

The White Ribbon

FOR GOD AND HOME AND HUMANITY

Vol. 32.—No. 372.

WELLINGTON, N.Z. JUNE 18, 1926.

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

EXHIBITION CRECHE COMMITTEE REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET.

The Exhibition being now over, we must present to the New Zealand Union our final report and balance sheet, after which the special Committee will cease to exist. Reports of the early negotiations and general organisation having been previously given, all that is now needed is a brief general review and statement of the result of the undertaking. The Committee, drawn from Central Dunedin, Mosgiel, South Dunedin, Kaikorai, North East Valley, Port Chalmers and Sawyers Bay Unions, was an energetic one, which worked together well under the leadership of Mrs Macartney, Superintendent of the Creche, and Chairman of the Committee. Miss Young, the permanently employed worker, did excellently, and worked happily with the Committee, as well as with the numerous voluntary helpers.

The suburban Unions and Dunedin Y's. did nobly in providing workers, some good helpers coming regularly from the City Union. Quite a number of women who are not members of W.C.T.U. offered help, which was gladly accepted. Possibly, the insight they gained thus into the standard of Christian service which actuates, the Union may lead them to become members themselves.

The work was undertaken and organised in a spirit of prayer, and to us it is evident that the prayers for guidance and help were heard



Mrs Macartney, Hon. Treasurer of W.C.T.U. Creche Fund, who was every day at her post during the whole time the Exhibition lasted.

and answered, because during the whole undertaking no accident or illness occurred, and what seemed at times insuperable difficulties in preparation or management, melted away when they were approached.

The total number of children received was 3318, many of these were frequent visitors, and in almost all cases, parents were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the treatment given to them.

The greatest number on any one day was 118, which number was recorded on three different occasions.

Souvenirs were given to certain special children—to the 1000th—to the first twins, to the triplets, and to the only Chinese baby—in each case the gift was the same—a silver spoon with the Exhibition Arms on the handle in enamel, and engraved "W.C.T.U. Creche" on the bowl. The Committee expressed their willingness to provide four such spoons for the first quadruplets to arrive, but no parent was able to procure this souvenir for her family.

Many distinguished persons, including Lady Alice Ferguson, and numerous Doctors and Nurses visited the Creche, and recorded their complimentary remarks in a book provided for this purpose. At the request of these visitors, a donation box was placed on the table, that those unable to contribute by paying for children, might be able to mark their appreciation of the work by giving something more than words of praise. This, with the very careful administration of our Treasurer, has left us with a substantial balance to hand over to the New Zealand Organising Fund.

We parted very regretfully from our little home in Logan Park, in which so much happy time was spent. The memory of practical organisation, patience, and friendliness will inspire us all. The object of the enterprise as a demonstration of the practical application of the Union's motto has been realised, and we thankfully acknowledge that we owe our success to the blessing of God, given in answer to prayer by Union members all over New Zealand.

W.C.T.U. CRECHE BALANCE**SHEET.****RECEIPTS.**

	£	s.	d.
Donations	118	0	6
Proceeds from Concert	51	19	6
Payments for Infants	184	17	0
Donation Box ..	21	6	5
Sale of Furniture ..	31	15	0
Incidental Payments ..	2	10	6
Interest	4	10	10
	£414	19	9

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Furnishing	76	15	7
Miss Young's Salary ..	55	0	0
Cleaning	15	10	0
Triplicate Tickets ..	7	18	10
Tea, Milk, Sugar, Butter, and Biscuits	5	11	8
Safety Pins	18	0	0
Creche Sign	17	6	0
Photo and Block for White Ribbon ..	1	9	0
Advertising	4	16	0
Souvenirs	1	1	6
Stamps and Stationery	1	0	0
Incidental Expenses ..	5	0	11
Reimbursements ..	20	5	0
Balance	218	15	9
	£414	19	9

Elizabeth Macartney,
Treasurer.

Examined and found Correct.

Donald Henderson, J.P.

THE W.C.T.U. CRECHE AT THE DUNEDIN EXHIBITION.

To the Editor of the White Ribbon,
Dear Madam,

The receipt by me this day of the sum of £218 15s. 9d. for the Organizing Fund, being the net proceeds of the Creche conducted by the Dunedin Unions at the Exhibition, deserves more than a formal acknowledgment to the Union principally concerned. It is a splendid object lesson and tangible evidence of the work that can be accomplished by our women for women and children. Apart from the advertisement that it has given to the work of our Union, it has been a boon to many weary mothers, and a source of many hours of restful happiness to the little ones who were so tenderly cared for. All

this was rendered possible through the unswerving loyalty and voluntary service of many of the members of the local Unions, whose devotion failed not, in sacrifice of time and effort to make the undertaking a success. Special mention may be well given to Mrs Macartney and Miss Webb, whose efforts were ably seconded by many others. I believe they will feel that the work itself was its own reward, but none the less our Union owes to all of them a deep debt of gratitude for the splendid work of which the amount hereby acknowledged is one result. The other will, we feel sure, be an abiding memory of happiness, and a deeper sympathy with our work, on the part of many who have been helped.

E. L. R. BENDELY,

Auckland, N.Z. Treasurer.
9th June, 1926.

A PEEP AT THE W.C.T.U. CRECHE.

(By a North Island Visitor.)

There is no doubt that the W.C.T.U. Creche at the Dunedin Exhibition was a great success. Not only did it fulfil its object of taking care of babies and little children while their mothers were busy seeing the sights of the Exhibition, but it provided an interesting and instructive "side show" for the public at large.

The creche building, with its roomy verandahs and cosy interior, was filled to overflowing with tiny tots, but the front verandah had always a crowd of sightseers gazing at the cheerful scene through the large French windows. I was one of the sightseers myself, and can testify that it was a sight worth seeing. There were cots and crawling pens, comfortable little chairs, comfortable big chairs, little tables, rocking horses and toy prams, and, above all, a warm, cheerful fire, and a cosily carpeted floor. On the floor and in the pens were dear crawling babies; in the cots were dear sleeping babies, and on the carpeted floor were dear toddling babies. On one side of the netted-in verandah toddlers were racing about with toys of every description; on the other side verandah, also netted in, were go-carts and perambulators galore, with their loads of bonnie babies. Leading from the north verandah was a sandy play-

ground, securely fenced in, where the larger toddlers were having a real good time.

But this was not all that met the gaze of the sightseer. The best sight of all was the faithful body of White Ribboners taking care of this army of babies and toddlers. They showed themselves born mothers and nurses, and they must have become real experts by the time the Exhibition closed. Most of them could keep two sets of babies quiet at one time. "You are quite expert with these two go-carts," I said to a charming White Ribbon sister through the wire-netting of the verandah. "Oh, this is nothing," she said. "I can wheel two go-carts and carry a baby in my arms too." "Are you often as busy as this?" I said to another. "Oh! we don't call this busy; we have had as many as 118 babies here in a day, and we've only had about seventy to-day." "Seventy babies!" Just think of it, ye mothers, who find two or three a handful! Yet when I looked into the main room I could see nothing but smiles on the faces of the helpers, and there must have been scores of babies in their charge that afternoon.

Generally the babies were good, and smiling too, but one day, about noon, it seemed as if a hundred were crying at once. Of course there wasn't a hundred babies there, but it seemed like it! Their shouts and wails almost drowned the noises of Amusement Park, but still the ladies in charge kept serene and smiling, and doubtless, when dinner arrived, the babies became serene and smiling too!

It was gratifying to listen to the remarks of the sightseers on the front verandah. "Well! that is a real useful Christian work," said one. "I never saw anything like it before; everything is done for mothers nowadays." "Do you mean to say these ladies come here day after day and mind these babies for nothing?" Yet another said, "When I was young I had to look after my babies myself, no one did it for me; mothers are lucky nowadays."

Yes, it was good and kind of the Dunedin White Ribboners to organise and carry the work through, especially do we think it wonderful when we remember that it was not a six days' or a six weeks' effort, but it had to be kept going for six whole months. Also, a tribute must be paid to the many helpers young and old, who are not yet

members of the W.C.T.U., but who helped nobly and unselfishly right through.

I shall always carry away a picture of the creche on the last day of the Exhibition. Mud and drizzling rain outside, but inside a cheerful hive buzzing with babies and their attendant nurses. In each big chair sat a White Ribboner, a go-cart or two in charge, a baby or two tucked in the chair beside her, and a wee one on her knee. The floor space was packed with go-carts and their precious loads, for on that day the usual verandah was too exposed to the rain. One verandah was screened in for the tiny tots. They romped and shouted, and I grieve to say had some little quarrels, but our sisters were in charge, and sunshine and smiles were the usual order of that rainy day, and the W.C.T.U. Creche was the sunniest spot in Dunedin on May 1st, 1926.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

MOUNT EDEN.

The first Union to go on the Roll of Honour is Mt. Eden. They have increased their number of subscribers by 50 per cent. Who will be the next? And which Union will gain 100 per cent, first, and be the first to mount the Golden Ladder.

Apart from God?
If we could only gain
Just one glimpse of all the endless
pain
These words imply,
We would not lightly cast aside our
load
Or rail against the roughness of the
road

That leads to God.
Oh, blind of heart,
Turn e'er it be too late,
No other road can ever compensate
That leads from God.
The mystery and the joy these words
unfold,
I know my sheep and lead them to
my fold
Can ne'er depart.

Apart from Thee,
Is not the task too light?
Just for a few short years the
seeming night!
For such a gain;
Never to be apart from love and
strength—
To know the height and breadth and
joy and length
Of love so free.

OUR PRINTERS.



HON. R. A. WRIGHT.



MR. W. J. CARMAN.

Ever since April, 1913, this Firm has printed and published the "White Ribbon." To their care and skill, and the ability with which they have set up, printed, and delivered to time, the paper is indebted for much of its success and increased circulation.

A UNIQUE OCCASION.

PRESIDENT OF FORTY YEARS STANDING FAREWELLED.

Heavy rain and blustering wind did not prevent about forty women from attending the social held in Port Chalmers, on May 20th, for all realised that the function was an epoch in the history of the Union. For Mrs Johnson had retired from the Presidency after about forty-one years of service, and all wanted to honour her by their presence.

Mrs Johnson, with pardonable pride told how the Port Chalmers Union was older than the Dunedin Branch, for they were organised in the afternoon by Mrs Mary Clement Leavitt, who immediately after journeyed to the City to organise Dunedin. Mrs Monson, who had long been an advocate of total abstinence, was the first elected President, but through ill health was obliged to retire after eighteen months service. Mrs Johnson then became the President, and has held office through all these years. The

writer does not know another President in New Zealand with a similar record. Mrs Don had the honour on behalf of the Union to present to Mrs Johnson an electric lamp, and after congratulating her upon her long term of office, expressed the hope that the lamp would be a guide to her feet, give light to her eyes, and dispel the darkness of advancing years, and whenever the lamp was burning, she would see behind the light the love of the women who had been associated with her for so many years. Mrs Tait, the newly-elected President, has raised a family in her home, and is now leading the women in their efforts to protect their homes from the evils of intemperance. The room was gay with choice Chrysanthemums, and cheerful with blazing fire. Old reminiscences told over the teacups, the presence of several young women recently linked up, with Mrs Cleghorn at the piano, all contributed to the pleasant afternoon, which made us hope that the Union would not only be the first organised in the District, but the first and foremost in its zeal for Prohibition, Peace and Purity.

STATE CONTROL OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

(Paper by Miss Jessie Mackay, at Convention (Continued.)

ENGLISH AND RUSSIAN EXPERIMENTS.

Britain made her single bid for State Control in the Carlisle experiment, on which later Parliaments have been singularly reticent, and which they absolutely refuse to extend.

Carlisle was a quiet little town of fifty thousand inhabitants in 1914, with the usual English drinking rate for its size. In November, 1915, Carlisle was flooded with ten to twelve thousand navvies for munition work. Two to four thousand more were quartered at Gretna, Awnan, and some hamlets, all across the Scottish border, and all making Carlisle their week-end drinking place. Crowded past its limits, bare of up-to-date recreations, and left to its own small police force for protection and order, Carlisle soon became a Bedlam. For eight months the authorities strove to enforce the war-time restrictions on liquor, but the number and violence of the drunken host defied all order. At last the Central Control (of liquor) Board decided to buy up all the licenses in the Carlisle-Awnan area, and regulate the trade itself. Only two large hotels in Carlisle remained out of Board control. The scheme was adopted in June, 1916, but purchase and re-fitting took several months to effect.

Nevertheless Board Control transformed Carlisle, managers on a fixed salary, with a large bonus on food sold, carried out many reforms. Grocer's licenses were abolished, temperance Cafes opened, coffee carts started for night workers, and seventy houses were closed; "off" consumption was forbidden in most houses, purchase of spirits forbidden to minors, Sunday sale of spirits prohibited (to get into line with Scottish law) and beer brought down to war-time strength. These and the war restrictions naturally produced effect, though drunkenness and disorder were very obvious still.

The story of Carlisle's first year under Board Control has been told diversely and at length by two Wesleyan ministers. The Rev. Wilson Stuart, Birmingham, described the failures of the prescribed re-

forms and orgies he had witness during two visits. His pamphlet frankly indicted the Control Board for bad faith and pushing sales of liquor without food. The Rev. G. Bramwell Evans, resident in Carlisle, defended the Board's actions during the difficult time of transition. It is useless now to dwell on the details of one troubled war year, and on the circumstances surrounding a change so drastic. It hardly matters now on what date the navvies were drafted away, or when munition girls took their place.

What concerns us is the present state of Carlisle, restored to tranquillity, but transferred, on the dissolution of the Central Board, to the control of the Home Office. Could the operation of State Control in this sleepy little English town, inland and industrial, justify the sky-rending laudations of liquor advocates, anxious to claim at least on State Control success, and so delay the onward march of Prohibition.

Undoubtedly, Carlisle, like all publicly controlled areas, has not failed to make considerable revenue for its size. The authorities dared not publish the enormous profits of the first year. Later balance sheets have proved that some one is still handsomely keeping up sales. As there is no greater show of drunkenness than in other towns of like size and character, the natural inference is that the respectable bars have widened the area of production. License, broadly speaking, stands for man's drinking; State Control, invariably for family drinking. Young people meet alcohol in the restaurants and acquire the taste.

How liquor is distributed in Carlisle's State bars (there are several ordinary hotels there) is only known to the Home Office. Whatever virtues State Control may possess, they are not democratic virtues; it is of necessity a bureaucracy. But Carlisle's inebriation statistics shatter the the fallacy that drinking has been reduced there. It has been shown that out of eighty-four boroughs including London, Carlisle, for its size, has the lowest number of licenses. So far so good. But out of seventy-eight of these boroughs; including such busy centres as Leeds, Wigan, and Burton-on-Trent, Carlisle for its population has the most convictions for drunkenness.

I may here offer for what they are worth some personal impressions of a two day's visit to Carlisle in April, 1922. The town was as orderly and quiet as others of its size I had met. Many people seemed unaware they were under a special dispensation. The Mayor, then absent, was favourable to the change, they said. Other leading men citizens consulted were uniformly favourable, including the Free Church Clergy, who remembered the bad old days. The police were pleased with the new regime. But praise ceased when I got to bedrock with the temperance women of the town. They are still less satisfied, I read, to-day. The church deaconesses, they said, did not like the growing results of the women's bars as touching young persons and young mothers. The temperance women resented the impossibility of getting information regarding the distribution of liquor from huge lorries parading in the town. Still more, they resented the turning of a large private mansion into a State Hotel in a residential area which vainly protested against its proximity. These points also fretted the older Free Church ministers, otherwise friendly to State Control.

I read the end of the Carlisle experiment most clearly in the faces I saw in the women's bars at night, where neatly-dressed young mothers were taking their first lesson in beer drinking and chatting merrily. "Are the fathers minding the children?" I asked the manageress. "Their bars," she snapped, and again in the face of this woman, sensitive to fathers? They're in the men's her position, and already crossing the border-line, I read the end of Carlisle. Though, in passing the men's bars, nothing orgy-like was to be noticed, how different was this Babel of confused tongues from the healthy, "cubby" noise of young men recreating on athletics and tea. The wild, excited eyes of the young woman fitted well with this. I know where England will find them on the day she needs them, and feel that the resolution passed by the oldest Temperance Society of the town in May, 1924, covers the truth:—

"This Society, after seven years' close observation of State Control in Carlisle, is of the opinion that it has proved a failure . . . We are further of opinion that the system of separ-

ate bars has been instrumental in increasing drinking among women."

The incident of Carlisle, a town with half the population of Christchurch, has been magnified out of all prospective for Liquor's ends. We Prohibitionists are not well-advised to bring accusations against either the Central Control Board or the Home Office. It is difficult to suggest what other course was open to the Board at the time, nor what line of wordly wisdom would be safer than quietly marking time as the Home Office is now doing. It may be granted that Carlisle is as yet outwardly respectable, or was so four years ago; it cannot be denied, on the other hand, that it has not headed England towards the right solution of the drink problem. Were Carlisle even in the van of sober boroughs, which it is not, State Control in the sleepy little Cumbrian town is neither here nor there, but State Control in Liverpool is unthinkable. If the Government attempted to extend the experiment, it knows that it would bring down more obloquy on itself than any Government dare face at such a critical moment. If it frankly confessed Carlisle a failure and reverted to License, it would invite the opening of a flood-gate of Prohibition energy just as infuriating to a drinking proletariat already suspected of being revolutionary. As long as Carlisle remains, it is the centre round which worthy clerics and well-intentioned society ladies blow off hopeful, futile steam without offending anybody. A really effective policy of liquor reform can well afford to let Carlisle go on slowly withering into disrepute.

It is a far cry from Carlisle to Moscow. Twelve years ago Russia was at the height of her dance of death, contingent on the Government having assumed the monopoly of making and selling vodka in 1895. Here was another futile "reform," blessed by the Church, lauded by fashionable ladies, and immediately a source of immense revenue to a Government already corrupt and undutiful. Soon the appetite of the people and the cupidity of the State took complete command. The priests had to leave off preaching temperance; the teachers had to leave off teaching it, and the reformers were bludgeoned into leaving off criticis-

ing the monopoly. With every restriction on sale loosened, every artifice and attraction provided to enhance business, a muzzled Press, a corrupt judiciary, and a vampire Government, Russia had achieved one of the most appalling liquor debacles in history. No wonder Europe went down before Asia in the first set encounter between East and West. State Control played it's, full part in Russia's fall at Port Arthur. Suffice it to say, that the Czar stopped the monopoly on the outbreak of war, and that last year the Bolshevik Government, under financial pressure restored it. Vodka will do for the Soviet what Kolchak, Denikin, and Wrangel failed to do.

East and West clashed again in that shadowed page of history, our fifty years of State Control in India before the new constitution was granted. It was about 1874 that the British Government began distilling a certain crude, fiery spirit for the natives, who were very unwilling to buy it. It was not sold to British soldiers. Licenses were sold to the highest bidders, and the trade thus forced on a helpless, weak and poverty-ridden people, brought us large revenues at last, as drunkenness spread among a race already in the clutch of vices other than drink. In 1909-1910, the Indian famine year—drink and drugs brought in a revenue of £6,717,000. This was not the least indictment brought against us by Gandhi and the Nationalist party. The Government is trying now to discourage liquor selling to the native, but the past cannot be undone. We at least tried to be more just to the Maoris.

EXTRACT OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM NIUE.

A Vice-Regal visit has been paid to the Island of Niue recently, by their Excellencies Lord and Lady Ferguson, they were most enthusiastically received, and one of the items on a very full programme was Her Excellency's address to the White Ribbon women of the Island. Mrs Beharel writes—The White Ribbon women were there in great numbers, and all who could get them, wore their white badges. All the women brought 'Takaalopas' or gifts; on consenting to speak, she asked that

only the women be allowed to remain at the meeting. Mr Beharel at once made this very clear, and slowly and very disappointedly the men filed out. The men are so keen on this White Ribbon Band, and proud of their women folk, they are begging Mr Beharel to start something similar for them. Mr Beharel acted as her interpreter, she went forward so sweetly and graciously, not a thought for any one save the women seated before her. She looked into their faces and spoke from her heart to theirs, she said, "I am so happy to meet you mothers to-day. I want to tell you how glad I am to hear that you have started a Women's Band here in Niue. I see that some of you are wearing the badge. For over twenty years, I have belonged to a similar movement to yours called the Mothers' Union. I, too, am a mother, I have four children, and I know just how hard it is for mothers to train children in the right way. It is not enough for us to love them, to clothe and feed them, but we must see to it that they are taught to do the things which are right—not just the things which they themselves wish to do.

We must keep our children with us, and we ourselves do the right things, so that they shall see **we mothers** doing the things which we want them to do.

Teach your children to obey, and teach them to pray. I want you to know, that when I go away, I shall think of you and shall be glad to know that your work grows. I want you to know that I shall think of you in my own prayers."

The women sat and just looked at her, they seemed to almost understand what she meant them to understand. Oh, what a wonderful power—a good woman of such standing has. Of Lady Ferguson, it can indeed be said, "she lost no opportunity of showing her colour." She spoke in simple unaffected language, just the right word for these women. Afterwards, they presented their gifts, and she received them **graciously**, I can use no other word, she stood with Sir Charles beside her, and allowed them to put beads round her neck and gifts into her hands. Lady Ferguson spoke her thanks, adding that she was going to take all these beautiful gifts right away to Scotland, to her home there.

WOMEN'S

Christian Temperance Union

OF NEW ZEALAND.

Organised 1885.

"For God, and Home, and Humanity."

PRESIDENT:

MRS T. E. TAYLOR, 63 Dyer's Pass
Road, Cashmere, Christchurch.

VICE-PRESIDENT:

MRS HIETT, 11 Duke Street, Dunedin.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

MRS W. A. EVANS, M.A., 62 Nevay
Road, Miramar, Wellington.
'Phone 25-780.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

MISS HENDERSON, B.A., 9 Straven
Street, Riccarton, Christchurch.

TREASURER:

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

ORGANISER:

MISS BRADSHAW.

Official Organ:

"THE WHITE RIBBON."Editor: Mrs Peryman, Foxton.
Telephone 131.

Associate Editor: Mrs Judson.

Editor: Mrs Peryman, Robinson Street,
Foxton. Telephone 131.**The White Ribbon.****"For God, and Home, and Humanity."**

WELLINGTON, JUNE 18, 1926.

LISTENING IN.

TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES.

Say, have you seen the new Bus
Regulations?No! what about them? Do they
affect us?Rather! why you'll have to pay
2d. extra every time you ride in a
bus instead of a tram.

Who says so?

The Government have issued re-
gulations which say so.But what has the Government got
to do with it? If they put 2d. extra
upon me to ride, why that is a tax
and only Parliament impose taxes.Well, this is a matter of urgency,
and so can be dealt with by Order in
Council!Matter of Urgency! What non-
sense!Parliament is to meeting a few
days, why couldn't it wait until
then?Search me, I don't know! Ask
Coates?I suppose to safeguard the tram
monopoly is urgent!But will they make the Council
put on enough cars to carry all the
people?There is nothing about that in the
regulations.Last night, coming home from
work three trams passed me, too full
to stop, so I took a bus.Well, if you take a bus now, you'll
have to pay 2d. extra.What daylight robbery. I'll ring
up our M.P. and tell him to get busy
and do his work. What's the good
of spending hundreds of pounds on
M.P's., then being governed by
Order-in-Council?

REFUSED—GRANTED.

Jones has just returned from a
visit to Auckland.Any news from the Queen City of
the North?Yes! there's quite a big fuss over
the action of the Licensing Commit-
tee.What have they done or failed to
do?You remember the old Thames
Hotel in Queen Street which was
demolished??Yes! I remember, they applied for
a transfer to a new building in Quay
Street, right on the water front,
but the Licensing Committee refused
the transfer, because an hotel was not
required in that district. So that
ended the matter, and it is stale news
now.Make no mistake, the Trade
doesn't let things end so easily.But what could they do, the
transfer was refused, and the license
lapsed didn't it? They ceased the
sale of liquor at the bar, did they
not?I think so, but now there is a new
Licensing Committee.

New blood on it?

Well, scarcely, practically it is the
same Committee. However, they
have changed their point of view,
and now, when an application was
made for a license for the Amba-
sadors, they granted it.Is that the building where they
considered a license not necessary?Yes, the same place on the water
front. In the meantime it has been

built up and added to and furnished.

But why do this after a license
had been refused?That's the question, and I can't
answer it. And, as the voting is
secret, the electors will not know
who broke their pledge and voted
for the license.What an anomaly, an elected body
which is not responsible to its
electors.The Magistrate as Chairman, an-
nounced the result, and stated plain-
ly and fearlessly that he had opposed
the issue of the license because his
opinion was unaltered, a license was
not necessary on the water front.Good for the S.M., glad he had
grit enough to stick to his own
opinion. Were all the members
present and did they all vote?No, one was away, out of town.
But he ought to have been there!

Why was he away?

Ask me something easier.

WHAT IS THE W.C.T.U. DOING.

Have you read in the paper of the
police complaining about the country
dances. They say liquor is taken
to these dances and scenes, which
they describe as disgraceful, occur.
What are you W.C.T.U. women doing
to help save the young folk from
scenes like these?We are doing our best to get rid
of the drink.

You seem to have only one idea.

Tell me, did you ever hear of
scenes like those described by the
police, when there was no liquor pre-
sent?

No, I cannot say I have.

Can you tell me of anything that
will stop scenes like those while the
liquor is allowed to be there?I cannot say just now, but surely
something could be done?Yes, the liquor can be prohibited,
that and that only will improve our
country dances, or any of our social
functions.

AN OVERSIGHT.

These Prohibitionists are slow,

As anything, my stars

They have not been around as yet
To close the harbour bars!

—"Exchange."

WHO'S WHO.

Dear Editor,

Early in January this year, I received a communication from Miss M. Colquhoun, bearing the address Union Street, Windsor, with stamps enclosed, and requesting a copy of Convention number of White Ribbon; this was sent, and also other copies enclosed.

This week this parcel was returned through the Dead Letter Office, having been in various towns in its quest to discover the owner.

If any of our readers know where this should go, I would be glad if they would kindly let me know.

Sincerely yours,

ALICE L. MOWLEM,
52 Russell Terrace, Wellington.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.**MRS JOHNSON WRIGHT.**

A Memorial Service was held by the South Wellington Union for the late President, Mrs Johnson Wright, in the rooms, 35 Constable Street, on Thursday, the 27th May, in the evening. The Vice-President, Mrs Evans, was in the chair, and there was a fair attendance of members and friends, including a visitor from Auckland Union. Two of Mrs Wright's favourite hymns were sung; Rev. A. N. Scotter read a lesson from 1 Thessalonians 5, and offered prayer. Words of loving appreciation were spoken by the President of the Central Union, and by two of the oldest friends and fellow-workers of Mrs Wright, who had closely co-operated with her in her work on behalf of the girls of Newtown, viz., Rev. W. Shirer and Mr C. M. Luke. They all dwelt on the strong faith in God, the faithfulness in every detail of work and the spirit of loving kindness and sympathy that had always characterised the life of the late President, and appealed to those present to carry on under the inspiration of her memory the work to which she had devoted herself. No matter what disappointments and apparent failures she met with, she never lost her courage and confidence in the ultimate success of the cause for which she laboured. Several appropriate vocal items were rendered by members of the Union.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.

Dear Sisters,

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the Pledge Slips for attaching to the hymnals are to hand, and may be procured at 1/- per 100; 6d. for 50; 3d. per dozen. All new hymnals purchased will have the pledge affixed, but Unions that have hymnals already in use, will need to get them separate and put them in; they have gum backs, so it will not be at all troublesome.

Will all Unions please procure these at their earliest, so that facility may be given to the carrying out of the resolution of Convention.

Lovingly yours,

ALICE L. MOWLEM,
52 Russell Terrace,
Wellington South.

AUSTRALIA'S NEW CAPITAL CITY UNDER PROHIBITION LAW.

Australia's new capital city of Canberra is under a dry law due to an early ordinance enacted when this territory was first set aside as the seat of government. When the ordinance was first made and there were not many people living in the territory, the opposition to this rule was not great; but now the liquor interests have started a clamor for the repeal of the "obnoxious" measure. It will continue in force until repealed or modified by Parliament, and to see that this is not done, the Australian dries are combating with vigor such proposals.

The "district" or "state," like our Federal District of Columbia, is governed by Congress. It includes nine-hundred square miles of territory.

"JOINT HEIR WITH CHRIST."

My Shares! The right, like Him, to know all pain

Which hearts are made for knowing;

The right to find in loss the surest gain;

To reap my joy from sowing,

In bitter tears, the right with Him to keep

A watch by night and day with all who weep."

GENERAL LUDENDORFF IS FOR PROHIBITION; WANTS IT TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS.

("New York Times," December 27th, 1925.)

Berlin, December 26th (A.P.)—General Erich Ludendorff, Germany's wartime Quartermaster General and now leader of her ultra-Nationalists, has taken up the cause of prohibition.

General Ludendorff was asked to contribute to a book Professor Hans Schmidt is writing on "Why Germany Lost the War." The former organizer of armies replied that the author might render a greater service with a book in support of prohibition. He has demanded that the dangers of alcohol be pointed out in all schools.

"We lack a compact organization and a leader for a vigorous prohibition campaign," he complained recently.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments have been received since the date of the last report (April 9th):—

NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Masterton, £2; Inglewood and Rangiora, each £1; Dunedin and Foxton, each 10s.

ORGANIZING FUND.

Dunedin (proceeds Exhibition Creche) £218 15s. 9d.; Napier, £6 18s.; Wanganui East, £6 7s. 6d.; Kaiapoi, £2 11s.; Eden, £1 1s.

WORLD'S MISSIONARY FUND.

Blenheim, 16s.; Hawera and Rangiora, 13s. each; Otaki, 10s. 9d.; Spreydon, 10s.; Kaiapoi, 8s. 5d.; Manaia, 6s. 6d.

MAORI FUND.

Palmerston North, £1 17s. 6d.
E. L. R. BENDELY,
Auckland, N.Z. Treasurer.
9th June, 1926.

"In Mexico, prohibition is making rapid advances. The tax on distilleries has been tripled and a high raise made in the license on saloons. The effect has been to close more than sixty per cent of the saloons in two months. President Calles recently subscribed on behalf of the Mexican government 50,000 dols toward Y.M.C.A. work."

ALCOHOL AS A MEDICINE. SOME DOCTORS OPINIONS.

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

"Alcohol has no place in the treatment of the sick."

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

"Non-alcoholic treatment of pneumonia saves lives."

"Alcohol is passing as a popular remedy."

"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 physicians nowadays."—Pres. County Med. Assn., 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 resist 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 poisoned by the disease."

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

"The world would be infinitely better off if there were no alcoholic liquor in it."

"I believe that alcohol has no important uses in medicine, and I should rejoice to see prohibition come."—Prof. of Med., Harvard.

"Whisky is entirely unnecessary in the treatment of pneumonia except in the case of those who have been daily chronic users of alcoholics of some sort. I do not try to reform these men during a serious pneumonia, but apart from this, in a practice of over thirty years in Denver I have not made use of alcoholics of any sort in pneumonia because I have not felt that I was increasing my patient's chances of recovery by their use."—Dr. Clinton G. Hickey, Denver, Colorado.

"Whisky has no rightful place in the treatment of disease."—Dr. Oscar Dowling, Shreveport La., Secretary State Board of Health.

"I believe there are other drugs which may fully take the place of alcohol."—Dr. George H. Jones, Secretary Missouri Board of Health.

"I am frank to say that if alcohol ever had any value as medicine I do not know what it is."—Dr. J. N. Jackson, Kansas City, Missouri.

"There is absolutely no place for alcoholic liquor in any form which cannot be replaced by something better and without danger to life or morals."—Dr. J. R. Bridges, Secretary Clark County Medical Society, Kansas City, Missouri.

"I do not think alcohol necessary and scarcely ever desirable in the treatment of sickness. I am well content with the state law forbidding the sale of whisky as medicine."—Dr. L. A. Brown, Portland, Maine.

"I am glad to say that the laws of our state restricting the use of alcoholics are no handicap in my practice. I practiced for twenty years under the impression that whisky or brandy was a necessity in certain cases. I know now that this was entirely erroneous, and for ten years I have seen no indication for the internal use of alcohol in sickness."—Dr. B. R. Veasey, Wilmington, Delaware.

"I feel quite confident that if the bone-dry law existed throughout the country the medical profession would soon find remedies that would serve as well, maybe better, than alcoholic drugs which can be successfully used, meeting all the requirements that liquor was at one time supposed to meet."—C. D. Bodine, M.D., Portland, Oregon.

"I do not use whisky, brandy or wine in my medical practice, and I do not feel that the welfare of my patients has suffered as a consequence of this exclusion."—Dr. W. Wayne Babcock, Philadelphia.

"I never found it necessary to use alcohol in the practice of medicine."—Dr. F. M. Pottinger, Monrovia, California.

"I scarcely, if ever, resort to alcohol in my practice."—Dr. Sherman G. Bonney, Denver, Colorado.

"It is many years since I prescribed a dose of alcohol in any form. There is no condition, in my opinion,

in which its use is a benefit."—Dr. W. F. Milroy, Omaha, Nebraska.

"I have not for many years used any alcohol in the treatment of disease, as, in my opinion, its alleged therapeutic effects can be accomplished very much better by other means."—Dr. Thomas McCleve, Oakland, California.

"In my judgment alcohol has no practical value in the treatment of disease."—Dr. Walter L. Bierring, Des Moines, Iowa.

"I very seldom prescribe alcohol. Its use as a medicine is limited and decreasing."—Dr. H. B. Anderson, Toronto, Canada.

"It is my experience that our state laws regarding the dispensing of alcohol and alcoholic beverages have worked no hardship whatever upon any patient of mine. When I need stimulants I have always used other and more positive drugs."—E. A. Rich, M.D., Tacoma, Washington.

"I have not had a patient in whose case the Oklahoma law prohibiting the prescribing of alcohol was, in my opinion, objectionable from a purely scientific point of view. Aside from the moral and social considerations, I do not see how any fair-minded physician can fail to appreciate the great physical benefits that have come with the lessened consumption of alcohol under prohibition."—W. A. Fowler, M.D., F.A.C.S., Oklahoma City, Okla.

"I do not find that the state law which forbids the sale and prescription of alcohol and alcoholic beverages as medicine is any hindrance to success in my medical practice."—Leo Ricen, M.D., Portland, Oregon.

"SERVICE."

Smooth the road before the feet,
Safe shelter from the night,
A cup of water when a thirst
A rest when moons are bright—
All these life seems to bring oftimes
And we give thanks to fate
And speak of fortunes' kindly smile,
Of life so fortunate.
But well for us if we can know
Ere evening's on the hill,
To what our happiness is due—
A loved one's service still!

—E. A. Peach.

THE LOCARNO PACT.

Two questions present themselves for answer in taking up the consideration of this latest scheme for the establishment of peaceful relations between the European nations. (1). What is the Locarno Pact? (2). Is it entitled to be called a Pact of Peace? We will consider first what are its provisions?

This Pact consists of several parts. The first part is a treaty between Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, France, Italy, Poland, and Czecho-Slovakia, by which these countries agree that all disputes which may arise between them shall be settled by peaceful means, and that they will on no account resort to war.

The second part is the "Security Pact," which assumes the inviolability of the frontiers of Germany on the one side, and Belgium and France on the other, these three countries undertaking that they will in no case attack or invade each others territory or resort to war against each other, but that all disputes which may arise between them shall be settled by peaceful means, and if in any case this shall be impossible by normal methods of diplomacy, they shall be submitted, either to a judicial decision or to a conciliation commission, or to the Council of the League of Nations. If any violation should take place, it must be brought before the Council, and if the Council is satisfied that there has been such violation, each signatory Power agrees to come to the assistance of the Power that is threatened. In case of the refusal of any power to submit a dispute to peaceful settlement, the matter must in like manner be brought before the Council, who must decide what steps shall be taken.

The third part consists of Arbitration Treaties between (1) Germany and Belgium, (2) Germany and France, (3) Germany and Poland, (4) Germany and Czecho-Slovakia, these being practically identical, and describing a process varying according to the nature of the dispute. Justiciable disputes, that is, those having to do with their respective rights, are referred to a Permanent Conciliation Commission composed of five members, one appointed by the German Government, one by the Bel-

gian, and three by common agreement from the three other nations, the German and Belgian Governments appointing the President of the Commission. If no agreement is reached, the dispute shall be referred to the Permanent Court of International Justice, or to a body of arbitrators appointed according to the Hague Convention of 1907. The decision of either of these bodies is final. If the dispute is of a character that cannot be settled by reference to a Court of Justice, it must be brought before the Permanent Conciliation Commission, and if this fails to find a solution, before the Council of the League of Nations. If the League Council is not unanimous there is nothing to prevent the parties from fighting after a three months interval, so that the loophole for war still exists, except that under the Security Pact, Germany, France, and Belgium have undertaken not to fight.

Then there is fourthly, the Allies' Note to Germany with regard to Article 16 of the Covenant, which lays down that "each State member of the League is bound to co-operate loyally and effectively in support of the Covenant, and in resistance to any act of aggression, to an extent which is compatible with its military situation and takes its geographical position into account." This formula, taken from the Geneva Protocol almost word for word, removed Germany's difficulties about Article 16, which she maintained could not be carried out with regard to a nation practically disarmed.

There are two other treaties to refer to—the Conventions between France and Czecho-Slovakia, and between France and Poland, whereby these countries undertake to lend each other immediate assistance in case either of them is made the object of unprovoked attack. Or if the Council fails to reach unanimity with regard to any dispute under Article 15, and war results, the two countries undertake to support one another.

The question of Disarmament is referred to in the Final Protocol of the Locarno Agreements as follows: "The representatives of the Governments represented here declare their firm conviction that the entry into force of these treaties and conven-

tions will continue greatly to bring about a moral relaxation of the tension of many political or economic problems in accordance with the interests and sentiments of peoples, and that in strengthening peace and security in Europe, it will hasten on effectively the disarmament provided for in Article 8 of the Covenant of the League of Nations. They undertake to give their sincere co-operation to the work relating to disarmament already undertaken by the League of Nations and to seek the realisation thereof in a general agreement. Thus we see the gradual advance towards Disarmament through the several stages represented by the Treaty of Mutual Guarantee the Geneva Protocol, and the Locarno Pacts, all of which were directed towards the strengthening of the Covenant and the solution of the cardinal problem of Disarmament.

We see therefore from what has been said that the Locarno Agreement is entitled to be called a Pact of Peace, inasmuch as it brings Europe under the Law of Arbitration, brings Germany into the League of Nations, renders it less likely for war to break out amongst civilised nations, establishes the principle that moral force is stronger and more effective than physical, and that therefore war is not the best method of settling differences, and makes more possible the reduction of armaments. It has been registered with the League of Nations, and a copy placed in the Archives of the League at Geneva, copies being also sent to each of the Signatory Nations. There are, however, certain points which have given rise to comment, and which might possibly prove a source of danger to the maintenance of peaceful relations between the European nations; and it is only right to notice such points and their possible effects, and to see how far they may be counteracted.

First, there is the fact that the Pact is not universal. The nations subscribing to it are Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Czecho-Slovakia, Belgium, and Poland; that is to say, it comprises only half the European nations, leaving outside two of the most difficult to deal with and the most likely to create disturbance—Russia and Turkey. This very fact, as pointed out by more

than one critic of the Pact, is in itself a danger, as tending to divide Europe into two opposing camps, and to perpetuate the principle of the Balance of Power—a principle more likely than anything else to bring about another war; it was indeed one of the main causes of the war in 1914, and would almost inevitably result in another similar catastrophe, if allowed to become again the basis of European politics. A pact of Peace, to be effective, must include all nations likely to be in any way affected by it.

But a still more serious defect, to the minds of those who are working for peace, is the fact that it rests ultimately on the sanctions of force. It is true that it recognises disarmament as a goal to be worked for, and to be attained sometime in the future; but, for the present, armaments, though possibly reduced and limited, remain as the final safeguard and the basis of security. The League of Nations cannot rise beyond the point reached by the nations which compose it; and very few of these, if any, have yet recognised that the only firm basis of security is Disarmament. The nation that is disarmed is safe from attack; because it can never become an aggressor; and also because the very fact of its disarmament proves that its policy is founded on justice and peace and not upon force. The idea that peace can be maintained by military guarantees is doomed to disappointment. If we want peace, it must be gained, not by insuring against war, but by building up the conception of a constructive peace. To quote from "No More War" for November, 1925:—"The whole hope of the future of the League of Nations lies in its becoming, not the protector of the existing treaties and frontiers and of the present civilisation, but the organ of new treaties and frontiers, representing the changing need of the world, and the moulding of a new civilisation, in which internationalism, rather than nationalism, is the sovereign principle. The League is now regarded as a means of preventing war. We must think of a League to create Peace—a League which organises the world's economic resources for the good of the world, which faces the problem of racial distinction in an international spirit, which creates

an internationally-minded civil service to assist the growth of the subject peoples to a status of self-government, without thought of exploitation, in a word, which deals with the problems of the world from the point of view of the world. If we give our minds to the making of the new International Civilisation in this way, we shall find not only that the old civilisation has passed away, but that, with it, the danger of war has passed away as well." So far as the Locarno Pact can help in the carrying out of this ideal, we may indeed welcome it as a Pact of Peace. It is not indeed the final word, but it is a step on the way, towards the dawn of that new era, in which wars will cease and the reign of Universal Peace will begin.

NO MORE WAR!

PROTECTING THE WEAK.

"The old appeals for war in the name of a good cause fall coldly now on the instructed ear and cease to carry conviction to thoughtful minds." 'Would you not go to war to protect the weak?' men ask. The answer seems obvious.

A modern war to protect the weak—that is a grim jest.

See how modern war protects the weak. 10,000,000 known dead soldiers; 3,000,000 returned dead soldiers; 13,000,000 dead civilians; 20,000,000 wounded; 3,000,000 prisoners; 9,000,000 war orphans; 5,000,000 war widows; 10,000,000 refugees. What can we mean—modern war protecting the weak? The conviction grows clear in increasing multitudes of minds that modern war is not the way to protect the weak.

A World Court would protect the weak. A League of Nations would protect the weak. An international mind, backed by a Christian conscience, that would stop the race for armaments, provide co-operative substitutes for violence, forbid the nations to resort to force, and finally outlaw war altogether—that would protect the weak.

But this is clear: war will not do it. **It is the weak by millions who perish in every modern war.**

Dr. Fosdick (preaching in the Geneva Cathedral during the Sixth Assembly of the League of Nations). —From "Brotherhood."

STRANGERS AND SOJOURNERS.

During part of election year, I was away from my home town, in a considerably larger place, where the coming and going of a stranger is an unnoticeably small matter.

Promptly, on my first visit at church, I was made welcome by several members of the Union, invited to their homes, urged to attend the meetings, and to take part in an enterprise they keep going regularly. Several other members who noticed my badge as we passed in the street spoke to me on its introduction. The President came to see me in the rooms another member had helped me to find.

It hardly sounds like a stranger and sojourner, does it?

All the same, I was a stranger, and there only a short time, and perhaps remember more of their welcome because of other sojourners in places where things did not happen so.

Are there any chance strangers in your neighbourhood just now?

If there are, have any of you, not necessarily as a body, but just as individual members, the chance to make them welcome?

If so, make a grab at your good luck.

It may mean a new member, one very glad to have been helped over that 'Israelitish in Egypt' feeling of loneliness. Or it may mean a passer-by taking things away with her, sure to be repaid some day, a grateful memory, a pleasant association with our badge. If the stranger is mere man, he has, or some day will have, a vote. Even if he should miss that, the practice of welcome, that we may give him, is safe to enrich us, both individually and as a Union.

So, — is there any stranger passing by?

Don't let her go as a stranger. We can't afford it. She may be just the one who needs your touch of influence to transform her into a missionary. Or she may need just your welcome to encourage her over a steep bit of the way. Or she may be just one of the everyday sort, like ourselves, just the one your Union so needs.

Don't let her pass, still a stranger.

KATHERINE MERCER.

WORLD PROGRESS.

(From our Exchanges.)

INDIA.

In India, a Convention is to be held in Delhi, when it is stated a Prohibition League for all India will be formed.

BULGARIA.

In no less than thirty districts in Bulgaria, local option conditions have been adopted prohibiting liquor shops.

SWEDEN.

In Sweden, continuous educative work is being carried out in anticipation of a referendum, that may bring prohibition by popular vote to the country.

JAPAN.

The National Temperance League of Japan hopes to get through Parliament a bill that will raise the age limit from 20 to 25 for those allowed to be supplied with intoxicating liquors.

GERMANY.

In Germany, a local option measure was defeated by a majority of 20 in the Reichstag, but the matter is coming forward again this time backed by a petition signed by over 400,000 electors.

ESTHONIA.

The Esthonian Parliament is considering legislation embodying local option, Sunday closing, the prohibition of the sale of liquor to those under twenty years of age, and the prohibition of liquor in amusement places.

ROUMANIA.

A considerable reduction in the number of saloons in Roumania is a project now being considered by Parliament. The production of alcohol is being curtailed with a view to total Prohibition at the end of probably twelve months.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.

The Labour Party in Czecho-Slovakia recently issued a document stating that alcohol is delaying the coming of more ideal conditions, and that freedom will only be attained when the fight for emancipation is waged by sober and sound intellects.

LITHUANIA.

Roman Catholics are particularly active in the temperance movement in Lithuania. One Roman Catholic Society has 200 branches and 20,000

members, another has 20,000, a third 5,000, and another 2,000 members. There is also a Roman Catholic Teachers' Abstinence Society and a non-Catholic Youths' League. The consumption of alcohol is steadily decreasing.

LATVIA.

The Board of Education in Latvia has recommended that all schools should have total abstinence organisations. Parliament is being asked to prohibit alcohol advertisements, to prohibit dancing where alcoholic liquors are sold, and to restrict the hours of sale. It is stated that the sale of liquor is prohibited in all educational institutions, at exhibitions, railway stations, markets, theatres and public entertainments.

WESTPHALIA TOWN RECORDS DRY VOTE.

A test vote on the liquor question in Hagen, Westphalia, is reported to have resulted in a wide majority in favour of local option. The vote was 3,350 in favour, to 526 against, eighty-nine per cent of the electorate voting. Of those favoring option, 1,736 were women and 1,614 were men.

PROHIBITION IN JUGO-SLAV ARMY.

"A drunkard is no soldier," a recent order of the Jugo-Slav Minister of War, to that nation's army, read. According to an International News Service dispatch from Belgrade, prohibition has come into the Jugo-Slav army, and lectures on the evil of drinking have been ordered by the Minister of War to be read in barracks and camps.

THREE SCOTTISH CITIES HAVE DRY GOVERNMENTS.

Following the example of Glasgow and Aberdeen, Scotland, Dundee has banned the use of intoxicants at all civic functions, and henceforth the official government of the city will be dry.

Mary had a little joint where home-made spirits dwelt;
The hooch she sold was full of death—like ten cesspools it smelt;
But cops came down on Mary's place and caught her in a raid;
Now Mary sits in durance vile until her fine is paid.

J.H.L.

IF YOU ARE WISE.

Of course you wouldn't care to ride in a train drawn by an engine of an alcohol-drugged engineer.

Of course you wouldn't like to submit to an operation performed by an alcohol-befogged surgeon.

Of course you wouldn't choose to trust an important case at law to an attorney whose judgment was clouded by alcohol.

Of course you wouldn't think of turning over the keys of your safe to a cashier accustomed to let alcohol steal away his brains.

Of course you wouldn't entrust your business secrets to a secretary who permitted alcohol to loosen his tongue.

Of course you would not hire a chauffeur to drive your car who stupefies his mind with alcohol.

Of course you would not employ a workman who lowers his efficiency by indulgence in alcohol.

Of course you will work and vote to get rid of the traffic which impairs the efficiency of so many able workers.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

Hill St. Hospital, Wellington.

Dear Mrs Peryman,—

I felt I would like this small tribute to the memory of Mrs Johnson Wright inserted in the White Ribbon. I have known Mrs Wright about twenty five years, and a more zealous worker in our cause it would be hard to find. She was one who gave up her whole life in work for her Lord and Master, whom she so decidedly loved. She will be sadly missed, for her life has been filled with kindness, and good works. She has now been called up higher to receive the (well done) of her Lord.

L. CRAWFORD.

Lower Hutt.

The liquor traffic in trying to hold up Prohibition is like Mrs Partington attempting to keep the Atlantic Ocean at bay with a broom.

"Within twenty years the Bombay Presidency may be expected to be dry."

News of the Unions.

PLEASE NOTE!

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

PLEASANT POINT.

May 17. Peace Day. Several extracts from Scripture relating to Peace were read. Mrs Felton was congratulated on being first W.C.T.U. member elected on School Committee Pleasant Point. Congratulations also were tendered from Union to Mrs Batchelor, on having topped the poll for this her third term of service on same Committee. The Peace Resolutions passed at Convention were read to the members. Miss Bishop, of Christchurch Union, gave an address on the need for world peace, and the efforts being made to bring it about. Prayers were then offered up by several members, petitioning for Peace. Delegate appointed to attend New Zealand Alliance. Mrs Falconer moved, Mrs Smith seconded a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Bishop. Two new members.

CHEVIOT.

May 12. Mrs Ferguson presiding over a fair attendance. President read a long and interesting account of Annual Convention in Christchurch, which was listened to with much appreciation, of the work done and to be done. President's resignation received with deep regret—owing to a change of business, Mrs Ferguson has been obliged to sever her connection with the Cheviot Union, but looks forward to joining one elsewhere. The next meeting will take the form of a "home" meeting at Mrs Clifford's. After the Benediction, afternoon tea was dispensed.

PETONE.

May 4. Twelve ladies present, and Mrs Cole, President, in the chair. Decided that all try to get more sales for the White Ribbon. Decided that a letter be written to Dr. Truby King, stating the need of help for the Maori mothers in the rearing of their children, and asking his aid in this. Also one to Minister of Railways, asking him to do something in order to put down drinking on railways. Resolved that Mrs Galliers be our representative at the Alliance Convention in Wellington, also at a meeting of the Prohibition League, held in order to discuss the forming of a Band of Hope. Mrs Mowlem is to speak at our next social afternoon on Wednesday, May 9th. Our Pledge was repeated, and the meeting closed with the doxology.

SOUTH INVERCARGILL.

May 11. President, Mrs Garrett, presided. It was announced that the Rev. C. Tocker would give an address in St. Paul's school-room, on Peace Day, May 17th, at 2.30 p.m., when it was hoped there would be a large attendance of those interested, and the public generally. Mrs Porter sang an appropriate solo which by special request she was asked to repeat on some future date and Mrs Reidy received a hearty vote of thanks for her personal impressions on Convention. But the magnus opus of the meeting were the impromptu speeches given by Mrs Garrett, Mrs McGregor, Mrs McKinnon, and Miss McCallum on the subject "The Immigration Scheme," and the "Strike in England." Much information and sound facts were advanced by the various speakers.

MOTUEKA.

After a spell in the busy fruit season, we have again started our meetings. Though small in numbers, the interest is still keen. We have had the White Ribbon placed in the local Cottage Hospital, which

is, we believe, a step in the right direction. The slips re-Bible-in-Schools League have been signed and sent in. We have decided to ask the Plunket Nurse to give us and any mothers we can induce to attend a short address on the "Effect of Alcohol on Babies."

NEW PLYMOUTH.

May 26. Mrs Jones presided. Feeling reference was made by the President to the death of our faithful Leader, Mrs Johnson Wright, the members remaining standing for a few moments. A vote of sympathy was passed with the Rev. T. R. Richards in his illness. The principal business was to prepare for the Mart to be held the following Friday to raise a working fund for the Union. Arrangements were also made for the District Convention to be held at Inglewood, on June 9th. Sailor's Rest work was reported upon, and a meeting called for the following week to organize work and arrange for canvassing streets. A successful Mart was held on Friday, 28th inst., opening at 9.30 a.m. There were produce, sewing, meat, sweets, cake, flower and jumble stalls; a children's tree, and afternoon and morning tea. A profit of a little over £20 was realized.

May 17. Special meeting, Peace Day. The President occupied the chair. The Rev. Parry conducted the devotions, after which Mrs Jones welcomed the Revs. Parry and Wilson, and gave a short talk concerning the work of the W.C.T.U. The Rev. Wilson delivered a very fine address upon Peace and Arbitration. Musical items were rendered, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the speakers and the singers.

OPAWA-WOOLSTON.

May 18. A fair number of members present, Mrs A. D. Jenkins, presiding. The Convention report being dealt with. A letter was read from the Bible-in-Schools League, members willing to take up the work. The Ladies' Guild are arranging for a temperance speaker occasionally to strengthen our forces. Two new members were initiated. Afternoon tea closed an interesting afternoon.

HAWERA.

May 17. 'Peace Day' Celebrated. The Baptist Minister, Rev. C. H. Barbour, gave an inspiring address; other speakers were Revs. Currin and Haddon, and Mrs Adj. Sawyers. Musical items were given by several friends. At the close, afternoon tea was handed around, provided by Mrs Curtis and friends.

May 28. Mrs Exley presiding, twenty members were present. Votes of sympathy were passed to bereaved and members who were sick. Mrs Hayward appointed delegate to District Convention, to be held in New Plymouth, on 15th June. White Ribbon Day to be celebrated on 25 June. The President welcomed a visitor from Wanganui, Mrs Bathgate, who gave a very interesting talk on L.T.L. work, and urged members of Hawera Union to start the work in Hawera. At the close of the address, the speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Mrs Shackleton and Hayward kindly promised to re-form a branch of the L.T.L. in Hawera.

KAIAPOI.

May. Mrs Vickery presided over a good attendance of members who listened with interest to an extract from the Wellington Dominion, read by Mrs White. The Superintendent of the Building reported that the new hall will be finished the first week in June, and it was decided to have the Dedication service led by Mrs Taylor, the Dominion President on the 17th June, just before the Bazaar was opened. Decided that our Union affiliate with the League of Nations.

GORE.

May 25. Devotional meeting in the interests of "World Peace," presided over by Mrs Day, Vice-President, who read a very appropriate and helpful paper "The Outlawry of War," by Colonel Robins. Attendances good, and as number of earnest petitions were offered by members for the Peace, we so much desired.

HASTINGS.

May 27. Mrs Banks in the chair. Reported that Peace Day prayer had been held, and was a season of blessing. That 2½ dozen singlets had been made to be forwarded to Mrs Don. That "Y" Social was a success. That Band of Hope had opened with a social, and was a success despite the weather, and other adverse circumstances. That Mrs T. E. Taylor's meetings had been well-attended. That six new members had joined. That the sick members had been visited. That arrangements were on foot to establish a new branch in the district, and a Committee to make final arrangements was set up; also a sick visiting Committee. The Secretary was instructed to write several letters dealing with local affairs. Afternoon tea was served by Mesdames Harper and Heaton. The repeating of the Pledge and the pronouncing of the Benediction, closed a busy meeting.

OPOTIKI.

May 13. Mrs Thompson presided. Band of Hope meetings arranged. Mrs Hamblly spoke on the work of "White Ribbon," and urged every member to endeavour to increase the circulation of the paper. Two new subscribers were listed. The President referred to Dr. O'Brien's lecture, who strongly commented on the evil effects of alcohol in the human body. Mrs Downey and Mrs Connelly served afternoon tea. On Monday 17th, the officers and quite a number of members met in the Salvation Army Hall for prayer meeting. Mrs Thompson presided, and Rev. D. Hird gave an excellent address on "Peace and War."

TIMARU.

May 25. Meeting well-attended. 91st Psalm read at Mrs Norrie's request. Correspondence dealt with: from Miss Henderson, re Convention resolutions; from Mrs Don, thanking Union for letters of appreciation; from Mrs Peryman, wishing Y's success with their new President; from New Zealand Alliance Area Secretary, re-Annual Area Convention, on June 3rd; from Secretary, New Plymouth, thanking Union for donation to Sailor's Rest; from Acting Secretary, for Timaru Hostel for Girls, inviting members to attend public meeting. An interesting hospital report was received. Decided to celebrate White Ribbon Day by having a short paper from Mrs Cave, White Ribbon Agent. Sixteen members agreed to get signatures for Bible-in-Schools Peoples' Organisation Scheme. Mrs Mackesy addressed the meeting for a short while. Fairly busy month at the Rest.

FOXTON.

May 20. Mrs Peryman presided over a small attendance. Mrs MacDonald to whom we are much indebted for her interesting accounts of Convention, gave a report of the plans of work for the young people as discussed at the Dominion Convention in Christchurch, at the same time emphasising the great importance of the work among the children. It was suggested that prizes be offered for the best Temperance essays written by the boys and girls of the local school. Decided to hold White Ribbon Day on June 17th. Afternoon tea was served.

CARTERTON.

June 2. Mrs F. Tyler presided over a fair attendance. A letter from Mrs Don, expressing appreciation in answer to the letter which had been sent from this Union. Concerning a Bible-in-Schools campaign, the members decided to help in this direction. A District Executive meeting was discussed, and it is hoped that one will be held in Carterton at an early date. A vote of thanks was passed to those officers who wrote letters to the country members. Decided that these letters, be written every three months, giving a summary of the meetings, and different members to write them. As it was "White Ribbon" Day, there was a very interesting leaflet read concerning the paper. Each member that was present had brought an extract from a "White Ribbon," and they were read and much appreciated. Special collection and afternoon tea was dispensed, the hostesses being Mesdames Tyler and Kennerley.

EDEN.

April 20. Mrs Fenton presided over a fair attendance. Apologies for absence were received from Miss Wilson, "former President," Mrs Franklyn and others. Letter of sympathy to be sent Mrs Ramsay in her illness. Several ladies undertook to provide for and take charge of a table at the knife and fork tea being held in aid of funds for District Union, and also as a farewell to Mrs Lee Cowie and Mrs Kaspar. Eleven members promised to each gain seven members for the "Bible-in-Schools League." Mrs Fenton was appointed our representative on the "Womens' National Council." The President, on behalf of the Union said a few loving words of good-bye to Mrs Wykes, who was leaving on an extended trip to Vancouver. The Recording Secretary gave a most interesting report of the work done at the Dominion Convention, and was thanked.

AUCKLAND.

June 3. Pay Up social was held. Mrs Cook presided; large attendance. A resolution was unanimously passed that this meeting of the Auckland Women's Christian Temperance Union indignantly protests against the action of the Licensing Committee in granting the license on the Waterfront after the same Committee had declared that a license was not required in the locality, and consider it is due to the public that the names of those members should be made known who "violated their trust." The courageous stand taken by Mr Cutten, S.M., was heartily commended. A letter of appreciation was sent to the Premier, Hon. J. G. Coates, for the attitude he took in regard to lotteries. Mrs Cook of her work. Mrs Peryman made an appeal on behalf of the White Ribbon, and urged all present to increase the circulation because of its educational value. A collection was taken for the Maori work. Recitations were given by Misses Cowley and Morton. Afternoon tea was served. One member initiated.

LOWER HUTT.

May 26. Mention was made of the passing of Mrs Wright. Secretary reported meeting of District Executive, held in Wellington. Decided to hold a special "White Ribbon" afternoon at our next meeting. Donation received from Church of Christ Trust. Letter received from Rev. Peat, re Bible-in-Schools League. Several present volunteered for distribution of literature. Proposed that a letter of sympathy be sent Mrs Jackson, Vice-President, in the illness of her husband. Mrs Ballantyne read a very interesting article on the League of Nations. Secretary reported that a small meeting was held on Peace Prayer Day.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

June 4. The President, Mrs F. Young, extended a cordial welcome to the Rev. H. Peat, who addressed the meeting on the aims and objects of the Bible in Schools League. The speaker stated that 46 of the present members of Parliament had promised to support the Bill as set out by the League. The Bill, he said, aimed at the simple recognition of God in the education of the young and making legal in the Primary Schools virtually those Religious Exercises that are now given in Secondary and Technical Schools in New Zealand. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Peat for his most interesting and inspiring address.

ASHBURTON.

June 1. A very large attendance, presided over by Mrs W. H. Robinson. Votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs J. Osborn and family, and with the relatives of the late Mrs Johnson Wright, Wellington, and Mr R. Alcorn, Waikato. Mesdames F. Hocking and Corbett were appointed to represent the Union at the New Zealand Alliance Area Council, to be held in Timaru on June 3rd. The meeting then took the form of a social gathering in honour of "White Ribbon Day," the room being very tastefully arranged. A very enjoyable programme was submitted, and Mrs Robinson extended to Mrs T. E. Taylor, New Zealand

President, a hearty welcome to our Union. Mrs Galbraith, Mayoress also welcomed Mrs Taylor, and presented her with a handsome bouquet. Mrs Taylor delivered a stirring, helpful address, on the general work of the Union. Special reference was made to the White Ribbon, and the speaker urged all present to support it loyally. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded speaker and performers. Afternoon tea was handed round, and a number of White Ribbon subscriptions were received.

RICCARTON.

May 26. Peace Day. It was not found possible to keep Peace Day on the special Monday, but members agreed to intercede in their own homes, therefore our Peace meeting was held on third Thursday in the month, about twenty ladies being present. The Pledge was repeated, and Mrs Barrell gave a few minutes talk on the false uses of alcohol as a stimulant. Mrs Richards took charge of the meeting, the devotions being along Peace lines. Mrs Richards gave a splendid address on the aims of the League of Nations, after which several questions were answered. Mesdames James and Newth expressed the appreciation of the members to Mrs Richards. Letter was read from Canterbury Executive re forming Temperance Societies within the Church, or otherwise stimulating interest among the churches. After a short discussion, it was decided that in this district, everything possible had been done, and that no action be taken for the present. Convention numbers of "White Ribbon" distributed to non-subscribers. On May 29th, a successful Jumble Sale was held, realizing £20.

BLENHEIM.

May 4. Mrs McCallum, President, presided over a well-attended and successful meeting. Mrs Forbes read a very inspiring and helpful paper on Sympathy showing how much good can be done by a little sympathy, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. Decided that Mrs Grigg should give a paper on "Peace" at our next meeting.

June 1. Mrs McCallum presided over a good attendance. Mrs McCallum gave a splendid paper on the "White Ribbon," and showed how much our paper was appreciated in the various homes. An appeal was made for new subscribers with the result of three being gained. A motion of sympathy was passed to Mrs Grigg in her illness. A collection for Maori Fund, 11/9.

NGAERE.

June 3. Meeting held at Mrs K. Tarrant's, nine members present, and five visitors. Mrs Gilliver, President, presided. Decided that members collect coloured cards and pictures for Mrs Miller for Maori work. In response to New Plymouth Union for funds for Seamen's Rest, it was decided to write and ask Mrs X. Jones to come out and collect. Mrs Gilliver kindly offering her car to take her round. Decided by vote to hold meeting on White Ribbon Day; Mrs Tarrant again, kindly offered her room for same. Union trying to send two delegates to Convention at Inglewood next week. At the close of meeting, four new members were initiated. Mrs Tarrant kindly handed round afternoon tea.

PLEASANT POINT.

June 2. Very good attendance of members and friends. Mrs Boag, District President, spoke suggesting calling the roll at meetings, and visiting absent members, also how to make the meetings interesting was to enrol new ones to our causes by giving each an active part, such as forming ideas, or reading a paper, or getting a speaker from other centres and discussing with them; also to wear our White Ribbon badges more conspicuously. Strongly advocating the Cradle Roll by going to Mothers and getting them to sign the pledge for the babies until they are eight and then for them to join the Band of Hope or L.T.L., also advocating more distribution of literature, say by having a box in station. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs Boag. Two new members. Parcels of clothing were brought for Willard Home, and £1 was donated to the Home. Afternoon tea served.

MASTERTON.

Mrs Cocker presiding, twenty-six members present. Decided to give to Loyal Temperance Legioners a prize, value 10/-, for best Temperance essay. An "At Home" meeting arranged for June 17th, White Ribbon Day, Mrs Cocker to be hostess. Miss Burl addressed the meeting and spoke very forcibly showing how, if our faith is strong, nothing shall be impossible. Little faith can do nothing, but real faith, which is the vital spark can say unto the mountains 'move,' and they shall move. A hearty vote of thanks accorded Miss Burl.

MANAIA.

May 11. Fair attendance, one new member initiated. A delegate for the District Convention was chosen. Reported that the American Association for World-Wide Peace had sent to ask if the Union could interest any local competitors in the essay competitions it has instituted. The request had been taken to the local school, and the headmaster agreed to try to induce pupils to enter. He had also promised to send for Temperance Wall Sheets, and see that they were used. The members are making special attempts to increase attendance. Mrs Scott presided.

WAITARA.

April 16. 11 present, Mrs Andrews took the chair and was warmly welcomed after a long absence owing to ill health. Letter was read from Secretary of the B.I.S.P.U., asking members to support them in their big effort for the children. All present were willing to assist.

May 21. Mrs Clayton presided. Letter from Secretary Methodist Sunday School, asking that we organise Band of Hope. Decided we combine with all Sunday School delegates appointed for District Convention. Report of Dominion Convention, and proved very helpful to all present. Motions of sympathy with Mrs Chadwick (member) in the loss of her dear father. A Union Sister, from South Island was welcomed by Mrs Clayton.

OAMARU.

May 10. A very well-attended meeting. Mrs Clark presided. A committee was formed to investigate the matter of raising funds for Rest Room. Resolutions passed at Annual Convention in connection with Peace and Arbitration Department were endorsed. It was decided to have a waist line supper at next meeting. Mrs Hiett, Dominion Vice-President, to be invited to address us on that occasion. Mr Watt, Minister of the Church of Christ, gave a very fine address on "Peace." A hearty vote of thanks to Mr Watt for his interesting and helpful address was carried with acclamation.

OXFORD.

May 17. President in the chair. A resolution was passed, expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs R. H. Gainsford, also recording grateful appreciation of the invaluable service rendered by Mrs Gainsford, as first President of the Oxford W.C.T.U., and the mainspring of the activities till laid aside by sickness. The President said they had met that afternoon in deference to the request of the Dominion W.C.T.U., that all Unions should observe that day, the third Monday in May, as a special day of intercession for world peace. Prayer was offered for this object, after which Mr L. Watson gave an interesting address on the best means of attaining to world peace. Decided to send a letter of thanks to the "Y" branch for their very able assistance with the Show catering and regretting that the state of finances will not be able, this year, to do anything more substantial. One new member was initiated. Mrs Nelson was appointed Superintendent of Medical Temperance.

RANGIORA.

May 28. Monthly meeting. Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance, and apologised for the absence through illness of Mrs Richards, who was to have given an address. An article on "Alcohol in relation to the human body and mind" was read, and the attention of members was drawn to several Convention resolutions

relating to Union activities. Mrs Rowe and Mrs McKechnie were appointed delegates to the Band of Hope.

SYDENHAM.

April 8. Mrs Sirett presided over a fair attendance. Letter of sympathy sent to Mr Adkins and family in their recent bereavement. Mrs Sirett thanked the members for their expression of sympathy during her recent illness. Mrs Richards gave a very useful and inspiring address on the work of Convention, and the different branches of the work of the Union. One new member was enrolled and afternoon tea was served.

May 6. Good attendance of members, presided over by the President, Mrs Sirett. Mrs Good, Superintendent of the New Brighton Cradle Roll paid us a visit, and gave a very enjoyable talk on her work amongst the mothers and children in the temperance work, by getting them to join the Band of Hope or the L.T.L., when they were beyond the Cradle Roll age. Mrs Hall, President of the New Brighton Union, gave a very interesting reading and address. Both speakers were accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and afternoon tea concluded a very pleasant meeting.

WANGANUI.

June 3. Devotional meeting; apologies from several members who are very sick. Reports were given by members who had visited the sick since the last meeting. New Zealand Alliance wrote asking the Union co-operation at a Conference to be held May 31st. Some members attended and with the assistance of Aramoho and Wanganui East, provided supper. Correspondence re Hand Book Resolutions; also from the Secretary Bible-in-Schools Organisation. Mrs Goodey was elected delegate to the District Convention.

NAPIER.

June 2. Fair attendance. Mrs Speight presiding. Plunket Society wrote thanking the Union for the gift of a screen to their new room. Letters of thanks for clothing sent to Willard Home, Palmerston. A report of the opening meeting of "Band of Hope" was given by Mrs Brocklehurst, Superintendent. Several members promised to obtain signatures for the Bible-in-Schools Movement. Resolved that letters be sent to the Premier and to our Member of Parliament, requesting that they will take notice that our Union are strongly in favour of the Bible-in-Schools, and are hoping that they also will favour it. Resolved to have an extra collection in aid of the District Travelling Fund, at an early date. Mrs Leask reported a very successful Drawing-Room meeting, held at Mrs Macalister's, Bluff Hill, at which Mrs T. E. Taylor gave a splendid address. There were 22 present, and four new members were initiated. Arrangements were made for the celebration of the 41st Birthday of the Napier Union, and invitations sent out. A report was given of a well-attended meeting in Willard Hall, on Peace Day, April 17th, when a very able address on Peace and Arbitration was given by our Dominion President, Mrs T. E. Taylor, and "No More War" resolution was passed. Mrs Brocklehurst was elected Recording Secretary in place of Mrs Bowman (resigned). A "Bring and Buy" Sale at the close of the meeting realised over £3, which will go toward our share of the Organizing Fund.

SEFTON.

April 26. Mrs Thorne presided, good attendance. Peace Day was celebrated, a splendid address given by Rev. Farrar, an article dealing with the effect of Alcohol on the heart was read. The Band of Hope was disbanded in favour of a Loyal Temperance Legion which is being formed. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

TEMPLETON.

May 20. Fair attendance, Mrs Simpson presiding. The report of the Dominion Convention was read by the delegates. Mrs Clark was elected Vice-President. One new member. A vote of sympathy to Mrs and Miss Voice in their bereavement.

May 25. Special meeting. Mrs Richards (Christchurch) addressed the meeting on

"Women's Work, and Peace and Arbitration," and explained the meaning of the White Ribbon Bow, "For God, Home, and Humanity," and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded her. Four new members were initiated; roll now numbers 44. Items were contributed by Miss E. Musgrove (Piano-forte Solo), Mrs Clark, Mrs Woods (Solos), Mrs Draper (Recitation). A dainty afternoon tea was handed round.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

May 19. A good attendance, one new member. An interesting account of the opening of an L.T.L. at Trentham, was given by Mrs Anderson, and a very favourable report of the delegates to the City Council re the Rest Rooms of the City, was given by Mrs Henderson. Decided to hold White Ribbon Day on June 17th, the meeting to be addressed by Mrs Peryman. Mrs Anderson gave a short account of some of the subjects discussed at Convention. Decided to hold a Jumble Sale on the 21st. A vote of sympathy with the relatives of Mrs Johnson Wright, also the Wellington South Union on the death of their loved President. A beautiful banner was presented to the Union by Miss C. Kirk, in memory of her Sister, the late Mrs A. R. Atkinson. Mrs Atkinson was President of this Union, and her work in the cause of Temperance will ever be a monument to her beloved memory.

BELFAST.

May 19. Peace Day celebrated; fair attendance. Pledge was repeated by members. Mrs Richards gave a very interesting address on League of Nations, and fully explained the League and its meaning, and urged members to learn all they could of its movements. Mrs Richards was thanked for her helpful address. Afternoon tea was served.

MAUNGATUROTO.

May 26. "Pay Up" afternoon held at Mrs Pasley's, quite a large number of members present, and all joined up again; we also gained one new member. A pleasant hour was passed with musical items and readings, after which a quiet chat was enjoyed over afternoon tea.

JOHNSONVILLE.

May 16. Peace meeting; opening devotions. Short talks by Mrs Hanford, Salvation Army Officer; solo by Mrs Halliday, then prayers for universal peace. A lovely quiet devotional service. On May 19th, the usual monthly meeting was held. Business completed for White Ribbon Day. Short talk on attending to the little things. Afternoon tea was served, and an enjoyable meeting was brought to a close. Average attendance.

FEILDING.

May 6. President in chair. Letter from the Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools Organization, asking our help in gaining new members for the movement, was read. All present in sympathy, and willing to help. A resolution was passed that we put on record our appreciation of the work done by the lady members of the School Committees who are nominated by our Union.

June 3rd. Owing to it being a holiday, meeting small. President in chair. In accordance with resolution passed at Convention, it was decided to send for pledge cards for repetition at each meeting, also papers on Scientific Temperance Teaching. Secretary instructed to write letters of sympathy to Mesdames Bray, Campbell and Johnston, all of whom are ill or have sickness in their homes. Resolved that next meeting be a benefit afternoon for Willard Home. A paper on the value of White Ribbon in our work was read by Mrs Pack. Miss Walton sang two songs, and Dell Trass gave a recitation.

N.E. VALLEY.

May 27. The President welcomed Rev. Mr Anstice to the Valley and to the Union, who then gave an address from the text in Hosea xi:4. He said the W.C.T.U. was not only a Temperance Union but a Christian Union. The Divine Spirit was behind the

movement and the Union gave the human touch necessary. During the evening Miss Peart gave a recitation, "The Mocking Bird," and Miss Moss sang "My Task," both items being much appreciated. Decided to hold a "Bring and Buy" sale in August. The President thanked Rev. Mr Anstice for his address.

BRIGHTON.

May 17. Good attendance, Mrs Hall in the chair. A motion of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs Johnson Wright. Miss Harband's talk on Scientific Temperance Instruction each meeting is of great educational value, and is much appreciated by the members. The meeting was held in conjunction with the Annual Peace Day, and Mrs Richards gave a very fine and fitting address. Afternoon tea was served.

STRATFORD.

May 28. President in the chair, and gave a short talk on Faith. 13 present. Rev. G. P. Hunt discussed Band of Hope work. One new member initiated.

AUCKLAND.

May 11. Mrs Cook presided. Letter received from Poppy Day Committee thanking the Union for taking charge of a stand. The Union collected £121, being second highest on the list. The Union provided a table at the W.C.T.U. farewell banquet to Mrs Lee-Cowie, Mrs Rosser and Miss Mears, and were heartily thanked for preparing the table. A united prayer meeting to be held on May 17th for international peace. Decided to change our day of meeting to first Tuesday. Pay-up Social to be held in June. Sympathy expressed with Mrs Fulljames in her illness. She sent a letter received from the President of the Nule W.C.T.U., who is also a missionary of the L.M.S., earnestly pleading that something be done to stop Sunday labour in working steamers, in the interests of the natives. Decided to send an appeal to the Council of Christian Churches earnestly urging them to do something in the matter. An extract from the "British Weekly" was read of a speech given by the Bishop of London to the London United Temperance Council, in speaking of a meeting to protest against smuggling of drink into the United States. He said he felt strongly that sufficient protest had not been made against this gross act of treachery against a sister nation. Mrs Cook spoke in eulogistic terms of the W.C.T.U. Creche at Dunedin Exhibition, and it was decided to send a letter of congratulation to Mrs Macartney for the efficient way it had been organised and carried out. Afternoon tea was served and an informal talk on the work of the Union was enjoyed. Sympathy was sent to Mrs Finch, V.P. District, who was unable to address the meeting, through illness. Mrs Cook gave an interesting account of her visit to Dunedin, and said what a wonderful Exhibition it was, and spoke very highly of the Women's Department and the Rest Room.

TAUMARUNUI.

April 13. A very well attended meeting, when Dr. Howard gave an address on "Home Nursing." Over a cup of tea the ladies discussed and examined some Oriental embroideries Sister Alison is selling for the Mission.

May 11. The day was wet, and the meeting resolved itself into a business meeting, and discussed means of providing interesting subjects of addresses for future meetings. We have hopes to make this into a real live Branch of the Union.

RICHMOND.

April 20. Miss Tarrant presided, and led devotions. After general work afternoon tea dispensed, Miss Cooke, Nelson, told of work at Convention, and Mrs Field, Nelson, emphasised the need of prayer.

May 18. 16 members. Miss Tarrant led devotions. Peace Day celebrated. Mrs Crabtree gave a very interesting and elevating address on "Peace and Arbitration." Members united in prayer for Peace, and meeting closed with singing "Peace Perfect Peace" and Benediction.

TAURANGA.

May 25. Mrs Carlton Smith in chair. A letter relating to the capitation fee was read. Mrs Bonthron's paper on Peace and Arbitration was read by Mrs Turner. The Rev. Mr Jordan spoke a few words on the same subject, one in which we are keenly interested, being affiliated members. The thanks of the members are to be conveyed to Mrs Bonthron, for her very able and interesting paper. Refreshments were dispensed.

PAPANUI.

May. Mrs Simpson presided over a good attendance, and gave an interesting report of Convention; new ideas and resolutions stressed. The Secretary was authorised to write a letter to Mrs Bond, conveying the gratitude of members on her recovery from illness. Mrs Neilson was appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent. Mrs Kruse, Hospital and Sick Visitor; Mrs Carr, White Ribbon Agent. Decided to hold a Jumble Sale, early in June. One new member initiated.

NORMANBY.

May 12. Mrs Scott presided. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was small. The matter of appointing delegates for the Provincial Convention was left to arrange later. An interesting talk was then given by Mrs Ollernshaw, of Hawera, on the working of the L.T.L. in Invercargill. At the conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Ollernshaw. Afternoon tea dispensed by Mrs Clement.

NELSON.

May 11. Usual monthly meeting, only fair attendance. Mrs Field gave very interesting report of Alliance Conference.

May 17. Peace Day observed. Mrs Campion, of the Salvation Army, gave a short address.

DUNEDIN SOUTH.

May 13. A Bring and Buy Sale, to get money for our Organizing Fund, was held in the evening, and the results were highly gratifying. The first quarter of hour, was spent in devotions, the rest of the evening in buy and selling, interspersed by items from different ladies. As invitations had been sent to the various Unions in Dunedin, and also to Port Chalmers and Sawyers Bay, a large attendance resulted and they were welcomed by our President, Mrs Macartney. Supper was served, and a pleasant and profitable time was brought to a close by the singing of the W.C.T.U. Doxology.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

May 11. A very successful Social afternoon; songs were rendered by Mrs Aitchison and a dainty afternoon tea provided. Mrs Hopkirk who has rendered much valuable assistance to the Union was farewelled, and Mrs Tocker, wife of Rev. Tocker, was cordially welcomed. The District President, Mrs Fairbairn, gave a short talk on the District Constitution. President spoke on Membership Campaign, and reported having gained several new members. Letters of sympathy were sent to five members.

WAIPUKURAU.

May 12. Mrs Smales presided. Fair attendance. Arrangements made for our officers to go to Hastings to meet Mrs T. E. Taylor at a District meeting, the outcome being that Mrs Taylor promised to stay a day at Waipukurau on her way back to Wellington.

May 17. Peace Day was celebrated by a special prayer meeting.

May 18. Waipawa Union joined us in a public meeting for women at 2.30 p.m. Mrs Smales, Waipukurau President, welcomed Mrs T. E. Taylor and the members and friends of the Waipawa Union. Mrs Taylor then gave us a talk on "Alcohol and the human body," also answered questions on various Union matters. Collection was taken to defray cost of advertising, etc., balance to be given to the district fund. Afternoon tea served, and we all felt it had been a time of help and encouragement to meet our Dominion President.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.

May 6. A silent vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Johnson Wright and her relatives on Mrs Wright's serious illness. Arrangements were made for Peace Day on the 17th inst. In response to the recommendation of the Annual Convention a member of the Union was appointed to act in co-operation with the Bible-in-Schools League on their Wellington Committee, Mrs Keene, of Island Bay, being selected, and accepting the office. A request from Mrs Peryman to make arrangements for White Ribbon Day in connection with the neighbouring Unions was left in the hands of the Executive. It was reported that the balance in hand from the recent Garden Party was nearly £2 after paying delegate's expenses to Convention. A framed photo of the Convention had been presented to the Union by the delegates, Mrs Keene and Mrs Hirst, whose interesting accounts of Convention formed the chief business of the afternoon and were greatly enjoyed by the members.

May 17. A devotional meeting, Peace Day. This has been instituted in order that all the Unions throughout the Dominion may simultaneously think of and pray for International Peace. There was not a very large gathering, and though Church members, other than W.C.T.U. members were invited, very few availed themselves of the invitation. The Wellington District President was the leader, and Rev. W. M. Holland was the speaker. After the devotional exercises and a vocal item, given by Miss Bradshaw, Mr Holland delivered a thoughtful and earnest address from the last three verses of the 19th Chapter of Isaiah, drawing an analogy between the position of Israel with Egypt and Assyria on either side of her, and Belgium between Germany and France. He pointed out that peace among the people can never come until the spirit of brotherhood as taught by Christ, prevailed in the world. All must learn to recognise each individual as a man, whatever his colour or race and on that eternal truth international policy must be based. The League of Nations, as the organisation in which that ideal was most nearly approached in the world to-day, should be supported by all men and women who are willing to work and pray for deliverance from the peril of another world war.

PAHIATUA.

May. Visit of Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President. She addressed a well-attended public meeting, Rev. C. A. Foston presiding. Mrs Taylor spoke at some length on the aims and objects of our organisation, recalled its world-wide activities, and pleaded for fuller support. Collection taken up. Vote of thanks to Mrs Taylor, who, during her visit, was the guest of Mr and Mrs A. P. Fox. Her visit should prove most helpful to the work.

NELSON.

June 8. Special White Ribbon Day. The Editor's splendid paper read and much enjoyed; a new subscriber resulted. Pledge slips inserted in hymn books and used for repeating pledge. Much interest shown in visit of Mrs Peryman in July, and of Mrs T. E. Taylor, in September. Dominion Secretary's letter read in reference to the resolutions passed at Convention. Decided to send letter of thanks to the Prime Minister for the stand he had taken against Gambling and Lotteries. Collection taken up for New Zealand Fund.

SPREYDON.

May 29. Successful "Bring and Buy" social held at residence of Mrs Nairn. Gramophone selections and solos by Miss Hare and Miss Cotton, passed a pleasant afternoon. Money raised by sale of goods goes towards our Organising Fund.

June 8. Mrs Nairn presided over good attendance. Miss Ray's resignation as Corresponding Secretary, was received with regret. Letter of appreciation to be sent her, and a record of her splendid service and ability be placed on minutes. Mrs Petrie gave a splendid paper on "What We Stand For" bringing forward many helpful suggestions for the advancement of our work.

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, 2/3 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, 106 Somme Parade, 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: Mrs Waddell, Private Bag, Waitara.

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.

Y. PAGE

*"Standing with reluctant feet
Where the brook and river meet,
Womanhood and childhood sweet."*

*"The Flower of Youth never looks
so lovely as when it bends before
the Sun of Righteousness."*

WEAR YOUR BADGE. (Contributed).

My sister and I were house hunting. We wished to lease a small house. On seeing an advertisement of what we thought might be a suitable one, we called on the owner, inspected the house, obtained particulars, learned that there were several inquirers for it, and I agreed to return next morning to decide the matter. On my return next morning to take the house, if available, the lady owner said to me, "Oh, I have been hoping all night that you ladies would take the house." I asked why she was so keen. She replied, "Well, after you had gone, I said to my husband, 'I do hope these ladies will take the house. Did you notice that one of them was wearing a little white bow on her coat? I don't know what it stands for, but I know it means something good.' We got a good house, and the landlady got a 'White Ribbon' tenant."

A "Y," wearing her White Ribbon badge, entered a small shop in the city to do some shopping. The shopkeeper, seeing the white bow, remarked, "I see you are a White Ribboner. My wife is one also, and I'd like you to meet her." He called his wife from an adjoining room and, in the course of conversation, she informed the "Y" member that she was a comparative stranger in the city, but had been a member of the Union elsewhere. The "Y" reported the meeting to the President of her branch, who called on the lady and invited her to a special "Y" meeting, which was being held, and put her in touch with the President of the branch of the Union, in whose district she resided. Owing to many changes of residence in various parts of the Dominion, the lady had got out of touch with the

Union, but was quite keen to join up again.

"You are an Apostle of Temperance. Are you doing an Apostle's work?"

THE BADGE.

Do you know how many W.C.T.U. members there are in New Zealand?

Do you know how many there are in your branch?

Do the enemy know?

Do neutrals know?

How are they going to find out? Knowing will often help to encourage them to join us.

Your branch of the Union may be doing great deeds—I hope it is—that will keep its name well in the fore-front of the battle. But a great achievement is simply a combination of many small ones. Transversely, it takes a lot of little ones to make a big one. So it takes a good while to do the big ones, or even to get ready for them. (Look how long it is taking to win Prohibition here, and that is in itself only a signpost of the country, i.e., all its inhabitants one by one, learning the use of temperance and self-control). And in the long preparation that is in itself so much of the battle, every little helps.

Every little advertisement of the Union, of a member's loyalty, her Union with other members, helps on our cause. Don't you feel it does?

Then, isn't it surprising what a lot of members who are always ready to give, help in every other way, don't care to advertise the Union's strength by wearing our badge, except at W.C.T.U. meetings?

Or is it that we don't take the trouble to remember it?

Personally, I don't.

I find a much easier way is to keep the badge in each going-out frock all the time. Then it is no bother



to have to see to it just when one is going out, and it is safe, ready to do its work, in advertising to everyone we pass, friend and foe and neutral (as yet) that we belong to a great Union that is up and doing.

That way—one in each frock—is much more use than keeping an only one, generally on a pin cushion, where it will never warn any opponent, not enough to worry him, anyway.

But, if you are in town to-morrow, just look and see if yours is the only one of our badges visible in the streets, to a dozen badges of other associations, none more useful to the country than ours.

Wearing the badge is such a simple and effective way of advertising membership, can't you persuade some other members to do it habitually? Have you a spare one to pass on, by the way?

KATHERINE MERCER.

"The prohibition jokes do not appeal to me."

"I like them. I am very fond of dry humor."

A woman never feels quite sure that her husband has loose habits until he comes home tight.

Christchurch,

June 9th, 1926.

Dear "Y" Members,

I have just had a communication from Mrs Carver, World Superintendent of "Y" work, who asks if we have any "Y" members over 16 years of age who will join the International Correspondence Bureau, the object of which is to bring "Y" members throughout the world into touch with one another.

Here is a great opportunity for you, one that will mean not only service to your own branch, but service in the wider sphere of the world's work. We, in New Zealand, have much to learn from other countries, and they in turn can learn from us. This work, if heartily taken up, should be of inestimable benefit to our "Y" branches, for the letter received will, of course, be read at the general meetings, and thus all members will be brought into touch with "Y's." in other lands.

Now, while such a correspondence must add considerably to the interest of "Y" meetings, that will not be by any means the chief gain. Beyond this is the fact that the future peace of the world can only be assured by the people of the various countries getting to know and understand one another, and if you, young people, can make the smallest effort to that end, surely it will be worth while.

Please let me have the names and addresses of those willing to join, and at the same time give any particulars, such as age and occupation, that will enable correspondents to be suitably linked up.

Yours in loyal service,

CHRISTINA HENDERSON.

KANSAS.

Kansas has never taken a backward step since prohibition became her fixed policy nearly half a century ago. Illiteracy is to-day less than two per cent. It has on an average one automobile for every five inhabitants.

Thirteen distilleries in U.S.A., previously employing 1,000 men, now employ 4,000, making such commodities as industrial alcohol, flour, cane, syrup, corn oils, yeast, preserves, jellies, jams, and vinegar.—"Exchange."

June 12th, 1926.

Dear Young People,

Our Editor has asked for a few words of greeting to you from the National Officers, and I am glad to respond to the invitation, because it is to the young people we look to take up the work when we can no longer carry on. As we bid good-bye, one by one to tried and experienced veterans like Mr John Dawson or Mrs Johnson Wright, we should be well nigh hopeless if we did not recognise that you are bringing to the fight your youthful enthusiasm, and your consecrated powers of thought and action. Much lies ahead to be done; you alone can tackle the job and carry it through to a successful issue, and to do this you must "hitch your waggon to a star," aim at the highest and best you know, and take as the working principle of your daily and hourly living, the external fact that "God is working in us to will and to do of His good pleasure, therefore we cannot fail."

With loving greetings, I am—

Yours for service,

KATE M. EVANS, Rec. Sec.

"Absolute knowledge have I none,
But my aunt's washerwoman's sister's son

Heard a policeman on his beat
Say to a labourer on the street
That he had a letter just last week—
A letter which he did not seek—
From a Chinese merchant in Timbuctoo,

Who said his brother in Cuba knew
Of an Indian chief in a Texas town,
Who got dope from a circus clown,
That a man in Klondike had it straight,

From a guy in a South American state,

That a wild man over in Borneo
Was told by a woman, who claimed to know,

Of a well known swell society rake,
Whose mother-in-law will undertake
To prove that her husband's brother
Pete

Saw drunks daily on the street."

The hair-ionic consumers must be the fellows who used to boast that they could either drink or let it alone.

ALCOHOL! NOT A MEDICINE.

WHEREAS we believe that the use of alcohol as a beverage is detrimental to the human economy,

AND WHEREAS its use in therapeutics as a tonic or stimulant or as a food has no scientific basis,

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED that the American Medical Association opposes the use of alcohol as a beverage and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the use of alcohol as a therapeutic agent should be discouraged.

Resolution passed at Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association—the largest in the world—New York, June, 1917.

AMERICANS DRINK MILK.

Americans are consuming more milk than ever before, the federal department of agriculture announcing that the household consumption of milk was 212 quarts per person last year, compared with 200 quarts in 1922.

The Government will endure on the rock of law enforcement, or it will perish in the quicksands of lawlessness. Those who do not believe in our Government and the enforcement of our laws should go to a country which gives them their peculiar liberty.—"Hon. H.M. Daugherty, Attorney General of the U.S."

The old idea that alcohol is a stimulant dies very hard, but it must die, because medical men all over the world are assuring us that alcohol is the very opposite of a stimulant. In a recent address given to the American Chemical Society, Dr. Reid Hunt classed alcohol with Ether and Chloroform, as a depressant. He assured his hearers that science entirely supports the American people in their determination to abolish alcoholic beverages from their land. "People," he said, "have consumed 10 ounces of Chloroform and lived, or 7 ounces of Ether, but a straight dose of 5 ounces of alcohol puts a man to sleep for ever."

"All we have got to do is keep on, keep on, fail not. We have many dangerous marshes to cross. We will cross them. We have steep and stony paths to climb. We will climb them. Our footprints may be stained with blood, but we will reach the heights, and beyond them we shall see the rich valleys and plains of the new world, which we have sacrificed so much to attain."—Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George, M.P.

Men boast of all the drink they can stand, but it is the general public that is really standing it.

PROHIBITION HAS UPLIFTING EFFECT ON SAILORS.

"In its effect on the crews of liners, prohibition in America is unquestionably a success," said Captain Roberts, commander of the "New York," which arrived recently at Southampton. "The feature of the voyage," he added, "was the manner in which the crew worked during the first few days out from New York. No one who has to handle ships could wish America to revert to the old order of things."

Prohibition won't be all beer and skittles.

Prohibition does not ruin the country that adopts it. The savings bank deposits of the United States on the 30th June last amounted to the vast sum of 17,300,000,000 dols., which was a gain of 680,000,000 dols. over the previous year. These are the highest figures ever known in the history of the States for this type of banking. The average deposit was about 500 dols. a person.

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.

"Y" REPORTS.

NEW BRIGHTON "Y'S."

May 14th. The President, Mrs Mitchell presided over the Quarterly Social, and there was a fair attendance of members. Routine business was dealt with and it was decided to have a debate at the next month's meeting. The rest of the evening was devoted to games etc. Supper was served.

AUCKLAND "Y'S."

June 3rd. Our President, Miss C. M. McLay, having been appointed an Organiser for the W.C.T.U. Miss A. M. McLay was appointed president and presided. It was a very wet night and the attendance was poor. Miss Bradshaw conducted the devotional exercises. Mr Laurie Davidson was appointed Secretary. Mr A. J. Stallworthy provided a splendid moving picture entertainment and Mr F. C. Jackson, Secretary, League of Nations Union, gave an interesting talk on the work of the League. It was regrettable that the attendance was so poor when such a splendid programme had been arranged.

STRAY GLEANINGS.

1. While under the influence of drink, but conscious of its sting, a man of education and refined susceptibilities said, "I'd give the world to be free of it." It is for such as these we temperance workers labour. Think of the released possibilities for happiness when drink is banned. Work ardently for the better and glorious future.

2. There are weak-kneed kind of prohibitionists, who are either apologetic or sour. Such hinder. The ideal prohibitionist is the person who rejoices in the coming victory and all the accompanying benefits, and whose joyous anticipation is infectious. Jeremiahs are out of date.

3. Quite apart from the sobering effects of prohibition, it would be the harbinger of a hundred indirect benefits. A steadier hand and clearer brain means power released for good work of all kinds. Prohibition is a crucial reform.

4. Do not believe all you read in the newspapers about prohibition being a failure in U.S.A. A few hundred lies by interested parties have already been refuted, and there will doubtless be more. Don't worry, but fight.

5. In the Bible story the devils cried "Let us alone!" Evil always desires to be let alone, but champions of truth and purity must give no quarter to the champions of drink, darkness, disease, disaster, and death.

6. Have you read the Life of Miss Willard? If not, why not? It can be had for 8d. postage from the Dominion Library. It will give any reader more "pep." To know of such noble characters makes life richer and more God-like. Read or re-read it. Miss Willard was a great pioneer.

"ALL THE WHILE."

The enemy has beaten,
(For a while!)
And methought I heard his chuckle,
Saw his smile,
When once more he was victorious,
And he felt a hero glorious,
And his flag was floating o'er us
(For a while!)

He is resting from his labours
(For a while!)
But be up, and doing, sisters,
Fight and toil
While the enemy is sleeping
Nearer is our victory creeping,
And our aim we must be keeping,
All the while!

The excessive indulgence in strong drink is incompatible with everything, clean, decent, and manly in a man's life.

A man pays himself a poor compliment when he takes strong drink to brighten him up.

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 Cumbræe 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, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Mears, 90 Dominion Road.

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

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

ASHBURTON, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Spring Square Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs W. I. 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., Mrs 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.

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

CHRISTCHURCH, W.C.T.U. Rooms, 247 Manchester Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Miss Henderson, 9 Straven Road, Riccarton; Cor. Sec., Mrs Ruth Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's; Rec. Sec., —; Treasurer, Mrs Richards, 14 Morris St., Avonside; W.R. Supt., Mrs R. Day, 92 Edward Avenue, St. Alban's.

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

CAMBRIDGE, 2nd Wednesday in month, in Methodist Schoolroom, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. W. Martin, Hamilton Road; Cor. Sec., Mrs Elsie Beer, Stafford Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs B. Moore, Victoria Street; Treas., Mrs R. C. Stewart, Vogel Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Edwin James, Grosvenor Street.

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 Douglas, 35 Brighton St., Kaikorai; Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Morningside; 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 St.

SOUTH DUNEDIN, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Schoolroom, Cargill Road. Pres., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Morningside, 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, Con-way Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Streeter, Lon-don 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, 10 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., Mrs Fenton, 66 Grange Road; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gaulton and Auld; Cor. Sec., Mrs G. W. A. Clark, 129 Balmoral Road; Treas., Mrs Merson, 552 Mt. Eden Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cartwright, 315 Dominion Road.

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, Sandhills 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 Parkison; Sec., Mrs Mason, Cobden; Treas., Mrs Wilson, Cowper Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Reynolds, Karora.

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

HAWERA, meets last Friday, at 3 pm., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs Exley, Albion Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Miss Keily, Box 47; Asst. Sec., Mrs Hayward; Treas., Mrs Ashton, Albion Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Spavin, 8 Campbell Street.

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, Waahl, 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. Pakanui; Sec., Miss Johnston, Kingsdowne; Treas., Mrs Burgess, P.O. Te Tawa.

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

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

INVERCARGILL SOUTH, meets every 2nd Tuesday, in St. Peter's Methodist School-room, Elles Road, Enwood, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Garrett; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Pryde, Pasley, McGregor; Cor. Sec., Mrs McGregor, 266 Crinan Street, Invercargill; Rec. Sec., Miss M. Callum; 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 Langskall, 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. Sec., Mrs Cooper, Allen Street; Treas., Mrs Willis, Allen Street; "W.R." Agent, Mrs Oates.

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

MOTUEKA, last Wednesday in month, at 2.45 p.m., in Methodist Church. Pres., Miss O. Cresswell, Lower Moutere; Rec. Sec., Miss V. Glover, High Street; Treas., Miss R. Boyce, Poole Street; W.R. Supt., Mrs F. Cresswell, Lower Moutere.

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

NELSON Union, 2nd. Tuesday, Methodist Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Miss Atkinson, Brougham Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Knapp, Field, Watson, Walker; Treas., Miss F. Cooke, Examiner Street; L.T.L., Mrs Moyes, Grove Street; Y.s., Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Doris Wilkinson, Examiner Street.

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

ŌAMARU, 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 Jewling; Treas., Miss Thomassen; 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 Bol and Mrs Cooper; Notable Days, Mrs Jones; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Fox; Home Meetings, Mrs S. Gainsford and Mrs Graham; White Ribbon, Mrs D. Hawke; Band of Hope, Miss Gainsford; Young People's Branch, Mrs R. Comyns; Flower Mission, Mesdames Jamieson and Robertson.

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

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

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

31 Vivian Street, Wellington; W.R. Agent, Mrs Bradbury, 18 Te Puni Street, Petone.

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

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

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

PONSONBY, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Stephen's Church, Jervois Road, Ponsonby. Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, 7a. Hamilton Road; Sec., Miss Read, Fernbank, Whittaker Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs E. Oliver, Homai, Manurewa; 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 Shrett; Sec., Mrs Smith; Treas., Mrs Gillard; W.R. Agent, Mrs Clay.

TE KUITI, meets 2nd Tuesday, in month, at 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Vestry. 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 Tersey, 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, Alinutt 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, c/o P.O. Box 111, Treas., Miss A. Pearson, 23 Turebull St., Cradle Roll, Mrs J. R. King, 6 Bank St., W.R. Agent, Mrs Cave, Raymond St., Peace and Arbitration, Mrs B. H. Low, Arthur St., "Y" Pres., Mrs Gordon, 190 Otupua Road.

TINWALD, 2nd. Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. T. L. 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, Dees 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; Vice-Pres., Mrs Clayton, Warre Street; Sec., Mrs Jensen, Brown Street; Treas., Mrs Hughson, Cracroft Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hingley, Blake Street.

WAIKAWA, 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., Mrs Bibby.

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

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

WANGANUI EAST, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs A. Duxfield, Okola, 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 Molier, 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 Atiawa St., Petone; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Anderson, 60 Pirie Street.

WHANGAREI, 1st. Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Meth. Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goodall; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lochore, Lovatt, Adj. Vyle Curtis and Woolhaxal; 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 Dreaden; 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.

WOOLSTONE-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 W. T. Kelly, Garlands Road, Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs T. W. West, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; 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 Loddell; Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. Chalmers; W.R. Agents, Miss Ayson and Miss McKay.