

The White Ribbon

FOR GOD AND HOME AND HUMANITY

32.—No. 369. WELLINGTON, N.Z., MARCH 18, 1926.

3s Per Annum Post Free
Single Copy, 4d.

THE DIVINE RIGHT OF THE MALE.

Old prejudices die hard, and the average male human very reluctantly surrenders his "divine right."

Held blindly for centuries, deeply ingrained in his racial consciousness, is the belief that certain positions and privileges are his, not because he is the best qualified to perform the duties appertaining thereto, but solely because he is a "man."

A glaring instance of this occurred at England's old historic University. Reluctantly it opened its educational privileges and degrees to women students, but its highest educational awards must still go to the male. And so it had to submit to the disgrace of inscribing in its records, "Above the Senior Wrangler, Miss Fawcett." The position she had rightly won by her brilliance of intellect he held by "divine" right as a male. In a smaller degree the same thing is being enacted in our own Dominion. Slowly, and fighting desperately every step of the way, women have won their right to citizenship. No longer are they classed with criminals and lunatics, as unable to exercise the privilege of the Franchise. By sheer power of intellect and force of character, combined with unlimited patience and perseverance, she has won her way to the front rank in the educational world. But she has trusted too much to men's chivalry, and has allowed them to monopolise almost every seat on our Boards of Education. And these chivalrous gentlemen, on at least one Education Board, are trying to cheat women teachers of the higher positions allowed them. In certain schools, which the Education Department have

allowed women the right to be Heads of, this Board advertises these positions as Head Masters wanted. In this way women are debarred from the right of applying. The Women Teachers' Association very rightly has questioned this proceeding, and the Educational Institute has called the Board's attention to the fact that it is acting ultra vires. The Board is seeking legal advice.

This Board is inflicting a double injustice—1st, upon its women teachers, who render it such loyal, capable and devoted service; and 2nd, to the children of our schools, who are entitled to the most capable and efficient Head Teacher irrespective of sex. No man has the right to be head of a school just because he is a man, if there is a woman applicant with better credentials. There should be no "divine right of the male" to any position in our schools or educational bodies. The Education Department has practically admitted this, by at long last appointing a woman as Inspector of Schools.

Still another Education Board is agitating for a change which will inflict still further injustice upon the children in the schools, and still further reduce their chance of securing the best teacher available. It is asked that married women shall not be eligible for appointment as teachers in our public schools if their husband's income is sufficient to maintain them. Now, what has a husband's income to do with a woman's ability as a teacher? Why should good teachers be forced out of the profession just when their long experience is fitting them for wider spheres of usefulness? And mark! this Board does not object to them because they are mar-

ried, but because of the size of their husband's income. Many a man whose income is large spends the greater part of it upon his own pleasures, grudgingly paying necessary household expenses, and grumbling every time his wife asks for a penny. Before a husband's income becomes a factor to hinder his wife from earning, the law must insist that a certain proportion of that income is secured to his wife. What a tragedy it is to see a fine, cultured woman who, before marriage, earned a good income, forced to become the unpaid servant of the home, often with not a penny she can call her own.

Strange that no effort is made to hinder a married woman from earning so long as she is content to slave at the washtub, the scrubbing brush, or the sewing machine.

Whenever positions in our schools are advertised, they should go to the most capable applicant, either male or female, and irrespective of whether they are married or single. No other course is fair to the children in our schools. So much for Education Boards and their vagaries.

But male jurors are also trying to close avenues of service to women. A woman driving a service car was unfortunate enough to meet with an accident, and the jury added a rider to the verdict that licenses to drive service cars should not be granted to women. But lately many male drivers have met with accidents, some of them serious ones. In some cases carelessness, in some cases intemperance, has been proved against the driver. Licenses have been cancelled for longer or shorter periods, but no jury has asked that licenses to drive service cars be

not granted to men. Should we not aim to eliminate the reckless, the intemperate driver of either sex, and not make a sweeping charge against a whole sex. Very many women drive cars, but accidents to them are comparatively rare. In matters of this kind the ability and carefulness of the driver are of far more importance than their sex.

ON TURNING YOUR BACK TO THE WIND.

There are many persons in the world like the tramp Mrs Asquith, shared her lunch with on the Scotch moors one day. She found this man seeking shelter from the rain under a dyke. He refused to answer questions about himself, and would not tell whence he came, or whither he was bound.

"You seem to walk all day and go nowhere," she said. "When you wake up in the morning, how do you shape your course?"

"I always turn my back to the wind," he answered.

People who turn their backs to the wind are drifters of the world. They go hither and thither, wanderers upon the face of the earth; they create nothing, render no service, and oftentimes go about thinking they are ill-treated.

The trees out of which ships' masts are made, are those that grow on the exposed coast, where from infancy, they are forced to fight against the hurricanes that sweep down and threaten to destroy all before them. The trees that grow in the sheltered valleys may be straight fibred, but they are weak and soft. They will do for pulp, but not for masts and spars.

Usually the most worth-while people are those who have been forced to fight their way forward in the world—people who have kept their faces toward the wind and not their backs.—"From the Forbes Magazine."

Let us be better men!
Let us find things to do;
Saner and sweeter than any yet,
Higher and nobler and true!

Let us be better men!
Let us begin again,
Trying all over the best we know
To climb and develop and grow.

Let us be better men!
Whether with pick or pen,
The labours we do is a work worth while
If our hearts are clean and our spirits smile,
And out of the ruck and rust and stain
We make some growth and mark some gain.
Let us be better men!

WOMEN AT THE BALLOT BOX.

(From Liquor Dealers' Journals.)

"Women, generally considered, are the inveterate enemies of the public-house."—"Brewers' Gazette," February, 1912.

"Probably the best ally the Prohibitionists have in England is the working-class women. . . . As far as the women are concerned, the closing of the public-houses would be all to the good, because the average working man goes to the public-house alone, or with his 'pals,' and spends the money of which his wife feels she could have made better use."—"International Report of Wine, etc., Trade," "Harper's," June 5, 1920.

"With the loose logic which is characteristic of the sex, she will attribute the mainspring of drunkenness to the drink-seller."—"Brewers' Gazette," December, 1911.

"He was a believer in woman suffrage, but the majority of women's votes would probably be used against the Trade."—Ernest Oldmeadow, "Harper's," June 12, 1920.

"If they were to depend upon running their own candidates in Parliament it would be a hopeless task, especially with an electorate which now had women in the majority."—Ernest Oldmeadow, "Harper's," March 6, 1920.

HAD TO GO.

"Booze had to go out when modern industry and the motor car came in.

"Upon only one condition can the nation safely let it come back.

"That is, if we are willing to abolish modern industry and the motor car."—Henry Ford.

OUR BUSINESS.

"I've never been a regular preacher for Prohibition, you know."

Have you ever heard that? Could you say the same? If so, why?

You're "no good at public speaking?"

But there is much more private than public speaking, and it is going to do more to win our cause.

Are your children ardent? How often do they hear you speak of Prohibition as a work constantly in your thoughts, dear to your heart?

"A word in season —" Do you make them realise now is always the accepted time to care about our cause, to think, to pray, to believe, to ensure our children's belief?

Theirs will be the harder job than ours, to keep the country "dry" when we have brought it to that. Theirs to care personally that the law we win be kept, for the honour of the country. And it is our business to be sure they care.

KATHERINE MERCER.

SIX GOOD REASONS.

"Can anyone give me a really solid argument why a working man should not enjoy his glass of beer?" queried an anti-Prohibition speaker in Hyde Park. "I've been looking for such an argument for years, and haven't found it." A man who had been listening to the address quietly replied: "Alright, guv'nor, you'd better get your eyes seen to, because I've got six good ones at home myself—a Wife and Five Children."

Ladies visiting Auckland should patronise the

W.C.T.U. HOSTEL,

UPPER QUEEN STREET.

Superior accommodation for permanents and casuals.

Moderate tariff.

TELEPHONE 45-254.

THE CHRIST OF THE ANDES.

(From the "Headway" for January.)

Pablo Estaban Chilian orator and outlaw, stepped on to a boulder, and waved his hand proudly at the clustered tents below, on the Andes slopes.

"My army," he said to his older companion, "five thousand men—and we shall descend into the Argentine lands like a thunderbolt." "But the peace between our countries?" murmured Don Carlos, dubiously. "It is sentiment—nonsense!" Estaban sneered. "All Chili will acclaim me here when we take the first town. These Argentinians are fools, as we are, to have disarmed their frontiers." "But the pass?" "It is open. Their guns are melted into that stupid monument. They are a country unarmed, with glittering prizes for our swords—defenceless!"

At daybreak the wild army gathered on the mountain-side, while the oratory of the leader fired their eyes and roused anew a mad, unthinking hatred of the Argentine peoples. There was no obstacle, Estaban declared; they were lions, with the sheep at their mercy, and no shepherd to fear.

So the march began. Pablo himself rode at the head of his legion on a safe-footed mule, and Don Carlos at his side, gloomy and unconvinced. Behind strode the eager hordes of men. They climbed ever higher, the pass becoming rougher and steeper. Among the big rocks and lonely silences of the peaks the noisy adventurers became quietened. Pablo Estaban whistled as he rode, and twirled his proud moustachios—plunder, rapine, conquest, lay ahead!

"What is that figure in the sky?" said Don Carlos, suddenly, pointing ahead. "The figure standing for peace," laughed Estaban.

The trampling host behind the outlaw quickened their march as they, too, sighted the statue that marked the Chilian boundary. As they came nearer the solitary figure grew recognisable, and the cross in its left hand became clear. The sun was gilding it with brightness.

Pablo Estaban spat. "A stupid thing!" he declared.

"A sentinel of the pass," said Don Carlos, uneasily.

"No sentinel could stop us now, least of all one of bronze without a weapon," said Estaban.

The towering figure was quite near, glittering with unearthly brilliance in the clear mountain air. A stillness had fallen on the invaders. Some were crossing themselves, wishing they were already past this watcher.

Their leader sneered. He was right beneath the statue. "Come," he shouted jeeringly to his followers. "Will you fear a thing of bronze? Once it might have stopped you as guns, but now——"

His mule reared, startled by a sudden beam of reflected light from the tall cross, and Estaban was shot from its back, to fall as if at the foot of the monument. His followers stopped in unconcealed awe. Estaban lifted his head, but did not rise. Above him, in the brilliance of the mid-day sun, he saw the great Christ shining down on him in fearful majesty. Pablo was dazed and dumb, as once had been another Paul. And as he lay he saw the words he had known from his youth engraved at the base of the figure:

"These mountains themselves shall fall and crumble to dust before the people of Chili, and the Argentine Republic forget their solemn covenant sworn at the feet of Christ. He is our peace who hath made both one."

Pablo Estaban stumbled blindly to his feet.

"Back, back!" he cried. "We cannot pass!"

TEMPERANCE SOLFA.

No Cider! apples as they grow
Eaten are best, or baked in...DOH.

No Porter, Ale or Beer for me!
I'll stick to cocoa, milk and TE.

'Tis drinking leads to singing—ah!
But Temperance trills, tra-la-la LAH.

And so we'll say to all we know,
Away with Drink! 'Tis better SOH.

For Prince and peasant, slave or Shah,
Water's the fittest drink by FAH.

Gin, whisky, Rum and Eau-de-Vie
Are foes, not friends to you and ME.

And Wine that sparkles, leads astray
Blest, then be Water's crystal RAY

We'll sober up life's ladder go,
Doh, Ray, Me, Fah, Soh, Lah, Te,
DOH.

TERRIBLE INDICTMENT.

Dr. Haven Emerson, one time Commissioner of Health for New York City, now of the Medical Department of Columbia University, says:—"Alcohol is of the same series as chloroform and ether. They release the levels of control. Each one shades from the top down. In every instance they accomplish their result by depressing some function. Alcohol may at times be a very useful drug, but it is a depressant and not a stimulant. In every test the non-alcoholic beats the alcoholic. Dr. Emerson has prepared for his students the following statements regarding alcohol, evidently believing that the medical profession should harbour no delusions regarding the drug's true nature:—

(1) Alcohol is a cause of death. (2) Alcohol is a cause of primary disease. (3) Alcohol causes disabilities through inheritance. (4) Alcohol lowers resistance to infection. (5) Alcohol increases susceptibility to poison from heavy metals. (6) Alcohol increases the mortality rate of infections. (7) Alcohol increases the severity, complications, and time recovery of industrial accidents. (8) Alcohol increases the prevalence of venereal disease. (9) Alcohol increases the general morbidity and mortality from other diseases than those due directly to the use of alcohol. (10) Alcohol shortens the life span. (11) Alcohol is a depressant drug, a protoplasmic poison. (12) Alcohol delays and renders inaccurate neuro-muscular reactions. (13) Alcohol reduces judgment, discrimination, endurance, and precision of action." And that an indictment as is an indictment, and one which The Trade may well fear to face. At long last Cold Science is bringing out the truth about alcohol and its effects on the human system.

LYNTON CONVALESCENT HOME,

7a HAMILTON ROAD, HERNE BAY,
AUCKLAND,

Receives Semi-invalids, Convalescents, and those requiring rest. Patients received straight from hospital to recuperate. Also a "Waiting-in" Home for prospective mothers, booked for Maternity Hospital.

Every care and attention.

Trained nursing staff.

For terms, apply to Sister Taylor.

Telephone A26771.

DRINK AND THE SLUM.

The following extracts are from "Stand Up, Ye Dead," a book written by Norman Maclean, and published in 1917:—

We drove people into the congested and foul tenements of narrow streets. Let the well-to-do classes try to realise the conditions of life to which men such as this have been doomed. Let them picture to themselves what life can be like in a one-roomed or two-roomed house in a crowded barracks. Imagine a man and wife, with an infant and two or more children, and often a lodger, living in such a house. For them there is no change of air either day or night; their bodies cannot be cleaned, nor their clothes washed; they are denied cleanliness in their whole environment; it is impossible to cook appetising food or to serve it in a pleasing manner; there is no escape for them from noise and squalor; they have no privacy either living or dying; and there is always the spectre of want hovering near. What recompense has the State provided for them in their misery? What provision has been made that men and women may escape for a little to breathe a purer air and feel that they have part in a life richer than this? The State has not been wholly unmindful of them. It has provided for them the public-house, and, with paternal care, has multiplied these places of recreation and happiness, where the mass of human misery is greatest. The State has been lavish in its provision. In the Cowgate of Edinburgh it has provided one public-house for every 200 of the population, though in the leisured and rich districts there is only one license for every 1300 of the population; in the Cowcaddens of Glasgow it has provided at the rate of thirty public-houses to the half-mile. It surrounds the poor and the miserable with an atmosphere reeking with alcohol. The trade in alcohol enfeebles the will, saps the resisting power, and then trades upon that enfeebled will. This is the door of escape from misery which the State provides. Who can blame the people for availing themselves of this national remedy for their woe pressed upon them by the State at every corner? If the drunkenness of masses of the population be a national weakness and a crying scandal, it is not their fault. It is the State that is responsible, and as citizens of the State we have each to bear our

share of the responsibility and of the shame. It is no use decrying publicans and brewers, for these are only what we ourselves made them. Let us take ourselves to task and condemn our own folly and our own sin."

"When we consider the results of the trade in alcohol, the wonder grows how it is that this State-regulated monopoly for the manufacture of paupers, lunatics and criminals has been suffered to continue so long. To it most of the evils which afflict the body-politic can be traced. It nullifies all efforts at social improvement. Philanthropic movements have poured out money like water to improve the condition of the people, but faster than slums can be cleared away or emptied, new slums are created and filled by the victims of alcohol. The funds of Guardians and of Parish Councils are mainly used to support those whom alcohol has impoverished. There is the authority of Mr John Burns, the late President of the Local Government Board, for the statement that out of 100,000 applicants for poor relief at Wandsworth during a period of twenty years, only twelve were abstainers. . . . It not only fills our workhouses, it also crowds our gaols. According to the late Lord Alverstone, nine-tenths of the crime of this country was due to drink. . . . Insanity finds in it a fruitful source. Twenty per cent. of all the men and ten per cent. of all the women in a London County Council asylum—the Claybury Asylum—have become insane through alcohol. . . . The social evil is mainly due to alcohol. Under its influence women descend to vice. Half the infections of the social disease are traceable to the weakening of the will power by drink. . . . Evil though it be in itself, its evil goes far beyond itself, for it is the short cut to all other vices. . . . It is one of the great causes of the decline of the race in thus polluting the springs of life, poisoning and sterilising them; but, far more, it is responsible for an enormous share of the appalling infant mortality which destroys in many districts a fifth of the child life in the first year. . . . It lowers the vitality and makes the tissues more susceptible to attacks by the germs of disease, and thus greatly increases the death rate. . . . It multiplies coffins and empties cradles. . . . Were this one monopoly abolished and the people delivered from the State-licensed temptations which are for ever inviting them

to their ruin, almost all workhouses and gaols would be closed and the nation delivered from the burden of pauperism and crime, which weighs so heavily upon it. Yet the nation in the time of its greatest peril spends £180,600,000 a year upon the drink traffic. This is the price which it pays for the lowering of its own vitality and for the weakening of its striking power. A Government which connives at that cannot be a Government that is waging war really in earnest. Shipping, food, coals, the railways, roads, and a host of men are in a great measure sacrificed to a trade which weakens the nation in the face of the enemy.

CHEMISTRY AND MORALS.

Is there any relation between these two subjects? Julius Stieglitz, professor of chemistry in the University of Chicago, says there is. His words are, "Speaking as a chemist, not as a moralist, I cannot avoid the opinion that American society would be immensely benefited if prohibition were strictly enforced. There is definite relation between chemistry and morals, and alcohol produces an attitude toward life which society cannot afford to foster. It causes crime. It inflames passion. It unseats reason. The complete removal of alcohol I am convinced, will change human nature for the better. My observations as a chemist compel me to reach this conclusion."

HAVE PATIENCE.

Moonshine is plenty, no doubt;
Yes, you can get it, that's true.
Just seek a bootlegger out,
He'll sell his poison to you.
Still, booze is passing away,
Though there is many a leak,
Rum wasn't built in a day,
Rum can't be smashed in a week.
Hooch has held man in its thrall.
Age after age it appears;
We can't get rid of it all
Just in couple of years—
There's bound to be some delay
Getting the dryness we seek.
Rum wasn't built in a day,
Rum can't be smashed in a week.
—"Borton Brall."

THE DECADENCE OF HOME LIFE.

(By Gene Stratton Porter.)

The only time I realise that I am past twenty is when I recall the picture of my childhood home, and think of the abounding joy we got from life in keeping a clean house, in entertaining our friends and relations, in making a picture on the landscape with our door, yard, and garden. I recall the pride we took in our orchard—a great square of apple trees facing the spring sky like a big, delicate, white blanket, around which the peach-blow beryler of pink was an exquisite sight.

Father took justifiable pride in pruning, trimming, and grafting; in having magnificent, juicy, big apples, fine plums, amber cherries, cling and free-stone peaches, white, yellow, and beet-red, many varieties of grapes, and beautiful vines and flowers, and bushes in the door yard, all contributing to make his home a lovely picture his family luxuriously fed. In this setting we spent our lives, seeing how much we could learn, how happy we could be, and to what extent we could help our neighbours. The greatest pride we took was not in how beautifully we could be dressed, nor to how many different places we could go to; it was seeing how much we could crowd into our brains, and how many of our friends we could attract to our home by making it a delightful place.

But to-day country youngsters hate their environment, because they feel that they are being defrauded of the lights and the music and the things that look to them like joy. They finish their day's work in the quickest way, in order to jump into an automobile and reach the picture show and the dance in the nearest village. In the cities, home, in too many cases, is merely a convenience where one goes to sleep, or finds shelter if one is ill, although frequently nobody at home has the time to bother with the sick, so one is bundled up and sent to the hospital. In the matter of finding entertainment in dance halls, picture shows, hotels, cafes, and resorts, we have gone, as a nation, to the limit.

Our boys, especially the boys of the city, are beginning to show in their physique, in their faces, in the apparent nerve strain, above all in brain power, that they are in no way fitted, physically or mentally, to cope with life as were their fathers.

Too big a percentage of the girls of both city and country prove by their size, their physique, and their mentality, that they are not the equals of their mothers even.

PARENTS SHOULD WAKE UP.

This hour and this minute is the time for parents to do the deepest thinking they have ever done in their lives! It lies with the fathers and mothers of the city to take the children who are young enough to be malleable, and once again begin the practice of teaching them that home is the best place on earth in which to entertain their friends and to have a good time; that father is the finest man in the world, a person to be respected and to be instantly obeyed; that mother is a precious possession, to be taken good care of in order that she may get joy from life for herself, and give to her children the deep pleasure that can be found in the wonderful things that can be done in a home.

WHY DO BABIES DIE?

Because one of the parents may be weak or diseased, or because the unborn infant is damaged by poisons circulating in the veins of the mother.

Excessive consumption of alcohol damages the health of both parents, and acts as a poison to the child.

It is the cause of many children dying, or—what is worse—growing up permanently defective in body and in mind.

Want of good mothering and of medical and nursing care, poverty, vice, ill feeding, insanitary dwellings, overcrowding—all these militate against the child.

Indulgence in alcohol intensifies these dangers therefore drink is justly regarded as a most deadly enemy to infant life.

A mother who takes no alcoholic drink before or after the birth of her little one gives the child a surer chance of life and health.

A father who, for the sake of wife and child, abstains from alcohol gives both a better chance.

Is it not worth while trying to secure this "better chance" for the children of our great country?

(The above is from a leaflet sent to us by the National Baby Week Council, London.)

LAMPS.

At a church service lately the subject was the virgins with well-filled lamps and those whose lamps went out early. If I had properly trained power of concentration, my mind would have attended to the speaker, not gone off suddenly to wonder what proportion of us were keeping our lamps well filled, ready for an election. Our lamps of personal interest and understanding in what is being done, I mean. Of personal work.

For to succeed in our election there is something needed more than prayer, or faith, or constant giving, and that is Work, in the sense of effort.

You may not appear to have the material at hand to work on.

You may live, as I happen to have been tumbled down, in a road where everyone's vote is safe.

But are you keeping your lamp of enthusiasm, of knowledge, of the facts of our case, burning, ready to help guide a neutral, or perhaps an outsider, or the other-sider who is sure to turn up any day now? There are so many newly come out here from the Old Country, and from other countries, who are of necessity strange to our work, and our point of view. But they are pretty sure to vote, if they are eligible, even if they "don't care much which side wins." Can you interest any one of them? Can you give him a personal interest in what your Union is doing? Not just ask for a subscription, but engage his interest. Tell a man how glad you were able to help, even a trifle, in the W.C.T.U. creche at the Dunedin Exhibition, after dragging a heavy baby about somewhere else where the Union hadn't managed one, and make him feel what a jolly good thing the W.C.T.U. is, apart from politics. Show something you are making for the Willard Home. Talk about the blessing the Sailors' Rest is where they have built it; share your eagerness to help build another, or any other public work the Union is doing. And even more, in any private help its members are all on the look-out to give, such as welcoming strangers.

If you want to win this election, keep your lamp of interest filled and burning, not only to help, but to interest someone else.

KATHERINE MERCER.

THE ELECTION OF DEPUTIES AT GUERNSEY, 1924.

Excitement at election time had never been so acute nor vacancies so keenly contested, as at the election of eighteen deputies in January of this year for seats in the States of Guernsey, as the local Parliament is called. This election takes place every three years, and all members are eligible for re-election. I was fully convinced when asked to stand that a local reporter would come and interview me as he did others three years ago—in my own home, and by my own fireside. But no! the electors this January were far more searching in their demands. First and foremost, all candidates who really wanted to be successful had to publish a "manifesto" in the local papers, and then—much more terrifying—hire a hall and face the music. Three of us—I the only lady—hired the Masonic Hall, expecting just a few, but we were crowded out, and had to hold an overflow meeting, and submit to bombardments by anxious supporters and otherwise. One inquisitive old gentleman asked me, "What about the Divorce Laws?" We have none here, and not wishing to implicate myself either side, I responded: "That, Sir, I leave to the married people to decide," and made my exit, amidst a roar of laughter.

We have not yet arrived at the time when a house-to-house visitation is necessary; most probably because the districts are small, and practically every one who has resided here for a few years knows all about the candidate—age, parentage, social position, qualifications and views. I felt that after my Masonic meeting my fate was sealed, and it was useless to worry, so thoroughly enjoyed myself at the other meetings I attended. By January 1st, the day of the poll, I was excited, but resigned, and you may well imagine the huge surprise I had when the Bailiff (the President of the States) appeared on the steps of the Court House just after four o'clock on February 1st, and announced the result. I was second on the list of eighteen candidates, with 1,042 votes to my credit—and the only lady elected.

MARIE RANDALL,

In Juo Suffragil.

VISCOUNT ASTOR WANTS TO KNOW.

Asks Some Pertinent Questions Relative to the Carlisle System of Liquor Control.

According to a London special dispatch to the "Christian Science Monitor," the British Government is now drafting the terms of reference for inquiry into the system of control of the drink traffic in force in Carlisle.

Referring to the matter in a recent debate in the House of Lords, Viscount Astor quoted instances of warm approval of the Carlisle system expressed to him by representatives of local authorities. At the same time he dwelt upon the evils of a trade which, in the words of the Prime Minister, "had become a menace to the life of the community and corrupted politics." In this connection, Viscount Astor asked a number of very pertinent questions. He said:

"First of all, is any money made in Carlisle out of the sale of drink going to political organisations for the return to Parliament of candidates favourable to the financial interests of this trade? Again, does any money made in Carlisle out of drink go to political organisations for the purpose of keeping out of Parliament candidates who support the temperance programme of the churches? Does any of the money made in Carlisle from the sale of drink go to societies which conduct propaganda against the Temperance Council of the Churches to influence electors in favour of these specific financial interests? To what, if any, extent do the salaried staff of the Control Board or whatever the government body at Carlisle may be to-day, organise themselves politically on behalf of their industry? Finally, does the committee, or the body which runs the drink trade in Carlisle, bring pressure to bear upon publicans in Carlisle at election times as to whom they should support?"

In commenting upon the above statement by Viscount Astor, the "Christian Science Monitor" says:—

"These are all questions which will have to be answered before the Carlisle or any other experiment which does not go the whole length of Prohibition can be held to have justified itself.

"That the British Government should be committed to inquire into the matter

is a sign of the times. Its gropings may still be in the dark. To search industriously, however, may yet be to find."—Exchange.

OPINIONS UPON PRAYER BY A SCIENTIST AND A DIVINE.

In a recent magazine article, says the "New Orleans Christian Advocate," one of the most distinguished nerve specialists in this country declared that he recommends prayer to those who are threatened with a nervous breakdown. He was speaking primarily as a man of science, and not as a theologian; his words, therefore, are specially significant to those who demand a scientific basis for their religion. His striking words are: "Prayer in the sense of communion with the infinite is a universal need. The question of whether or not you are a firm believer in some particular creed is not involved in this. One might hope you are a professing Christian, and that you can pray with the Christian's faith; but whether or not this be so, I must tell you that both the man with strong nerves and the man with weak ones find new resources and strength in prayer."

THE MYSTERY OF PRAYER.

It is sometimes urged that prayer is mysterious. So is everything else if we stop to think about it. Matter is a mystery. Nobody knows what matter is. Force is a mystery. Nobody knows what force is. Gravitation is a mystery. Nobody knows what takes place when we drop a lump of sugar into a cup of coffee. Whether the change is mechanical or chemical, the very wisest men are not able to say. We know just one thing, that by dropping sugar into the coffee the coffee is sweetened. For most of us that is enough. We know that by dropping a prayer into a day we sweeten the day. How this is brought about we do not know. Who has sight so keen and strong that it can follow the flight of song or flight of prayer? Why should we not be as reasonable and practical in our religion as we are at our dinner tables?—Charles E. Jefferson, D.D.

By a vote of 45 to 28, the Bombay Legislative Council adopted a resolution in favour of Prohibition.—Bombay, 2/8/24.

WOMEN'S Christian Temperance Union OF NEW ZEALAND.

Organised 1885.

"For God, and Home, and Humanity."

PRESIDENT:

MRS DON, Box 16, Dunedin.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

MRS T. E. TAYLOR, Cashmere,
Christchurch.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

MRS EVANS, M.A., 52 Russell
Terrace, Wellington South.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

MISS HENDERSON, B.A., Clifton,
Sumner, Christchurch.

TREASURER:

MRS BENDLEY, 17 Aratonga Avenue,
One Tree Hill, Auckland.

ORGANISERS:

MISS EARNSHAW.

MISS BRADSHAW.

Official Organ:

"THE WHITE RIBBON."

Editor: Mrs Peryman, Foxton.

Telephone 131.

Associate Editor: Mrs Judson.

Business Manager: Mrs Peryman,
Foxton.

TAKE NOTICE.

All correspondents please note that
Mrs Peryman's address is now FOX-
TON.

The White Ribbon.

"For God, and Home, and Humanity."

WELLINGTON, MARCH 18, 1926.

U.S.A. DOCTORS' OPINIONS.

"Alcohol produces fatty degeneration
of the heart, hence cannot be a food to
the heart-muscle."

"Alcohol has no place in the treat-
ment of the sick."

"Alcoholic liquors are rarely used as
medicine, except by foreigners and some
of the doctors in high service."

"Non-alcoholic treatment of pneumo-
nia saves lives."

"Alcohol is passing as a popular re-
medy."

"Alcohol is rapidly going out of use
as a medicine."

"As a medicine, alcohol has been a
failure."

"I have seen a patient killed by
whisky given to him by a friend in a
case of Bright's disease. I seldom
hear of liquor being ordered by physi-
cians nowadays."—Pres. County Medical
Association, New Jersey.

"If alcohol users nearly all die when
attacked by pneumonia, as is the case,
why use alcohol in trying to cure this
disease."

"Increased vitality is necessary to re-
sist infection. Alcohol lowers vitality.
You cannot free the system of disease
by clogging it as alcohol will."

"In pneumonia the use of alcohol
adds a poison to a system already poi-
soned by the disease."

"Alcohol is useless and harmful in
pneumonia. I have not used alcohol in
typhoid or pneumonia for 25 years."

"I believe that alcohol has no im-
portant uses in medicine, and I should
rejoice to see Prohibition come."—Prof.
of Medicine, Harvard.

"I have never had occasion to use any
alcoholic beverage internally in the
treatment of disease. In my judgment
its use is detrimental."—Dr. J. Earl
Else, Portland, Oregon.

"I have never known a single in-
stance in my entire experience of thirty
years, which includes a rather extensive
practice, in which I thought alcohol had
been of the slightest benefit to any pa-
tient, either in my practice or in the
practice of anyone else. I cannot ap-
preciate the mental process of any
physician who advocates the use of al-
cohol in the practice of medicine or as
a beverage."—Dr. R. C. Coffey, Port-
land, Oregon.

"I do not consider alcohol one of the
drugs necessary for the successful treat-
ment of life. I believe there are other
liquors."—Dr. G. W. Garrison, Little
Rock, Arkansas, State Health Officer.

"I get along successfully without the
use of alcohol as medicine. I do not con-
sider that it has food value, and it has
very little medicinal value."—Dr. F. G.
Murray, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"If every one knew what alcohol is
they would hesitate to drink it either as
beverage or medicine. Alcohol is a
toxin. It is a waste product thrown off
from the bodies of bacteria (yeast), while

these organisms are feeding on starches
and sugar. Bacteria causes disease by
means of their toxin. Alcohol being a
toxin, causes disease in the same man-
ner as the toxin of any other disease-
producing bacteria. When one drinks
alcohol a waste product analogous to
the waste products thrown off by the
human body is being consumed. Alco-
hol is a narcotic sedative, and not a
stimulant, except indirectly as an irrit-
ant. These are two interesting facts
regarding alcohol not generally known.
If they were of common knowledge I
am sure the National Prohibition
Amendment would be unnecessary."—
Dr. Forrest C. Tyson, Augusta, Maine,
Superintendent State Hospital.

"Personally I see no necessity for the
use of alcoholic liquors in the practice
of medicine."—Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur,
President American Medical Association,
1923.

"The facts as to the use of alcohol
should be repeated and constantly pre-
sented before scientific medical bodies
until the foolish old men who still cater
to an alcoholised clientele cease to have
their present influence towards an unin-
telligent medical practice and the per-
petuation of a degrading custom."—
From a professor in a leading medical
college of an Eastern State.

WELL PLACED.

A stranger in an American town in
the Middle West asked a resident for
the "location" of the various churches
in the town.

"They are all in the usual places," the
resident answered, "and you will have
no difficulty in finding them. The
Jewish Synagogue is next door to the
bank; the Baptists are close down by
the river; the Presbyterians are near
the cold storage; the Salvation Army
just opposite the fire station; the Con-
gregationalists are just by the laundry;
the Episcopalian Church is in the same
block as the theatre; and the Methodists
are next door to the gasworks."

BREEDING ANARCHISTS.

You laugh at the Prohibition laws;
the libertine laughs at the marriage
laws; the anarchist laughs at the prop-
erty laws—watch out or your son will
laugh at all laws! Let's quit laughing
at any law!—Colonel Dan Morgan
Smith.

SOCIAL HARMONY.

Social well-being depends on social harmony and unity. It is no more possible to have true social well-being without harmonious relationship between the individual members of a community than it is possible to have health in the physical body when the several organs do not work harmoniously together. In order to have social harmony, there must be a common recognition of a common purpose; the supplying of the needs of the life of the community and the advancement and enrichment of the common life—the building of a social life which shall give opportunities for ever fuller and truer expression of life by every individual. It is necessary also that every individual shall constantly endeavour to keep a right relationship with all his fellows and with the community. His habitual attitude should be that of doing to others as he would have them do to him; of serving for the benefit of others rather than seeking to gain advantages out of them.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

Organising Fund.

Ashburton, £7 10s; Takapuna, £4 13s; South Dunedin, £3 13s; Palmerston North, £2; Eltham, £1 8s 6d; Tinwald, 19s 3d; Totara Valley "Y," 10s; Miss Olsen (Norsewood), 10s; Gore (additional), 1s 6d.

Maori Fund.

Palmerston North, £2.

World's Missionary Fund.

Ponsonby, £1 1s; Palmerston North, £1; Whangarei, 17s; Napier, 14s 6d; Oxford, 10s 9d; Sefton, 10s 6d; Waipukurau, 7s 6d.

E. L. R. BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 10th March, 1926.

THE CIRCUS MAN'S STORY.

One evening the latter part of the first Prohibition year a group of churchpeople were holding a Prohibition dinner conference. Different individuals rose and told what church they represented. Suddenly a long, lean, lank man got slowly up from his chair, and in a drawling tone of voice said: "I ain't come from no church; I belong to the circus."

Naturally he had at once the attention of the group, and he continued: "I saw out here a Prohibition meeting was going on, and so I come in to tell you my story.

"Last year when the saloons were running in Chicago our circus came to town; one of our men got hurt, and we took him to the County Hospital. The superintendent showed me over the hospital, and finally took me into the morgue. There was a shelf about six feet wide running all the way round the walls, and on that shelf were dead bodies wrapped up in sheets with only their heads showing.

"I looked around, and I see many of them were young girls, and so I counted—and there were 30! I grabbed the arm of the superintendent, and said, "In the name of God, how does this come?" And he said 'Booze.'

"And I thought about my little girl at home, a little 15-year-old curly-headed thing that I love better than my life, and right then and there I swore before Almighty God that I would fight the stuff to the last day of my life.

"Yesterday our circus came back to Chicago, and I went over to the County Hospital, and I said, 'Let me go into the morgue.' I went in and looked around on the shelves, and didn't see a single dead girl. And I said to the superintendent, 'Where are all the girls?' and he said, 'We don't have them now.' I said 'Why?' and he said, 'Prohibition.'"

I think this is a good answer to thoughtless and unfounded statements charging Prohibition with being harmful to young girls.—"Lena B. Mathes, in the Chicago Post,"

A WHIFF FROM HELL!

At a meeting of the State Liquor Dealers of Ohio at Columbus, Ohio, held some years ago, one of the delegates, in the course of a speech on "How to Build Up the Saloon Business," gave the following suggestion. He said:

"The success of our business is dependent largely upon the creation of appetite for drink. Men who drink liquor, like others, will die, and if there is no new appetite created our counters will be empty, as will be our coffers. Our children will go hungry, or we must change our business to that of some other more remunerative.

"The open field for the creation of appetite is among the boys. After men are grown and their habits are formed they rarely ever change in this regard. It will be needful, therefore, that missionary work be done among the boys, and I make the suggestion gentlemen, that nickels expended in treats to the boys now will return in dollars to your tills after the appetite has been formed. Above all things, create appetite."

The above was given the Anti-Saloon League of America by a gentleman who was present at the meeting, and made exact notes at the time of what was said. The delegate who made the speech supposed that none but liquor dealers were present.

For sheer brutality this will be heard to beat.—Exchange.

SMILE!

Scatter your cares to the passing winds,

Just lift up your head, and smile!

Life is a place where the seeker finds,—

So look for the joy worth while!

Keep up your courage and care will depart,

Sunshine will shorten each mile;

Brighten your corner and open your heart,—

Just lift up your head, and smile!

WISTFUL DOUBTING.

Ah! to be as sure

Of sunshine again

As plump robins

Singing through the rain.

Ah! to be as sure

That my way is right

As the small gray moles

Digging without sight.

—Marion M. Boyd.

Martha: "Do you think a cookery book is fascinating reading?" Maud: "Yes, indeed. It contains so many stirring incidents."

THE BEST PLAN.

Some drink because they're hungry,
And some because they're dry;
Some drink to keep them in good
health,
They do not want to die.

Some drink because they are too hot,
And some because they're cold;
Some drink to strengthen them when
young,
And some because they're old.

Some drink to keep them wide awake,
And some to make them sleep;
Some drink because they merry are,
And some because they weep.

Some drink when they make money,
And some because of loss;
Some drink when they are happy,
And others when they're cross.

Some drink when they're hard at
work,
And some when they do play;
Some think it right to drink at night,
While others drink by day.

Some drink for sake of company.
While others drink more sly;
And many drink but never think
About the reason why.

Some drink when they a bargain
make,
Some when the money pay;
Both when they buy and when they
sell,
They drink good luck to-day.

Some say they drink for pleasure,
And some they drink for pain;
Some say 'tis good, some very bad.
But never once refrain.

(But there's one plan, by far the best,
Now listen while I tell;
Leave drink alone, from this time on,
And then you'll prosper well.)
—"Australian Prohibition Reciter."

WELLINGTON DISTRICT UNION.

During the absence of Miss Avison,
District Secretary, in Australia, all
correspondence for District Union
should be addressed to Miss Kirk, 60
Pirie Street, Wellington.

PLAYING SCHOOL.

An Outline Lesson for Ministers, Super- intendents and Teachers.

(By Mrs Lee-Cowie.)

"What is the world made of?"

"Land and Water."

"Well, children, this is the foundation-
stone of all Temperance reform. God
the Great Creator made water as the
universal beverage, and every living
creature should be a water drinker.

"What do the Horses drink?"

"What do the Birds drink?"

"What do the Flowers drink?"

"What do the Grains and Fruits
drink?"

"Are there any rivers of rum-lakes of
beer, or oceans of whisky to be found in
the world?"

"No."

"Will water intoxicate?"

"No."

"Will whisky?"

"Yes."

"What is whisky made from?"

"From fermented grain."

"What is the intoxicating principle in
whisky?"

"Alcohol."

"Is alcohol a food?"

"No; a poison."

"What does 'toxic' mean?"

"A poison."

"What is an intoxicated man?"

"A poisoned man."

"How do you know a man is intoxi-
cated?"

"By his reeling gait his maudlin
speech, his altered ways."

"What are some of the results of in-
toxication?"

"Fatal accidents, quarrels, loss of rea-
soning power, loss of character, poverty,
ill-health, premature death."

"How can young people escape the
perils of drink?"

"By never taking the first glass. No
one ever became a drunkard by drinking
water; tens of thousands have become
drunkards by taking whisky, so we will
fit into God's perfect plan, and use His
sent beverage—

Clear, pure, sparkling water,
Dancing in the sunlight,
Sparkling in the rills,
Flashing in the dewdrop,
Dancing down the hills.

Thundering in the cascade,
Foaming o'er the fall,
Spanning heaven with rainbows,
Best of drinks for all.

Water—God sent water,
Making all things fair,
Flowers and fruits and grasses,
Shrubs and blossoms rare.

All God's great creation,
Man and beast and bird,
Live upon His bounty,
Hang upon His word.

Let us shun the wine cup,
Kings and priests are we,
Not for us drink's poison,
God's own sons we'll be.

Bodies strong and healthful,
Brains undrugged and clear,
Souls with joy o'erflowing,
While we tarry here.

Fighting all things evil,
Conquering by His grace,
Nazaries for Jesus,
Each succeeding race.

Soon Strong Drink we'll banish,
And every soul shall own.
The King whose love has saved us
Is seated on the Throne.

BOIL IT DOWN.

If you've got a thought that's happy,
Boil it down;
Make it short and crisp and snappy,
Boil it down.

When your brain its coin has minted,
Down the page your pen has sprinted
If you want your effort printed,
Boil it down.

Take out every surplus letter
Boil it down;
Fewer syllables the better,
Boil it down;
Make your meaning plain. Express it
So we'll know, not merely guess it;
Then, my friend, ere you address it,
Boil it down.

Skim it well, skim the skimmings,
Boil it down.

When you're sure 'twould be a sin to
Cut another sentence into,
Send it on, and we'll begin to
Boil it down.

—"The American Friend."

THE MATHEMATICAL CIGARET D.M.M.

"There's not a fellow here, Ill bet,"
Remarked a stub of cigarette,
"Who will believe so very quick
That I'm good in arithmetic!

"To make a good example, though,
Conditions must be right, you know;
Before I can my skill employ
I must be smoked by some young
boy.

"Then I begin at once to add
Nerve troubles for the foolish lad!
Next I get busy and subtract
Much from his growth—yes, it's a
fact!

"His mental powers I can divide
Until at length he can't decide
Twixt right and wrong. I then re-
duce
His strength of heart—and set it
loose!

"I multiply his every ache,
Big interest from his work I take,
His average of health make less,
And discount each chance of suc-
cess."—"The Young Crusader."

MOTHER I'M COMING.

I heard you sweet! And I'll prepare,
So lovingly, your dainty wear.
Oh, I will dream, and scheme, each
day;

And, planning, put the pence away.
Then too, not only will I make
Soft wooly comforts for your sake;
But I will fashion, if I can,
Fine raiment for your inner man.
I will not think on evil things,
Lest I should clip my darling's wings.
I'll set my heart to understand
The great salvation God has planned,
Yes, every atom of my being,
All feeling; tasting; hearing; seeing;
He shall refine; and garnish, too.
I'll be God's woman, through and
through.

"Lord, take me. And, if this may
be,
Possess my little child through me!"
—"Fay Inchfawdn."

Prohibition in America is not a
failure, but the attempt of Bung to
prove it so is.

MEDICAL OPINIONS

(For which we make no charge).

AN ABOMINATION.

"All these medicated wines which
are being foisted on the public are an
abomination, and do an enormous
amount of harm. The only people who
derive any benefit are the individuals
who foist them upon the public."—Sir
Jas. Barr, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Strong drink as a medicine is a weak
excuse, as a beverage a national cal-
amity, as a thirst quencher a farcical
expedient; as a home-wrecker, disease-
breeder, and poverty-producer, an ex-
cellent medium.

THE LARGE FACTOR.

Upon investigation, I found 38 per
cent. of our male tubercular patients
were excessive users of alcohol, 56 per
cent. moderate users. From my study
of the cases, I am led to believe that in
a vast majority of these cases drink
has been a large factor in producing the
disease, by exposure, lowering the
vitality, etc.—O. C. Willhite, M.D.,
Superintendent of Cook County Hospital
for Consumptives, Dunning, Ill.

UNDERTAKERS SUFFER.

The year of 1921 has marked the
lowest general death rate, and the low-
est infant death rate ever recorded in
New York. The general death rate
was considered phenomenally low in
1920, being 12.93 per 1000 of the popu-
lation, but last year it went still lower—
11.17 per 1000 of the population. The
infant death rate was 71.1 per 1000, the
lowest rate ever reached by any great
city. In 1920 it was 85 per 1000.

If during the last quarter of a cen-
tury I have prescribed almost no alco-
hol in the treatment of disease, it is
because I have found very little reason
for its use—Sir James Barr, Dean of
the Medical School of Liverpool Univer-
sity.

CRECHE FUND.

Latest donations to Creche Fund:—
Invercargill Y's, 10s; Wellington Central,
£2.

E. MACARTNEY.

IT'S ONLY—HOW DID YOU TAKE IT?

Did you tackle that trouble that came
your way

With a resolute heart and cheerful?
Or hide your face from the light of day,
With a craven soul and fearful?
Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an
ounce,

Or a trouble is what you make it,
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt
that counts,

But only—How did you take it?

Yo uare beaten to earth? Well, well,
what's that?

Come up with a smiling face,
It's nothing against you to fall down
flat,

But to lie there—that's disgrace.
The harder you're thrown, why, the
higher you bounce;

Be proud of your blackened eye!
It isn't the fact that you're licked that
counts;

It's—How did you fight, and why?

And though you be done to death, what
then?

If you battle the best you could,
If you played your part in the world of
men,

Why, the critic will call it good.
Death comes with a crawl or comes
with a pounce,

And whether he's slow or spry,
It isn't the fact that you're dead that
counts,

But only—How did you die?

—E. V. Cooke.

ALCOHOLIC AND DRUG PATIENTS.

Dr. Alexander Lambert, Medical Offi-
cer of the Bellevue Hospital, N.Y.
states: "Before Prohibition, one-third of
the patients in Bellevue went through
the alcoholic wards. That is, there were
about 15,000 alcoholics a year in Belle-
vue. Last year (1924) there were 5942
of these. I have several times publish-
ed a statement of my own experience,
that Prohibition has not increased drug
addiction, and that drug addiction has
diminished during the years of Prohibi-
tion. I know of my own personal
knowledge that I do not see so many
persons addicted to heroin and morphine
in Bellevue as I formerly did."

News of the Unions.

PLEASE NOTE!

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

LOWER HUTT.

Feb. 24th. 20 members present. The afternoon for Mothers, held February 12th at Mrs. Frethey's residence, was well attended considering the wet day; 20 mothers and 14 children being present. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, and the collection was 30/-. As it was Willard Day, Mrs. Aldersley and Mrs. Ballantyne gave us a few outstanding incidents in Frances Willard's life, which were both enlightening and instructing. Decided to hold a Street Day on March 11th, to augment our working funds. A collection was taken up. Afternoon tea was served.

WHANGAREI.

Celebrated Willard Day at residence of Mrs. Lovatt; 20 members and friends present. Mrs. Goodall (Pres.) gave an interesting paper on Life and Death of Frances Willard. Collection 17/-. towards Willard Memorial Fund. Parcel to Mrs. Lee-Cowie for All Nations' Bazaar.

RAETIHI.

Mar. 5th. Mrs. Sandford, President, in the chair; good attendance of members. Brief report from Area Council meeting by the Secretary. An interesting reading on the life of Frances Willard was given by Mrs. Godby. Mrs. Donnelly, the District Organiser of the Alliance, was present, to propound a scheme whereby the ladies of Ohakune and Rangataua might be conferred with, the object of which is to link them up with the Raetihi branch of the W.C.T.U., also the formation of L.T.L. in their District. The plan met with approval. One new member was enrolled. The Secretary (Mrs. Norton) resigned her position on account of removal from the district. Mrs. Godby was elected Secretary (pro. tem.) Afternoon tea served.

TAKAPUNA.

Dec. 5th. The annual meeting. Mrs. Penning presiding. Fair attendance, and the different officers gave their reports on the year's work. Officers elected:—Mrs. Penning, President; Mesdames Mills and Lewis, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Lewis, Secretary; Miss Mills, Treasurer; Mrs. Winstone, Cradle Roll Superintendent; Mrs. McLeod, W.R. Reporter; Mrs. Morgan, W.R. Agent. Mrs. Fulljames gave an interesting talk on her work among the Maoris, and told how anxious they were to become members of the W.C.T.U.—Very able news.—(Ed. W.R.)

Feb. 11th. The Cradle Roll picnic was held in the grounds of the Baptist Church, Milford. Tea was served in the new Bible Room, and Mrs. Penning addressed the mothers and asked them to be sure and bring their children in the Temperance Cause, and see that they went to a Sunday school. Mrs. Roper sang, and a very happy time was spent by all.

Mar. 4th. A very good meeting; Mrs. Penning presiding. A vote of sympathy was passed to one of our Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Lewis, who has sustained a very sad bereavement in the death of her son. A presentation was made to Miss Rushbrook, our retiring Secretary, who had held that position for six years. Our President gave a fine little address, and afternoon tea was served.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Feb. 18th. A well-attended meeting. Mrs. H. Hall presided. Mrs. Good, Cradle Roll Superintendent, will speak on Cradle Roll work at the Superintendents' of Departments meeting in April. The delegates to Convention, Mesdames H. Hall and M. Moses, Sick Visiting Committee for the year, Mesdames H. McIlroy and Gibson. A donation of 10 dozen cakes was promised for the Convention Garden Party. The Treasurer's Annual Report was read and received. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring Treasurer, also the honorary Auditor. An excellent paper on the life of Frances Willard was written by Miss Harband, M.A., and was read by several of the members. This was most interesting, and a vote of thanks was accorded Miss Harband. Collection, 10/3.

LEIGH.

Jan. 14th. The Cradle Roll Annual Picnic was held on Mr. Gozar's beautiful beach. The weather was perfect. There were a large number of visitors present, who helped to make the function a success by joining in the games and helping with the races. After a sumptuous tea, the prizes were given out, the tiny tots being particularly pleased with theirs. The President, Mrs. Grigg, gave a short summary of the work done by the Union during the past year. The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" concluded a most enjoyable day.

Jan. 28th. Good attendance. Two visitors present. Correspondence read from Major Gordon and Mrs. Bendely. Resolved that members at future meetings should take it in turn to read papers. Next meeting at Mrs. Matheson's to be a Pay-Up Social. Mrs. Grigg read an article re "Women Police," which was afterwards discussed.

GERALDINE.

Feb. 7th. Mrs. Neutze presided at opening meeting for 1926. Suggestions were read for practical work, and decided to hold a Garden Party and Sale of Work at Mrs. Coombe's residence, "The Pines," Geraldine, on March 9th. Most of the proceeds to go to Willard Orphanage, Palmerston North. Miss Patuch, delegate to Convention. Mrs. Cowie sang a solo, and afternoon tea dispensed.

HAWERA.

Feb. 26th. Willard Day was observed by a Garden Party, held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Correy, Glover Road; a large number being present. A short time was given to business, Mrs. Exley, presiding. Mrs. J. S. Young gave a very interesting talk on the life of Frances Willard; all present being impressed by the devotion of her life to the people who were degraded by the evils of strong drink. A very good collection was taken up on behalf of the Willard Home in Palmerston North. One new member was enrolled. A very dainty afternoon tea was served. A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mrs. Curtis to Mrs. Correy and her daughters for their kindness shown to the visitors.

Mar. 6th. A Shop Day, held to provide funds for delegate's expenses to Convention. The shop was in charge of Mesdames Exley, Curtis, Hayward, Hill and Miss Kelly, all of whom were kept busy selling the goods which were kindly brought in by friends during the day. The last article was disposed of about five o'clock.

ELTHAM.

Mar. 5th. Members and friends of the Eltham W.C.T.U. gathered in good numbers in the Methodist Schoolroom, in order to show their appreciation of Mrs. Stanners, who for the past twenty-five years has filled the position of President of this branch. This took the form of a presentation to her of a handsome silver rose-bowl, suitably inscribed, and a Doulton jam-dish. In the absence of Mrs. Morrison, our new President, the above gifts were handed to Mrs. Stanners by Mrs. Birkett, Secretary. In so doing, the speaker paid a high tribute to Mrs. Stanners' untiring zeal in the cause of temperance, and to the esteem in which she is held by all. After Mrs. Stanners had appropriately responded, a pleasant social hour was spent, in the course of which afternoon tea was served, and two songs were contributed by Mrs. Rankin, which were much appreciated.

RICCARTON.

Feb. 19th. Opening meeting for the year; attendance good. Convention matters discussed and arranged. Mrs. Barrell appointed delegate to Convention. Resolved to send a letter of congratulation to Miss Rae Barrell, on gaining second Prize in Essay Competition. Arranged to hold Bring and Buy afternoon at our next meeting. Mrs. T. E. Taylor gave an inspiring address.

INVERCARGILL NORTH.

Feb. 16th. Good attendance; a contingent of visitors arriving from the Central and South Unions.

After the usual business Mrs. Hopkirk addressed a few words from the chair re the new membership campaign. She stressed the fact that the N. Union had lost quite a number of members by removals, illness and other causes and urged those present to do their best to fill up the gaps in the ranks by trying to gain new members. She expressed the hope that every member present would enter upon the Campaign heartily and try and gain, at least, one new member each during the year. Mrs. Homes to represent the Union at Convention. Mrs. Gilmour read a very interesting paper on Frances Willard. Songs rendered by Mrs. Gilmour and Miss Landskail were much appreciated. Afternoon tea was handed round.

OTAHUHU.

March 4th. First meeting took the form of a Social Afternoon. Songs by Mrs. McFarlane and Mrs. Christena, also a Monologue by Miss McFarlane. Miss McLay kindly came from Auckland to speak to us. She gave us the life of Frances Willard, which was most interesting. After Miss McLay had finished our President, Mrs. Greenwood had the pleasure of inviting three new members, then afternoon tea was handed round. This brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close.

GORE.

Feb. 23rd. The first meeting of the year was held at the Baptist Church at which the usual business was attended to. It was decided to send two delegates, Mesdames T. Stevenson and D. Macaskill to Convention. The President read a helpful and interesting paper on "Eugenics" by Mrs. Boyle, M.A., of Wanganui.

TINWALD.

Feb. 10. Mrs. Robinson presided. Fair attendance. Vote of sympathy was passed to the relations of the late Mrs. Bowman and the late Mr. Page who lost his life in the recent fire. A Syllabus was drawn up for the year's work. Mrs. Hight was appointed White Ribbon Agent. Mrs. Watson delegate to Convention. A resolution was passed asking that the old Wall Sheets in the School be revised and simplified.

MARTON.

Mrs. McIvor presided over a good attendance. Miss Bradshaw was introduced, and spoke of the great needs of educating the young people, and getting them along to evening meetings. Decided to hold a Young People's Rally 3rd week in March. Thanks were then given to speaker for her address.

TURAKINA.

March 3rd. At the Turakina Maori Girls' College Miss Benfill presided over an excellent attendance. Miss Bradshaw, organiser, was present and gave an address on the "Need of work amongst the Young People."

AUCKLAND UNION.

March 2nd. Opening meeting of the year. Mrs. Cook presided. Miss Paul gave a cheering New Year message to members based on the promise I will never leave thee nor forsake thee. Delegates were appointed to the Alliance Convention. Miss Fulljames reported that a new Maori Union had been formed at Frankton and news has been received by Radio to her of a large and enthusiastic Union at Nukunua Island. She reported that 200 garments had been sent to Maori children at Xmas time. A further appeal for clothes had come from the far North. A graphic account of the work carried on under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church in the Urewera Dis-

strict was given by Miss Dineen. Mrs. Henderson who proposed the vote of thanks said her grandfather, Rev. C. Baker, was one of the earliest Missionaries among the Maoris. Mesdames Cook, Taylor and Dowling were appointed Delegates to Convention. A new member was initiated.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

Feb. 9th. First meeting of year. Good attendance, presided over by newly elected president, Mrs. Walker, who was chosen to represent us at the Convention. A Syllabus for 1926 was adopted a copy of same to be sent to each member. Decided to enter into the Membership Campaign between the Unions of this District. Reports of the Annual Temperance Essay Competition stated that the essays received had been very satisfactory. The retiring officers were thanked for their valuable services and the new ones welcomed. Afternoon tea served.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

Mar. 2nd. Fair attendance. Decided to have a Street Stall on Tuesday, March 30th, for sale of produce, etc., in aid of contribution to Organising Fund. Committee to arrange this Mesdames Hutton (Convenor); Duff, Duncan, Downing, Blakely, Wright and Twose. A letter of remonstrance to be sent to Minister of Internal Affairs re continued granting of Art Union permits for large prizes. A remit to Dominion Convention on the same subject to be prepared as well. Mrs. Downing reported having called the attention of the Nurse in charge of the Public Health Departments Exhibit to the absence of any reference to alcohol as a factor in the spread of disease, and one of the main contributing causes in mental deficiency and sub-normality in childhood. It was decided that Mrs. Downing should write to the Health Department pointing out this omission and referring to the strong statements on the subject contained in Education Report, 13. The delegates to Convention are Mrs. Hiett (District President); Mesdames Duff and Matthewson and Miss Alice Webb. Mrs. Diddam, Evangelistic Superintendent, suggested that as it was not found possible to continue the evening prayer meetings held prior to the Election, the first quarterly meeting shall begin by a short prayer meeting to bring the work definitely before God. This was agreed to, and the first of the quarterly prayer meetings was held. The Creche reported that 1550 babies had been received in the fifteen weeks of work, and all is going well.

ASHBURTON.

Mar. 2nd. Mrs. W. H. Robinson presided over a fair attendance. A letter of sympathy was directed to be sent to Miss Kennedy and relatives in the loss of a devoted mother. Also, to members in sickness. The notices of motion to be brought before Convention were considered, and the delegates instructed how to vote. Mrs. J. Moore reported on the presentation of a purse containing a sum of money, to Mrs. W. R. Mackesy, in recognition of the very effective work done by her during the recent Campaign. Mrs. Mackesy suitably replied. A report of the Street Stall, held on February 26th, was received, but was incomplete. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded members and friends who had so liberally responded to the appeal made, and also to the workers, for the success which crowned their efforts. Decided to donate the sum of £7 10s. to the New Zealand Organising Fund, and £2 to the Funds of the South Canterbury District Union. Mrs. W. G. Gallagher gave a graphic description of the Exhibition Creche, run by the members of the Dunedin Union, which is proving a great success. Mrs. Ensign Pratt was present, and delivered a very impressive and helpful address on "God's Eagles," basing her remarks on "As the eagle stirreth up her nest"—Deut. 32, 11 and 12. The President warmly congratulated the local Salvation Army Corps, on winning the prize given for the best kept quarters in the South Island Division, and the noble spirit displayed in purchasing a chair with the money for the free use of those in need.

RANGIORA.

Feb. 26th. Monthly meeting; Mrs. Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. Mrs. H. Benjes appointed delegate to Convention. A donation of £1 5s. was voted towards

Convention expenses, and it was decided that no meeting should be held in March, but that as many of the members as possible should attend the Convention.

SEFTON.

Feb. 26th. First meeting for 1926; Mrs. Thorne presided over a good attendance. Decided to send box of home-made cakes to Convention Garden Party, also to forward to Willard Home any suitable clothing from the Philanthropic Clothing Box. Collection at next monthly meeting to be sent to Willard Home Building Fund. On the lines of Scientific Temperance Instruction, an article was read on "Is Alcohol a Food." Mrs. Thorne was appointed delegate to Convention.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

Mar. 4th. Good attendance. Apologies were made for members who are sick and absent through sickness. Letters of sympathy to be sent to members who have lost relatives. Correspondence was read from Miss Henderson, and a report was given of the Children's Creche in the Dunedin Exhibition. Mrs. Bathgate read a report of the No-License Council, held in Wanganui in February. Mrs. Davis was elected delegate to Convention. Mrs. Irwin read an interesting paper on the Life of Frances Willard; a collection of 14s. was taken up for Missionary Fund. A report was read on the proposed tour of Sir N. S. Lunn, in the interest of the League of Nations.

RAWENE.

Feb. 24th. First meeting of year; a fair number present. A most enjoyable time. Sorry to say that the Croquet Green proved too alluring for some of our members. Some others, however, real heroines, withstood the temptation, and came to the meeting for which they were amply repaid. The lecturette on the Life of Frances Willard promised by our Librarian, Mrs. Johnson, proved so interesting that a proposal was made to continue same at our next meeting. The retiring officers of our Union were unanimously elected for the New Year, with the addition of Mrs. Johnson as Librarian and White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. Ashworth as Press Reporter. A collection was taken for the Frances Willard Fund. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Bowden, on March 17th.

HAMILTON.

Mar. 3rd. First meeting for 1926; Mrs. Jones presided over an attendance of 15 ladies. A fair amount of business was dealt with, and each department of work promises well for this year. Mrs. Bryon, late of the Ponsonby Union, was received by transfer, and one new member was initiated at the close of the meeting.

WAVERLEY.

Mar. Mrs. Barrow presiding; twelve members were present. Prayer. Attendants Rest Room for month, Mrs. Master, Miss Grantham, Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. T. Davis. Girls' Club re-opened Thursday, 4th. After routine business a social afternoon was spent in honour of Miss Hunter, who is shortly to be married. In presenting Miss Hunter with a Douilton cake-dish in silver stand, Mrs. Barrow said that Miss Hunter had been a member ever since the Union started in Waverley, and had always taken a keen interest in all the branches of the work. Miss Hunter would carry with her the most heartfelt wishes of all the members for her happiness in her new life. Miss Hunter, in a neat little speech, thanked all for their token of goodwill. The singing of "For she's a Jolly Good Fellow," and afternoon tea ended a pleasant little function.

SUMNER.

Mar. 3rd. "Willard Day" was observed by our Union, and a collection taken for the World Fund. Syllabus for this year's meetings was revised, and was considered a very attractive one. Four ladies offered hospitality to Convention delegates, and three others gave generous donations to that fund. Mrs. Fyfe Slater was elected Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Fitz-Henry having resigned. Mrs. McCormbs read a very fine paper on the life and work of Frances Willard. Afternoon tea dispensed. Arrangements were made to hold a "Mother's and Babies' Day" in a garden, for our meeting

on April 7th, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the lady who is so kindly making this possible. It was agreed to nominate three ladies for the School Committee, and to work for their election.

N.E. VALLEY.

Feb. 25th. There was a fair attendance presided over by Mrs. Peart. Apologies were received from Mesdames Miller and Sanders. Mrs. Sanders was appointed delegate to the Convention. Miss Buris gave an interesting and instructive address on "The Scientific aspect of Social Reform." The Treasurer reported the handsome balance of £45 16s. 8d.

PLEASANT POINT.

Meeting resolved to send greetings to Y. Union, Totara Valley. Re-election of officers with an additional Vice-President, also agreed to have an afternoon for collecting clothing for Willard Home in June. Agreed to hold L.T.L. on Friday evenings, 6.45 p.m., for month or two. Misses Hasteed and Neilson responsible for leadership. Decided to write to Head Teacher, Ophir, with reference to temperance teaching on the same lines as L.T.L. Members were reminded that books and used magazines were required for "the Sailor's Rest," Timaru. Decided to send delegate to Convention, also letter of sympathy to Mrs. Norrie, in her prolonged indisposition.

MASTERTON.

Mar. 4th. Mrs. Cocker presided. Mrs. Malcolm McGregor appointed to take charge of "Scattered Members" Department. Vote of sympathy passed to Mrs. Miller. The Secretary asked to write to Mrs. Don, expressing appreciation of her work. A beautiful paper entitled "Personal Service in the Home" was read by Mrs. Weymouth. Decided that next meeting be held in the Y.M.C.A., and take the form of an At Home. The subject of the advisability of allowing dancing in connection with young People's Department thoroughly discussed; decided as a Union to oppose the introduction of dancing.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.

Feb. 18th. Adjourned meeting; not a good attendance, but some important business was done. It was arranged to observe Willard Day on March 4th. Superintendents were appointed:—Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Keene and Evans; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. Murray; Press, Mrs. Evans; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Logan; Flower Mission, Miss Boxall; Home Meetings, Mrs. Henderson; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs. Evans; Railway Boxes, Mrs. Bralley; Hospital Visitor, Mrs. Keene; Scattered Members, Mrs. Chisholm; Tea Committee, Mrs. Bott; Notable Days, Mrs. Rowe; White Ribbon Agent, appointment held over till next meeting. Mesdames Hirst and Keene appointed delegates to Convention. Decided to ask for the services of the W.C.T.U. Organiser (Miss Bradshaw) for the Wellington City and Suburbs for directly after the Annual Convention. The appointment of a Superintendent for the Y's was postponed till next meeting to act in the meantime.

Feb. 22nd. A most enjoyable function at the home of Mr and Mrs. Keene, Derwent Street. A Garden Party for the purpose of augmenting funds of the Union. The Mayress, Mrs. Norwood, opened the function by a happy little speech in which she spoke of the good work done by the W.C.T.U., and expressed the hope that a large sum would be raised that afternoon. She complimented the Union on the happy position they were in through having so small an amount owing on their building in Constable Street. Mrs. Johnston Wright, who acted as hostess along with Mrs. Keene, heartily thanked the Mayress for her kindness in coming to open the Garden Party, and presented her with a dainty posy on behalf of the Union. A capable little orchestra contributed greatly to the entertainment of the guests, while considerable amusement was caused by a "butterfly" hunt, organised by two of the members of the "Y." Union, in which the object was to find the paper "butterflies" secreted among the shrubs and flowers around the lawn. The prize for the largest number found, fifty, was won by Miss Rebecca Pearson, and the "Consolation" prize by the President of the Petone Union. Afternoon tea, ice cream, and fruit salad

were served on the shady verandah and the terrace fronting the house. Before the gathering dispersed, hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Mayoress, to the orchestra who had given their services free, to Mr and Mrs Keen for the generous way in which they had thrown their house and grounds open for the function, and to all who had helped to make the afternoon so successful. The attendance was very satisfactory, and the small stalls for produce and cakes and for needlework, were all cleared during the afternoon. The proceedings were terminated by the National Anthem.

RAKAIA.

Feb. 11th. The President, Mrs Boag, presided; good attendance. Letters were received from the Secretary of the New Zealand W.C.T.U., and from Mrs Don, urging the necessity of obtaining new members and increasing the circulation of the "White Ribbon." Reports of recent meetings of the South Canterbury Executive were read by Mrs Hopwood. Decided to hold no meeting in March, as the W.C.T.U. Convention would then be sitting in Christchurch. Agreed to hold a "Bring and Buy" afternoon in April, and Timaru Executive Fund. Mrs Hopwood was appointed delegate to the Convention. It was donated to the New Zealand Treasury Fund.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

Feb. 17th. First meeting of the year. Large attendance. "Willard Home" Gift Afternoon, and numerous parcels and donations handed in. An old member and one on transfer welcomed. Report from the delegates, Mrs J. C. Anderson and Mrs McGowan on the Rest Rooms of the City. Various suggestions had been made to the City Engineer, and had been received with great courtesy. A table for the Manners Street Rest Room; also waste paper baskets, cork linoleum for the floor, a container for liquid soap over the hand basin, and a uniform for the attendant. The Courtenay Place rest room, also one for the North end of the City are to be considered by the City Engineer. The report from the Dominion Settlement Conference stated that there was work for the Union in the meeting and after care of Immigrant Girls and Women. A letter is to be sent to the Hon. Edward Newman, M.L.C., C.M.G., asking if the Union can in any way assist the Flock House settlement. Miss Kirk and Mrs Anderson were appointed delegates to the Convention. A report of a meeting called by the Mayoress re a presentation to Lady Stout, was given, the members enthusiastically contributing their share to the Fund to honour Lady Stout, the Pioneer of many of the Women's Movements.

NORMANBY.

Feb. 10th. Home meeting, held at the residence of Mrs Ballantine. Mrs Scott presided; good attendance of members. Two new members enrolled. Motion of sympathy with Mrs Harrison in the loss of her little son, was passed. Mrs Bevan elected delegate to the Convention. Decided our Union support the following nominations:—Dominion President, Mrs T. E. Taylor; Cor. Sec., Miss Henderson; Rec. Sec., Mrs W. A. Evans; Treasurer, Mrs Bendely. Great appreciation was shown of the good work done in the past by these officers. For the pleasant afternoon and dainty tea supplied by our hostess, Mrs Ballantine, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

STRATFORD.

Feb. 19th. Nine persons present; the President, Mrs Phillips, was in the chair. Reported that gifts had been sent to Public Hospital at Xmas. All persons present promised to spend a portion of each day to plead with God that the hearts of those interested in the Drink Traffic might be so changed by the power of God's Holy Spirit, that they might be brought to see the evil of it and give it up.

GREYTOWN.

Feb. Miss Oates presiding; eight members present. Resolved to hold Cake Stall on 26th in aid of our fund. A letter of sympathy to be written to Mrs Gray, one of our members who is ill in hospital. Mrs W. M. Allen promised to provide Educational papers for next meeting. Mrs Allan and Miss York seek visitors for March and April.

LINCOLN AND SPRINGSTON.

Feb. 16th. Annual meeting was presided over by Mrs J. W. Kime. All the office bearers were re-elected. The minutes of last Annual Meeting were read and confirmed. Treasurer reported that finances were in satisfactory condition. Seventeen members present, one new one joined. Members renewed their pledges. Announced that New Zealand Convention would be held in Christchurch in March, and delegates arranged for. This being the 3rd Anniversary of our Branch of the W.C.T.U., our President brought a beautiful Birthday cake with three candles. The meeting took the form of a social afternoon, with tea, chat, and a competition for the young folk. New Year greetings were read from our District President.

TIMARU.

Feb. 23rd. Mrs Trott presided. Arrangements made for Cradle Roll picnic on March 20th, and Annual Pay Up social on March 30th. Interesting hospital report received. Sailors Entertainment Committee formed for the month. Mr Woodward reported five overseas boats for month; 108 visitors paying about 324 visits. Two Sunday services were held, and one Sunday tea and two social evenings were given. A new member was initiated.

WAIPIKURAU.

Feb. 17th. First meeting of the year held on Frances Willard Day, a special invitation had been extended to young people. A good attendance. Our President was unanimously elected as delegate to Convention. Decided to hold a "Shop" at an early date to provide the necessary funds. After the business had been finished, there followed a social evening, and a pleasant time was spent with competitions and musical items. Supper was served, and meeting closed by singing the Temperance Doxology.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

Feb. 17th. Frances Willard Day observed; a very interesting and instructive address was given by Miss Drew, M.A. Much appreciated musical items were rendered. Afternoon tea dispensed. The speaker was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

Feb. 24th. Mrs X. Jones presided. The Legal and Parliamentary report presented by Mrs Brash was considered very satisfactory, and showed that some progress had been made in W.C.T.U. measures proffered to Parliament. A very acceptable offer was made by the Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, to form a Band of Hope for the benefit of the young people. A resolution was passed, to be forwarded to the Borough Council, requesting that the "Slot Chocolate Machines" be closed on Sunday afternoons, as so many Sunday School scholars were using the money in this direction, which was given them for the Sunday School collections. Donation of £2 for Sailor's Rest Fund.

RAI VALLEY.

Feb. 17th. At Mrs Woodward's residence, to commemorate Frances Willard's Day. An enjoyable and beneficial meeting was held. 3 new members were initiated. Mrs Woodward appointed delegate to Convention. Mrs Woodward spoke of the increasing menace of Art Unions and other forms of gambling, and there followed an animated discussion on the evils which surround us, and the ways in which we might combat them in our own district. A resolution was passed—"That the Secretary be instructed to write to Salvation Army Headquarters, asking them to appoint an officer to visit this district periodically, in the hope that much may be done for the saving of souls." The reading of the Closing Service, arranged by Frances E. Willard, ended the meeting. Afternoon tea served.

BIRKENHEAD.

Feb. 9th. Cradle Roll Picnic at Zion Hill; children had games on the Church grounds. Mothers and friends spent a pleasant afternoon in the Schoolroom. Mrs Jory gave them a little talk, and four babies were added to the roll. The children came in for refreshments, and there were books for four of the girls, who will pass into the Band of Hope.

Feb. 18th. Mrs Jory presided; Miss Carter was elected Secretary. Decided to ask for a Proxy at Convention. Decided to hold Drawing-room meeting every other month, and that the Hostess should invite her neighbours. The March meeting to be held

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, Manala.

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.

at Miss Carter's, Pupuke Road. The Temperance Doxology concluded the meeting.

HASTINGS.

Feb. 25th. 18 members present; Mrs Banks, President, in the chair. It was proposed to hold a Garden Party on March 5th, and arrangements for same were made, a Committee to carry out details being set up. Mrs Darby, who was attending Convention, was appointed delegate. Mrs Paul presented "Y" report which showed that they were still busy. The Treasurer's statement for 1925 was received, and showed a small credit balance.

WAIMATE.

Feb. 10th. Mrs Roy presided over an enthusiastic meeting. Mrs Reid and Mrs O'Brien were thanked cordially for their attendance on visiting days at the hospitals for two months. Mrs Simpson and Mrs O'Brien to carry on this month. Mrs Johns to assist with Cradle Roll. Mrs O'Brien was appointed delegate for Convention. Decided that a Y. member should also be sent. Mrs Kippenberger nominated Mrs T. E. Taylor as successor to Mrs Don in the Presidency. Regret was expressed at her retirement. Being "Willard Day," the Secretary read a beautiful paper, written by Mrs Hiett, Dunedin, "America's Queen." It was agreed to have a printed syllabus for the year's work. Afternoon tea.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.

Mar. 4th. Frances Willard Day. A solo was rendered, and the report was then presented of the Immigration Conference, held on the 16th February. The chief points in the opening address by Sir Andrew Russell were outlined, and a full account given of the work of the Welfare Committee by which it was seen great opportunities were likely to be opened for service to the immigrants from the members of the W.C.T.U. Several resolutions dealing with the subject were passed, and ordered to be sent as remits to the forthcoming Convention. Vocal item was given, and a collection taken up for the World's Missionary Fund. Mrs J. Wright was appointed as the third delegate to represent the Union at the Convention. Sister Green, of the Salvation Army, then addressed the meeting, and closed with a short extract from Miss Havergal's life, urging that we should all grasp the Divine hand always reached out to us, and go forth to do His work.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

Mar. 5th. Mrs Young (President) presiding over a good attendance. Mrs Wakeham (Masterton) was welcomed to the Union; also Mrs Kingston, who favoured us with a pianoforte solo. Delegates to Convention, Mesdames Ferguson and Watson. Mrs Birdsall gave a report of "Willard Home" which is in a very satisfactory way financially, and hopes are entertained for a new building very shortly; plans already in hand. Miss Bradshaw, Organiser, gave a very stirring and profitable address on Maori Work in the Back Blocks, after which a collection was taken up for Maori Work, collection was taken up for Maori Work, resulting in the sum of £1 17s. 6d. Mrs Kingston also spoke.

Y Column.

DUNEDIN.

Feb. 8th. First meeting 1926; attendance small. President in chair, and Miss A. Webb acting as Superintendent for Mrs Macartney. Reported that miniature New Zealand Ensign had been forwarded to Headquarters, Evanston, U.S.A. to represent New Zealand on the Flag Stand. A number of members had rendered excellent service at the Exhibition Creche, which is under W.C.T.U. management. Two new members were initiated.

Feb. 22nd. Eight members present, and President, Miss Gwyn in chair. Decided to hold meetings monthly until Exhibition is over. The Syllabus was discussed. Miss D. Ritchie was appointed delegate to Convention.

NEW BRIGHTON.

Feb. 12th. The opening meeting of the year was a most successful social, when there was an excellent rally of members, and the President, Mrs F. Mitchell, was in

the chair. A short time was devoted to business, and the rest of the evening to games, etc. Supper brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

AUCKLAND.

Mar. 4th. Willard Day; Miss C. M. McLay, President, presided; attendance fair. The President read a paper on the Life and Work of Frances E. Willard. The Notable Days Committee provided the rest of the programme which included extracts from Miss Willard's memoirs by Miss Pyle, and an appreciation by Lady Henry Somerset was read by the Secretary; also a solo and two recitations. Miss Laxton was appointed a representative to the Bible Class Council. Miss Read appointed Superintendent. One new member joined.

RACE SUICIDE.

Dr. C. W. Saleeby is an admirer and sincere lover of France. In an arresting article in the "O Outlook" he gives the French people some much needed advice. They are busily engaged in building submarines and aeroplanes, and in training their black savage conscripts to use the deadly weapons of civilisation. The narrow strip of silver sea which saved Britain from devastation in years gone by is no longer a defence. Dr. Saleeby's advice is to dig drains instead of building aeroplanes. He writes: "They would be better advised to dig drains and lay water pipes; to keep the racial poisons—by which term I indict alcohol and syphilis and gonorrhoea—out of their homes." The point is that the almost stationary population of France is due not only to the prevention of births, but to a more marked extent to an excess of deaths. Britain has reduced her birth rate almost to the French level, but at the same time she has lowered her death rate so that the increase of population goes on as before. Dr. Saleeby writes: "Venereal disease, chronic alcoholism—for the most part respectable and of no interest to the police, though of grave concern to the pathologist—and the very high rate of illegitimacy may here be conspicuously named as guilty agents of this destruction of the future of France."

RECONCILIATION.

Professor Alexander and Elsa Boldt, in Finland, had a son and a daughter. The son was about 16 years of age when the Communist revolution broke out. He had been brought up by his father as a pacifist, and knew that his father would never take arms. During the revolution the Reds had driven some White students across the ice to some mountainous island. When the thaw came the students were left exposed and

starving. But the ice froze again and young Boldt determined to creep over to the island, to give the students notice of a certain food-ship that was coming along. He was killed by the Reds, though for a long time his parents hoped that he was perhaps still alive, hiding in Latvia or Esthonia. But at last word came from a farmer that he had found the body of their son and they went out and found the body which had been preserved in the ice. They buried him again, and they vowed at his grave not to seek for vengeance nor to think bitter thoughts, but to work for peace. It happened some time afterwards that the Germans came and freed Helsingfors from the Reds. Among the prisoners there was the man who had killed young Boldt. Professor Boldt went to visit the man, who asked him for his forgiveness. And Boldt forgave him, and he and his wife tended the man, who was ill in prison, tended him in a way in which they would have wanted their own son treated by strangers. When the case came up for trial, Boldt was called to testify against the man, but he spoke in his favour, saying that he meant to stand for reconciliation.

The heights by great men reached and kept

Were not attained by sudden flight,
But they, while their companions slept,

Were toiling upward in the night.

—Longfellow.

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.

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 Cumbray Place.

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, Pompaier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompaier 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. Gergie, Rosebank; Treas., Miss Tosh, Toshivale; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. McLean, Renfrew Street.

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Barrow 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 Mitchell, 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 Bear, 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. B. 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 Hiett, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Cliffs Rd., St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Plaisier, 207 George St., Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Maller 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 Twose; 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 Maller 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, meets 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs Morrison; 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.

FEILDING, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs Pack, Sandilands 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 McAskill; 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, 183 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. Plakau; 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, Lindsfarne; Assistant Treasurer, Miss A. Swale, Grace Street.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL BRANCH, 2nd Tuesday, at 2.45 p.m., in the Baptist Church. Pres., Mrs Walker, 91 Lewis St; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Boyes and McKenzie; Sec., Miss E. M. Smith, 169 Yarrow St; Treas., Mrs Thomson, 39 Earnshaw St; W.R. Agent, Mrs Johnson, Don St.

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 Langskail, Melbourne St; Treas., Miss Hopkirk, 165 MacMaster St; W.R., Mrs Brown, King St; Cradle Roll, Mrs Fraser, Ellis Rd.

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.

MASTERTON, 1st Thursday, Knox Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. C. Cocker, Albert Street; Sec., Mrs S. J. Smith, High St; Treas., Mrs R. Jamieson, Lincoln Rd; W.R. Agent, Mrs Weston, Mount Bruce Rd.

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 Willis, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Johnstone, Hamilton Road.

MOSGIEL, third Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. Bedford, East Telleri; Treas., Mrs S. Johnstone, King Street; Sec., Mrs M. H. Wilson, corner of Inalls 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 Knap, 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., Mr. Fraser, River Road; Evangelistic Supt., Miss 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 N. Jones, 247 Gill Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Griffin, Lardet 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, Vogelstown; 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., Mrs Peart, 4 Pine Hill Terrace; Sec., Miss M. Begg, 45 Selwyn Road; Treas., Mrs Sanders, 43 Frame Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Agnes Gray, 17 Grey Street.

OAMARU, Baptist Hall, Severn Street, at 2.30 p.m., every 2nd Monday in the month. Pres., Mrs J. J. Clarke, Tyne St.; Sec., Mrs Scott, 61 Eden St.; Treas., Mrs McKenzie, Clyde St., Newborough; 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, 63 Eden St.; Press Reporter, Mrs Scott; Asst. Reporter, Miss Hilliker.

ORMONDVILLE, 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.

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 Boi 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.

PAHIAHU, meets 1st Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs West; Sec., Mrs W. Taylor, Station Road; Treas., Mrs McNarey, Nikau Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs E. West, Panmure Road.

PAHIAHU, 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.

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,

51 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 Fowick; Y. Supt., Mrs Burroughs; W.R., Mrs Fowler; Wellington Street.

PLEASANT POINT, meets 1st Wednesday, at 2 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; Cradle Roll, Mrs Andrews, 1 Crummer 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.

RAWENE, 3rd Wednesday. Pres., Mrs H. Ashworth; Vice-Pres., Mrs Bawden; Sec., Mrs P. Lane; Cradle Roll Sec., Mrs Herk; Librarian and W.R. Agent, Mrs Johnson; Press Reporter, Mrs H. Ashworth.

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.

SYDENHAM, 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 Veertry. Pres., Mrs Edgar, Waitete Road; Sec., Mrs G. Elliott; Treas., Mrs J. Nicholls, Matai 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 Booth 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. Minifie, 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 Terr; 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.

WAIPAWA, 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., Miss 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 Keromiko 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 Burwah 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 Attiawa 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 Woolaxal; 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 Lopdell; Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. Chalmers; W.R. Agents, Miss Ayson and Miss McKay.