reform. They had organised the campaign to petition Parliament for the franchise, and had always kept to the fore questions affecting women and children. Women have to obey the laws of the country, and there was no law which did not affect women, therefore it was the logical right of women to help to make the laws. The view point of

women differed from that of men, therefore the two view points should be directly represented.

A large number of women listened to Miss Melville with interest and enthusiasm, and accorded her a hearty vote of thanks.

Miss Melville is standing for Parliament in the Grey Lynn election. She is a solicitor in our city, and has held a seat in the City Council with much credit for several years past.

The evening session opened at 7.30 under the auspices of the "Y" Branch. Miss Sussex took the chair. Mrs H. Brown spoke a few words urging the girls to put earnestness and enthusiasm into their work, and to enter into the inheritance which the pioneers of the W.C.T.U. movement in the Dominion had left for them. Mrs Brown then read an article dealing with the benefits of Prohibition in British Columbia after two years' trial, showing improved business, happier home life, and a decrease in crime in the community.

Mrs Hewett gave an interesting talk on incidents connected with her personal work among the Maoris. Two solos were rendered by Miss Cranch. A paper on the "Art of Seeing the Beautiful" was read by Miss Vincent, President Eden "Y." Mrs Cook, District President, spoke a few words of encouragement to the young women on the power of prayer.

The Convention was then brought to a conclusion by singing the Consecration Hymn and the Benediction.

HABIT.

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

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

What is a habit? 'Tis a silver thread
That links the soul in possibilities;
A magic stone that turns the baser lead
Of evil bent to golden tendency;
A precious stepping stone from low to high;
A Jacob's ladder stretching to the sky.

"NO ENCUMBRANCE."

(From "Woman's Outlook.")

Fateful words! Surely they appear with increasing frequency. One is struck, when scanning the daily paper, to see the number of advertisements stipulating that applicants must be without children; while it is not uncommon to see advertisers seeking employment, adding the words "no children" to their list of capabilities, as an additional bait to the potential employer. Theoretically, the child is "the complement to married life, the light of the home, the most valuable asset to the State," and so on. Practically, children are anathema. Landlords look askance at the family with young children; no hotel or boarding-house desires them as guests; the owner of a furnished house to let firmly declines the tenant with young children; no one willingly travels in the same railway carriage as mamma and baby. Worse still, it is a distinct handicap to a man seeking employment to have to own to a wife and children. The confession is a drawback to his chance of an engagement. In fact, the single man applying for the same post as the family man, given that their attainments are equal, would undoubtedly have preference. Why? Because the salary that might be sufficient for a bachelor would not support a married man with children.

Has any one ever seen advertisements reading somewhat as follows:—Wanted,—Married couple to take charge of an hotel; preference all things being equal, will be given to a couple with a family." "House to let, healthily situated, excellent sanitation and ventilation, good nursery. Admirably suited for a family with young children." Or, "Widower requires a competent housekeeper; no objection to one with children."

Such advertisements one has never come across, although there must have been at least some cases where they could have been inserted without detriment to the advertiser.

So much has been said about the "declining birthrate," "the empty cradle," and "one's duty to one's country," thereby emphasising the duties of parents to their country, that the case for the parents should also be carefully considered.

Has society as a whole no duty to the children? It would be a bold

person who would say it has no such duty. In fact, it is being increasingly urged that it has many and very real duties to the children, but alas! the child being in most cases dependent upon the parents, it is only possible to benefit the children through them.

It is neither right nor fair that children should be so generally considered either nuisances or encumbrances, but true it is that they are too frequently looked upon as such.

If considered as encumbrances, children will either suffer or not appear. The limitation of families is a serious evil; one might almost say crime. Certainly the sacredness of the married state is violated by a wilful determination that there shall be no offspring. Yet while conditions remain as they are, and children are regarded as "encumbrances," there remains some excuse for the empty cradle.

Let women do what they can to have the point in question clearly focussed, and considered, and decided upon its merits, and may it never be said that women encouraged the attitude of mind which, on paper, laments with bitter accent the declining of the birthrate, but in actual deed and word discourages the building up of a family, by proclaiming the child "an encumbrance." Rather should they strive to make the saying true, that "happy is the man who hath his quiver full," remembering as well that the child of to-day is the man of to-morrow.

NOBODY KNOWS BUT MOTHER.

How many buttons are missing to-day

Nobody knows but Mother.

How many playthings are strewn in her way?

Nobody knows but Mother.

How many thimbles and reels has she missed?

How many burns on each little fist?
How many bumps to cuddle and kiss?

Nobody knows but Mother.

How many cares does a mother's heart know?

Nobody knows but Mother.

How many joys from her mother-love flow?

Nobody knows but Mother.

How many prayers by each little white bed?

How many tears for her babes has she shed?

How many kisses for each curly head?
Nobody knows but Mother.

EXPLAINING IRELAND'S POVERTY.

Quotations from "Herself"—Ireland—by Mrs T. P. O'Connor:—

A priest said to her: "The slums are a shrieking reproach to mankind, and a monster indictment against publicans, the public-houses, and the corporation. There is scarcely a newspaper or a man in Ireland dares lift a voice against the distillers or publicans, least of all the politicians whom they send to Parliament. He is muzzled, and obliged to play into the ruthless hands of the men who ruin the poor, and are directly responsible for the starvation and death of many children. Publicans are not impulsive murderers; they destroy by inches and slow methods the bodies and souls of those who enrich them."

"The Homestead," edited by a man of unswerving honesty and unflinching courage, George Russell, says, 'We in Ireland have signalled the war by increasing expenditure on drink by two millions. The world-tragedy has been celebrated by us by the expenditure of fifteen million pounds on alcohol in one year. Fifteen million pounds on drink, when industry and agriculture are starved for want of capital, and a body like the Agricultural Organisation Society finds it difficult to get the few thousands a year it requires. Fifteen million pounds spent in muddling our wits and suppressing the soul God breathed into man, in one small country with a population of four million people. Our politicians are afraid of their lives to hint at enmity to this beastly trade. Men who won't unite or consult with each other for the good of their country will unite cordially for its evil, so that the devil may always be on tap in pints and pots, in bottle and in barrel, for all who require him. Never can Ireland have real prosperity until two things happen—an Irish Government formed of Irish people to govern Irish people, and a law (even if it should create a revolution) to close all public-houses. How can any country hope to succeed with 86 public-houses in a village of 1500 inhabitants? Never have I seen human beings more sodden with drink than in Galway. Faces a deep purple red, bloated, and dropsical, and hands that trembled as if they suffered from shell shock."

Ladies' Home Journal Patterns for Easy Dressmaking.

A very large number of these Patterns are sold, and because of their simplicity, and the excellent results that are obtained from them, they are most popular with New Zealand women. Clear directions are given with each Pattern. Designs for every description of clothing for women and children.

All Patterns 9d each, post free.

BEATH & CO., LIMITED . . . CHRISTCHURCH.

EN ROUTE WITH THE EDITOR.

On Wednesday, December 10th, our Editor left Dunedin for Otautau. The run to Invercargill was pleasant, and as the express is now running, was made in fairly good time. The Southern City was en fete, the occasion being the A. and P. Show. As the train was delayed two hours we had ample time to visit the Show. Miss Seed, President of the Y Branch met us at the station, and off we went with the crowd to the Show Grounds. The rain was coming down merrily, and the streets had a fine coating of slush. The Invercargill White Ribboners were there in force, conducting tea and rest rooms. The Garrison Hall, a very large and roomy building was divided into three parts, at one end was the tea room, one half presided over by the Central Union, and the other by the Y. Branch. The centre of the hall was occupied with exhibits of ham, bacon and butter; the other end was fitted up as a Rest Room by the South Invercargill Union. Here were couches and chairs for tired mothers, rows of baskets fitted up as cradles, each with a sleeping babe in it. Milk and hot water were supplied, and if a bottle was broken the mother could purchase another. Upon a table was found every requisite for a baby's toilet. A large frame was filled with sand, and inside it many children were amusing themselves with buckets and spades. Needles, cotton and pins could be had if wanted to repair damages. Altogether this room was a paradise to the children, and a real comfort and help to the mothers.

The station presented a busy scene from 5 p.m., as train after train was loaded up and despatched. Soon we joined the Nightcaps train, and about 8 p.m. was welcomed on the Otautau platform by Mrs Brown, President of the Union, and conducted to the hospitable home of Mrs Harrington.

Thursday was a fine day, the Union held its annual meeting at 3 p.m. There was a good attendance, and after the business was concluded, our Editor spoke a few words of cheer and

encouragement. A cup of tea and social chat closed a pleasant afternoon. In the evening a temperance meeting was held in the Town Hall, presided over by Mr Fisher, and addressed by the Editor. The boys of the drum and fife band played outside the hall, and were heartily thanked for their fine music. We wish our Otautau sisters a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and may next year bring us a Dry Dominion.

THE MOURNERS.

(J. A. Montague, in "Atlanta Georgian.")
A loan shark sat on his empty safe,
He was down to his utmost dime,
And he gazed across at a vacant cafe
(Let it stand, for we need the rhyme),
And he dropped three tears on his shirt front (which,
For a loan shark, is going some);
And he wailed, "Alas, I was good and rich
In the days of the Demon Rum.
"He used to harr ythe boys in here,
At the end of each perfect day,
And stood around with a jovial leer,
While I garnered their weekly pay:
But they've cancelled the good old gin-mill's lease,
And emptied its shining shelves.
And all of the lads I used to fleece
Are spending their coin themselves."

A jailer stood in his empty jug,
And puffed at a cheap cigar,
As he gazed at a hungry croton bug
That crawled up an iron bar.
"Dear me," he said, with a choking sob,
"This business is on the bum:
I shudder for fear I shall lose my job
Since they whip-sawed the Demon Rum."

"He used to serve as my puller-in,
And, my, how the business grew!
He would stand around with a kindly grin
Whilst the cell-house doors clanged to;
But since he was canned in Washington,
My trade is so nearly dead
That they're going to pull the building down
And put up a school, instead."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since last report (capitation fees not included):—

NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Auckland and Wellington Districts, £20 each; Greymouth, New Plymouth and Wanganui, £1 each; Miss A. F. Webb, £1; Turakina, 10s. Total, £8 10s.

WILLARD DAY COLLECTIONS WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Auckland and Wellington Districts, £1 each; Waimate, 15s; Greymouth, 11s. Total, £3 6s.

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Feilding, £1 4s; Waimate, 15s. Total, £1 19s.

ORGANISING FUND.

Wellington District £5 12s; New Plymouth, £5 11s; Wanganui, £5 8s; Wellington Central, £4 1s; Dunedin, £4; Auckland, £3; Eltham, 19s; Port Chalmers, 15s; Turakina and Wanganui Y, 10s each. Total, £30 6s. Expenditure for same period, £59 13s 2d.

Fund for Expenses of N.Z. President as Delegate to World's Convention.

Napier, £10; Auckland, £7; Wanganui, £5; Auckland Y, Gore, Masterton, Onehunga, and Waimate, £2 each; Port Chalmers and Whangarei, £1 10s each; Balclutha and Henderson, £1 5s each; Rakaia, £1 3s; Dannevirke, Eltham, Grey Lynn, Greymouth, Marton, Milton, and Woodville, £1 each. Total, £45 13s.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treas.

Auckland, 11th December, 1919.

PERSONAL.

Our Dominion President, Mrs Don, is going Home to represent New Zealand at the World's Convention. We are sure all White Ribboners will rejoice to know we are to be so worthily represented, and will join us in wishing our loved President a pleasant journey and a safe return to "God's Own Country." We all hope that the trip may prove very beneficial to Mrs Don, and that she may return quite restored in health.

SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

Dear Mrs Peryman,—

Would you be kind enough to publish in the next issue of the "White Ribbon" the following questions, which I have been asked by several "Y" Unions:—

Question: Are officers of the "Y" Branches allowed a seat in Convention if not an appointed delegate (i.e., as well as the appointed delegate)?

Answer: Officers of "Y" Unions can only attend Convention when appointed as delegate.

Question: How many delegates are we entitled to send to Convention?

Answer: One delegate for every hundred or fraction of one hundred members.

Question: What capitation fee do we pay?

Answer: Five shillings for every fifty or fraction of fifty members, to be paid to the Dominion Treasurer.

Note.—The Dominion Superintendent would like reports from all local Superintendents, or where no Superintendent, from Secretaries, by 31st December, so that she can have her report made up.—Yours in the work,

M. PIRRETT,

Dominion "Y" Superintendent.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

To the Unions scattered abroad throughout the Dominion:—

Dear Sisters,—

You may have noted that the Dominion Executive appointed me Dominion Superintendent of Good Citizenship in place of Mrs M. Judson, who for many years occupied the position so ably.

Will all Unions report all work done in this department as early as possible.

Ere this is published many of our Unions will have held their annual meetings, and be preparing for work for next year. Amongst your Superintendents have you appointed a Superintendent of Good Citizenship. If not, I would urge you to do so at once.

Perhaps many of our Unions do not realise what an important department this is. It is so comprehensive that it seems to include all other departments of our work. I cannot attempt to enumerate all the phases of civic life it covers, but will gladly assist local Superintendents when pos-

sible if they will write me.—Yours sincerely,

AGNES M. PHILLIPS.

Brecon Road,
Stratford, Taranaki.

PLAIN TALK.

Dr. Saleeby, the eminent English sociologist and eugenist, speaking at the world's gathering in Toronto, said that the living foundations of the Empire must be rebuilt from time to time, and added that the British Empire will be the first of a long line of Empires to do so if she proves herself capable of holding her power. Races are destroyed from inside factors even more surely than from such external agencies as war. "Only a nation which regards its young can renew its life." Speaking as a medical man, he said that drunkenness is the least of the evils of alcoholism. "Alcoholism leads to venereal diseases, those twin evils about which doctors have been shamefully silent too long." Alcohol had been invaluable during the war as a great source of energy. It is nothing but injurious to man, either in small or large doses. It is a racial poison. Its effect is seen in stunted offspring, rickets, tuberculosis, and other diseases.

"But are not the Germans a virile race, yet they are great drinkers?" This question roused the doctor.

"Do you know there was more infant mortality in Germany than in any other country. Tubercular rate is higher. No, the Germans are not a physically healthy race. If you want physique, go to the Dominion troops. You should have seen them when they marched through London—they stood out as men of fine physique. That is because they got plenty of good milk and wholesome food."

"Is Prohibition possible in Britain?"

"We have a long way to go. You see Labour is hostile. They think it is a trick of the capitalists to get more work out of them. The fact is the other way, for alcohol has been used to keep them subdued and contented with their conditions; it is an industrial narcotic. There could be nothing more beneficial to the working man than Prohibition. If it were brought about in some of the factory districts in the Midlands they wouldn't know they were in the same world."

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN INDIA.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—It has been brought to my knowledge that steps are being taken by some thinking women in Sydney to unite in seeking direct communication between the women of Australasia and the women of India. It is recognised by all who have studied the trend of events in India during the last few years that the present strong desire for a measure of Indian Home Rule (including on all sides a united claim for an equally qualified Indian women voters) is the culmination of movements and emotions destined to exert the strongest influence on the future of the British Empire in the East, and on the welfare of India, for good or evil, as the action to-day of Imperial authority in London shall decide. It has been suggested that a cable from one or more national bodies of New Zealand women to Mr Montague, Secretary of State for India, urging the inclusion of Indian women in the Home Rule Bill, would evince at once a loyal desire for the consolidation of our Empire on the highest and noblest plane, and for the best interests of our Indian sisters. That these interests would work out for the common weal of India and the Indian Government no one can doubt who reads the Women's Press at Home, and sees what work has been already achieved, under great disadvantage, by the waking women of India, such as Mrs Sarojini Naidu, the leading young women of the Universities, and Miss Cornelia Sorabji. No greater earnest for lasting peace between East and West can be given than the uplift of Oriental women and achieved solidarity between them and the women of the West, on the ground of common good works.

It seems to me that an expression on the Indian Suffrage from our New Zealand W.C.T.U. would be timely and wise, if the matter is yet before the House of Parliament when these words are read. The great issue that fills all our hopes as I write forbids more lengthy discussion now. I am, etc.,

JESSIE MACKAY.

Christchurch, December 3, 1919.

Friendship should be kept with a threefold cord—two human hearts and God!—J. R. Miller.

PROHIBITION PARS.

Alcoholism, agent in all physical and moral degeneracies, is moving on to the destruction of our land. I cannot too much insist on the literal truth of the sorrowful prediction, and I affirm that one can inscribe this formula over all the drink shops of France: "Finis Galliae."—Dr. Dupre, eminent French physician.

The campaign in Egypt was a tee-total campaign. We drank the Nile, and nothing added. In no other part of the world have I seen a force of men so fit and well.—General Grenfell, 1896.

It is strange that we always find whisky and crooked politics hand in hand. It is now a question of whether the liquor interests are to dominate your parties, dominate your public life, and dominate your Government.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Major-General Leonard says:—"So far as the Army is concerned, the nation has been dry. We could not have accomplished 30 per cent. of the work we did if it had not been our men in the camps were always fit and ready to work, due solely to the fact that the camps were dry."

"The water wagon is a sort of Car of Jug-or-not."

"The Sahara Desert at one time was the largest dry area on earth."

"We shall beat our swords into ploughshares, and our corkscrews into buttonhooks."

Testifying as an expert witness lately, an American doctor for mental diseases said that no one can drink alcoholic liquors without the cells of his body becoming affected. It is immaterial, he asserted, whether the use of alcohol is excessive or ordinary. Alcohol is what is known as a cellular poison, affecting the cells of the body generally. The doctor explained that if alcohol is taken in ordinary quantities the body can throw off the poison without that effect, but if taken in more than ordinary quantities for a continuous period, the temporary changes in the cells become permanent, and the whole body soon is in a state of cellular degeneration. In some cases the breakdown is rapid, in others slow. But the doctor declared the individual does not live whose cells are not affected by the continued use of alcohol.

The Supreme Court of Maine has handed out a decision that Jamaica ginger is an intoxicant, and its sale or possession is held unlawful. Three different grades were in one lot seized containing respectively 25, 28, and 55 per cent. of alcohol.

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GREETINGS FOR 1920.

We are sending out our last issue for 1919, and take the opportunity to wish our many readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The year was clouded by defeat on April 10th, but we are confidently expecting victory on December 17th.

The year 1920 comes to us with its pages fresh and clean. In our personal life we may make it the best of years, by consciously dedicating ourselves to the Divine Master, praying that we may be emptied of self and filled with the Divine Spirit, and that the Life of the Master may flow through us and influence others.

In our national life we must use our utmost endeavours to purify our land from evils and to uplift our fellows.

New occasions teach new duties;

Truth makes ancient good uncouth;
 They must upward still, and onward,
 Who would keep abreast of Truth;

Lo, before us gleam her camp fires!

We ourselves must Pilgrims be;
 Launch our Mayflower, and steer
 boldly

Through the desperate winter sea,
 Nor attempt the Future's portal
 With the Past's blood-rusted key.

**AUCKLAND DISTRICT UNION
 WELCOMES MRS WHEELER.**

A special meeting was held in the Y.W.C.A. Hall on Tuesday afternoon, December 2nd, to welcome Mrs Wheeler. Mrs Cook presided. Solos were rendered by Miss Rimmer and Mrs King. Mrs Cook, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed Mrs Wheeler on behalf of the District and Branch Unions. Mrs Wheeler was presented with a beautiful bouquet of roses.

Before starting her address, Mrs Wheeler gave one of her charming recitals. She then gave an address, showing how the W.C.T.U. of America had led the way to Prohibition, and the way they had interested and organised other women's societies and clubs to help in the great movement. Mrs Wheeler said how splendidly the W.C.T.U. women had worked for the soldiers during the war.

A very successful Garden Party was held under the auspices of the Auckland District W.C.T.U. on Saturday afternoon, November 29, at the beautiful grounds of Mr Moore, Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden (kindly given for the occasion.) There was a large number present of members and friends. The Technical School Band was in attendance, and enlivened the proceedings with cheerful strains of music. Mrs Cook welcomed and introduced Mrs Eva Wheeler, the gifted lecturer and elocutionist, from Los Angeles. Mrs Wheeler was received with warm applause, and charmed the company with her spicy address and humorous recital. Mrs H. M. Smeeton gave a most telling address, and urged those present to help in the great campaign. Two solos were rendered by Miss Rimmer and a violin solo by a young pupil of Mrs H Brown (Superintendent), and the "Y" Branch ran a sweet stall; there was also a cake and flower stall, and ice cream. Afternoon tea was dispensed. Mrs Cook thanked Mr and Mrs Moore for their kindness in giving so willingly their grounds for the Garden Party. The Band and all helpers were heartily thanked.

QUESTION BOX.

1. Is the W.C.T.U. a political body?
 No. The W.C.T.U. does not support any political party, but supports the candidates who pledge themselves to work for the principles set forth in the preamble of our Constitution.
2. Can the President of any Union call the members together to form a committee to work for any one man standing for election to Parliament?
 Certainly not, individual members of the Union may work on any candidate's committee, but the Union as a whole cannot form a committee. As every member of the Union is pledged to work for Prohibition they would of course support candidates who were pledged to support Prohibition.
3. What is the correct rule for new members joining a Union; should their names be proposed at a previous meeting?

There is no provision in the rules for this being done. At any meeting when an appeal is made for new members; anyone coming forward and signing the pledge is initiated at once.

TWO HEROES.

Two heroes do the world's insistent work;
 One rushes in the battle's blood and murk,
 And, knowing the foeman flies,
 In one rich moment dies.

The other, on a path he long has feared,
 By bugle-blast and drum-beat all uncheered.
 At duty's chill behest
 Gives life to want and waste.

For him, the battle hero high we pile
 The sculptured stone; his ringing name, the while,
 In praises and in songs
 Its lyric life prolongs.

For the other, we fashion a heaven of late reward;
 His life, all dark, and desolate, and hard,
 Down to oblivion goes,—
 Unless some great God knows!

—Richard Watson Gilder,

Storyteller.

COMRADES EVER.

CHAPTER IV.

Election day had come and gone. Several women candidates had come forward, but Mrs Lewis was the only one to secure a seat in Parliament. She had thrown herself heartily into the contest, yet was quite indifferent to the issue. To her had come the Divine call, and in obedience to it she had stepped into the arena. She was no fatalist, but believed with all her soul in Divine guidance, and knew that if the Master had work for her to do in the legislative halls of her native land He would guide her there; if His presence went not with her she had no desire to be sent there.

She was a clear, logical speaker, and her meetings had been well attended and very enthusiastic. At only one meeting, which was held in the Town Hall, had there been any organised attempt to stop her from speaking, and this had been engineered by the liquor interests. When she arose to speak, the crowd at the back of the hall stamped and shouted, and a scene of the wildest confusion greeted her. For a moment she would fain have fled the place, then the fighting blood of her ancestors, soldiers and pioneers all rose in her, and she faced the howling mob calmly and with dignity. A swift cry for help went up to the Father above.

As she watched the audience, the humour of the situation appealed to her, and suddenly she broke into a clear, ringing laugh. The surprise of the audience excited her still more; "laughter is contagious," and in this case decidedly "advantageous," for soon the merriment became general.

As the laughter subsided, Mrs Lewis smiled an apology, and said, "Excuse me, please, but the view from this platform was exceedingly comical."

From the first she held their attention. Her speech differed from any election address they had ever listened to.

She told them that women supported principles not parties, and that she could be depended upon to vote for the great principles she enunciated. She became eloquent as she spoke of the need to improve our education system, till it became one grand whole from the kindergarten to the University; of how the health of mothers and children should be cared for by

the State; of many reforms needed in our criminal courts and prisons; and concluded in these words:

"When Theodore Roosevelt was asked what the 'condition of the world would be after the Great War had ended, he replied 'Utopia or Hell.' We cannot, if we would, we would not, if we could, go back to pre-war conditions; in our period of reconstruction you can depend upon me every time to vote for 'Utopia' till our good shall ever be better, and our better always best."

When the result was declared, she met with a most enthusiastic reception from the assembled people. She spoke briefly and with deep feeling."

"I count it an honour," she said, "to represent the city of my birth in the Parliament of our Dominion, and to be elected by the votes of my school-mates and old companions. I will ever try to be worthy of your trust and respect."

Many friends accompanied her home and others called to offer congratulations, but at last all had departed. Then the horror of utter loneliness descended upon Gipsy Lewis. How she longed for "vanished smiles and voices gone." How her bonnie Jean would have teased and laughed at the fulfilment of her own prophecy, "Mamma M.P." How Ted would have understood and sympathised, what a tower of strength he would have been to her.

For awhile Gipsy shrank back at the thought of her lonely future. After her grief had abated she passed out from the house, and lying in a hammock she gazed up into the glorious starry sky. As always before, so now, the wide starry spaces calmed her agitation. She thought of all the vastness and majesty of the universe, she realised her own littleness, but above all she realised that "in the Lord Jehovah was everlasting strength."

Then her spirit went out in an earnest cry to God for strength to tread her solitary way, strength never to be false to the best, or untrue to her ideals.

She thought of the difficult path before her; earnestly she desired that though firm in matters of principle, she might ever be courteous and yielding in all minor matters.

The following morning came many messages of congratulation from friends and from many women's societies with which she was connected. Will's message was characteristic: "Three cheers, old sport, keep your wicket up."

During the Christmas vacation, mother and son went to Australia to visit relatives there. Mrs Lewis, as New Zealand's woman M.P., created much interest, and she took every opportunity to study political problems and the solutions of them by the great sister continent. She met the leading politicians, and discussed social questions with them, ever ready and willing to learn, and she stored up much knowledge which was useful later on.

It pleased her much to note that Will was getting over the shock of his double bereavement. The natural buoyancy of youth was asserting itself, and he spent many pleasant hours with his cousins exploring Sydney's beauty spots, gaining physical strength and laying up energy for his year's work.

The end of January found them on the steamer's deck, homeward bound. The night was mild, the water calm, and they seemed to be floating in fairy land. They had talked of their visit, and recalled its many pleasant memories, but at length silence fell between them, each was dreading the parting so shortly to come.

At length Will broke the silence.

"Mother, must we part? It seems to me that we ought to be together."

"So we shall some day, my boy." Just now we cannot be; you must stick to your work until you gain your degree. I must stay and do my work at home, but all vacations we may be together. Your love and companionship are my dearest possessions."

"How long it seems since Dad and Bonnie Jean left us."

Mrs Lewis flinched as she always did when any mention was made of her dear ones. She schooled herself not let Will speak of them, for a tabooed subject between them would ever mar their perfect companionship.

"Yes, my son," she bravely replied, "we are arranging our plans and our daily life without them, and their memory fades into the past. We shall always miss them, life will never be quite the same without them. But they have passed on before to a more glorious service. Dad would have wished you to be happy and to be useful."

"I do love my work, mother, and find it most fascinating. I want to be a really great healer."

"I know you do. You have talent, God-given, my boy. Realise your responsibility to cultivate it to the greatest degree. Then in the future, when the Great Master calls upon

you for service, you can respond, 'Ready, ay, ready!' Remember 'there's always room at the top.'"

Both smiled, and Will said, "Your old formula, mum."

"Trite, but true, is it not?" and she smiled. Then tenderly laying her hand upon his: "Pray for me, Will, that in the hurly burly of political strife I may keep my chivalry unsullied, and my ideals ever exalted."

(To be Continued.)

Correspondence.

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

INDENTURED LABOUR.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—In the last issue of our excellent little publication (for I write as an old White Ribboner), I should like to say a little about your article on "Indentured Labour." With all you say about the subject as it pertains to Fiji I agree. From Mr Burton personally, as well as from his books, and from Dr. Andrews' reports, as well as from a recent visit paid to Fiji, we know that the conditions there were unspeakably bad. But Indentured Labour in Fiji and in Samoa are two totally different matters. In a recent issue of the Christchurch papers appeared an article dealing with the subject. Unfortunately, I have not that by me, but enclose a later article appearing in the "Press" of November 28th, which shows that the condition of both the Chinese coolies and the Solomon Islanders in Samoa cannot in any sense of the word be said to be that of slavery. We were privileged recently to spend a month in Samoa in close touch with people interested in the Chinese and Solomon Islanders, and with many of the missionaries. We saw the men at work, and one of the members of the party saw the conditions under which they live, their pay, etc., and the only fault to be found with the system was that as the men on the plantations cease work at 4 m., they have ample leisure time on their hands, some of which should be used for educational purposes. The authorities, I believe, have that under consideration. The necessity for Indentured Labour is obvious. The valuable German plantations, now the property of the New Zealand Government, and which, when properly cultivated, will help to pay some of the war expenses, would soon be ruined without outside labour, and instead of Samoa being more than self-supporting, she would become an expense to New Zealand, and the first to suffer would be the Samoans themselves.—Yours truly,

LUCY THOMPSON.

38, George Street, New Brighton, Christchurch, 30th Nov. 1919.

COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH THE SOCIAL AND MORAL CONDITIONS OF INDIAN WOMEN IN FIJI.

Cor. Sec. W.C.T.U. of New Zealand.

Dear Madam,—The enclosed letter from the Acting Colonial Secretary of Fiji (only recently received owing to being insufficiently addressed) was dealt with at a meeting of the above Committee on October 22.

It was decided, as there had been so much delay since this letter was despatched from Fiji:

(1) To send in answer, suggestions for conditions of service for medical women in Fiji, drafted by Dr. Kate Knowles, which are based on the rules of the Dufferin Women's Medical Service for India, and to ask, should these conditions meet with His Excellency's approval, that the Secretary of this Committee be advised by cable in order that the Committee may be in a better position to select a competent woman for the appointment, assuming that His Excellency will accept the choice of the Committee.

(2) To insert the following advertisement in the "Australian Medical Journal" for November:—"Applications are invited from medical women for work in Fiji among the Indian women. Applicants must pass an examination in Hindustani before taking up work, and be willing to bind themselves to four years' service."

(3) To write to Dr. K. Platt, Women's College, Delhi, India, asking if she knew of any British medical woman, with a knowledge of Hindustani, who would be willing to accept a position at the Suva Hospital under conditions based on the Dufferin Women's Medical Service for India.

(4) To write a somewhat similar letter to headquarters' secretary of the various Missionary Societies in Australia.

In placing this before your Society for endorsement, further suggestions are asked for helping the matter forward. No official report has yet come to hand from Fiji in regard to the report of the Select Committee appointed by His Excellency to consider the resolutions for reforms adopted by the Legislative Council, but the matter, we hear, is now being dealt with, and the report should reach this Committee shortly.—Yours faithfully,

H. F. BENNETT, Hon. Sec.
2, Sirius Flabe, Cremorne Road,
Cremorne, Sydney, N.S.W.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Suva, Fiji, 23rd May, 1919.

Madam,—I am directed by the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd April last on the subject of certain recommendations contained in the report of Miss Garnham, who recently visited Fiji, and as to reforms advocated by Dr. Kate Knowles.

2. I am to say, in reply, that the recommendations of Miss Garnham have been and are receiving His Excellency's attention, and that you will be informed as soon as possible of the steps which it is found possible to take.

3. His Excellency is prepared to consider favourably any recommendations for the improvement of the moral, as well as the material, conditions of East Indians in Fiji, including the appointment of a medical woman for the purposes suggested by Dr. Kate Knowles. In this connection I am to enquire whether your Committee is in a position to recommend a lady doctor with the necessary qualifications, including a knowledge of Hindustani and the languages of Southern India, who would be prepared to come to Fiji and perform the duties referred to in your letter, and, if so, to state the terms on which she would be prepared to be appointed.—I am, Madam, your obedient servant,

R. RANKINE,

Acting Colonial Secretary.

The Honorary Secretary, the Committee of Enquiry into the Social and Moral Conditions of Indian Women in Fiji, Sydney.

TO "WHITE RIBBON" AGENTS.

The Business Manager desires to thank all agents and others who have helped by sending in their subscriptions promptly. In order that every Union may have a chance to send its subscriptions we will not close our books until January 14th, and any subscriptions sent in before that date will be included in this year's balance-sheet. Knowing how busy all are with the poll, and later on with Xmas festivities, we have decided to give a fortnight's grace.

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

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Nov. 6. Attendance fair, Mrs. H. Smith presiding. Our President's resignation was received with regret. Committee appointed to assist with refreshments on Children's Day. Arrangements made for the officers of the local Union to meet Mrs. Eva Wheeler. President heartily thanked for gift of hymn books for Union. One new member.

TIMARU DISTRICT.

Nov. 25. Annual meeting. Mrs. Trott presided. Hospital visitors appointed, and the need for suitable literature was stressed. Mr. Woodward reported busy month at the Sailors' Fest, 50 members of the crew of the Westmorland having paid 300 visits. Sunday tea, evening service, and social were given to the men. Members heartily approved of our President, Mrs. Don, representing us at the World's Convention. Agreed to ask members to provide lunches for our scrutineers on Polling Day. Annual reports read, showing enthusiastic work in all branches. Vote of thanks to Mrs. Brown, retiring President, and regret expressed at her being unable to stand for re-election. Mrs. Norrie was elected President. Other officers re-elected.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY.

Nov. 23. Successful combined meeting of the W.C.T.U. and the Young People's League. Mrs. Peart presided. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs. Peart; Sec., Miss Begg; Treas., Mrs. Sanders. Mrs. Don gave a powerful address, and in thanking her, Mrs. Peart referred to her early departure for England, and wished her a pleasant voyage and a safe return in renewed health and strength. Solos and recitations, and five new members received.

MANAIA.

Nov. Mrs. Patterson presided, in the absence of Mrs. Tait. Attendance large. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs. J. J. Patterson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Odell; Sec., Mrs. Hansen; Treas., Mrs. Aitken; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Sanford. The President drew attention to the fact that Mr. Hawken is the Prohibition candidate for the Egmont electorate. Mock ballot was held. Various extracts were read by the members. One new member.

SAWYER'S BAY.

Nov. 12. Annual meeting. We had much pleasure in a visit from Mrs. Hiatt, Dunedin. Mrs. Don also came to bid us farewell before setting out for her trip to America. New officers were elected for the coming year. Decided to invite some of our St. Leonard's members to join in with us. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and adopted. We reopen in February, 1920.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Nov. 21. Annual meeting. Mrs. Wright, District President, was present. Mrs. A. R. Atkinson presided. Annual reports and balance-sheet read and adopted. Paid-up membership, 81; "White Ribbon" subscribers 61. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs. A. R. Atkinson; Vice-Pres., Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Caughley; Treas., Mrs. Helyer; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Clark; Cor. Sec. and Press Reporter, Miss Helyer. Superintendents: "White Ribbon," Mrs. Port; Railway Boxes, Mrs. McGowan; Hygiene, Mrs. McDonald; Work Among Sailors, Mrs. Nimmo; Literature, Mrs. Caughley; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Remington; Evangelistic, Mrs. Beckingham.

MASTERTON.

Dec. 2. Annual meeting. Attendance, owing to counter-attractions, as very small, and election of officers was postponed until next meeting.

EDEN.

Nov. 20. Miss Wilson presided. The report showed a progressive year, with great activity in electoral work, both for April 10th and for present campaign, also a steady increase in membership. Treasurer's report showed a credit balance. Miss Wil-

son was again elected President, and four old officers were re-elected. Several new officers were elected. A list of questions was read, to be submitted to candidates for Parliament, and approved. Afternoon tea served by Social Committee.

INVERCARGILL DISTRICT.

Dec. 2. Annual meeting. A large amount of faithful work had been done during the year. The members had worked hard for the last poll, and were again confidently facing the fight on December 17th. Luncheon will be provided for workers on Polling Day, and the room will be in the capable hands of Mrs. Bissett. Arrangements are complete for running the tea tent at the Annual Show on 9th and 10th, with Mrs. Lillicrap as convener. The temperance essay competition had been held; all were not yet judged, but great interest was aroused by personal touches in some of the essays. One new member was received. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs. F. Lillicrap; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Hunter, and Miss Birss; Sec., Mrs. Rowland Lewis; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Parsonson; Treas., Mrs. F. Blaikie. Superintendents: Notable Days, Miss Birss; Cradle Roll, Mrs. F. Blaikie; Flower Committee, Mrs. and Miss McKay. Decided to send letters of sympathy to three members laid aside through illness.

NGAERE.

Dec. 2. The new President (Mrs. Jones) presided. The Corresponding Secretary's report was adopted, correspondence dealt with, and two new members welcomed. Arrangements were made for providing refreshments for helpers on Polling Day, and a clear explanation of poll issues was read by Miss Ellis. Decided to assist in sending a delegate to the World's Convention.

GREYTOWN.

Nov. 25. President in chair. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. Boucher; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Whincop and Mrs. Quin; Treas., Mrs. A. Haigh; Agent for "White Ribbon," Mrs. Whincop; Supt. Cradle Roll, Mrs. Boucher; Home Meetings, Mrs. McWhiney.

December 2. Mrs. Boucher presided; a fair attendance. A report of the year's work was read, also the bal-

ance-sheet. Rev. R. B. Gosnell, in a few words, outlined women's work, their influence in the world, and good results of their united efforts in the amending of the prison laws, and other laws and departments in which they take part.

FEILDING.

Nov. 6. Mrs J. C. Miller, Vice-President in the chair. Mrs Neal gave a report of the Wellington Provincial Convention. One member initiated.

Nov. 12. Drawing-room meeting. Mrs Barton, President, in the chair. Mrs Wheeler, of the U.S.A., gave a humorous recitation on "The New Baby." This she followed with an inspiring address, in which she gave particulars of the fight against legalised drink traffic in the U.S.A. and the part taken by the W.C.T.U. Two members initiated.

Dec. 4. Annual meeting. Mrs Barton in the chair. Report showed an increase in membership of 21, and in "White Ribbon" subscribers, 10. Work done in 18 departments. Officers elected: Pres., Mrs Barton; Rec. Sec., Miss Rene Mayo; Cor. Sec., Mrs Clara M. Neal; Treas., Miss Svendsen; Press Reporter, Mrs Reeve; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Emerson; L.T.L. Supt., Miss Thompson; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Mai; "White Ribbon," Agent, Miss A. Svendsen; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames P. W. Jones, T. Miller, Gardener, J. C. Miller and Beattie; Afternoon Tea Committee, Mesdames Emerson, G. Bridge, Knight, Carr, Cock; Door-keepers, Mesdames Lethbridge, Jones, and Burnley.

NELSON.

Nov. 11. Mrs Watson presided. Fair attendance. £10 donated to Prohibition League. Balance-sheet in connection with recent sale of work presented, showing a nett profit of £47 17s 4½d.

Nov. 18. In conjunction with Plunket Society, we entertained the soldiers' wives in the Methodist Hall. Fair attendance. Address given by Mrs Field and Mrs Buchanan, President of Plunket Society.

BALCLUTHA.

Nov. 4. Mrs Clark presided over a good attendance. Decided to send copy of resolution to our M.P. Decided to meet afternoons in Wesleyan Schoolroom, and evening meetings in Presbyterian classroom.

Nov. 19. Social afternoon. Afternoon tea was provided and solos rendered by ladies. Mrs Don spoke on our work, and urged all to become members. She was thanked for her address. Mrs Kirkland wished Mrs Don a pleasant time on her trip home as our delegate to World's Convention.

Dec. 2. President in the chair. Attendance small. A Ladies' Prayer Meeting, to be held the day before election. Three new members and one subscriber to W.R. Meetings adjourned till February.

OXFORD.

Nov. 26. Annual meeting. Owing to bad weather, the attendance was small. President sketched the year's work, and regretted the removal of three earnest members, one by death and two by removal, and Mrs Ancall was also leaving the district, to their great regret. Reports were read showing 105 on Cradle Roll (18 new ones during the year). 50 members of L.T.L., and 53 subscribers to W.R. Decided to send a letter to the "Y" Branch expressing thanks and appreciation for their help with the Band of Hope. Balance-sheet adopted, and auditor thanked. Officers re-elected. Members urged to be diligent for the election.

Oct. 28. A meeting of welcome to Mrs Wheeler; Mrs Hawke presided. Mrs Wheeler spoke on the two flags, then gave a recital, closing with an account of the Prohibition movement in America.

HAMILTON.

Nov. 5. Mrs Morton presided. Military training for youths gave rise to special discussion, all being emphatically against same. Mrs Wheeler, Los Angeles, will give an address on Prohibition on November 23rd. A big attendance is anticipated. Reported an "At Home" was held at Claudelands on 30th October. Mrs Blamires in chair. Addresses by Rev. Waterhouse and Mrs Jamieson. Musical items were rendered, and several new members admitted. A very profitable afternoon was passed.

TAKAPUNA.

Nov. 6. Mrs Fulljames in chair. 14 present. Three received into membership. Mock ballot taken. All urged to be ready for coming campaign. Collection for work amongst Maoris. Two delegates nominated for District Convention, to be held the following week at headquarters. Auckland.

HENDERSON.

Oct. 29. In Methodist Church. Mrs Attwood presided. Passed resolution re widows' pensions, same to be forwarded to Prime Minister. Delegates appointed to Auckland District Convention. Report of year's work reviewed.

Nov. 19. Presbyterian Church. Mrs Attwood presided. Decided to conform with Convention, and send certain questions to Parliamentary candidates. Mrs Williams gave good report of Convention morning session. Social Committee formed to assist in arranging a "Y" social.

WANGANUI DISTRICT.

Dec. 4. Attendance good, President in the chair. Annual reports, which were read and adopted, proved very satisfactory. Committee appointed to supply refreshments on Polling Day. Officers were elected: Pres., Mrs Emmett; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Smith and Warwick; Rec. Sec., Mrs McEknzie; Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton; Treas., Mrs Heatly; Press Re-

porter, Mrs Warwick. Superintendents were elected: Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs McAlister; Literature and Evangelistic, Mrs Ward; "White Ribbon," Mrs Grant. Mrs Dunstall appointed Hospital Visitor, and Mrs Bathgate Superintendent of Y Branch. Letters of thanks to be sent to Trustees for use of room, and to Press for printing reports.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Dec. 5. There was a large attendance. Mrs Crabb presided. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Pres., Mrs Crabb; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hills; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hodder; Treas., Miss Hodder. Mrs Barnett and Miss Murray were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary of "Willard House" and "Children's Home" respectively. It was decided to spend £5 on the children's procession on Saturday, 13th, in connection with the Prohibition cause.

HENDERSON.

Dec. 9. Annual Outing. Attendance small, owing to the alteration of date, due to polling day. Reports were read and adopted. Great satisfaction was expressed when our Cradle Roll Superintendent reported 85 names on roll. Members promised to help with visiting the mothers during the coming year. Mrs Attwood elected President, and other officers re-elected. Resolved to have no meeting in January, but to open with an afternoon devoted to Cradle Roll members in February.

TAKAPUNA.

Dec. 4. Annual meeting. Mrs Cook presided over preliminary business, also speaking a few words of encouragement. Present officers re-elected. Reports were read by our Secretary and Treasurer, also Cradle Roll Superintendent, showing a satisfactory increase for the year. New members have been added at most meetings. Afternoon tea was served. Mrs Eva C. Wheeler, from Los Angeles, U.S.A., then gave a bright and descriptive address to a large and interested audience. She spoke of the methods in vogue re Prohibition in America, especially of the children's tuition in anatomy, and alcohol's effects on the human body. Ten new members were initiated at the close, making a total of 66; 42 babies were reported on Cradle Roll.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Dec. 3. Annual meeting. Mrs Wright presided. Mrs Webb (Secretary) read the report of the year's work, which included reports from the Central, Lower Hutt, and Petone Branch Unions, and also the following departments of work:—Good Citizenship, Notable Days, Flower Mission, Cradle Roll, Evangelistic, Press, and the Y Branch (young people). Mrs Evans, M.A. (Corresponding Secretary), reported the number of letters, resolutions, and circulars written. Mrs Boxall (Treasurer) read the balance-sheet, which showed a small credit balance. The member-

ship of the Union is 121, with nine honorary members. Rev. W. Shirer (Treasurer of the Building Fund) read the report and balance-sheet, which was very encouraging, for which he was thanked, and unanimously re-elected. Arrangements were made in connection with the stall to be held at Courtenay Place for the St. John Ambulance, and also for work to be done on Polling Day. The following officers were elected:—Pres., Mrs Wright; Rec. Sec., Mrs Webb; Cor. Sec., Mrs Moody; Treas., Mrs Boxall.

MAORI REPORT.

Kinga hoa aroha Kei roto nei ite whakataere ate roopu Kairaitiana wahine ote Tominiana.

He tuhi atu tenei naku kia koutou kia kaha tatou kite whakahaere inga take, I homai nei eotatou Tumuaki, kia mahia etatou i roto ite whakapono mete wehi ano hoki ite ngakau kite mahi inga mea he. Kaati kua kite ahau kua riro keotatou ngakau mahara hoki kinga mea he. Kinga mahi ake ote ngakau kihai i mahara kinga kupu oati. Na tetahuri atu tetahi tangata kite mahi kino kite tahi wahine tane ranei. Kahuri katoa tatou hei hoa motana wahine tane e mahi kino ra ki tana wahine tane ranei. Kote roopu e karangatia nei he W.C.T.U. Kei to mohio katoa tatou kei roto tatou ite nohoanga tapu heoi he mahi matouhe aroha kinga tangata kua taka kite he. He whakaboki mai ia ratou kite ruarahi ote pono ote tika ne te tapu ote ngakau kinga kikino katoa ote ao na enga. Tuakana na konei kainoi atu kia kaha tatou kite arai atu inei mea katoa. Kia kana atatou ngakou e rire ienei mhi heoi matatou he aroha kite tahi kiu tahi a ewhaka ake tatatou tamariki iroto ite pono ite tika.

Kaati enga hoa aroha kei te nui te pouri otoku ngakau mote rongo kua rongo nei ahau kua riro ke etahi otatou tuakana inga whakawai ate re wera kua kai nei ite kai ioati pono ai ratou ite aroaro ote mayua ite rangi. Ka tapu oratou ngutu kitana kai kite wairipiro.

Kaati mate atua ano awhatu he ngakau hou monga mea kua taka kite he kia mohio ai matou kite inoi ite wa ote pouri.

Kinga Perehitini kia kaha ano tatou kite kui. Hui mei katoa inga mema mon ga mitini inga marema katoa Heoi mate matua ite. Rangi tatou emanaki inga wa katoa.

PAHI.

I atute mitingi ate roopu kariatina Ka whakapueritia to matotu kaumatua Raratene H. Kei a ruka ae tahi onga ukoko ao ae rarangi Katu ae Perehitini ka whaka mihi kiona hoa ite roopu mete roopu taitamariki mete roopu Kaumatua Ete wharamaa elomaa hoki. Kia kite whakapono Hei matua matatou monga pani monga pouraru monga rawa kori.

Katu te whaka mininga kai ae awhina katoa a matou kinga tikanga ote whakapono a Ka whakamatua ete Perehitini. Himene 15. Hoi ano.

Y's Reports.

NELSON.

The monthly meeting took the form of a social, each member bringing one or more gifts for Christmas presents to the inmates of the Mental Hospital and the Home for Defective Girls at Richmond. All present enjoyed themselves, and three new members joined.

AUCKLAND.

Sept. 29. A knife and fork tea was given to the "Y's" to welcome our new Superintendent (Mrs Brown). The tea was very successful, many members being in attendance, and many suggestions were given as to making the meetings more interesting. Misses Pudney and Wright were elected delegates for the Auckland Province Convention. Miss Cranch was elected Treasurer.

Nov. 24. Attendance fair. One new member initiated. Splendid report from our delegates, who were heartily thanked.

Nov. 12. Auckland Province Convention held. "Y's" took the evening meeting, which was very successful. Papers were read by Mrs Brown, the "Y" Superintendent, and Miss Vincent from the Eden Branch.

INVERCARGILL.

Oct. A fair attendance. It was decided to go down to Cameron Home on Wednesday afternoon and entertain the children there. An interesting and helpful paper, entitled "Be Patient," was read by Mrs Garrett, which was much appreciated. Five new members and nine honorary members were secured during the month.

Nov. Fair attendance. Decided to go to the Gladstone Home and entertain the children. An interesting letter was read, telling about the work of our missionaries amongst the Maoris in the Turakina Girls' School.

Nov. A social tea at 6 p.m. to meet Miss Hatcher, who was here in the interests of the National Women's League. After tea, Miss Hatcher gave us an interesting talk on her work throughout the South Island, and urged us to do all we possibly could in the interest of Prohibition.

Nov. 25. A social evening to meet Miss Henderson, Dominion Corresponding Secretary. The President, Miss Birss, occupied the chair. Solos were rendered by Miss Millar and Miss Kerr. Several competitions and games were indulged in. Miss Henderson gave a very interesting address on the work of the W.C.T.U. in New Zealand after which she was presented with a beautiful floral bouquet. Mrs Young, the Superintendent, moved a vote of thanks to her, which was heartily carried. Miss August acted as accompanist.

ARAMOHO.

The Aramoho Methodist School-room was the scene of a very happy gathering on Tuesday evening, when

the members of the Y. W.C.T.U. and their soldier friends were entertained by Mrs Hague Smith, President of the Wanganui Central Union. The floral decorations consisted of baskets and bowls of roses and lilies, and each guest wore a rose in conformity with the "Rose Evening," the general effect being very pretty. Mrs Campbell (Vice-President) presided over an attendance of between 50 and 60, and in a neat little speech introduced Mrs Smith, who then led in prayer. The President of the Y Branch (Mrs Bathgate) spoke of the kindness of the hostess, and of the encouragement and sympathy Mrs Smith had always given to the work of the young people, also expressing appreciation of her kindly thought in entertaining members. Songs, recitations, and musical items were given. A mock election took place, resulting in a good win for Prohibition. A pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation to Mrs Smith, on behalf of the members, of a lovely bouquet of roses and a small book of poems, as a token of love and esteem, those present joining in singing "For she's a jolly good fellow." Mrs Smith was taken unawares, and heartily thanked the young people for their gift. Mr Grey, ventriloquist, also favoured the company with an item, and added greatly to the merriment of the evening. Various games and competitions were indulged in. A dainty supper was handed round, after which the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very enjoyable evening to a close, with a new honorary member gained.

L.T.L. Reports.

TURAKINA MAORI GIRLS' COLLEGE.

Dec. Our meetings have been held three times now. On November 8th we were glad to receive Sister Agnes in our meeting. We have suggested that our Secretary was to write to Mrs Crabb about Miss Kaa Winiata forming a branch in Utiku. We have three new members and that, makes 26 altogether. Our President is leaving, and so Marara Potete was elected in her stead.

Carry on! Carry on!
Fight the good fight and true.
Believe in your mission, greet life
with a cheer;
There's a big work to do, and that's
why you are here.

Carry on! Carry on!
Let the world be the better for you,
And at last when you die, let this be
your cry:
Carry on, my soul, carry on!

A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM.

One afternoon, a few months ago, a lady in deep distress, accompanied by a little child, entered one of the public-houses in South London and asked for assistance. She accompanied her plea with the statement, "I have no home, no friends, and I am unable to work." The publican, unaccustomed to appeals of this character, treated her request with scant courtesy, and, turning aside, said to the barmaid, "Business is slow this afternoon. I wish things would wake up." The unwelcome visitor repeated her request, whereupon the publican put his hand into the till, withdrew a copper, and handed it to her with a mingled look of curiosity and pity.

A man standing at the bar with a glass of whisky in front of him, enquired of the woman, "What brings you here in this condition this afternoon?" Pointing to his glass of whisky, she replied, "Why, whisky! That is what brought me here. I was once happy and surrounded by all the luxuries that wealth could procure; my husband was one of the kindest men I have ever known. But in an evil hour he was tempted, and fell, and in two short years my dream of happiness was over, my husband lost his position, and then he died, and now fills a drunkard's grave. As for me, I am only a wreck of my former self, homeless and friendless, and with nothing left me in the world but this little child."

And weeping as if the fountain of her soul was broken up, she affectionately caressed the golden curls that shaded a face of exquisite loveliness. Then, regaining her composure, she turned to the publican behind the bar, and said:

"Sir, the reason I have come here to-day is to ask you, not so much for help, as to plead with you to stop this business, which spreads ruin, poverty, starvation, and desolation everywhere. You are taking the bread out of the mouths of the famished wives and children of your customers. You are stripping the clothes from their backs, and spreading unhappiness, misery, crime, and desolation among their once happy homes."

By this time the bar had filled with customers. Their attention was attracted and held by the pathetic story and appeal of this sorrow-stricken woman. Some with curiosity, some

with sadness, and some with pity beaming in their eyes, had watched this poor woman as they heard her relate her tragic story and make her appeal.

One of the men suggested the child should sing, and she sang in a sweet, child-like voice that well-known hymn:

"Yield not to temptation,

For yielding is sin,

Each victory will help you

Some other to win." etc., etc.

The men and women who filled the bar were entranced with the musical voice and beauty of the child, and at the close men and women who had not shed a tear for years now wept like children. One young man, who had resisted the entreaties of a loving mother and friends, approached the child, and taking both her hands in his, with tears streaming down his pale cheeks, exclaimed with deep emotion, "God bless you, my dear little angel, you have saved me from ruin and disgrace. I will never take another drop of drink while I live." Another man, who had been given up as utterly beyond the reach of those who were anxious for his welfare, exclaimed, "I have drank my last glass; from this day I will be a sober man."

—J.J.

DROPPED STITCHES.

I dropped a stitch in my knitting

As I sat at work one day,

And it seemed such a little matter,

I sang as I worked away;

But lo, when my work was finished,

I saw, with infinite pain,

The stitch I had missed in the morning

Had rendered it all in vain!

That all of my perfect stitches

Were useless because of one,

That one little flaw had cost me

The loss of my heart's "Well done!"

Just so it is in our lives, dear,

But the stitches dropped, ah me!

Are part of the soul's own garment

We weave for eternity.

The stitch of unbridled passions,

Of an evil, bitter thought,

The stitch of neglected duties

Are into the pattern wrought!

The stitch of the first cigar, lad,

The stitch of your first strong drink,

And the work of your life is ruined—

Does it pay, dear, do you think?

Alas! for the stitch unheeded,

Ah, me, for the mischief done,

For the glad hopes of the morning,

For heartache at set of sun!

Auckland District, 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., W.C.T.U. Headquarters, Wellesley Chambers, Wellesley Street (entrance Lorne St.); Pres., Mrs. Cook, Point St., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terr., Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs. J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Rd., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs. Perrett, Market Road, Epsom; "W.R." Agent, Miss Davies, Onslow Rd., Mt. Roskill.

Avondale, 3rd Tuesday, 2 p.m., Brown Street Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs. Stevens; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Gittos; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Proctor, Treas., Mrs. Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Morgan.

Auckland, Y's.—Last Monday at 7.45 p.m. in W.C.T.U. Headquarters. Pres., Miss L. Fosse; Vice-Presidents, Misses L. Cook, and O. Scott; Supt., Mrs. Perrett, Market Road, Epsom; Rec. Secretary, Miss L. Street; Cor. Secretary, Miss M. Bottrill, 31 Arthur St., Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs. D. Stubbs, Shoal Bay Rd., Devonport; "W.R." Supt., Miss Budd.

Ashburton, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Victoria Hall; Pres., Mrs. W. T. I. L. Wilowby; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. Bowman, Peter St., E.; Rec. Sec., Miss Trevarza, 169 Peter St.; Treas., Mrs. W. J. Brown, Walnut Av.; "W.R." Supt., Miss Butterick, Wakanui.

Avondale Y's, 2nd Wednesday, 7.45 p.m., in Bond Board Room, Blake Street. Pres. Miss Elsie Stevens, Vice-Pres. Misses Ada Adams, Lilla Russel & Rowley; Rec. Sec., Miss G. Wright; Cor. Sec., Miss M. Cottrill, New Wind-or Rd., Avondale; Treas. Miss M. McCarthy, Station Rd.; W.R. Supt., Miss R. Thomas; Y. Supt., Mrs. Pirrell, Market Rd., Epsom.

Blenheim District, 1st Tuesday, 8 p.m., Pres. Mrs. A. J. Littlefield, Livermere; Sec. Mrs. H. S. Horn Springlands, Blenheim; Treas., Mrs. Hay, Stephenson St.; Mothers' Meeting and Cradle Roll, Messdames Brewer and Hancock; W.R. Agent, Mrs. W. Parker, Grove Rd.

Cambridge, 1st Tuesday, in month in Victoria Hall, at 8 p.m., Pres., Mrs. A. T. Watson; Sec., Mrs. G. Beer; Treas., Mrs. C. H. Bycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs. W. Hogan; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. T. Watson.

Christchurch W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester St., opp. His Majesty's Theatre, Second and fourth Wednesday, Prayer Meeting, on the third Wednesday. Pres., Mrs. T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs. R. Day, Millford St., St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey St.; Treas., Miss M. B. Lovell-Smith, Box 114; Assistant-Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester St.; "W.R." Supt., Mrs. Day, Millford St., St. Albans.

Dannevirke, 2nd Wednesday, Wesleyan Schoolroom, 8 p.m., Pres., Mrs. Richards; Rec. Sec., Mrs. McFhee, Princes St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Wiseman, High St.; Treas., Miss Burdett.

Dunedin District, 1st Tuesday, No-license Rooms, Moray Place, 3 p.m., Pres., Mrs. Hiatt, 264 George Row; Cor. Sec., and Press Cor., Mrs. Chisholm, Rec. Sec., Nurse Williamson; Supt. WHITE RIBBON, Mrs. Anderson, 82, Duke St.; Treas., Mrs. Young, Bishops Court, Roslyn.

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

Eden, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion Rd. Pres., Miss Wilson, Wilford Rd., Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Scaulen, 2 Mars Avenue, Edendale N.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Fowles, 270 Balmoral Rd., Edendale N.; Treas., Mrs. Cartwright, Huia Villa, Dominion Rd.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs. Hudson, Richmond Rd., Mt. Eden.

Feilding, 1st Thursday, 2.10 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Barton, "Brabourne," Monmouth St.; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Clara Neal, Manchester St.; Rec. Sec., Miss R. Mayo, "Nga-Kuri-Nui"; Treas., Miss Svendsen, East St.; "W.R." Agent, Miss Evenden; Pres., Mrs. Reeve; Evangelistic, Mrs. Emerson; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Mai; L.T.L., Miss Thompson.

Gisborne District, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom; Pres., Mrs. Griffe, Ormond Rd.; Sec., Miss W. J. Bosie, 256 Efton Street; Treas., Mrs. F. J. Wilkes, 466 Gladstone Rd.

Greymouth District, Business only 1st Tuesday, Prayer Meeting second Tuesday in Gailer's Rest Hall; Pres., Mrs. Gaskin; Sec., Mrs. Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs. A. Farkusson, Tarapahi St.; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. T. Brown; Vice-Presidents, Sister Mody Bell and Mrs. Farkusson.

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

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

Hastings, 2nd and 4th Thursday, Methodist Hall 3 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Mrs Wilson, 703 Hastings St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs Boyie, Mrs Barr; Mrs Moore; Rec. Sec., Mrs Gloyd, Cook Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Lovell-Smith, 612 Herecumga Street; Treas., Mrs Rossiter, Lyndon Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Martindale, Southland Road

Hawera meets in Wesley Hall, R-gert Street on the last Thursday, at 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. S. Young, Cameron Street; Vice Presidents, Mesdames Bone, Dixon, Gray, Liversedge, and Miss Maunier; Rec. Sec., Miss Bischoff, Turuturu Rd.; Treas., Miss Maunier c/o Mrs Johnson, Morrissey St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Tait, Nelson St.

Henderson, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches, alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Atwood; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Wright and Miss Duncan; Secretary, Mrs McKay, Great North Rd.; Treas., Mrs W. Williams, Gt. North Rd.; W.R. Agent, Miss K. Duncan.

Invercargill District, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Y.M.C.A. rooms; Pres., Mrs F. Lilliecrap, 75 Earn St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baird, Hunter and Miss Birss; Rec. Sec., Mrs Rowland Lewis; Asst. Treas., Mrs A. Dewe; Cor. Sec., Mrs Parsonson, Gladstone; Treas., Mrs F. Blakie; "W.R." Agent, Mrs F. Lilliecrap, Earn St.

Invercargill South. Meets every second Tuesday, in Methodist Schoolroom, Ythan Street, at 2.45 p.m. Pres. Mrs Pasley, Centre St. Gorge-town; Rec. Sec., Mrs Garrett, 195 Ness St.; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Smart, Morris and Fairbairn; W.R. Agent, Mrs Pate; Treasurer, Mrs Aitken; Cor. Sec., Mrs Parkin, Bowmont Street

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

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

Lower Hutt, first Tuesday, Church of Christ, Queen St., at 2.45 p.m.; Pres., Mrs Ballantyne, Belmont Rd.; Sec., Mrs R. Aldersley, Brunswick St.; Treas., Mrs Baigent, Kings Rd.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Brunswick St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mrs W. Knight, Knights Rd.

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

Leigh, last Thursday, Leigh Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs R. Matheson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames C. Wyatt and D. Matheson; Sec., Mrs Gozar; Treas., Miss E. Matheson; Cradle Roll, Miss J. Wyatt; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Matheson; Press, Mrs J. Forkington.

Mangaia, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church; Pres., Mrs J. Patterson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Odell and Smith; Sec., Mrs C. Hansen; Treas., Mrs Aitken; W.R. Agent, Miss Patterson; Cradle Roll, Mrs Sandford, Kaupokonui.

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 Eytson; "W.R." Agent, Mrs A. Roke.

Morrinsville, meets 2nd Thursday in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Richards, The Manse, Allen St.; Sec. and Treas., Miss Wills, "Carrisbrook," Allen Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Johnstone, Hamilton Road.

New Brighton, 3rd Thursday in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Hall, 36 Wainui St., New Brighton; Secretary, Mrs Nicholas, 64, Brooke St., Bexley; Treas., Mrs Gibson, Union Street; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Walker, Union Street, N.B.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Whitley, Nelson St., N.B.

Napier District, 1st Wednesday and 3rd Thursday, in St. Paul's Presbyterian Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs G. W. Venables, Ashbridge Rd.; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Dodds and Findlay; Sec., Mrs Foote, Macdonald St.; Treas., Mrs Grayling, Well-stey Road; Evangelistic, Mrs Todd; Hospital Visitors, Mesdames J. Walker and W. Findlay; Cradle Roll, Mrs Walker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mens.

Ngaruawahia, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Presbyterian Church; President, Mrs Hycroft; 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., Gilbert Street; Treas., and W.R. Agent, Miss Tann, Victoria Rd.

Normanby, Second Wednesday, 2 p.m., Social Hall; Pres., Mrs Scott, Rural Delivery, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Secretary; Mrs Chapman; Treasurer, Mrs Linnand; Cradle Roll, Miss Clement; WHITE RIBBON, Mrs Gane.

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

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

Nelson District, Second Tuesday, Temperance Hall, 3 p.m.; Acting Pres., Mrs Watson; Cor. Sec., Mrs Edmonds, Tory St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs Hooker, Collingwood Street; Treas., Mrs A. Brown, Waka St.; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Whitford, Mount St.

Ormondville, 2nd Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. in the Wesleyan Church. Pres., Miss Alice Webb; Vice-Pres., Mrs Small; Sec., Mrs Wilson; Treas., Mrs T. Fothergill; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Newling.

Opetiki, 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; Sec., Mrs R. Comyns; Treas., Miss Caverhill; "W.R." Mrs D. Hawke; Cradle Roll, Mrs Gainsford, Sr., and Mrs Roy; Evangelistic, Mrs R. Osborne; Flower Mission, Mrs Foot; Home Meetings, Mrs Jim Clark; Notable Days, Mrs Lewis.

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

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, 27 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., Church of Christ Schoolroom, Ponsonby Rd. 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.

Papatoetoe, Methodist Hall, last Tuesday in month, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Porter; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Leonard; Sec., Mrs J. Bryant; Treas., Mrs Hallberry; W.R. Agent, Mrs Paisley.

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

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.

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

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

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 Veats, 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 Patchell; 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 Norrie; Sec., Miss M. Avison, Victoria St.; Treas., Mrs Cave, Raymond St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs King, Bank Street; WHITE RIBBON Agent, Mrs Trott, Cane Street.

Waimate, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 3 o'clock; President, Mrs G. Dash, Naylor St., Sec., Mrs R. Smith, Edward Street; 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, Fose 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; "Okioia," 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 Dist., 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m. Trinity Church Parlor; Pres., Mrs Emmett; Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton, 105 Victoria Ave.; Rec. Sec., Mrs McKenzie, Wicksteed St.; Treas., Mrs Heatley; "W.R." Supt., Mrs W. R. Grant, Harrison Place.

Winchmore, 2nd Wednesday alternately at Greenstreet and Winchmore. Pres., Mrs Robinson; Sec., Miss McKay; Treas., Miss Freebie; Vice-President, Mrs McIlroy; 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.L. Rooms, every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Y Branch, Rooms, alternate Thursdays at 8 p.m.

Wellington Central, 3rd Friday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis St.; Pres., Mrs A. R. Atkinson, Wadestown; Acting Pres., Mrs McDonald, 8 Huia Rd., Hataitai; Cor. Sec., Miss Helyer, Tonks Grove; Rec. Sec., Mrs Clark; Treas., Mrs Helyer, Oriental Bay; WHITE RIBBON Supt., Mrs Port, Austin 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 last Tuesday, at 2.30 p.m., in Forrester's Hall. Pres., Mrs Shearman, Ormond Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Jackson; Sec., Mrs H. Mills, Gorge Road; Treas., Miss Fastier; Cradle Roll, Mrs Forrest; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Thompson, Fox St.