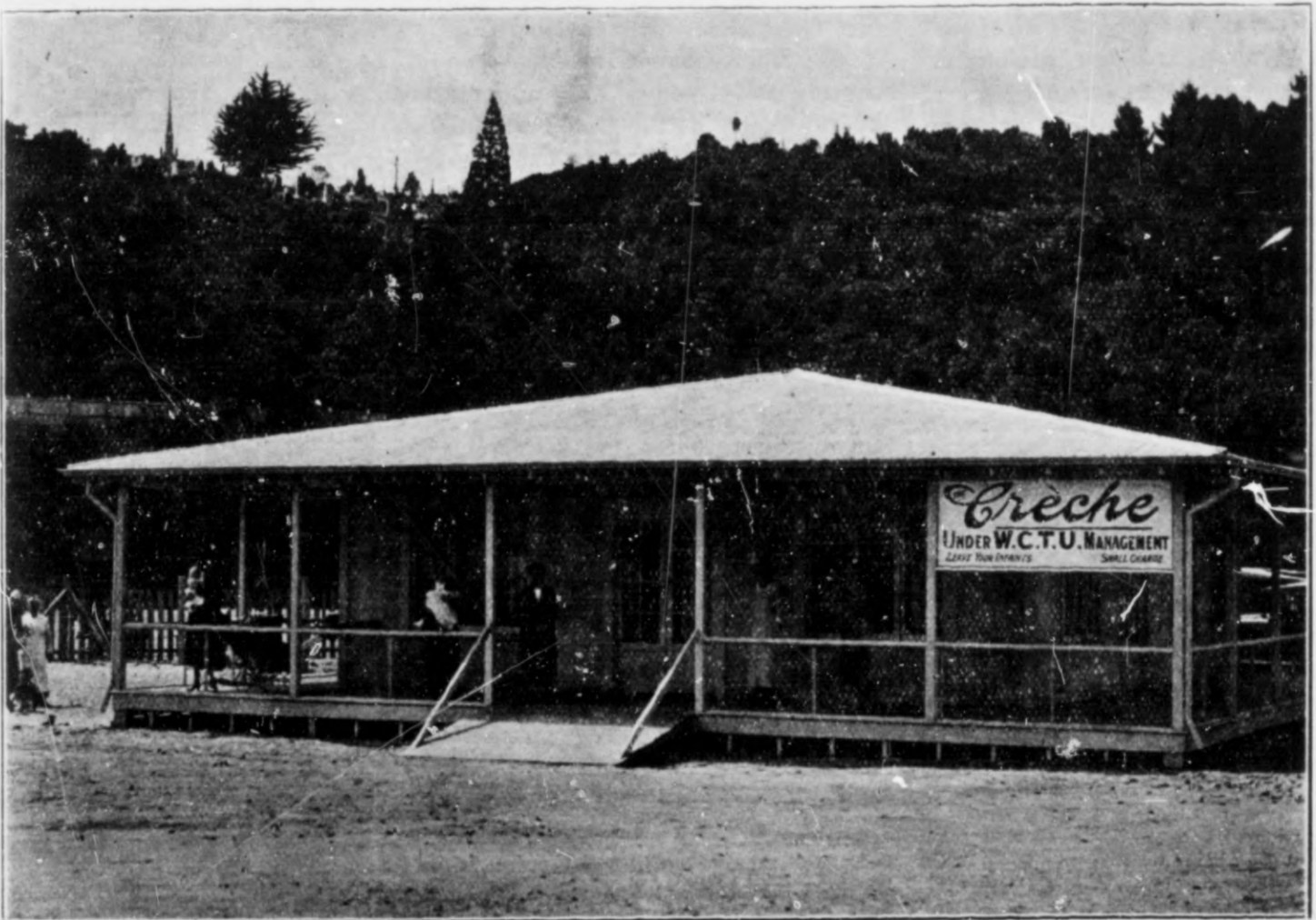


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THE CRECHE AT EXHIBITION.

The creche is now an accomplished fact and is doing valuable work in the Exhibition. At the beginning the Committee worked under considerable difficulties, the chief one being the unfinished state of the building, and the consequent presence of painters, plumbers, and carpenters, with the noise and confusion usually attendant on such occupancy. Another trouble was the absence of the promised direction signs.

which would have minimised the difficulty experienced by would-be patrons in finding "the haven where they would be" readily. The site is excellent when one reaches it, but is far from the main entrance, and hidden by other buildings.

Now that these difficulties have been overcome, the work goes on smoothly and well. To date (January 4) 550 babies have been left in our charge, and the fact that some of them have been back on numerous occasions is

evidence that their parents are fully satisfied with the measure of care bestowed upon them.

Mrs Macartney (Superintendent) is always to be found at her post, giving careful oversight to all details, and ready, if the conditions permit, to receive visitors and show them round. Miss Young is filling the duties of her position admirably. The members of the Creche Committee all render personal service with cheerful willingness. The suburban as well as the city

Unions, supply ample voluntary help, the Dunedin Y's being specially good in the enthusiasm with which they attend whenever their occupations allow, and the success of their handling of the little ones allotted to them.

The comments written by visitors in the visitors' book are testimony to the appreciation by the public of this effort, the motive which actuates all the workers being summed up by one, who wrote the single word, "Inasmuch."

At about 2.30 on Wednesday afternoon, January 27, the thousandth attendance of infants at the W.C.T.U. creche was reached. The infant which secured the winning label was little Joyce Koi Casey, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Casey, of J. Casey and Co., Gore. Joyce, who is only three months old, was paying her second visit to the Exhibition, and at her first enrolling in the creche register on December 4th her number was 84. As a souvenir, she received a silver spoon, with the Exhibition crest in enamel on the handle, and the bowl engraved with the title of the particular building in which she received it. A photo was taken of the lucky little one, who appeared pleased with her present, and satisfied with her surroundings.

On Friday, January 29th, the first twins to be left in the creche were given a similar gift each. These were daughters of Mrs Taylor, of North-East Valley.

The latest donations to Creche Fund: Apiti 10/-. Inglewood £1, Ormondville 10/6, Totara Valley Y's 5/-. Kaiapoi £1.

E. MACARTNEY,

Chairwoman Creche Committee.

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THE WHITE RIBBON IN NEW ZEALAND.

Chapter III.

The First Convention of the newly organised Union met, as was fitting it should, in the Empire City.

It assembled on February 23rd, 1886, at the Congregational Church, Woodward Street, Wellington.

At this first session, 13 delegates took their seats. On the third day of Convention Mrs Johnson Wright took her seat as a delegate for Wellington. The following were elected as Dominion Officers:—President, Mrs Dudley Ward; Cor. Sec., Miss Susan Brett; Rec. Sec., Mrs Fanny Troy; Treas., Mrs C. A. Baker. Mrs Johnson Wright was appointed to represent the Union at the New Zealand Temperance Alliance meetings. At this first Convention, the Constitution and By-laws were adopted, and the policy of the Union was defined. From the first it has owed much to the self-sacrifice and devotion of its officers. The President, in part of that first year, had travelled 1900 miles and formed seven new Unions.

To show the independent and progressive spirit of these early members, it is to be noted that this Convention resolved (1) to strenuously oppose the operation of the Contagious Diseases Act, thus early setting up its standard of a "white life for two;" and 2nd, that this Union endeavour to obtain Woman's Suffrage.

Both these resolutions were unfalteringly pursued, and successfully carried out. After a very strenuous fight extending over seven years, the vote was granted to women, but many years of educative work followed before women were eligible for election to Parliament. Still there is work left for us to do, and still disabilities on women are there for us to remove.

The Contagious Diseases Act has ceased to disgrace our Statute book. But, "Eternal Vigilance is the price of safety," and we have still to keep ready to fight any attempt to bring back a "C.D. Act" brought "up-to-date."

A public meeting was held at this Convention in St. John's Schoolroom. Mr Ebenezer Baker presided, and Sir

William Fox occupied the seat on the platform.

The President gave a very eloquent address, explaining the work of the Union, and urging all to help it in its work for God, Home and Humanity.

(To be Continued).

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments, exclusive of capitation fees, have been received since date of last report:—

New Zealand Fund.

Gore, Hastings, Lower Hutt, Oamaru, Opawa-Woolston, Otautau, Ponsonby, Port Chalmers, Sumner, and Wakefield, £1 each; Geraldine, 10s.

Organising Fund.

Gore, £12 1s 6d; Invercargill Central, £10 7s; Oamaru, £6 15s; Invercargill "Y," £6; Wanganui Central, £5 11s; Hastings, £3 12s; Lower Hutt, £3 7s; Blenheim and Pleasant Point, £3 4s 6d each; Opawa-Woolston, £3 1s 6d; Pahiatua, £2 17s; Epsom, Fairlie, and Foxton, £2 14s each; Henderson and Sumner, £3 3s 6d each; Tauranga and Templeton, £2 2s each; Te Kuiti, £1 19s; Kaikorai-Roslyn, £1 14s 6d; Wakefield, £1 10s; Birkenhead, £1 8s 6d; Otautau and Woodville, £1 7s each; Bluff, Maungaturoto, and Waipukurau, £1 5s 6d each; Eketahuna, £1 4s 6d; Waverley, £1 4s; Helensville and Rama Rama, £1 2s 6d each; Warkworth, £1 1s; Ngaere, £1 0s 5d; Geraldine, £1; Balclutha, 17s; Ormondville and Russell, 15s each; Levin, 13s 6d; Rorburgh, 10s 6d; Matakana, 10s; Wanganui East L.T.L., 6s 6d.

World's Missionary Fund.

Ashburton, 10s 3d; Epsom, 10s; Feilding, 7s.

Maori Fund.

Epsom 10s.

E. L. R. BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 11th February, 1926.

IT DOESN'T PROHIBIT.

"Half of the Salvation Army's social institutions are empty, thanks to Prohibition, and there has been a general reduction in crime."—General Booth.

ESSAY COMPETITION.

The special attention of all readers of the "White Ribbon" is asked for the following paragraph, that all may do what they can to encourage teachers and parents to take an interest in this competition, which cannot fail to be of benefit to the schools and individual children who may take part in it, by turning their thoughts to the question of what true heroism is, and how it may best be exercised in their own lives. It is hoped that many of the New Zealand schools will enter for the competition, and that the interest of the children generally will be awakened.

A WORLD HERO PRIZE COMPETITION

has been organised by the National Council for Prevention of War (for particulars, write 532 Seventeenth Street, North-West, Washington, D.C.), offering 1200 dollars to school children all over the world for short essays on the twelve figures in human history deemed most worthy of remembrance as the world's greatest heroes, giving due consideration to (1) nobility of character, 2) fearless and self-sacrificing devotion to a great cause, (3) constructive power for humanity of a permanent character. The competition closes on May 18, 1926.

ESSAY COMPETITION.

Who are the Twelve Greatest World Heroes? Clement M. Biddle, of New

York, has offered 1200 dollars in prizes to the school pupils of the world for their judgment on the answer to the above question, founders of religion whom their followers revere as divine, and the names of persons still living being excepted. Essays not exceeding 200 words are invited on such heroes; and each school entering the competition is invited to submit a list of twelve names with one essay by a pupil on each of the names selected. Essays must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee of Award, Dr. Augustus O. Thomas, Maine, U.S.A., on or before World Goodwill Day, May 18, 1926.

Frederick J. Libby, Executive Secretary of the National Council for the Prevention of War (U.S.A.) urges that the British Peace Forces should take up the matter and encourage the consideration in as many schools as possible of that which constitutes the Greatest heroism. The promoters suggest that true heroism should include "constructive work for humanity of a permanent character," nobility of mind and character, and the possession of a great devotion in which self and fear are lost, and which sweeps its possessors to heights which human beings otherwise never attain.

The darkest night that ever fell on the earth never put out the stars.—George Eliot.

1926 CONVENTION.

Dear Sisters,

Once again, may I remind you of the importance of sending word both to Christchurch and to myself about the delegates that are appointed. No doubt, some have not yet been chosen, but as soon as they are, please send me their names. The following Unions have already sent, either names of delegates, or application for proxy:—Petone, Nelson District, Auckland, Invercargill Y's., Ashburton, Auckland, Y.P., Dunedin, Balclutha, Auckland District, Masterton, Southland District, Greytown, Timaru, Feilding. I am sorry that two different addresses have been appearing for me in the White Ribbon; 52 Russel Terrace is the right one, but the Island Bay address will also find me without fail or delay.

With best wishes for a helpful Convention.

Yours in W.R. bonds,

KATE M. EVANS,

Rec. Sec.

DEATH.

BOWMAN.—On December 31st, 1925, at her residence, "Goxhill," 176 Peter Street, Ashburton, Clara (Polly), the dearly beloved wife of George Bowman, and sister of the Butterick family, "Bainton," Wakanui.



MAORI UNION. ORGANISED AT FRANKTON. MRS FULLJAMES, SEATED IN CENTRE, WITH SISTER NICHOLLS STANDING BEHIND.

OVER THE TEACUPS.

Mrs Smith: "Well! what do you people think of the latest news from the U.S.A.? It seems that Prohibition is not proving the great cure-all that you folk expected it to be."

Mrs Jones: "What news are you alluding to? Who is sending us this news?"

Mrs Brown: "Surely, Mrs Jones, you must have seen the cables in the daily press telling of the increase of crime and of the fight they are making to get back liquor into the States."

Mrs Rowe: "You know, we did build such hopes upon the United States, and now it really seems as if they are to be disappointed."

Mrs J.: "Well, some folk do scare easily. I wish you good ladies would use your brains. Don't you know that these cables are being sent by the 'wet' press just to discredit Prohibition?"

Mrs S.: "Its all very well for you to say that. But it certainly seems as if the people are not satisfied with Prohibition now they have got it."

Mrs J.: "Who are not satisfied? The brewers and ex-saloonkeepers? Did you expect them to be satisfied? To see the billions of dollars yearly which went into their pockets, now going to the Savings Bank, or being invested in other ways for the benefit of wife and children, is scarcely likely to please them. Why, the number of savings accounts in the nation's banks has increased 400 per cent. under Prohibition. Must be very satisfying to the men who are losing this money. As one witty Irishman said when his prosperous appearance was commented on, 'I've made a bargain with the saloon-keeper. I told him to keep his liquor, and I'll keep my cash.'"

Mrs R.: "Do you really think these cables are inspired by the 'wets'?"

Mrs J.: "Well, ask yourself. The Liquor Trade is a huge, world-wide monopoly. It has lost one of its best customers. Has it not an interest in proving Prohibition a failure? And what interest is it to decent citizens to prove Prohibition a good thing if it is not so? They have no axe to grind. All they desire is the welfare of their country."

Mrs B.: "There's something in what you say. But still it makes one feel, to read these cables, as if the people of U.S.A. were not satisfied."

Mrs J.: "If the people are not satisfied, they take a funny way to show it. They can repeal the law as easily as they passed it. It was not an easy matter to carry Prohibition; it took more than half a century of hard work after the first State went dry, before the nation was dry. But if the 'wets' have such a big majority of the people behind them; they can repeal the law as easily as the 'drys' passed it."

Mrs R.: "Well, I suppose they could do that. Why don't they try it?"

Mrs J.: "Because the Liquor Trade never was a sport. Instead of altering the law in an open manner, they prefer to break the law and to bring discredit upon it. How does this strike you for satisfied voters: In 1924 they elected their third Congress since Prohibition was carried, and it is the driest Congress they've ever had. If the voters want to go 'wet,' why don't they elect wet members? Instead of that, they turned out 16 'wets,' while not a single 'dry' member lost his seat. Do you know that Congress is 75 per cent. dry, and President Coolidge is the driest President the States have ever had? Funny, isn't it, that the voters who want a 'wet' law should elect such a 'dry' House?"

Mrs S.: "But you can't deny that there is a great agitation against Prohibition?"

Mrs J.: "Of course there is. Vested interests are squirming. The idea of letting wages go to the homes without the liquor-seller having first right to them! Do you wonder the poor brewers are agitating to get back their easy income?"

Mrs R.: "But, Mrs Jones, do you think all the trouble is stirred up by the Trade?"

Mrs J.: "I most assuredly do. Politicians are keen to get votes. Well, if the voters in U.S.A. want to get rid of Prohibition why is it that not a single Political Party is asking even for the modification of the Prohibition law, let alone its repeal?"

Mrs B.: "Yes, that certainly is significant."

Mrs S.: "But has not crime increased?"

Mrs J.: "Depends on what you call crime. Serious crime has decreased, all social workers admit this. The number of arrests cabled out includes all arrests for breaking traffic regulations and other minor offences. Moreover

the increase of serious crime in Great Britain is being attributed to 'jazz,' 'movies,' and 'hip pocket flasks.' As Great Britain has no Prohibition, it cannot be credited to that. In the U.S.A. it is in the 'wet spots' that crime is increasing, so they are doing their best to dry these spots."

Mrs S.: "But Prohibition is making good citizens break the law. Why should the law dictate to them what they should drink?"

Mrs J.: "Now, my dear, that's piffle. If you allow people to select which laws they will obey, then law and order ends, and anarchy begins."

Mrs R.: "But can you give us any idea why this news is coming through now?"

Mrs J.: "The screw is getting tighter and tighter. Stocks held in the cellars of the wealthy are running low; fines, imprisonment, padlocking of places guilty of selling liquor, is making liquor hard to get. The patrol fleet is dealing more and more effectively with smuggling. Its 'now or never' and well does Bung know this. Have you noticed that it is impossible to get any protest against Prohibition from those States which were 'dry' before the 18th Amendment was passed? Professor Gilbert Murray, of Oxford University, says that the revolt against Prohibition comes almost entirely from the States that had never tried it."

Mrs R.: "Well! I feel lots better now. Do you think the brewers are getting alarmed?"

Mrs J.: "Certainly they are. They know what a good thing Prohibition is for a country, and what a bad thing for their trade. You look at our own daily papers, and note how often cases are tried for supplying liquor to those under 21 years of age. Have you never wondered why this law is so persistently broken? Well, you listen to this; it is taken from the 'Brewers' Journal, and explains a good deal - 'Yearly tens of thousands of alcohol drinkers die. With the rising generation, and whether or not they take to alcohol, rests the future of the trade commercially, politically, and economically.' Now do you see why the Trade dreads Prohibition in U.S.A.? It cannot get a chance to make new drunkards."

Mrs G.: "Then you really think Prohibition is a success?"

Mrs J.: "Yes, I really do. The people in U.S.A. are neither crazy, blind, fan-

atics, nor hypocrites. They ended this Trade because it was impossible to mend it. And they still believe that Prohibition, even if not 100 per cent. enforced, is much better than regulation or than license. Every State is strengthening its laws to enforce Prohibition; not one State has gone back."

Mrs B.: "Thank you for telling us the truth. But, my dear, whether Prohibition is a success in U.S.A. or not, I feel certain our Dominion would be better for our children without 'The Trade,' and so I'm a Prohibition worker for all time."

DANGER.

What a lot of talk lately about "Highways," and how anxious everybody seems to be to make the road safe for pedestrians. Our children, our future citizens, must be safeguarded. They are prepared to do everything for "safety first" except remove the greatest danger, "Booze."

Not a day can you open a paper without reading that some Magistrate has cancelled a driver's license for a certain time because he was intoxicated. If a license can be cancelled because a man is intoxicated, why not refuse to issue a license to any man or woman who is not an abstainer. Every drinker is liable to take enough to make him a menace on the road. Why not set "safety first," and issue drivers' licenses only to those who run no risk of being intoxicated at the wheel?

WHEN IS A MAN DRUNK.

The eternal question cropped up in a Victorian Police Court recently, and produced the following definition:—

Mr Macnamara, P.M.: "In your opinion, when is a man drunk?"

The Witness: "When he loses his senses."

The P.M.: "When does he lose his senses?"

The Witness: "When he is drunk."

SALOONLESS.

There is not a legalised beverage liquor shop in existence under the Stars and Stripes of the U.S.A. A saloonless nation has proven itself to be one of the wealthiest, as well as the healthiest nations in the world.

NEWS OF AN OLD FRIEND.

The following poem was sent us for insertion by our old friend and fellow-worker, Mrs Miller, who has just returned from The Border Land:—

THE BORDER LAND.

(These lines were sent by a lady to a friend who wrote frequently to know where she had been for several months, that she had not written to her. She had been to the gates of the grave, in a long and severe illness.)

I have been to a land, a Border Land,
Where there was but a strange, dim light;
Where shadows and dreams, in a spectral band,
Seem'd real to the aching sight.
I scarce bethought me how there I came,
Or if thence I should pass again;
Its morning and night were mark'd by the flight,
Or coming, of woe and pain.

But I saw from this land, this Border Land,
With its mountain ridges hoar,
That they look'd across to a wondrous strand,—
A bright and unearthly shore.
Then I turned me to Him, "the Crucified,"
In most humble faith and prayer,
Who had ransom'd with blood my sinful soul,
For I thought He would call me there.

Yet nay: for awhile in the Border Land
He bade me in patience stay,
And gather rich fruits with a trembling hand,
Whilst He chased its glooms away;
He had led me amid those shadows dim,
And shown that bright world so near,
To teach me that earnest trust in Him
Is "the one thing needful" here.

And so from the land, the Border Land,
I have turn'd me to earth once more;
But earth and its works were such trifles, scann'd
By the light of that radiant shore.
And oh! should they ever possess me again
Too deeply, in heart and hand,
I must think how empty they seem'd,
and vain,
From the heights of the Border Land.

The Border Land had depths and vales,
Where sorrow for sin was known;
Where small seem'd great, as weighed in scales,
Held by God's hand alone.
'Twas a land where earthly pride was naught,
Where the poor were brought to mind,
With their scanty bed, their fireless cot,
And their bread, so hard to find.

But little I heard in the Border Land,
Of all that pass'd below;
The once loud voice of human life
To the deafen'd ear were low.
I was deaf to the clang of its trumpet call,
And alike to its gibe or its sneer;
Its riches were dust, and the loss of all
Would then scarce have cost a fear.

I met with a friend in this Border Land,
Whose teachings can come with power
To the blinded eye and the deafen'd ear,
In affliction's loneliest hour,
"Times of refreshing" to the soul,
In languor, oft he brings,
Prepares it then to meditate
On high and glorious things.

Oh! Holy Ghost! too often grieved
In health and earthly haste,
I bless those slow and silent hours
Which seem to run to waste.
I would not but have pass'd those "depths"
And such communion known,
As can be held in the Border Land
With Thee, and Thee alone.

I have been to a land, a Border Land!
May oblivion never roll
O'er the mighty lessons which there and then
Have been graven on my soul!
I have trodden a path I did not know,
Safe in my Saviour's hand;
I can trust Him for all the future, now
I have been to the Border Land.

AFTER NATIONAL PROHIBITION.

At the annual meeting of the American Medical Association in 1924, a resolution was introduced which declared alcohol to be "a necessity in certain diseases." This part of the resolution was voted down, leaving the resolution of that Society passed in 1917, still standing as the opinion of that body, the declaration then being "The use of alcohol as a therapeutic agent should be discouraged."

WORLD'S W.C.T.U.

November 28, 1925.

My Dear Comrades of New Zealand,—
Greetings.

My little message is directed especially to those who were unable to attend our World's Convention in Edinburgh.

Once again it is my pleasure to greet you. For months one planned for, prepared for, and prayed about our World's Convention, looking forward with much hopeful eagerness to meeting the beloved comrades of our "Organised Mother Love" in Edinburgh in June. Even after reservations had been retained, for purely personal reasons one had to regretfully abandon the idea of being present at the gathering. But, through the fealty of one's friends, it is my high and valued privilege to again serve the interest of our world's work as in former years.

I am sure, dear friend, you, like myself, have been thrilled by the story of this wonderful Convention. As the news has filtered through to us, by Associated Press, reports and personal letters, our hearts have been stirred with deep and strong emotions new ambitions, and new purposes.

The setting was dramatic. Picturesque, and beautiful Edinburgh, famed in song and story; the battle ground of many moral and spiritual conflicts. The glorious summer skies and balmy breezes, with the gracious presence of our Eternal Father, created aspirations, the fruit of which will be found in the coming days in many countries throughout the world. "When the Lord sent news of victory, the women who told it were a mighty host"—Psalm lxxviii, 11 (Moffat's Translation).

Great and broad programmes were formulated for the guidance of the world's workers in every land. The future, with its glorious opportunity, lies before us. How tremendous are its potentialities! What numberless avenues of service stretch their inviting way. I am sure every White Ribboner to whom these avenues of service has been given, will be questioning, what shall we do with these opportunities, obligations, and responsibilities? This new service will demand a new consecration to enable us adequately to meet the great needs and achieve the great triumphs that are possible to us in the name of our Lord.

Each country, according to its special conditions will adapt the World's programme to aid in achieving its ultimate goal.

There will be important legislation, as well as philanthropic and evangelistic effort. But, beloved friends, may one make a plea which may find its glad response in all the countries of the world—a plea for the child. May we make a heartfelt appeal for the world's childhood? Children with eager challenging eyes are looking to the organised "motherhood" to save them from the world's curse. Children in the palace, children in the slum, children in the beauty spots, children in the dark places, homeless children, suffering children, children of the drunkard, children of the outcast, happy children, sad children, motherless children, lonely children, children in groups, children in affluence, children in hunger—all children—**His children.**

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of the United States designated 1925 as Youths' Year, making special efforts to enlist all the youth of the United States in Y.P.B. and L.T.L. Endeavour. Japan has enrolled ten million children in the temperance army.

In the crusade days in the United States, the children were pledged to total abstinence. The influence that this movement, together with the scientific temperance instruction introduced into their schools over forty years ago, was an important factor in bringing about their Prohibition Amendment. The seed sown in the minds of the youth brought forth fruit in the home, Church, State, and Nation.

May we suggest that in all the lands, the next year—1926—be set apart as childhood's year? May this be not only a year of instruction in abstinence and Prohibition, but in all righteousness; in the home, the school, and the church. The boys and girls are the future hope for the exemplification of purity, Prohibition, and peace. "He took a little child and set him in the midst of them." What a glorious host they will be! What a power in bringing His Kingdom to those who are yet in the shadows!

Our World's President Miss Anna Gordon, says: "The electric to-morrow demands from the rising generation—the generation that will navigate the air—clear brains and steady nerves. We must formulate for the leaders of to-

morrow a programme that will equip youth with a knowledge of the moral, economic, and patriotic reasons for Total Abstinence and Prohibition. The "pep," prayer, and power of youth are ours for the seeking.

May your seeking, dear comrades of New Zealand, be crowned with a rich ingathering of precious youth and childhood.—Yours in this hope,

BLANCHE READ JOHNSTON,

Hon. Secretary World's W.C.T.U.

18 Cowan Avenue, Toronto, Canada.

STATE CONTROL.

What a mission sister knows of State Control was told by Sister Bessie to South Wellington Union.

She had been invited to go round and see for herself how the system worked, where all private profit was eliminated. She went round twelve hotels, and came to the conclusion that, in spite of an external appearance of respectability, and even gentility, all the evils of the Liquor Traffic were present, all the more dangerous because they were so skilfully cloaked and hidden from view. As she said, when asked what she thought of State Purchase and Control, in the course of her rounds, it was "A very bad State, and no Control." Bowling greens and tennis courts and croquet lawns attracted the young, well-appointed "ladies' parlours" appealed to the women; luxurious, beautifully decorated cafes were provided on all hands, seemingly so innocent, yet all intended and planned to tempt the unwary and develop in them a taste for strong drink.

"No mystic voices from the heavens above.

Now satisfy the souls which Christ
confess;

Their heavenly vision is in works of
love,

A new Age summons to new Saintliness.

Before the uncloistered shrine of human
needs,

And all unconscious of the worth or
price;

They lay their fragrant gifts of gracious
deeds

Upon the altar of self-sacrifice."

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The White Ribbon.

For God and Home and Humanity.

WELLINGTON, FEBRUARY 18, 1926

CONSISTENCY IS A JEWEL.

Once, years ago, driving along a country road, we saw a well-defined track just above us on the hillside. It ran beside us for miles, through cuttings, over embankments, all grass grown and unused. Curiosity prompted the query, "Is that an old road?" "No," was the reply, "the railway was

meant to go there, but a change of Government induced a change of route." Upon enquiry we found that the abandoned road had cost £10,000. We there and then conceived a great admiration for a people who could spend money so prodigally.

Lately, reading our papers, we have come to the conclusion that our Government still has "money to burn."

Else why spend huge sums to maintain a Health Department to inspect school children and take every care of their health, and then, by licensing the greatest enemy to child life, make all this expenditure practically abortive. Why make such an outcry about the prevalence of goitre and the necessity of dosing healthy children with iodine to prevent it, and never make any provision to guard these children from the deadly menace of alcoholism? Why? Just you think out this problem for yourself.

UNTO THE SECOND GENERATION.

William Brady, M.D., in his series of articles on "The Ways of Health," published in the "Chicago Daily News," says:—

"Alcoholism probably comes second in the list of causes of feeble-mindedness. Temperate, moderate, habitual, periodic or excessive indulgence in alcohol predisposes to mental defect in the offspring. Social drinking acts as a trauma to the seed and puts the mark of degeneracy upon posterity. These are conclusions drawn by the experts who are qualified to know."

BEFORE NATIONAL PROHIBITION.

At the annual meeting of the American Medical Association, held in New York City, during the first week of June, 1917, the following resolutions on alcohol were passed:—

"Whereas, we believe that the use of alcohol as a beverage is detrimental to the human economy; and

"Whereas its use in therapeutics as a tonic, or a stimulant, or as a food has no scientific basis; therefore be it

"Resolved, that the American Medical Association opposes the use of alcohol as a beverage; and be it further

"Resolved, that the use of alcohol as a therapeutic agent should be discouraged."

ANIMAL WELFARE WEEK.

This was observed for the third time in this Dominion. Unfortunately, the date, October 25 to 31, was rather too near election.

Still the work was heartily taken up by teachers, preachers, and S.P.C.A. Societies. The Press generally cordially supported it, and several newspapers now run an Animal Column.

Mrs Bathgate, our Band of Mercy Superintendent, lent every possible help to the Organiser, Mr Forbes. A better spirit is growing up among the children to their animal friends. More thought is being shown. We trust this Welfare Week may continue to grow in popularity and to teach our young people the law of kindness.

The following is the balance-sheet:—

ANIMAL WELFARE WEEK BALANCE-SHEET.

14th January, 1926.

INCOME.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from last year	4	6	6
Oamaru Garden Party	7	0	0
S.P.C.A. Donations—			
Auckland	5	5	0
Otago	5	0	0
Napier	5	0	0
Feilding	5	0	0
Timaru	3	3	0
Wellington	3	3	0
Canterbury	2	2	0
Invercargill	2	2	0
Nelson	2	2	0
	32	17	0
Sundry Donations	5	13	4½
Sales of Literature, Stationery, etc.	2	15	7
	£52	12	5½

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Printing and Stationery	12	13	6
6500 Blotters	8	15	0
Literature	10	3	0
Postages	7	13	2
Freight and Cartage on Parcels	2	14	7
Wires and Exchange on Cheques	0	5	9
Balance on hand	10	7	5½
	£52	12	5½

Audited and found correct—

W. RENWICK.

January 8, 1926.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

February 3. Mrs T. E. Taylor presided over representatives from Christchurch, Lincoln, Springston, New Brighton, Papanui, Oxford, Rangiora, Riccarton, Sefton, Kaiapoi, and Templeton.

The Treasurer's financial statement was fully discussed, and considered satisfactory.

The appointment of a Corresponding Secretary to keep in touch with members and sympathisers in the outlying districts, was decided upon. Several copies of the "White Ribbon" to be sent each month, in addition to personal correspondence. Miss B. Harband generously offered to take the position for three months.

Remits on scientific temperance instruction in public schools, and the best method for interesting Unions in the subject of "Radical Temperance," were forwarded to the Dominion Convention for further consideration.

Miss Henderson spoke for a short time on the entertaining of Convention in Christchurch early in March, asking for the help and co-operation of the several Unions.

Before beginning the business of the morning, Mrs Taylor read the message from Guy Helyer, President of the World Prohibition Federation, which ought to inspire and urge all on to more unselfish service and better work in the future.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

December 14. The attendance showed an improvement on the former meeting. Mrs Boag, the President, occupied the chair.

Votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs Norrie and Mrs Lill in their weakness.

As Mrs Don had notified her intention not to stand this year for the position of Dominion President, Mrs T. E. Taylor was unanimously nominated for that position.

As some Unions were not represented at the meeting, those present undertook to write to the Secretaries of such Unions, giving them a report of the work done, and urging them to send representatives to future meetings.

As the funds of the District Union are not in a flourishing condition, each Union was asked to make some special

effort, and those present were greatly encouraged by the gift of £3 from the Waimate Branch.

Although Prohibition had not been carried, the members were very much encouraged by the results in a good many districts, and the President is very anxious indeed to see branches formed in all the districts.

Reports were handed in regarding Methven, Chertsey, and Pendarvis. It was hoped that a branch would be formed after the holidays in the former place, and that the mothers of the children on the Cradle Rolls of the two latter districts would be linked up with Rakaia Branch.

Afternoon tea was handed round.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS GEORGE BOWMAN.

As the dawn appeared in the east on the last day of 1925, the ransomed spirit of Mrs G. Bowman (nee Pally Butterick) winged its flight to the silent land. A few days of indisposition, and before anyone realised it, she was called to Higher Service, "in the unknown house beyond the veil" leaving a wide circle of relatives and friends, stunned with the tidings. The passing of Mrs Bowman robs our Union of another valued worker, and her place will be difficult to fill. She was a consistent wearer of our White Ribbon bow, a firm believer in the "rights of women," and ever on the alert for the uplift of her own sex, and to make smooth the pathway for the little girls following on. She realised, as few do, how vital to success is the prohibition of the Liquor Traffic. Never physically robust, she yet accomplished much. One of the most tactful and faithful workers in the Prohibition movement, she toiled on polling day with an energy and enthusiasm unbounded.

For several years Mrs Bowman collected a sum of money annually, that the Union might give two prizes for boys and two for girls in the technical classes at the A. and P. Show, and also at the Winter Show. A devoted wife and mother, a faithful friend, and an ideal hostess, whose chief thought was for the happiness and welfare of those around her she will be sadly missed. Of a very practical nature, she was always busy planning and helping others,

brightening the lives of all who came in contact with her, with a smile and a cheery word. A woman of unusual strength of character, gifted, and winsome, she possessed a bright and happy nature, radiating sunshine wherever she went. Those who knew her best, loved and admired her for her sterling integrity.

Mrs Bowman will be greatly missed not only in the Church, the Union, and the home, but in every good cause, and among a very wide circle of friends. Her religious experience strengthened her love for humanity, and she was never happier than in being of service to others. The injunction to "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ," was constantly exemplified in the life of our departed sister.

To the bereaved husband and motherless little son is extended the love and sympathy of all, including many a aching heart, whose privilege it was to call Mrs Bowman friend. May the memory of our dear departed sister ever spur us onward to higher, nobler ideals of life in the service of our Lord and Master.

REVIEW.

"Miss Peters' Special," by Alice F. Webb. (Published by H. R. Allenton, London, price 2/6).

We are quite sure that all our readers will want to purchase and read this book. It is written by Miss Alice F. Webb, so well known to all White Ribboners. It consists of 14 short stories of New Zealand life. They are very interesting, and their local colour is very true to life. They are varied, and there is not a dull sentence from cover to cover. The characters seem most real, and win our love. The dear old Auntie in the hospital, Miss Peters so anxious to secure a train, and how her special got her home in time, become friends of ours ere we put down the book.

We can cordially recommend this book to all who wish to spend a pleasant and a profitable time.

CORRECTION.

The writer of the poem of appeal on behalf of New Plymouth Sailors' Rest Fund was Jeannie C. Craig not Cray, as in last issue of "White Ribbon."

LEAGUE OF NATIONS UNION

(Wellington Branch).

Resolution Passed at Meeting of Council,
December 3, 1925.

"This Council records its deep gratification that the Locarno Pact has now been signed by the Powers affected by its provisions, and its equal pleasure that Germany will now enter the League of Nations. The Pact, while not the immediate work of the League, is nevertheless the outcome of the League's efforts to provide a basis for security and disarmament, and will be administered by the League. If the Pact is followed, as in all probability it soon will be, by the adhesion of the United States to the League's International Court of Justice at the Hague, there will open out before the League, which has already abundantly justified its existence, a future of incalculable prestige and authority. This Council finds in the status quo not only an occasion of great thankfulness and a vindication of its faith in the League, but also a call to renewed diligence in its efforts to arouse an intelligent interest in the work of the League and an active sympathy with its ideals and aims."

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS AND
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

(It has been brought to the notice of the Dominion Union of the League of Nations that the statements made in various directions as to the relation between the League of Nations and the Roman Catholic Church have raised in the minds of many actual members of the League of Nations Unions and many sympathisers who would like to become members, doubts as to whether they are justified in thus linking up with the Union. The position was vigorously dealt with some years ago by Professor Pringle in the South Island. For the benefit of readers who did not have the privilege of hearing or reading the Professor's reply, the following additional pronouncement is now issued.)

From time to time it is asserted by foolish and, it is to be feared, prejudiced persons, that the League of Nations is an organised attempt by the Roman Catholic Church to subject Protestant nations to its authority, and indeed to achieve world supremacy. It will be hard to convince those who accept this grotesque absurdity of its radical fa-

sity. The man who is persuaded that the earth is flat, or that the moon is made of green cheese, will stick to his opinion, in spite of all the astronomers. The man who is persuaded that the League of Nations is inspired by the Roman Catholic Church will be of the same opinion even though the shade of its originator, Dr. Wilson, President of the United States, and a Presbyterian, should "revisit thus the glimpses of the moon" to assure him that he is mistaken.

On what grounds is this remarkable charge against the League based? As far as we can discover, on these:—

(1) There are enrolled on the membership of the League a larger number of Catholic than of Protestant nations.

(2) Sir Eric Drummond, the Secretary-General of the League, is a Catholic.

(1) Many of the Catholic nations of the League are small and insignificant, and neither singly nor collectively do they exert a determining influence in its operations. The Powers that sway the League's decisions are those usually spoken of as the Great Powers. Of these, Britain is Protestant; Germany, which will presently be a member of the League, is Protestant. France is not Protestant, but only sheer and wilful ignorance would venture to call France Catholic; the Catholic hierarchy of France is in deadly opposition to the French Government and Parliament. Italy is Catholic. Japan is neither Protestant nor Catholic. Against the decision of these Powers all the Catholic countries of the world could make no stand, even if they attempted it, and they never do. Moreover, many of the smaller nations of the League are Protestant, including the British Dominions and the Scandinavian countries.

It would not be difficult to show that Britain exerts by far the most powerful influence in the counsels of the League. In 1923, the Treaty of Mutual Assistance fell through because Mr Ramsay MacDonald opposed it; in 1924, the Protocol fell through because Mr Chamberlain opposed it; in 1925 the Locarno Pact succeeded, and its success was due to its acceptance by Britain, again represented by Mr Chamberlain. As a matter of sober fact, it would be infinitely nearer the truth to say that the League of Nations is an organisation controlled by Protestant Britain than by the Catholic Church. In saying so, it is not suggested that Britain sways

the League in the special interests of Britain, but unquestionably the League does not and cannot move in any direction without the concurrence of Britain.

(2) Sir Eric Drummond, the Secretary-General, is a Catholic. Concerning this, Mr J. V. Wilson, an official of the League, but a New Zealander, and a Presbyterian, has written as follows:

"The attack on the Secretary-General is not only impudent and silly—impudent, because the Secretary-General is an eminent member of the British Civil Service, which for generations has been given the credit of being scrupulously careful not to allow individual religious opinions to affect public policy; and silly, because the advantage which he is supposed alone to enjoy, namely, the inspection of Treaties registered by the League, may be shared by anyone in the whole world who wants to see them, and every one of these Treaties is published by the Secretary in the original language, and in French and English also."

ALCOHOL—NO MEDICINE.

"I have had twenty years' experience in the practice of medicine. At no time have I found it necessary to use or prescribe alcohol as a medicine. We do use it for sterilisation purposes and as a preservative for various drugs and chemicals, but as a medicine it is absolutely worthless, and a detriment to the patient.

"We have thirteen active physicians on duty in this hospital, and only one has ever prescribed whisky or wine. . . . I think you will find when a final survey is made of the medical profession in the United States that there exists a preponderance of sentiment for the elimination of alcohol from the armamentarium of the average physician."—Hugh Scott, M.D., United States Veterans Bureau, Hospital No. 90 Muskogee, Oklahoma.

FUNNIER.

Orator: "And now, gentlemen, I wish to tax your memory."

Member of the Audience: "Good heavens! Has it come to that?"—"Cap-per's."

THE ORGANISING FUND.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—In the course of my correspondence with the Treasurers of some of our Unions, I find there is a certain amount of lack of understanding of the objects of the Organising Fund, and the reason why Unions are asked to contribute annually an amount proportionate to their membership.

Unions will remember that on the day we celebrate as "Willard Day," in commemoration of the founder of the Union, the collection taken is donated to the "World's Missionary Fund," which is the fund maintained by the World's Union for the purpose of paying women who are engaged as missionaries in spreading the work and principles of the W.C.T.U. in foreign lands.

The Organising Fund may be described as the missionary fund of the N.Z. Union, because it is maintained to pay the women who are engaged in spreading the work and principles of the W.C.T.U. to parts of the Dominion which have not yet been penetrated by our work. On the work of the paid Organisers we depend for the organisation of new branches in towns where none have existed, and for visiting, advising, and helping existing Unions, especially in country places, which may be finding difficulty in carrying on. It is unavoidable that we should depend on paid Organisers for this work, because our Union is for the most part made up of women who have neither the leisure nor the money to undertake such work voluntarily, seeing that it involves a considerable amount of travelling and of absence from home duties, which we cannot neglect, in spite of what our opponents sometimes say.

At the present time we have two Organisers working; both of them willing and earnest young women who have spared neither time nor effort to effectively spread the work of the Union. Their duties necessarily involve not only the discomforts of frequent travel from place to place, but also an almost complete sacrifice of home comforts—and in saying this I do not overlook the hospitality often accorded to them by members of the Union, or other sympathisers with our cause, for which we are very grateful.

Now for the financial aspect of the matter, in regard to which I take the figures which were presented to the 1925

Convention, as those for the forthcoming Convention are not yet quite complete. A reference to the balance-sheet, published on page 18 of the 1925 Handbook, will show that the receipts for the Organising Fund were £398 2s 8d, and the expenditure (salaries, travelling expenses, postage, and incidentals) £327 15s 1d. This looks more satisfactory than it really is, because during the year neither of our Organisers was able to work full time, and consequently both salaries and expenses were less than they would otherwise have been. On the basis of a complete year's work, the charges on the fund would be approximately not less than £400. To illustrate the position more clearly, I give the receipts and expenditure during three years:—

	Receipts.	Expenditure.
1922	£312	£448
1923	475	286
1924	398	337
	£1185	£1071

In explanation of some of the above figures, I may mention that in 1922 two Organisers worked full time, but contributions were only asked for from Unions at the rate of 1s per member; the 1923 Convention raised the rate of contribution to 1s 6d per member, but during practically the whole of that year we had only one Organiser working; while in 1924, as already stated, neither of the Organisers worked full time. Most of the Unions have paid up their 1s 6d per member loyally; a noble few have done better; some have not found themselves able to do as much. Our adult paid membership for 1924 was 5654; on this basis the receipts for the fund should have been £424; actually they were only £398.

Some Unions have objected to the contribution on the ground that if they pay 1s 6d per member, plus capitation fees (7d per member) out of their members' subscriptions of 2s 7d, they will have little left for their own local work. This, however, is not the intention or desire of the N.Z. Union, which considers that local Unions should endeavour to raise their contribution by some special effort, such as a garden party, sale of work, drawing-room meetings etc. The exact method is, of course, a matter for each Union to decide for itself.

Finally, I should like to remind members that we all belong to a world-wide organisation, whose subscription fee—

2s 7d per member—is probably one of the cheapest in the world. We are, I fear, sometimes a little inclined to remember chiefly that we belong to our own small local Union, and to forget that through it we are linked up with the larger District Union, and through that again with our own Dominion Union, and again through that with all the other branches of the Union throughout the world, thus becoming part of an organisation operating in most of the countries of the world, irrespective of race or language, and devoted throughout all of them to the service of God and humanity, and particularly to all causes affecting the welfare of our own sex and of little children. In the work of the World's Union we are partners by the payment of the World's capitation of 1d per member, and the Willard Day collections for the World's Missionary Fund. In the sphere of our own Dominion we can best serve the cause by doing our utmost to spread the work and principles of the Union throughout our country to the fullest possible extent. We are not a band of wealthy women, probably there are very few who are in even more than comfortable circumstances, and most of us have our own homes and families to look after. We are all anxious for the spread of the influence of the W.C.T.U. and—apart from the limited circles in which we, as individuals, move—we must depend mainly on the efforts of the Organisers for the extension of the sphere of our work.

We could do with three, or better still, four, Organisers, two for each Island, in order to cover the ground effectively, because many country Unions, formed under promising conditions, have languished and died for want of more frequent help and encouragement which our Organisers have been unable to give by reason of the extent of country they had to cover. We certainly, however, cannot contemplate any extension of our organising work on our present income, which, on the average, as I have shown, renders it a matter of some anxiety whether we can meet our current liabilities out of our yearly receipts, quite apart from incurring further charges. The contribution per member is not, of course, a compulsory payment (the only compulsory payments are the capitation fees), but the N.Z. Union hopes and believes that all Unions will support the Organising

fund loyally and as liberally as possible, for the love of our cause and of humanity.—I am, etc.,

E. L. R. BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

A DREAM.

A site is selected well out in the country, and a number of unemployed married men, who have had some experience in carpentry and structural work, to whom the scheme has been explained, and who have pledged themselves to work it through, are brought to the spot.

After creating a shelter for themselves, they proceed, on a well-arranged plan, with the construction of small cottages, mostly of wood, detached, and each with its garden plot. As soon as these are ready for the accommodation of their families, they begin the erection of an open-air schoolhouse, on a plan which provides for future harmonious extension. When the school is ready, children are brought from crowded one-room and two-room city homes, the aim being not only to give the selected children better conditions for physical development and a more wholesome moral atmosphere, but to lessen the crowding in these homes. Experienced teachers are put in charge, but the staff is made up mainly from the most suitable women that can be found amongst the unemployed; these being given a short training.

The men continue the work of finishing, improving, and extending the school, completing their homes and making their gardens, and begin to work the plots of land which in the future will be the chief food supply of the community. And thus, working on, day after day, month after month, the accommodation is improved and the community grows. More unemployed men are taken to other suitable spots to establish similar school communities and more children are brought out of crowded homes. Where will it end?

How is it done? Simply by paying the unemployed for a period to make this effort to help themselves and benefit the community, instead of making idleness a condition of payment; and by providing the land, the materials, and the tools, the cost of which will be amply repaid in the future.

RADNOR H. HODGSON.

From "Brotherhood," November, 1925.

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE BEGUM OF BHOPAL.

My Dear Comrades,—

I am writing in the gloom of an English December day, after a glimpse of the brilliant East. Yesterday Lady Clwyd accompanied me on a visit to the Begum of Bhopal at 29 Portman Square, London. After waiting for a few minutes in a spacious drawing-room, with walls covered with rich gold satin brocade, and several tables with beautiful lilies in tall silver vases, we were conducted upstairs. The Begum received us in her bedroom. There we found her seated on a sofa, with her feet tucked under her, in a characteristic Oriental pose. She received us with gracious dignity, giving us the salaam before warmly shaking hands.

We felt great pleasure in presenting to her the message we bore from our National Association, conveying our warmest congratulations on her having made Bhopal a Prohibition State, and on her bravery as the one woman ruler in India who had enforced Prohibition. I also added that members of the World's W.C.T.U. throughout the world rejoiced in her achievement.

Her Highness appeared to be gratified, and replied that she was very glad to receive this message from the N.B. W.T.A., and desired us to convey her thanks for it. She repeated this again with much earnestness before we left. In response to an enquiry as to whether Prohibition had improved life in Bhopal, she replied: "Yes, it has made homes happier. It has stopped wife-beating. Before Prohibition, so many men, in the lower classes particularly, got drunk in the evening and beat their wives, so that numbers of women were pitiful to behold in the morning. This is now all changed. Wife beating has quite stopped. I am glad."

A WOMAN WHO RULES.

In reply to a question about law enforcement, Her Highness said with emphasis, "My law is enforced, and my people are obedient; and we have not any bootlegging." I remarked that I had found in India that the Hindu religion did not enforce teetotalism as the Mohammedan religion does, and the Begum said, "No, it does not, but my Hindu people are most obedient, and they have welcomed Prohibition. The women particularly are glad to have it,

and they love me all the more." She went on to explain that the teaching of her prophet Mohammed was the chief cause of her enforcing Prohibition. When we asked what she thought of the United States law, she smiled and said, "Oh, it is all so good!"

The Begum emphasised the help her youngest son had given her in proclaiming her prohibitory law, and spoke of her plans for her people. She asked us to help her to find a domestic science teacher who would go to India and instruct her teachers in scientific temperance, and so enable them to teach effectively in her schools.

Yours in service,

AGNES E. SLACK.

A HINT TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

(From the "Headway.")

A good many headmasters, themselves personally friendly to the League of Nations, might with much advantage institute a custom now firmly planted at the City of London School. The school supports a flourishing League of Nations Union branch of its own, but once a year the whole of the Upper School is assembled during a school period to hear an address on the meaning and principles of the League. Last year the address was given by General Sir Frederick Maurice, and this year, on November 16th, by Mr Wilson Harris. The headmaster, who regularly takes the chair himself, explained on the latter occasion that such addresses were arranged because he was anxious that no boy should ever leave the school without having had an opportunity to understand fully what the League of Nations is, and what it stands for. This annual address is followed by a business-like appeal for members of the school branch of the Union. No doubt something of the same kind is done at other schools. No doubt, equally, it might with much advantage be done at many where it is not.

CONVENTION HOSPITALITY.

Will all delegates who require homes during Convention send in their names at an early date to—

MRS W. ROWNTREE

341 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch.

News of the Unions.

PLEASE NOTE!

1. Every Union should report.
2. Reports must be short.
3. Must be in by 8th of month.
4. Don't report what you are going to do.
5. Don't send newspaper reports of your meetings.

TIMARU.

Tuesday, Feb. 2nd. First meeting; fair attendance. Mrs Trott in chair. Letter read from Mrs Norrie who is still indisposed. Sympathy and good wishes for her speedy recovery expressed. A silent vote of sympathy passed with relatives of Mrs Rapsey, an old and valued member. Hearty congratulations to be sent to Hon. F. J. Rolleston. A new member initiated. A welcome extended to a member from Scotland, and good wishes and journeying mercies to a member going to the Homeland. Hospital and home sick member visiting reported on. Decided not to hold Garden Party, but to raise necessary money by voluntary contributions. Delegates appointed for Convention:—Mrs Trott, President, pro. tem., Mesdames Seward, Sinclair and Nelson. Work at the Rest going on very satisfactorily. Ten shillings was received from a man who had received a kindness three years ago. Knitted scarves were received from Mrs Moorhouse and Mrs Sinclair, and 42 Sailors' bags from Trinity Presbyterian Church Busy Bees.

MANAIA.

February 9th. The Manaia Union, re-organising after the interval left without meetings during the busy harvest season, held an Executive meeting before the usual monthly gathering. Mrs D. E. Scott, the District President, took the chair at both; the attendance was small. The proceedings, under her experienced leadership, were mainly directed towards establishing a good working basis for the coming year. Mrs Scott stressed the need for active sympathy in local affairs, specially educational, both among children and adolescents. Decided to enquire what help the W.C.T.U. could give to the Young People's Club, also to make special enquiries as to what Temperance teaching was given in the local schools. Resolved that next month's meeting should be double the attendance. The Treasurer reported four subscriptions and one donation received. There was also an offer for a prize for essays, either from school children or the Young People's Club.

PETONE.

Feb. 2nd. First meeting of the year; Mrs Cole, the President, in the chair. Resolved that a wire be sent to the "Minister for Justice," that Mr Hawken, late "Controller General of Prisons" be put on the "Prison Board." Mrs Woolford is to be "Librarian" and Mrs Barrow's name is added to the number of Vice-Presidents. A letter is to be written to Mrs Udy expressing regrets for her continued illness. A letter was read asking for support for the "All Nations' Bazaar," to be held in London. Mrs Murgatroyd to be delegate to Convention. Mrs Cole read an extract from paper about the creche, at the Dunedin Exhibition, which is run by the ladies of the W.C.T.U. Two new members from Koro Koro were welcomed.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

Feb. 9th. First meeting of this year. Fair attendance, presided over by the newly-elected President (Mrs Garrett). A Standing Committee of seven members was appointed to supervise throughout the coming year all matters in connection with the tea and rest rooms that are run at the Summer Show, and at this juncture, the District

President (Mrs Fairbairn) intimated that the National Council of Women had written requesting her to supply them with information regarding the working on Show Day of those respective departments. A combined Union Picnic is arranged for February 20th, in the Rose Gardens. A Membership Campaign was inaugurated, accompanied by a substantial gift. Three new members enrolled and heartily welcomed.

TOTARA VALLEY Ys.

Dec. A good attendance of members; President in the chair. This was the first meeting of our second year. Officers are the same as last year, with some additional and few minor changes. Decided to send a delegate to Convention, appointment to be made at next meeting. Supper was served, and a social half-hour spent.

PONSONBY.

Jan. 25th. President, Mrs Lee-Cowie occupied the chair, 35 members present. Business: Election of Officers as follows:—President, Mrs Lee-Cowie; Treasurer, Mrs Kasper; Rec. Sec., Miss Bead, Cor. Sec., Mrs Olliver; Evangelist, Miss Braithwaith. Appointments of Superintendents of different departments held over till next meeting. Arrangements for Jumble Sale in aid of the Ys. were made; received 2 new members.

Feb. 4th. President, Mrs Cowie in the chair; fair attendance. Business appointments of Superintendents for various branches of work, appointing of Delegate to Annual Convention. Report of Jumble Sale, held in Mrs Cowie's Hall, East Street, proceeds over £17. One new member. Afternoon tea was served; meeting closed with Benediction.

OXFORD.

Jan. 26th. President in the chair. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with Miss Dalziel in her bereavement; sympathy was also expressed with Mesdames D. Clark, Jamieson and Fenwick, in their illness. Mr A. Baxter waited on the meeting to ask help for Gala Days. Decided that the Union should undertake the management of the refreshments, and canvass the district for provisions. Mesdames Hawke and Comyns were appointed to represent the Union at the public meeting in connection with the Gala. Decided not to have a printed Syllabus this year, but each meeting to decide on the subject for the next month. Frances Willard Day would be celebrated in February, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Superintendent of Notable Days. During the afternoon, Mrs Cooper contributed a vocal solo which was much appreciated. The White Ribbon Superintendent would be pleased to receive any outstanding subs for White Ribbon, as Convention is in March; would like to get as many as possible before then.

HAWERA.

Jan. First meeting of the year; many members still away. Mrs Exley presiding. Mrs G. Tait acting as Secretary during Miss Kelly's absence. Several members expressed regret at Mrs Reid's resignation of Vice-President, she having done good work for the cause of temperance last year. Mrs Tait appointed in her place. Mrs C. Rowe appointed Sick Visitor, also Mrs Cardwell as Organist. Decided to change the meeting day from the last Thursday to the last Friday, as being more convenient to most members. Next meeting being "Willard Day," would take the form of a Garden Party at the residence of Mrs Correy, Glover Road. Mrs C. Curtis appointed Delegate to Convention.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

Feb. 2nd. Treasurer's report and balance sheet were adopted. Mrs Don and others congratulating Mrs Macartney on the very sound position of the Union, which without any special money-raising effort, and after entertaining the Dominion Convention, has, in an election year, a credit balance of £55 15s. 6d. The Creche Committee reported having received 1133 infants during the 11 weeks the building has been in use. Decided to nominate Mrs T. E. Taylor, Mrs Evans, Miss Henderson, and Mrs Bendely, as New Zealand Officers. Delegates to Convention appointed are Mrs Alexander, Mrs Douglas, Miss Powell and Miss A. Webb. Mesdames

Dick, Don, Hutton and Miss Powell were elected Vice-Presidents, and Superintendents were appointed to various departments held over from the annual meeting. Mrs Duff, and Mrs Dick were appointed a Special Committee to visit sick members of the Union.

ASHBURTON.

Feb. 2nd. Our first meeting for 1926. "Frances Willard" Day was honoured. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mr G. Bowman, and the Butterick family, Mrs W. Page and family, and Mr and Mrs F. Campbell in their recent bereavements. Also, with all those concerned in the devastating fires last week. A very cordial welcome was extended to Mrs Lee, of the Rakai Union. With the object of supplementing the funds of the Union, it was decided to arrange for a Cake and Produce Stall, on February 26th. The present New Zealand Officers were nominated for re-election, with the exception of the Presidency, and Mrs T. E. Taylor, was nominated to fill that position. Miss Wilkie and Mrs Glassey were elected Delegates to Convention. Decided that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent Mrs Don, in recognition of the splendid services rendered the W.C.T.U. during the past 12 years as Dominion President. Mr A. E. Moore reported having sent a parcel, containing 100 garments to Willard Home. Mrs Adj. Huston, Wanganui, gave an inspiring address on "Gather up the Fragments that nothing be lost;" receiving a hearty vote of thanks. A collection was taken up in aid of the World's Missionary Union.

RAETIHI.

Feb. 5th. Fair attendance of members; the President (Mrs Sandford) in the chair. The President read rules of constitution as new members are to be initiated next meeting. Decided the next meeting to take the form of a "Frances Willard" day. Mrs Captain Smith, gave a bright and helpful address, with a word of encouragement to the workers, as this was the first meeting of the year, from the text, "Cast thy bread on the waters, and it shall return after many days," that though the disappointments of last year were bitter still to persevere, as righteousness would prevail. The President thanked the speaker for her address. Afternoon tea was served.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.

Feb. 4th. A very successful meeting, to celebrate the opening of the new season's work. The room was full, several visitors from other Unions being present. A letter was read asking that delegates be sent from the Union to a Conference on Empire Migration, to be held on Tuesday, February 16th; Mrs Wright, Mrs Webb and Mrs Evans, were chosen as delegates, and Miss Kirk was thanked heartily for the efforts she had made to ensure the representation of women on the Immigration Board. Reference was made to the Willard Home in Palmerston North, for which gifts of clothes were asked to be brought to a meeting in a fortnight's time; to a Garden Party to be held shortly for the purpose of raising funds for sending delegates to the Annual Convention; and to a Street Day for Sailors, for which Mrs Nimmo asked help, on Friday, February 26th. Sister Bessie then delivered a thrilling address on State Purchase and Control as practised in Carlisle. She referred to meeting Lady Astor, who, speaking of the famous Bill prohibiting the sale of intoxicants to those under 18, declared it was not her bill, but that of the women she represented; she was but the small shell sent forward by them, and they were the real force behind her. At the conclusion of the address, which was all too short, two vocal solos were pleasantly contributed by one of those present.

KAIAPOI.

Jan. 27th. The 36th Anniversary of Union. Fair attendance of members and a few guests. Report of Building Superintendent, Secretary and Band of Home Secretary were received and confirmed. The Band of Hope balance sheet showed a good surplus. Dominion Officers were nominated as they stand, with the exception of Mrs Taylor for the President. Mrs White was elected Delegate to Convention. The refreshment Committee for next meeting, Mrs Keetley and Mrs Warren. £1 voted to the Dunedin Creche; a donation of 5/- received. Letters

of sympathy were to be sent to Mr Hassell, Mr Barrett, Miss Joyce, Mrs Laishley, and Mrs Giblin. The company was then entertained with music and recitations. A vote of thanks was passed to the performers, and carried with acclamation.

WHANGAREI.

Dec. Held a Cradle Roll Picnic in the grounds of the Y.W.C.A. About 60 mothers and babies present; a short Devotional Service was led by the President, and the Cradle Roll Superintendent. A pleasant afternoon was spent. Games and lollies were indulged in by the wee folks; one of our members (Mrs Mann) donated a tin of lollies. Afternoon tea was enjoyed. Several new members gained, and the proceeds of a Varied Stall; £3 towards Local Funds.

FAIRLIE.

Dec. Good attendance. Annual meeting; after minutes annual reports were read and adopted. Our membership is 37, and meetings held regularly. New Officers elected:—President, Mrs A. Chisholm, Treasurer, Mrs A. Hammond; Secretary, Mrs C. H. Holland; W.R. Agent, Miss Burt. Decided to hold our next meeting on the 3rd Wednesday in March. Afternoon tea by Mrs Pickering.

GREYTOWN.

Jan. 26th. First meeting of year. Miss Oates in chair. Miss Oates spoke a few words re our dear Sister, Mrs Whincop, who passed away since our last meeting, of her sterling qualities, and whose life work was such an example to others. Accounts passed for payment. Mrs. Anker proposed to open L.T.L., 3rd Tuesday, next month and have it at Greytown Park. Members to help re afternoon tea, etc. Mrs Anker was elected Delegate to Convention. Mrs Haigh and Mrs W. Allan, visitors for next 2 months.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Jan. 27th. Mrs X. Jones presided. Fair attendance, first meeting of the year. An Advisory Board was constituted for the "Sailors' Rest," consisting of seven prominent citizens of the town. A very commendable report was presented by Mrs Hutchins, visitor to the Public Hospital. Thirty-four weekly visits were paid during the year. Fruit flowers and sweets were taken to the patients, and much appreciated by them. Miss Taunt was appointed to convey letters of sympathy to members and their friends in time of sickness or sorrow. Decided that a welcome be extended to Miss Drew, M.A., upon her return from abroad—that it be held on our "Frances Willard" Day, and that she be asked to give address.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Jan. First meeting for the year opened by a short New Year's address from the President, Mrs Goodey. Reported that two of the Officers were absent through sickness. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Norrie in her illness. Decided to send a Delegate to the Convention. Interesting Correspondence was read from Mrs Lee Cowie. Balance sheet for the year 1925 was read, showing a balance of four pounds eight shillings. Decided to have a Street Stall at the end of the month, to help the Union's finances.

CHRISTCHURCH.

Jan. 27th. Annual meeting; Mrs T. E. Taylor presided over a good attendance. Decided to take charge of the afternoon tea tent at Hospital Fete on Saturday, February 6th. The Secretary reported that Mr Fletcher had promised the use of his gardens for a Garden Party on the 20th of February. Miss Lovell-Smith presented the balance sheet which was adopted. A hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was given to the Retiring Treasurer, who has been obliged to give up the position through stress of business. The election of Officers. Mrs Taylor, in a few beautiful words, resigned the position of President after nine years service; needless to say, this caused deep regret, which to a certain extent was mitigated by the unanimous vote of the Union in electing Miss Henderson as its President. A nomination ballot, resulted in the election of Mrs R. Day, Cor. Sec., Miss Bishop, Rec. Sec., and Mrs Richards, Treasurer; Ways and Means Committee, Miss Gordon, Mesdames Price, Rowntree, Suckling, and Atkins.

WAVERLEY.

Feb. 2nd. First meeting for 1926; 7 present with Mrs Burrow presiding. The main business was election of Officers, results as follows:—President, Mrs. Barrow; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Dalmore, Mrs Morrison, Mrs T. Duns; Secretary, Mrs. T. Wall; Treasurer Mrs. R. Johnston; Supt. Girl's Club, Miss Emslie; Committee Girls' Club, Mrs Barrow, Mrs. Browning; White Ribbon Agent, Miss M. Johnston; Badge Superintendent, Mrs Nicholls; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Miss Grantham; Recording Secretary, Mrs T. Davis. Regret was expressed at the dwindling of members, and the new year was started with the resolution that each and all would try to get more interest taken in the work. Treasurer reported £3 odd credit balance; Secretary Rest Room, £6. Miss Muir's resignation as Secretary of Rest Room was received with deep regret, and a vote of thanks passed for the splendid work done by that lady. Mrs Edwin Wall gave an address, and by her cheery words and her faith, gave the little band of workers fresh heart for the New Year's work.

LOWER HUTT.

Jan. 27th. 12 members present; our President in the chair. Cradle Roll afternoon arranged for February 11th, to be held at Mrs. Frethey's residence. Decided to ask Mrs. Peryman, if it would be possible to speak at that meeting. A donation of £1 was voted for the Willard Home. Reported that our L.T.L. has now 20 members. A discussion took place on the "All Nations' Bazaar," to be held in London, and it was thought advisable to see what headquarters were doing before making any arrangements. Letters of sympathy were to be sent to Mr Mitchell on the loss of his wife, who was one of our members, and one who took a great interest in all Christian work. Also to Mrs Clark, another of our members, on the death of her husband, who had been very ill for some time. Mrs Routley also, who has a son-in-law seriously ill. A letter from Mrs Johnson Wright was read, asking if we were in favour of the next Convention being held in Wellington, to which we replied, we are willing to fall in with the other Unions on the question. Decided to have a money-box at the door for voluntary collections, at our meetings, also shortly to make an effort to raise funds for the coming year to carry on with.

NGAERE.

Feb. 4th. First meeting for 1926. Mrs Gilliver (President) presided; seven members and one visitor present. As Union cannot send Delegate to Convention, Secretary to write for proxy. Message of goodwill and literature from Mrs Lee-Cowie was read at meeting.

Dec. 12th. Cradle Roll Picnic. Cradle Roll Picnic held in Ngaere School grounds. There were thirty-six children and fifteen adults present. After luncheon, games and sports were indulged in, and then a lolly and nut scramble provided for the children. Afternoon tea handed round.

Y Column.

NELSON Ys.

Dec. The Ys. took the Mental Hospital Children a little outing and tea to Tahuna Beach.

Dec. 21st. A very nice social and gift evening was held in Church of Christ Schoolroom. All gifts were handed in for the Mental Hospital Christmas Tree.

HASTINGS.

Feb. An Executive meeting; President, Miss Beale presided. Decided to open the year with a social, magazines and papers being admission, same to be forwarded to Y.M.C.A. Hut on Back-blocks railway. Decided to hold meetings monthly. Arrangements being made to have sewing evenings, same to be sent to Willard Home, Palmerston North, at Xmas time. One new W.R. Subscriber. After fruit supper, meeting closed with the benediction.

INVERCARGILL Ys.

Feb. 1st. Miss Dawson occupied the chair. Mrs Norman James, our new Superintendent, led the Devotional Exercises. Miss R. Conner was appointed Press Reporter and Miss Blackmore, Social Convenor with Misses

N.Z. W.C.T.U. Literature.

General: Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South.

Badges, Brooches, and Pins, 5/- per doz.; Star of Honour, 2/- each; Hymnals, 2/- per doz.; Hymnals, music, 3/- each; Writing Pads, 1/- and 1/9; Envelopes, 6d pkt.; Constitutions, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Handy Booklet, 4d each, 3/6 doz.; Membership Pledge Cards and "Facts" about W.C.T.U., 6d per doz.; Treasurer and Transfer Slips 1/- 100; Pledge Books, 6d; Treasurer's Receipt Books, 1/6; W.C.T.U. Serviettes, 9d doz., 5/- 100; Promise Boxes, 1/6 each.

How We Won the Franchise, 9d doz., 4/- 100, 35/- 1000; White-robed Vestal, 6d doz., 3/6 100, 30/- 1000; Y Constitution, 3d each; "Women Torchbearers," 8/6 each; Appeals to Mothers, 6d doz., etc., etc.

These prices include postage.

L.T.L. and Band of Mercy: Mrs Bathgate, 27 Pitt Street, Wanganui.

Charts (with Manual of Lessons), showing effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human body 7/6 per set; Marching Songs for Young Crusaders, 1/- each; A Handful of Hints, 1/-; Temperance Tales, 1/-; About Ourselves, 1/-; About Our Country, 1/-; It Is Written (Bible stories), 1/-; Shakespeare Manual, 1/3; Pledge Cards, 1/- per dozen; Programmes, from 3d each; L.T.L. Badges, 4d each; L.T.L. Buttons, 3d each; The Young Crusader 2/- per annum (in advance); L.T.L. Hand Books.

BAND OF MERCY.

Literature, 6d per packet; Pledges, 6d per dozen; "The Little Animal's Friend," 1/6 per year (on order).

BAND OF HOPE.

Dialogues, 3d each; Leaflets, 9d per packet; Pledges (artistic), 2/- per dozen; Reciters, from 3d. Also Pledges at 1/- per dozen.

Cradle Roll: Miss D. Patterson, Box 21, Manaia.

Cradle Roll Pledge Cards, 1/- per doz. Cradle Roll Birthday Cards, 2/- per doz.

Eighth Year Certificates, 2/- per doz.

Social and Moral Hygiene: Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273, Hastings.

Men, Women and God, 4/6—A discussion of Sex Questions from the Christian standpoint; Maternity without Suffering, 3/-; Way Book of Youth 2/-; How I Was Born, 9d; The Story of Life, 1/6; In Her Teens, 2/-; The Changing Girl, 2/-; Answers to Tiny Tots, 2/-.

Medical Temperance: Mrs Clara Neal, 5 Park Crescent, Parnell, Auckland.

Medical Temperance Leaflets at prices ranging from one penny up to sixpence per dozen.

Sample Packets, 1/- each.

Anti-Narcotic Leaflets: Sample Packets, 8d each.

All Post Free.

Kibblewhite and G. Cameron as assistants. Owing to Miss Sed's departure from Invercargill, her resignation was accepted. Mrs Norman James was appointed Delegate to the Dominion Convention.

AUCKLAND.

Jan. 7th. This meeting was held in the open air at Point Erin Park. There was a splendid attendance of members and friends. A number of well-known hymns and choruses were sung, and a few recitations and solos were rendered by some of our younger members. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a most interesting account of the founding of the W.C.T.U. in America, and traced its history until it was established in New Zealand. As this meeting was so successful, it was decided to hold one in the Park each week for a month. Two new members joined.

Feb. 4th. Our usual monthly meeting was again held in the open air at Point Erin Park. There was a good attendance. It was reported that the intervening Open Air Meetings had been fairly well attended. Quite a number of our members stated how much they had enjoyed these meetings, and the fellowship they had had with each other. Six members joined at these meetings. It was also reported that a Jumble Sale, held on 28th ult., had realised a sum of about £17. The meeting approved the formation of an L.T.L. for the benefit of the younger members of our Branch, and the Secretary was appointed Leader. A number of Committees were set up, and Superintendents appointed. The Meeting unanimously appointed our President, Miss C. M. MacLay, Delegate to the 1926 Convention. Thereafter, Mrs Lee-Cowie gave an interesting and instructive Temperance address, and Mr Leckie followed with some reminiscences of the recent Tent Campaign in Auckland. Three new members joined.

MASTERTON.

Feb. 4th. Mrs Cocker presided; attendance very good, two new members enrolled. Committee set up to go into matter of organising work among the young people reported satisfactory preliminary arrangements. Election of Officers as follows:—President, Mrs J. Cocker; Vice-President, Mesdames Futter, Ross, Reid, Weymouth, Bothwell, King; Secretary, Mrs S. J. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs R. Jamieson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Weston; Home Meetings Convenor, Mrs W. Judd; Backbocks Superintendent, Mrs Malcolm McGregor; Mesdames Bothwell, McIvor, Pearse; Organist, Miss Jones. Mrs S. J. Smith, appointed Delegate to Annual Convention. Cradle Roll Department, Mrs Reid, Convenor.

PHYSICAL PURITY.

POWERFUL PLEA FOR PROHIBITION.

The following are extracts from an address delivered by Dr. Annie Besant to a great open-air crowd in Madras, India. The address was on the "Value of Purity," and was mainly an earnest plea for prohibition. The address was listened to by about ten thousand people, loud speakers in front of the platform making the speaker's voice audible by all. The somewhat new point of view will help to dissipate the absurd notion that prohibition is merely a fad of fanatics.

"One of the strongest reasons for the kind of social legislation with which prohibition is concerned, the getting rid of strong drink from a community, and the importance of it to the whole community, is seen from the standpoint of individual physical purity in the

way that science has taught us to regard it during some years past, so that each of us has begun to understand that our own personal condition of body is not a matter which concerns ourselves alone, but concerns the society in which we live.

Science has shown us by the use of the microscope and then by study along lines which few of us can follow accurately in detail, but in which all of us can see and realise the effect, that every one of us, in our physical body, is either a source of health or of spreading disease in the community. Our outside physical bodies, which seem to continue very much the same year after year with only the natural changes that come with growing, are in a continual state of change, that from each of these bodies there passes outward a multitude of minute invisible particles which, falling on people around us, on furniture of our houses, on public vehicles in which people travel from place to place, spread around us, according to the state of our physical bodies, a stream of life-giving forces, of health-giving forces, or they may send around us a stream of forces that lessens the vitality of others and makes them less strong to resist disease. And that thus each of us in our everyday life in the places to which we go, in the articles we use, is affecting our neighbours. As we walk along the street, we send out these invisible particles. They pass on the people, they pass on the vehicles, omnibuses, the cars in which we may travel, and those who touch those cars, etc., are affected by what we have left behind us, invisible to our eyes, but carrying with them the tendency to increasing health or the danger of spreading disease."

"No one goes out of a crowd with exactly the same physical body as he came into it. You know how a dog follows his master by the scent that his nose is sharp enough to follow, that yours and mine are not able in that way to smell out the track of a man. Imagine for a moment that your eyes were as acute as the scent of the dog, then you would be able to see that which the dog smells, and you could follow the track of a person by the particles that have fallen from his body on those who pass him on the vehicles he was using, leaving the physical trail behind him which affects everyone who touches it by the communication of a part of those

minute fragments of himself which have fallen upon him."

"Take the case of a drunkard or even of a man who is called a moderate drinker. His body becomes impregnated with the particles of alcohol, and his body becomes affected by the fact that he drinks alcohol. As he goes about any part of the city, or as he lives in his house, he affects all those things around him with the particles of his body which are poisoned by alcoholic drink. If these particles fall on a sober person, those particles cannot multiply and so will become sterile and will not increase in number; but if they fall upon a body that is physically weak, if they fall upon a body accustomed to drink, they stimulate the desire for intoxicants and tend to make him crave for that which is so absolutely against his health and his welfare, so that the society in which we, all of us live, has the right to protect itself against the poison which is spreading through the air, not only by drink, but by the people who take intoxicants, who first poison their bodies and then send these poisoned particles as a fountain throws out spray, and, falling on the bodies of others, diminish their vitality, lessen their health and power of resisting disease."

"You have along this line of argument a very strong argument for the prohibition of intoxicating drinks, so that there may not be a continual menace to the health of the community by this shedding of injurious matter by those who consume strong drink."

APITI. meets first Thursday, in the Library, at 2.30. Pres., Mrs Gill; Vice-Pres., Mrs Haynes and Mrs Murray; Treas., Mrs S. Gould; Sec., Miss F. Malcolm.

AUCKLAND. second Tuesday, Central Mission Hall, Albert Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Mears, 90 Dominion Road.

AUCKLAND Y's. 1st Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Gospel Temperance Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss C. M. McLay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Pyle, Miss A. Pudney, Mr Polson; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 1 Haydn Avenue, Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Miss A. McLay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mr Thos. Thompson, Y.M.C.A. Auckland; Supt., Mrs Kasper, 2 Turner Street, Auckland.

BALCLUTHA. 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Cations, John Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs R. R. Gregor, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Geggie, Rosebank; Treas., Miss Tosh, Toshvale; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. McLean, Renfrew Street.

ARAMOHO, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs H. Beggs, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmore, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs H. Good, Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs Sleight, Stewart Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs G. Suddaby, 20 Cumbræ Place.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Darling Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs W. H. Robinson, Hampstead, Ashburton; Sec., Miss Trevurza, 169 Peter Street; Treas., Mrs A. Amos, 165 Peter Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. Buxton, Cox Street West, Ashburton.

BIRKENHEAD, 3rd. Thursday, at 2 p.m., Methodist Classroom. Pres., Mrs Jory; Rec. Sec., Miss Little, Hinemoa Street; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Hayman, Arawa Street; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Miss R. Le Roy, Hauraki Road.

BLENHEIM, first Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs W. Grigg, The Parsonage; Sec., Mrs Smith, Brook Street, Springlands; Treas., Mr T. Pike; Literature, Mrs Wass; Rest and Refreshment, Mrs A. W. Jackson; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Pike; Cradle Roll, Mrs A. Mills.

BLUFF, 1st Friday, Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Donaldson, Barrow Street; Sec., Miss Mitchel, Ocean Beach, Cor. Sec., Mrs W. H. Johnston, Foyle Street; Treas., Mrs W. Barber, Foyle Street.

CARTERTON, 1st Wednesday, in Salvation Army Barracks, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Every; Cor. Sec., Mrs Cotter, High Street; Treas., Mrs August Anderson, High Street; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tyler; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Pepperell; W.R. Agent, Miss Watterson.

CAMBRIDGE, 2nd Wednesday in month, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. W. Martin, Hamilton Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs Elsie Beer, Stafford Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs B. Moore, Victoria Street; Treas., Mrs E. J. Easter, Princes Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs G. H. Bycroft; Cradle Roll, Mrs Whitehouse.

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester Street, opposite His Majesty's Theatre, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Prayer Meeting on the 3rd Wednesday, at 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs T. E. Taylor, Cashmere Hills; Cor. Sec., Mrs Ruth Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Albans; Rec. Sec., Miss Bishop, 12 Bealey Street; Treas., Miss M. G. Lovell-Smith, Box 114, Assistant-Treas., Miss Gordon, Holly Lea, Manchester Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Albans.

DANNEVIRKE, meets 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Church, 2.45 p.m. Act. Pres., Miss Heaton; Vice-Pres., Mrs Daniel; Sec., Mrs T. Nicholson; Treas., Mrs Sharpley, Princess Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wright, 227 High Street.

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs Hielt, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Cliffs Rd., St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Plaster, 207 George St., Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori, Mrs Romeril; Flower Mission, Mrs Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Cradle Roll, Mrs Hutton; Home Meetings and Library, Mrs Hutton; Press, Miss Alice Webb, 17 Elder Street.

SOUTH DUNEDIN, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Mornington, Dunedin; Sec., Mrs Williamson, 42 Beach St., St. Clair, Dunedin; Treas., Mrs Williams, 39 Nelson St., South Dunedin; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Shacklock, 6 Catherine St., Caversham.

DEVONPORT, 2nd. Thursday, Congregation Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Finch, 14 Dominion Road, Devonport; Sec., Mrs Trevurza, 2 Cracroft Street, Devonport; Treas., Miss C. Davies, 58 Albert Road, Devonport; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnston, Cowper Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Bishop, Cheltenham; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Fraser and Mrs Robinson.

ELTHAM, 1st Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs H. Stanners, King Edward Street; Sec., Mrs Birkett, Mountain Road; Treas., Mrs Reynolds, Conway Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Streeter, London Street.

EKETAHUNA, meets 3rd Thursday, in Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., —; Vice-Pres., Mrs Terry, Parkville, Eketahuna; Sec., Mrs Norman, Parkville, Eketahuna; Treas., Mrs Hansen, Alfredton Rd., W.R. Agent, Mrs Baillie, Macara St.

EDENDALE (Southland), 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs G. Bridgman, Methodist Manse; Sec., Miss H. Hall; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Mrs H. Niven.

EPSOM, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church, York Avenue. Pres., Mrs Neal, 5 Park Crescent, Parnell; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Carr and Martin; Sec., Mrs A. McLeod, 16 Wapiti Avenue, Epsom; Treas., Mrs Pirrett; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hood; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Campbell; Literature Supt., Miss Katterfeldt; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tucker.

EDEN, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion Road. Pres., Miss Wilson, Wilford Rd., Mt. Eden; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Chappell, Gaulton, Ramsay, Auld, and Miss Caley; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. W. A. Clark, 129 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Rec. Sec., Mrs Johnson, 85 Balmoral Road, Mt. Eden; Treas., Mrs A. M. Gaulton, 2 Elizabeth St., Mt. Eden; W.R. Agent, Mrs C. A. Cartwright, 315 Dominion Rd., Mt. Eden; Vice-President, Mrs M. Chappell, 73 Grange Road, Mt. Eden.

FAIRLIE, 2nd Wednesday, Presbyterian Sunday School Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. Chisholm, School Road, Fairlie; Vice Pres., Mesdames Wilcox, Howden and Pickering, Fairlie; Treas., Mrs Hammond, Fairlie; Sec., Mrs C. H. Holland, Sherwood Downs, Fairlie; W.R. Agent, Miss Burt, Fairlie.

FIELDING, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs Pack, Sandlands Street; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street; Treas., Mrs McIntyre, Ranfurly Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Campbell, West Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mai; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tremain.

GORE, Baptist Church, 4th. Tuesday, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. C. Smith; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Donald, Rhodes, Stewart; Sec., Mrs J. Harper; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. Mirams; Treas., Mrs McAskil; Cradle Roll, Mrs Stephenson; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs T. Stevenson.

GREYTOWN, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Miss Oates; Vice-Pres., Mrs Whincop and Mrs Anker; Sec., Mrs H. Morrison, Morrison's Bush; Treas., Mrs A. Haigh; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates.

GREYMOUTH, Business only last Tuesday. Prayer Meeting, second Tuesday in Sailors' Rest Hall. Pres., Mrs Martin, Franklin Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gaskin and Parkinson; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Wilson, Cowper Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Reynolds, Karora.

GISBORNE, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Road; Treas., Mrs Reynolds, 188 Gladstone Road.

HAWERA, meets last Friday, at 3 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs Exley, Albion Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Miss Kelly, Box 47; Asst. Sec., Mrs Hayward; Treas., Mrs Ashton, Albion Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hulbert, Camberwell Road.

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Meth. Y.M. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Banks, Southampton Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fawcett, Paul, and Hughes; Sec., Mrs Wilson, P.O. Box 273; Treas., Mrs Boshier, Pakowhai Road; White Ribbon Agents, Mesdames Paul and Murtagh.

HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Platt, North Road; Vice-Pres., Mrs W. Wright, and Mrs Forsen Stuart; Sec., Mrs Mackay; Treas., Mrs Williams; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. Williams; W.R. Agent, Miss K. Duncan; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Fenney, Waahi, Hamlet.

HAMILTON, first Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. M. Jones, 52 Te Aroha Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Johnson and Seccombe; Treas., Mrs E. J. Davey, London Street; Sec., Mrs Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Road; W.R. Agent, Miss Alexander, River Road; Advisory Supt. of Cradle Roll, Miss Ambury.

INGLEWOOD, meets last Wednesday, in Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. B. Simpson, P.O. Piakau; Sec., Miss Johnston, Kingsdowne; Treas., Mrs Burgess, P.O., Te Tawa.

INVERCARGILL Y's, meet the first Monday in each month, in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Tay Street, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Miss M. Dawson, North Road; Rec. Sec., Miss J. E. Seed, Glenfoyle, Richmond Grove; Cor. Sec., Miss A. Sherriffs, Bowmont Street; Treasurer, Miss A. Matheson, Rugby Street; White Ribbon Supt., Miss T. Dawson, North Road; Assistant, Miss McCallum, Yarrow St., E. Invercargill; Y. Supt., Mrs Norman James, Robertson Street, Lindisfarne; Assistant Treasurer, Miss A. Swale, Grace Street.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL BRANCH, 2nd Tuesday, at 2.45 p.m., in the Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs Lillcrap, 57 Earn Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Baird, McKenzie, Boyes, Young, and Carlisle; Sec., Mrs Walker, 232 Conon Street; Treas., Mrs Matheson; W.R. Agent, Mrs Johnston.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH, meets every 2nd Tuesday, in St. Peter's Methodist Schoolroom, Elles Road, Enwood, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Fairbairn; Vice-Pres., Mrs Garrett, Mrs Smart, Mrs Pasley, and Mrs Pryde; Cor. Sec., Mrs Crozier, 44 Pomona Road; Rec. Sec., Miss McCallum; Treas., Nurse Griffiths; W.R. Agent, Mrs Pasley.

INVERCARGILL NORTH, meets 3rd Tuesday alternately at Presbyterian and Baptist churches, North Invercargill. Pres., Mrs Hopkirk; Sec., Miss Dewar, 10 Newcastle Street; Treas., Miss Hardie; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Kent.

KAIAPOI, meets in Methodist Sunday School last Wednesday in every month. Pres., Mrs Vickery, Fuller Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Rinaldi, Sewell Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Morland, Raven Street; Treas., Mrs Chapman, Kaiapoi Rural Mail; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Stanton, North Road.

LOWER HUTT, 4th Wednesday, Church of Christ, Queen Street, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Ballantyne, Belmont Road; Sec., Mrs R. Aldersley, Brunswick Street; Treas., Mrs Harry Heyes, Camp Road; Cradle Roll, Mrs Heyes, Brunswick Street; W.R. Agents, Mrs Routley, and Mrs Shearer; Librarian, Mrs Crawford, Waterloo Road.

MAUNGATUROTO, 4th Thursday, at Foresters' Hall. Pres., Mrs Wright, The Manse Sec., Mrs L. E. Cullen; Treas., Mrs V. Wallace; W.R. Agent, Miss Healey.

MARTERTON, 1st Thursday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. C. Cocker, Albert Street; Sec., Mrs Wakeham, Te Ore Ore Rd.; Treas., Mrs R. Jamieson, Lincoln Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Weston.

MAYFIELD, 3rd. Thursday, alternately at Ruapuna and Mayfield. Pres., Mrs Williams, Anama; Sec., Mrs J. D. Murdock, Mayfield; Treas., Mrs W. Millar, Mayfield; W.R. Agent, Mrs Thos. Corbett, Mayfield.

MORRINSVILLE, meets 2nd Tuesday, in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Richards, The Manse, Allen St.; Sec., Mrs Cooper, Allen Street; Treas., Mrs Wills, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Johnstone, Hamilton Road.

MOSGIEL, third Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. Bedford, East Taieri; Treas., Mrs S. Johnstone, King Street; Sec., Mrs M. H. Wilson, corner of Inghis Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Morton, Forth Street.

MOTUEKA, last Wednesday in month, at 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Miss P. Cresswell, Lower Moutere; Rec. Sec., Miss V. Glover, High Street, Motueka; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Moffatt, High Street, South Motueka; Treas., Mrs Quayle, Atkins Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs F. Cresswell, Lower Moutere.

NAPIER, first Wednesday, in Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Speight, Port Ahuriri; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dodds, Leask, McAlister and Venables; Rec. Sec., Mrs A. Bowman; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hull, Chancer Road, North; Treas., Mrs Wilkinson, Onepoto Valley; Evangelistic, Mrs Dobbs; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Mens, 111 Nelson Crescent.

NELSON Union, 2nd Tuesday, Methodist Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Miss Atkinson, Brougham Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Knapp, Field, Watson, Walker; Treas., Miss F. Cooke, Examiner Street; L.T.L., Mrs Moyes, Grove Street; Y's., Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Doris Wilkinson, Examiner Street.

NEW BRIGHTON, 3rd Thursday, 2.15 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs H. Hall, Wainui St., Bexley; Sec., Mrs M. Moses, 140 Lonsdale St.; Treas., Mrs Fraser, River Road; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Read, Parsonage; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs H. M. McIlroy, Howe St.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs F. Good, Victoria St.

NEW PLYMOUTH, last Wednesday in the month, at 2.30 p.m., Whitley Hall. Pres., Mrs X. Jones, 247 Gill Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Griffin, Liardet Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, Craig-neuk, Powderham Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Walter Hughes, 246 Courtenay Street; Treas., Mrs S. Whitham, 50 Gilbert Street; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Cobb, Leach Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dickson, Hillcrest, Vogeltown; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Oliver, Upper Carrington Road.

NORMANBY, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m., Pres. Hall. Pres., Mrs D. E. Scott, Hawera; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bevan and Mrs Clement; Sec., Mrs W. Gane, Normanby; Treas., Mrs J. Menli, Normanby; Cradle Roll, Mrs D. Free, Normanby; White Ribbon, Mrs Lamond, (c/o. Miss Larcom, Turturu Road, Hawera). Meetings to be held in Presbyterian Hall, 2nd Wednesday, 2 p.m.

NORTH-EAST VALLEY, 4th Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Young Men's Institute. Pres., Mr Peart, 4 Pine Hill Terrace; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45 Selwyn Road; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 43 Frairs Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Agnes Gray, 17 Grey Street.

OKMONDVILLE, 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in the Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Wilson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Small; Sec., Mrs Newling; Treas., Miss Thomasen; W.R. Agent, Mrs Packer.

OPOTIKI, 2nd Thursday, St. John's Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Jas. Thompson; Sec., Mrs J. Gordon; Treas., Mrs M. Downey; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hambly; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Jamieson.

OTAHUHU, meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs West; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor, Station Road; Treas., Mrs D. Muir, Niger Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. West, Pannure Road.

OTAUTAU, meets 2nd Thursday, in Methodist Church, at 3.30. Pres., Mrs J. N. Brown; Sec., Miss Donnan; Treas., Mrs Fisher; W.R. Supt., Mrs E. Harrington.

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Vice-Pres., Mrs D. Hawke; Sec., Mrs C. W. Tritt; Treas., Miss Caverhill; Evangelistic, Miss Gainsford, Mesdames Robertson and Tritt; Cradle Roll, Mrs Bol and Mrs Cooper; Notable Days, Mrs Jones; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Fox; Home Meetings, Mrs S. Gainsford and Mrs Graham; White Ribbon, Mrs D. Hawke; Band of Hope, Miss Gainsford; Young People's Branch, Mrs R. Comyns; Flower Mission, Mesdames Jamieson and Robertson.

OAMARU, 2nd Monday, at Church of Christ Schoolroom, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. J. Clarke; Sec., Mrs Scott; Treas., Mrs McKenzie; Asst. Treas., Miss Milligan; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hutchinson and Reid, and Misses Wilson, M. Milligan, and Smyth; Band of Hope Supt., Miss Hilliker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett; Press Reporter, Mrs Scott; Asst. Reporter, Miss Hilliker.

PAHIATUA, first Thursday in month, Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. D. Wilson; Treas., Mrs O. Johnson, Victoria Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Rennie Riccarton Road; Hon. Sec., Miss M. Edmed, D.H. School.

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st and 3rd Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres.; Mrs Young, No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert W., Cor. Sec., Mrs J. G. Collins, 16 Amesbury St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs T. R. Hodder, 9 Alan St.; Treas., Mrs E. Watson, 13 Carroll St.; "White Ribbon" Supt., Mrs J. Burrell, 28 Bourke St.

PETONE, 1st Tuesday, Salvation Army Hall, Sydney Street, 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cole, c/o Mrs Corner, Nelson Street, Petone; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Collins, Mrs Corner, Mrs Barrow, Mrs Murtatroyd; Rec. Sec., Mrs Jensen; Cor. Sec., Miss Avison, 69 Fitzherbert Street, Petone; Treas., Mrs Doneghue, 31 Vivian Street, Wellington; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bradbury, 18 Te Puni Street, Petone.

PICTON, second Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Church of England Presbyterian, and Methodist Schoolrooms, alternately. Pres., Miss Harris; Vice-Pres., Mrs Brewer, Auckland Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Wilkes; Rec. Sec., Mrs Tobell; Treas., Mrs Wells; Cradle Roll, Miss Powick; Y. Supt., Mrs Burroughs; W.R., Mrs Fowler; Wellington Street.

PLEASANT POINT, meets 1st Wednesday, at 3 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Miss Bishop, Pleasant Point; Sec., Mrs Miller, Pleasant Point; Treas., Miss C. G. Munro, Pleasant Point; W.R. Agents, Miss A. Neilson, Pleasant Point, and Miss Seaton, Totara Valley.

PORT CHALMERS, 3rd Thursday, 3 p.m., Currie St. Hall. Pres., Mrs Johnson, Currie St.; Sec., Miss Gunn; Treas., Mrs Smillie; W.R. Agent, Miss Paton, Daly St.

PONSONBY, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Stephen's Church, Jervois Road, Ponsonby. Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, 7a Hamilton Road; Sec., Miss Read, Fernbank, Whitaker Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs Oliver, 27 Pollen Street; Treasurer, Mrs Kasper, 2 Turner Street; Evangelistic, Miss Braithwaite, 11 Picton Street; Anti-Gambling, Miss M. Pyle, 7a Hamilton Road; W.R. Agent, Miss S. Pyle, 7a Hamilton Road.

RAKAIA, meets on the 2nd Thursday, in St. Andrew's Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Boag; Sec., Mrs Hopwood; Treas., Mrs Evison; W.R. Supt., Miss Amy Oakley.

RICHMOND (Nelson), 3rd Tuesday, 3 p.m., Baptist Church. Pres., Miss Tarrant; Vice-pres., Mesdames Cropp, Fittall, and Oliver Sutton; Sec., Mrs Crabtree, Gladstone Road, Treas., Mrs B. Cropp, Salisbury Road; W.R. Agent, Miss Dyson, "Althorpe."

RIVERTON, meets 1st Monday, in Committee Room, More's Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. H. Gray; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fordyce and Mrs Philp; Sec., Mrs T. Borland, Havelock Street; Treas., Mrs J. Cassels; W.R. Agents, Miss Birch and Miss McGregor.

STRATFORD, 4th Friday, 3 p.m., Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs M. T. Phillips; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lilley and McCallum; Sec., Mrs A. Fawcett, Juliet Street; Treas., Mrs S. Robinson, Olivia Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ellis; W.R. Agent, Mrs Kelly, Regan Street.

SAWYER'S BAY, 4th Tuesday, in Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Hudson; Rec. Sec., Mrs Wallis; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hudson; Treas., Mrs Findlay; W.R. Agent, Mrs J. Perry; Supts. Cradle Roll, Mrs Cook and Miss Andrews.

YDENHAM, first Thursday, in Baptist Schoolroom, Colombo St. Pres., Mrs Sirett; Sec., Mrs Smith; Treas., Mrs Gillard; W.R. Agent, Mrs Clay.

TE KUITI, meets 2nd Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m., in Presbyterian Vestry. Pres., Mrs Edgar, Waitete Road; Sec., Mrs G. Elliott; Treas., Mrs J. Nicholls, Matal Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hill.

TAURANGA, meets every 3rd Friday, in Methodist Hall, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Carlton Smith, "The Knoll," 11th Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs York, 1st Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs Castles, 3rd Avenue; Treas., Mrs Teasey, Edgecumbe Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Foxcroft, Cameron Road.

TAKAPUNA, meets 1st Thursday in the month, at 2.30 in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs Penning; Vice-Pres., Mrs Mills, Miss Rushbrook; Sec., Mrs Lewis, (Croydon) Victoria Rd; Treas., Miss Mills, Earnock Av; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Winstone; W.R. Agent, Mrs Morgan.

TEMUKA, meets 1st Friday, 3 p.m. Pres., Nurse Cameron, c/o Mrs Sims, Allnutt Street; Sec., Mrs E. Blackmore, St. Leonards; Treas., Miss E. Greaves, King Street; Rest Room Supt., Miss G. Hancox, King Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wilson, c/o Bramwell Roath Boys' Home.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs Norrie, c/o A. C. Martin, Esq., Beverley Road; Sec., Mrs M. Milne, 11 Roslyn Terrace; Treas., Miss Pearson, 23 Turnbull Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs J. R. King, 118 North Street; W.R.

Agent, Mrs Cave, Raymond Street; Scientific Temperance, Mrs Odell, Arthur Street.

TINWALD, 2nd Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carters Teir; Treas., Miss Turner.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Roy, Deep Creek, Waituna; Sec., Mrs Elder, Waituna; Treas., Mrs Simpson, Belt St., Waimate; "White Ribbon," Mrs Graham, Rhode St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Vigers.

WAITARA, Knox Church, 3rd Friday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Andrews Brixton; Sec., Mrs Jensen, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs Hughson, Cracroft Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hingley, Blake Street.

WAIPIAWA, 4th Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. Methodist Church. Pres., Mrs Hugh McLean, Waverley Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Neal, Robertson, and Bott; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, Rose Street; Treas., Mrs Johnson, Rose Street; W.R. Supt., Miss Bibby.

WAIPIKURAU, 2nd Friday, Methodist Church Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Smalles; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harding, Major and Taylor; Sec., Mrs Reid; Treas., Mrs Robinson; W.R. Agent, Mrs McLean.

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs Goodey, 26 College St., Cor. Sec., Mrs L. Upton, 165 Victoria Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs Piper, 3 Koromiko Rd., Treas., Mrs Warwick Great North Rd., St. John's Hill; Asst. Treas., Mrs Mara, Sydney Place; W.R. Agent, Mrs James Grant, 55 Plymouth St.

WANGANUI EAST, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs A. Duxfield, Okoia, Wanganui; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. J. Andrew, 91 Jellicoe Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs E. Frethey, Durie Hill; Treas., Miss Francis Brown, No. 3 Line; L.T.L., Miss Siddells; Evangelistic, Mrs Dowsett.

WAVERLEY, first Thursday, in W.C.T.U. Rest Room, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs H. S. Barrow; Cor. Sec., Mrs T. W. Wall; Treas., Mrs R. Johnstone; Rec. Sec., Miss B. Elmslie; W.R. Agent, Miss M. Johnstone.

WELLINGTON SOUTH, 1st Thursday, 2.45 p.m., Rooms, Constable Street. Pres., Mrs Wright, 127 Constable Street; Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Moller, 6 Purwah Street. Y Branch Rooms, alternate Thursdays, at 8 p.m.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Miss Kirk, 60 Pirie Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harry, Evans and Murphy; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Costin Webb, 26 Talavera Terrace; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson, 23 Marama Cres; Treas., Mrs Helyer, 538 Oriental Bay; W.R. Supt., Miss Hamilton, 9 Atiawa St., Petone; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Anderson, 60 Pirie Street.

WHANGAREI, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Meth. Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goodall; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lochore, Lovatt, Adj. Vyle, Curtis and Woolfaxal; Sec., Mrs Hills, Norfolk Street; Treas., Mrs Hughes; Asst. Treas. and Sec., Miss Hilford; W.R. Supt., Mrs J. McKinnon; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lovatt; Maori Work Supt., Miss Dredan; Press Reporter, Mrs Hills; Notable Days, Miss Hilford.

WINTON, Meets 3rd Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs T. A. McWilliam, Winton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames J. R. Hamilton, McWilliam, McKillop, Anderson; Sec., Mrs J. A. Wilson, Park St; Treas., Mrs J. A. Wilson, Park St; W.R. Agent, Mrs F. Cole, Park St; Evan Supt., Mrs Anderson.

WOOLSTON-OPAWA UNION, meets 1st Tuesday, in the Methodist Schoolroom, Opawa, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. D. Jenkins, 9 Westby Street, Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs Morley Palmer, 8 Ensors Rd., Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs T. W. West, 26 Opawa Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. H. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa.

WYNDHAM, 3rd Thursday, at 2.15 p.m., in Presbyterian Church Hall. Pres., Mrs Loppdell; Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. Chalmers; W.R. Agents, Miss Ayson and Miss McEay.

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