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WILLARD CHILDRENS' HOME.

ANNUAL REPORT.

June 1925, to June 1926.

Finance: In presenting the sixth Annual Report, I have pleasure in recording a year of steady progress. Although seemingly quiet, yet much useful work has been done. The Sewing Committee especially, have been very alive, and as a result of their efforts the Home is well stocked with clothing, and £66 has been added to the funds by Jumble Sales. Again we are indebted to the T.G. McCarthy Trustees, also the Trustees of the Lissie Rathbone Estate, for further grants of £150 and £100 respectively, and to them we tender grateful thanks. We wish to record our thanks to the Trustees of the late Mr Tristrain for a legacy, which has been promised, but not yet received, and we take this opportunity of thanking Mr Milverton for his generous donation of £116 8s. 4d., also the Commercial Travellers' for their generous support; also the Manawatu Rugby Football Union, the Waldegrave Estate, Manawatu Standard, Borough Council, P.N. Drapers' and Clothiers' Association, W.C.T.U. Branches, and our annual Subscribers. All these Bodies have helped considerably in lightening our burden, and kept us free from financial worry.

Accommodation: During the year the Committee have been considering schemes to extend their efforts, and plans and specifications of a proposed new building have been submitted, but at the moment of writing, the matter is held in abeyance, owing to part of the land being offered for

sale, and not yet disposed of. At the present, the Home is full, nineteen children being accommodated. During the year, 3 children were admitted, and 2 discharged back to parents. The health of the children has been very good, with the exception of a mild outbreak of chicken-



MRS E. BIRDSALL,
Hon. Secretary, "Willard Home"
Committee.

pox within the last few weeks, but under good care of the Matron, and her able assistant, all have now recovered.

Once again, I am pleased to report upon the thoughtful and loving service rendered by our staff, and it is owing to their management that the Home is so capably and efficiently

run, and we tender to Matron Anderson and Miss Pearce, our grateful thanks.

Holidays: The Christmas School vacation was spent at Plimmerton Beach. The children spent a very enjoyable time, and returned much benefited by the change.

We take this opportunity of conveying our gratitude to Dr. Barnett, for his careful attention to the health of the children, to Dr. Hooper and Mr Tennant, for dental service, to the Picture Theatre proprietors, the Manawatu Competitions' Society and Orient Lodge for entertainments, the Rotary Club, the Combined Motors' Association, and Church of England Sunday School for picnics and pleasant outings; also to Miss Fitzherbert for motor rides, to Mr Langridge for free carting of goods to and from Railway Station, to the Ford Motors for carting of firewood, to the Cuba Street Girls' Bible Class, Congregational Sunday School, for Christmas Tea Parties, to a kind friend for Christmas Tree and tea, to the Mayoress (Mrs F. J. Nathan) and Mrs Cohen for Christmas treats and Santa Claus, to the numerous friends who provided Christmas Cheer, and to the N.Z.I. Co., for presents of buckets and spades for the beach. Gifts of food, meat, clothing, fruit, vegetables, milk, toys, books, etc., coal and firewood have been received, and for these donations we have to thank the Manawatu Meat Co., Mr F. G. Parker, Mr Thwaites, Mrs Powell, Mr Owtram, Mr Swallow, G. H. Bennett and Co., Mrs Binns, Messrs. Rutzbach Boniface Bros., J. Ellis, Picadilly Cake Shop, and the public generally, and

our warmest thanks are due to the local Press for kindly publishing the list of gifts each month.

The Board's warmest thanks are due to Mr M. H. Oram, for legal advice, to the gentlemen of the Advisory Board for their interest and work, to Mr C. F. Spooner, Custodian of old documents, to Miss Bryce, book-keeper, and Mr H. F. Wilson for auditing.

Again, our appeal for eggs was liberally responded to, and we heartily thank all those who helped to increase our winter store. We gratefully thank the Church Socials and Harvest Festivals, for beautiful produce sent in. This not only adds variety to the childrens' diet, but is also eloquent of the kind thoughts of friends who think of our children, and who save the funds of the Home to the extent of many pounds. The Board desires to thank all those people near and far, who have assisted in any way, and rendered service to the Home.

In conclusion, I again solicit your support and help for the ensuing year, and trust that it may be one of prosperity.

E. BIRDSALL,

Hon. Secretary.

WILLARD HOME.

Year ended, May 31st, 1926.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Contributions & Donations	621	0	3
Maintenance Received	412	4	8
Interest Received	52	4	10
Proceeds Sales	67	16	3
Grazing	6	0	0
	£1159	6	0

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
Salaries	337	14	0
Provisions	149	12	0
Fuel and Lighting	40	12	0
Rates	28	9	1
Rent Paid	30	0	0
Insurance	11	12	6
Stationery	3	15	1
Postages	3	0	0
Advertising		6	0
General Expenses	86	6	7
Telephones	8	5	0
Newspaper	1	14	0
Bank Charge		10	0
Depreciation Buildings 5 per cent. on £960	48	3	9
Depreciation Furnishings, 10 per cent. on £256 12 6d.	27	13	5
Capital A/c. Balance transferred	381	12	7
	£1159	6	0

Balance Sheet, 31st May, 1926.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.
Balance, 1925	3484	1	2
Transferred from R.&E. A/c.	381	12	7
	£3865	13	9

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Land and Buildings (less depreciation)	2410	6	3
Add Tank and Stand	10	3	9
Furnishings (less dep.)	203	5	10
Added during Year	45	2	2
Bank of N.Z., Fixed Deposit	500	0	0
Bank of N.Z., Open A/c.	86	1	9
P.O. Savings Bank	610	14	0
	£3865	13	9

I have examined the above Accounts, compared with the Treasurer's Books and Vouchers, and certify same to be correct.

(Signed) H. F. WILSON,

June 18th, 1926. Hon. Auditor.

THREE CONVICTED BOOT LEGGERS DENIED CITIZENSHIP.

When three men who had formerly been convicted of bootlegging came before Judge Webster Thayer of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, to apply for citizenship, they were denied the privilege of becoming citizens of this country.—"Union Signal."

"There is no music in a rest, but there is the making of music in it." In our whole life-melody the music is broken off here and there by "rests," and we foolishly think we have come to the end of the time. God sends a time of forced leisure, sickness, disappointed plans, frustrated efforts, and makes a sudden pause in the choral hymn of our lives, and we lament that our voices must be silent and our part missing in the music which ever goes up to the ear of the Creator. How does the musician read the rest? See him beat the time with unvarying count and catch up the next note true and steady, as if no breaking place had come between. Not without design does God write the music of our lives. Be it ours to learn the time, and not be dismayed at the "rests." They are not to be slurred over, not to be omitted, not to destroy the melody, not to change the keynote. If we look up, God Himself will beat the time for us.

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.

STATE CONTROL.

(Continued).

(A paper by Miss Jessie Mackay.)
AMERICAN EXPERIMENTS IN
STATE CONTROL.

Up to this century, the South Carolina Liquor Dispensary was the greatest State Control experiment tried in the New World. Many years before that, some small municipal dispensary schemes had been tried in Georgia and South Dakota, some for medicinal, some for beverage purposes, and all failures. South Carolina established the Dispensary in 1893, under peculiar circumstances. The menace of a large, demoralised negro population had turned the State towards prohibition. Benjamin Tillman, then Governor, really believed that prohibition would not work, and hastily pushed through a Dispensary bill to keep it out.

The Act provided for the sale of liquors in sealed packages of not less contents than a pint, nor more than five gallons, not to be consumed or even opened on Government premises. Searching documents as to age and sobriety had to be signed by purchasers. The profits at first went to education. Never was State Control set up under better auspices. Even the prohibitionists agreed to work Governor Tillman's scheme. But the inevitable happened. The saloon's place was soon taken by the "blind tiger," or illicit grogshop. These multiplied like flies. The Dispensary was shaken by adverse Court cases, and brought peace by selling to the "blind tigers" and shutting its eyes to illicit trading. Twenty-four years of bitter disillusion taught Benjamin Tillman all that Gothenburg had already learned—that no form of State Control really controls, but becomes the tool of clamorous appetite nourished by nationalised drinking, and of shameless commercialism.

Revenue flowed into South Carolina's coffers, but it proved a bag with holes. The business fell into worse and worse hands, corruption increased; State funds were appropriated, violence and debauchery thrived round about the "blind tigers," and legitimate business fell off everywhere; neither life nor property was safe. War against the Dispensary began in 1903. Governor Tillman, now honestly fighting his Frankenstein monster, found that State

Control's claws pierce deep. Not till 1916 was prohibition secured in South Carolina.

Canada, unhappily for herself, provides the world with object lessons in State Control to-day. The Eastern provinces had been fields of temperance work far back in the last century. Nova Scotia has been under prohibition since 1894, while New Brunswick had passed it in the seventies, though it was not fully effective till 1916. Long successes in Local Option had led up to great prohibition gains during the war years, and fortunately Local Option still remains even where provinces have reverted to liquor-selling.

The outbreak of war hastened Prohibition in Canada; the moral decline towards and after the end of the war snatched away the fruits of victory in four provinces and shook enforcement in all. To follow the lightning transformations of Canada's nine provinces between 1914 and 1925, is almost impossible. During those 11 years every province save French-populated Quebec had been under prohibition. Four, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and Prince Edward Island still remain.

Four, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan, have gone under State Control. Quebec alone has never tried prohibition, though many of its municipalities have gone dry under local option, and only a snatch vote for State Control in 1919 averted a prohibition Act technically through the year before. The country of Wilfred Laurier will yet be won for temperance.

It is unfair to brand Canada as fickle for these reversions. The loosening of moral sanctions during the war, does not explain the matter altogether. Difficulties met Canada that did not operate in the United States. The immediate trouble was that Dominion law gives provinces power to vote out sale and importation, but not manufacture and exportation. Thus "dry." Ontario has several breweries in active operation. When we consider that Canada has borne the brunt of rum-running like America; when we understand the interprovincial frontier difficulties, and the anomalies of manufacture and export on "dry" territory, we can except the falling away of Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatch-

ewan as temporary counsels of despair. British Columbia never really enforced prohibition on its scattered population. Manitoba and Saskatchewan have huge foreign elements, almost all anti-prohibition.

We are always told that pure liquor, good hotel accommodation, and respectable conditions of sale are among the benefits of State Control. Very instructive comments on this belief are furnished in the reports of the "All-Canada" Conference of Prohibitionists, held March, 1925. I have added facts from authoritative press clippings here and there.

Alberta's State Liquor commission has found licensees inexpressibly dirty in serving, and largely in collusion with illicit grog-sellers. Beer licenses are increasing (beer and spirits are sold apart in Canada). Alberta, like Gothenburg, has found beer the steady lure to draw youth to the bar. Beer drinking among women is alarmingly on the increase. Liquor advertisements have been seen even in boys' school magazines.

British Columbia, the Cinderella of Canada in some respects, reports all promises of the notorious Moderation League broken (the Moderation League is behind all trouble in Canada). The law is everywhere in less repute. A set back is the recent permission to sell beer by the glass. Half the huge quantity of liquor sold is bootleg, municipal morality is affected, "blind tigers" must not be cleaned up or fines will fall off councillors say. The judiciary is not what it was. Indescribable degradation and contempt of life are shown in smuggling off the coast. Crime is increasing. In places, all profits are wiped out in enforcement.

Manitoba reports impossibility of checking illicit sale, with greatly increased drunkenness, disorder, and debauchery. Drinking is common at young people's parties. Much unemployment comes through drink, and wife-beating is common.

Saskatchewan, latest fallen of the provinces, sees the ubiquitous Moderation League unblushingly out for restoration of private license. Deliberate attacks on the youthful mentality will keep up the supply of drunkards for to-morrow.

As to Quebec, no ink is black enough wherewith to write the scandals of State Control since private license was abandoned in 1921. Strict as others on paper, the

Quebec Liquor Law has flung by every restriction as to strength of liquor and hours of sale. The Government's sales of spirits run to a net profit of nine figures, the profits of the brewers, who sell direct to license-holders, are known only to themselves. Shameless Government pressure is put on the dry areas—even Quebec has local option. The police force is the worst in Canada. Vice is flaunted on every side, while police failure to report is claimed as effective enforcement of the law. Deep business depression has followed these orgies. For vice, corruption, and crime, Montreal is the sink of North America.

Some of this might be thought prohibition vapourings. But from an outside source comes this extract from an Anglican paper of 1924, *The Canadian Churchman*: "The same sordid story comes from every province under Government Control—more drinking, more drunkenness, more crime, more misery, more waste, and more of the curse of bootlegging."

(To be concluded).

SPECIALS.

KAIAPOI—REST ROOMS.

Many members of the Kaiapoi Branch of the W.C.T.U. and their friends assembled on Thursday afternoon, June 17th, on the occasion of the opening of the new Rest Room erected by the local Union, at 1.30 p.m. The door was opened by Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, who was presented with a bouquet of autumn flowers and leaves by Miss Elsie Warren, and with a silver key by Mrs Vickery, the local President, on behalf of the builders.

Following this, a Dedication Service was held in the hall, Mrs W. J. Williams leading the devotions. Mrs T. E. Taylor gave a short address, congratulating the Union on reaching its objective, and hoped the hall would be a centre from which the truths and facts of Temperance would be spread to the women of the town and district.

Miss Henderson also congratulated the Union on the work that had been done, and trusted that the new hall would be a further incentive to work for the motto of the Union: "For God, and Home and Humanity."

Mrs Bernard, the first President of

the Kaiapoi Branch, said how pleased she was that the hall was an accomplished fact; thanked the members who had worked, and also the Council for the gift of £30 per year towards the upkeep of the hall.

After the service, Mrs Vickery introduced the Mayoress (Mrs Macintosh) who was presented on rising with a bouquet by Brenda Slade. In a few well-chosen words, the Mayoress opened the Sale of Work, the proceeds of which are to go to the fund for furnishing and seating for the hall and Women's Rest Room.

PLEASANT POINT.

The members met at Mrs Halstead's home to say farewell to Mrs Falconer and Mrs A. Miller, who are leaving, the former for Wellington and the latter for Timaru. Members were photographed on the verandah steps, then Mrs Smith and Miss May Smith gave recitations, and Miss Bishop sang. Miss Bishop spoke of the work of Mrs Falconer as Vice-President, and Mrs Miller as Secretary, regretted their departure, and wished them God speed in their new spheres of work. Mrs Falconer was presented with a travelling case and Mrs Miller with a lovely china bowl from the members. Both ladies suitably replied, and all joined in singing "For they are excellent ladies." Afternoon tea served. Mrs Smith thanked Mrs and Miss Halstead for their kindly hospitality.

OAMARU.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM OUR DOMINION VICE-PRESIDENT.

The President, in a few words of welcome, introduced Mrs Heitt, New Zealand Vice-President, who gave an address on "The Church in relation to W.C.T.U.," in which was emphasised the fact that the fight against drink is the Christian's work, every White Ribboner counts, and no Christian woman may stand back and say: Let the temperance reformers do this, I have my Church work. When Frances Willard commenced this great work, to whom did she go? To the Churches of the land. The Church women stepped into line, and from that time it has been a Christian organisation. Let us do our Church work, but let us not leave this undone. Mrs Clarke proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Heitt for her very helpful and inspiring address, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

NORTH CANTERBURY.

May 26. Mrs T. E. Taylor, President, presided, and representatives from Papanui, Kaiapoi, Rangiora, Springston-Lincoln, Styx, Belfast, Tempelton, New Brighton, North Brighton, Riccarton and Christchurch attended. Apologies were received for non-attendance from Oxford, Spreydon and Lyttelton.

Before taking the business, votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives and friends of the late Mrs Johnson-Wright, of Wellington, a National Superintendent; and also with the late Mrs H. Gainsford, of Oxford, who had been a very enthusiastic worker and the first President of the Union in that district. The votes were passed, members standing.

Reports from the different Unions showed that active work was going on. A new Union had been formed at North Brighton, with 20 members, and excellent officers: Miss B. Harband, President; Mrs Parker, Secretary; Mrs Eames, Treasurer. Kaiapoi reported that the new Rest Room would be opened on June 17th, and invited members and friends to the opening ceremony and Sale of Work, which is to follow. Tempelton and Rangiora had held successful Band of Hope meetings and L.T.L. Temperance facts had been taught, and scrap books made for the Children's Ward at the Hospital. A letter was read from Miss Anne Gordon, who gave an interesting account of the situation in America, and explained a number of misleading statements that had been published in the newspapers here, and in spite of the active propaganda carried on by the wets, Prohibition sentiment was growing and making headway.

The resignation of Mrs Ferguson, President of the Cheviot Union, owing to her having left the district, was received with regret, and it was decided that one of the officers of the Executive visit the Union at an early date.

Arrangements were made in connection with the District Annual Convention, which is to be held at New Brighton the second week in September.

The next District Executive is to be held either on July 21st or August 4th; members to be notified.

NAPIER.

OUR 41st BIRTHDAY.

June 16th.—A most enjoyable afternoon was held in the Y.M.C.A. Lounge, the occasion being the 41st Anniversary of our Union, combined with "White Ribbon" Day; over 80 members and friends being present. Mrs Speight, President, presiding.

Mrs Leask, Vice-President, gave a short resume of the early days of the Union, while not a foundation member of the Napier Union, she was one of the earliest to join in Dunedin. Mrs Paterson was the first Napier President; Mrs Bendely, now of Auckland, did yeoman work in those early days. The late Mrs Oldham, we remember with deep gratitude for her work as Editor and Manager of the White Ribbon, which was for four years printed in Napier. During her term of office, the Willard Hall was built and opened, and is free of debt.

As far back as 1885, Mrs Troy started a Woman's "Home." It supplied a great need in those days, was self-supporting, and many a needy girl and homeless woman found a home and opportunity to make a new start under Mrs Troy's wise guidance.

In 1893, the New Zealand Convention was held here, Mrs King presiding. Dean Hovell presided at the Public Reception.

Napier Union suffered a great loss, all their earliest records being burnt; we were unable to trace all the foundation members. Many have passed to the Home above; they rest from their labors, but their work lives on.

Among those present were Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Ward Lascelles and Miss Williams, old pioneers in the Work.

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Ward Lascelles were decorated with the "White Star," as foundation members.

Congratulatory letters and telegrams were received from all parts of New Zealand.

To Mrs. Drake and party we extend our warmest thanks for musical items.

Miss Spencer gave a most interesting talk on "Woman's Power," in the World.

An invitation was given to join the Union and also an appeal for subscribers to "White Ribbon."

Sweets and afternoon tea was provided by members of our Union.

Singing of our Doxology and

pronouncing of the Benediction brought to a close a pleasant and profitable afternoon.

REVIEW.

"Agnes E. Slack—A Woman's Work in Four Continents," by Aelfreda Tillyard. Publisher, W. Heffer, Cambridge, England. Price 3/6 or 7/6, postage not included.

Miss Agnes Slack, who is a sister of the late Sir John Bamford-Slack, M.P., has worked as Poor Law Guardian, is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Women's Liberal Federation, the World League Against Alcoholism, the National Women's Free Church Council, and has given her help to many Women's Movements, but Temperance is her life work. She is Presi-

dent of the National British Women's Temperance Association, and one of the two Hon. Secs. of the World's W.C.T.U. She has travelled 200,000 miles to give her message. She has had many adventures, of which accounts are given in this book. She has been lost on the Canadian prairie, garlanded with flowers in India, slung from a basket across raging waves on the South African coast, she has spoken to 10,000 people at Chatauqua, U.S.A., crawled on hands and knees to enter Kaffir and Lapp huts. This book gives a vivid account of an intensely interesting and earnest life. Lady Cecilia Roberts has written the preface.

SWISS WHITE RIBBONERS.

The W.C.T.U. in Switzerland is in two sections—the German-speaking and the French-speaking. The German-speaking branch is doing very fine educational work, also a wonderful practical work in the fight against alcohol. Thirty years ago the first temperance refreshment house in Europe was founded at Zurich by Mrs Orelli, who is now nearly 80 years old. Now there are 13 big houses, as well as a large number of private temperance houses. They provide wholesome food and temperance drinks at moderate prices, served in clean and comfortable premises; also

football matches and sporting events are supplied with temperance drinks. The staffs are well salaried, and no "tips" are allowed. There are 500 girls and women working in these houses. At first it was supported by voluntary contributions, but now they are self-supporting. The annual turnover is over four million francs. The number of daily visitors is more than ten thousand. All profits are reserved for carrying on the work and for new foundations.

Temperance canteens in factories have been created by another Swiss White Ribboner. There are now 43 of these.



Temperance Canteen for Soldiers and Airmen at Dubendorf, Switzerland, conducted by Mrs Zueblin-Spiller, a Swiss White Ribboner, and Her Associates.

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THAT WHITE BOW.

Yes, it always speaks and carries its silent message. The bootlegger on trial in U.S.A. objects to many white bows in the court, because of their influence on the jurors. A city Union takes part in a social function with other women's societies. Every facility for smoking was provided, but never a one lit up. Habitual smokers denied themselves their usual indulgence. Why! too many white bows in evidence. They bore silent testimony to the worth of self-denial to keep one's body clean from the pollution of nicotine and alcohol. Said Dr. Saleeby, the greatest eugenist of our age, "When the women smoke as freely as the men, God help the children, for they'll be past all human help."

A student went out to supply the pulpit in a country church. It was a scattered district, but it had a real live Union. After service, taking his

ease at the fireside, his hostess asked him what drink he liked for supper. With a twinkle in his eye, he replied: "Anything out of a bottle." "No! No!" replied his hostess, "don't you see my white bow?"

"Oh! by the way," said the student. "What is that badge? I've seen it all over the place to-day. I don't remember noticing it before. Certainly, I'm not a very observant fellow, but to-day there have been white bows wherever I went."

So our White Ribboner got an opportunity to tell the story of our badge, our motto, our work.

The President of that country Union says: they often get discouraged because they cannot do all they would like, "but" she adds, "at least we're wearing the bow."

Do all members of our Union wear the bow? If not, why not?

Put it on every dress and packet. Many members never consider a dress finished, until the white bow is on it. And some have loved it so, that their children have pinned it on their last robe, e're the lid closed over the face for ever.

Wear it, ever.

OUR SECRETARIES.



MRS EVANS, M.A.,
(Recording Secretary.)

We present to our readers, photos of our National Secretaries, two learned ladies of whom the Union is very proud. Mrs Evans (nee Miss Edger) was the first lady in the British Dominions to hold a University degree. She has been engaged most of her life in scholastic work, teaching and examining, and for many years was one of the examiners for the New Zealand University. A keen prohibitionist, pacifist and feminist, she is giving of her time and her talent to advance the cause of God, and Home, and Humanity.

Miss Henderson retired about 14 years ago from the teaching profession. She had been for a long time on the staff of the Christchurch Girl's High School. In 1913, she was elected Corresponding Secretary for our National Union. She has occupied the position of Dominion Secretary of the National Council of Women, of which Society she was also Local President. A keen sympathiser with Mission work, she was Dominion Secretary for the P.W.M.U., and still assists as Editor of their Harvest Field. All her time and energy are given up to Church and Reform work. She is Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent for the National W.C.T.U., and her vast knowledge of this branch of our work is always at the disposal of her colleagues. She is a valuable asset to our Union, and by her devotion to the work has won the abiding love of all the inner family circle who work in close contact with her.

God bless our Secretaries and strengthen them for their arduous and self-sacrificing labours.



MISS HENDERSON, B.A.,
(Corresponding Secretary.)

GOOD ADVICE.

(Contributed).
WHO COME?

It would be most interesting to know what proportion of visitors and inquirers attend our meetings. If only the same few members, then the meetings are more or less dull. Nothing gives more life to a cause than a little opposition or questioning. Do not be afraid of new forces. Seek them. Our W.C.T.U. exists to win women to that cause of Prohibition. If new faces very seldom make their appearance, there is probably inefficiency somewhere.

MAKE EXPERIMENTS.

If people are shy of coming to the meeting-place or have a prejudice against a person, why not change both the place of meeting and the figure-head? Try having the next monthly meeting in a public hall. Non-Church-goers are often chary of meetings in a church.

Ask the Mayoress to take the chair, and get the brightest speaker available to explain the objects and methods of the W.C.T.U.

Have a few dozen extra copies of the "White Ribbon" on sale. Why not organise a special meeting as above in a new district?

Challenge attention by earnest, alert activity.

The objective of our country freed from the evils of alcoholism should be a joyous inspiration.

ORGANISE MOTOR TOURS.

Why not arrange a week's W.C.T.U. motor tour in the country districts near your centre? Make up a party of "live wires," and organise a dozen afternoon and evening meetings, getting the co-operation of all interested in each place.

Your faith in Prohibition, especially if your happiness and optimism is evident, will work wonders.

Don't wait for the enemy's blows. Strike first. Get busy!

"Three years ago England had 2,000,000 men out of employment. America 3,000,000 unemployed. We are still 'wet' there, but in America three 'dry' years, years of Prohibition, what has happened?" asks Gypsy Smith, the evangelist. "England still has 2,000,000 unemployed, and America has a shortage of 500,000 workmen. Now let me ask you if Prohibition succeeded."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT.

Our Corresponding Secretary sends word that Miss McLay, late of Auckland, has been appointed one of our Organisers. She is now working the Waikato District.

Also, Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer Street, Dunedin, has been appointed by the Executive, Dominion Superintendent of the Y. Department. This Department was left vacant at Convention, and we are very glad to welcome Mrs Macartney as its Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER.**THE BAND OF MERCY.**

Dear Readers,

I wonder why there is so little interest (apparently) taken in this most interesting and important department of the L.T.L.

It is not worth while, think you, to teach humane kindness, to implant in the hearts and minds of our children, the laws of kindness and mercy to God's dumb creatures; bear this to heart, for we are told, He loves all things that He has made. If we want to train our members for future citizens, we must teach them,

That kind hearts are more than
Coronets,
And simple faith than Norman
blood.

There are wrongs that need resistance, how will they learn, if we do not lead the way? During this month, "Animal Welfare Week" will be celebrated throughout the Dominion. A special N.Z. number of the Little Animal's Friend will be circulated through the schools. Will, our L.T.L. Leaders, have a special programme or address, or some reference to kindness to animals, during that time, starting from 25th to 31st of July, and report to our Editor of the Young People's Supplement.

Hoping that something will be done in this department during the session.

Yours sincerely,

A. BATHGATE.

Supt. Band of Mercy.

38 Stour Street,

Oamaru,

June 29th, 1926.

Dear Sisters,

May I remind you that T. E. Taylor Day, or as we now call it Memorial Day, should be kept on July 27th?

On this day, it is fitting to recall the life and work of any of our pioneers from whose example workers of to-day may gain inspiration to fuller service.

As I have said before, I should be most grateful to any White Ribboner who would note down their personal recollections of those who led the way, so that I may have some suitable papers to lend to small Unions in need of papers to be read at their meetings. I have constant applications for such material, but have nothing with which to supply the demand.

May I also point out that my address will now be as above.

Yours sincerely,

ALICE F. WEBB,

Supt. Notable Days.

**PEACE AND ARBITRATION
DEPARTMENT, W.C.T.U.**

**TO PEACE SUPERINTENDENTS
AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.**

Dear Sisters,

The following resolutions were passed at the Christchurch Convention last March; will you kindly bring them forward at your District Convention, and ask each Union to confirm them at their next meeting, and to report the same to the Superintendent of the Department.

(1). "This Convention affirms its belief in Total Disarmament as the only sure road to Peace, and urges its members to work for its adoption by all who desire and who are working for Peace."

(2). "That in view of the fact that the Navy League has free access to the public schools for the purpose of military propaganda, especially in the interests of Naval Defence, while the promoters of Peace are denied that privilege, a strong representation should be made to the Education Department of the need for bringing to bear upon the minds of the children some counteracting influence, which shall arouse in them a hatred

of war and an enthusiasm for the principles of Peace."

As has many times been pointed out, the resolutions passed in full Convention represent the accepted policy of the whole Union; it therefore becomes the duty of every Branch Union to consider such resolutions, and to endeavour as far as possible to work along the lines suggested therein. I would therefore appeal to all Union Officers and Peace Superintendents to arrange for half-an-hour each month, if possible, or if not, at least every two months, to be given to the study of Disarmament, or of any other subject bearing upon the Abolition of War, and also (2) to ascertain whether teaching concerning the League of Nations or any other subject connected with the Peace Movement is being given in their schools, and if not, to lay the matter before their School Committee, and endeavour to get this omission rectified.

The most crying need of the world to-day is Peace—perfect freedom from the possibility and dread of war; let each of us, therefore, ever bear in mind our own responsibility in this matter, remembering the supreme power of thought which we all possess, that every thought sent out into the world to carry its silent message into the hearts and lives of others, shall be a thought of peace, and that every word and every act shall be such as may help to spread around an atmosphere of Peace, Love, and Harmony.

MARIAN JUDSON,
Superintendent.

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.

MORRINSVILLE.

June. Mrs L. M. Jones, of Hamilton, presided, and gave a very interesting address of "How the W.C.T.U. Got Its Name and How It Originated." Mrs Jones then initiated three new members, and inducted Mrs Starnes as President of the Morrins-

ville Branch. Miss Elder, of Peru, addressed the members, and spoke of Temperance work out in Bolivia, and the good work the missionaries are doing there. Afternoon tea was then served, during which the President, Mrs Starnes, presented Mrs Jones, with a small memento from the members, thanking her for her help and kindness. A sale of flower plants at the close of the meeting brought in the sum of 16/-.

BLUFF.

May 7. Goodly number present. Mrs McGregor, Acting-President, presided. Mrs Fairbairn had come from Invercargill to give us a report of Convention, and everyone enjoyed every minute of it. Afternoon tea was served.

May 21. The 25th Anniversary of our Band of Hope was celebrated by a Concert and Lollie Stall. The Rev. R. Francis was in the chair. Although there were several counter attractions, we had a nice full hall, and the Concert, arranged by Mrs J. Walker, Junr., Band of Hope Superintendent, was a success. The first part of the programme was given by present members and the second by ex-members, some of whom travelled from Invercargill to assist. The Lollie Stall was run by elder girl members, and proved a big draw.

GERALDINE.

May 14. Sixteen members present. Mrs Neutze presided. Reported that as result of Garden Party and Gift Afternoon a sack of clothes had been forwarded to Willard Home. Miss Patrick gave an interesting report of Convention. Mrs Wallach's solo was much appreciated. Afternoon tea served.

June 1. Twenty-four present. Mrs Neutze welcomed Rev. Ford and Mr W. Mackesy, and both spoke a few words. Mrs Cowie and Rev. Ford's solos much enjoyed. Afternoon tea served. Two new members.

RICHMOND.

June 15. Eleven members. Mrs L. Sutton led devotions. Pledge repeated. Correspondence read and discussed, also District Convention. Paper on "Objects and Aims of W.C.T.U." read, also "White Ribbon" Day observed by appealing for more readers, also paper by Mrs Peryman on "White Ribbon" read. Closed with Benediction.

BIRKENHEAD.

April 15. Mrs Jory in the chair. Decided to procure six copies of the Handbook. Correspondence from Secretary of Bible-in-Schools' Movement was discussed, and seven ladies promised to obtain seven signatures each.

May 20. Meeting at the home of Mrs Chapelle. Although an exceedingly wet afternoon, several members attended, and some of Mrs Chapelle's friends were present. Mrs Taylor, from Auckland, gave a helpful address.

June 17. Mrs Jory, President, in the chair. Mrs Jory commented on what the W.C.T.U. stands for. Mrs Peryman's hints re the circulation of the "White Ribbon" were discussed. As our July meeting is to be held at the residence of Mrs Jory, it was decided that the August meeting shall be our annual meeting.

TAUMARUNUI.

April. We had the privilege of an address from Dr. E. Howard on the "Functions of the Human Body, and Elementary Nursing." The thanks of the Branch are due to him for a most instructive and interesting address.

May. The meeting was mainly for the transaction of routine business, while this month (June) a large number of members attended, and in response to the Secretary's appeal, six new subscribers were secured for the "White Ribbon," and a new member was initiated at the close of the service. A short talk was given by a member on the booklet—"Alcohol: a Cell Poison," and comparisons were made between the up-to-date scientific knowledge imparted by the book, and the methods of an earlier age when none but religious workers were in the field against the drink evil. Next meeting will take the form of a social to celebrate the Branch's First Anniversary.

RAWENE.

June. Meeting at Mrs Lane's. Miss Ashworth spoke of the work of the East Street Mission. One new member, making sixth for this year. A discussion on "Alcohol as a Medicine" followed, and our visitor gave us the names of various substitutes used instead of alcohol. Initiatory service and Doxology closed the meeting.

CANVASTOWN.

May 7. First meeting to celebrate "White Ribbon" Day. Mrs Murray presided over a fair attendance. Apologies were made for Miss Brown, Mrs Inwood and Miss Flower, who were absent through sickness. Greetings were received from Rai Valley and Blenheim. Three new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was dispensed by Mesdames Lawson and Dimanti.

TAURANGA.

June 18. Mrs Jordan presided. A very good attendance. Decided that a Treasurer's report be submitted once a quarter. Mrs Horn, the Baptist Pastor's wife, gave a very good address on all that our "White Ribbon" paper stands for, giving us a vision of wonderful opportunities ahead. Vote of thanks for the address was carried by acclamation. Tea was handed round.

PAPANUI.

The President, Mrs Simpson, presided over a good attendance of members, and as it was "White Ribbon" Day, Mrs Richards was the speaker and gave a beautiful and helpful address, taking for her subject "For God, and Home, and Humanity." A hearty vote of thanks to the speaker was carried. Mrs Chandler sang feelingly "He Wipes the Tear from Every Eye." Afternoon tea was dispensed by the Social Committee, and one new member initiated. The Jumble Sale realised £11.

RANGIORA.

June 25. Mrs Thwaites presided over good attendance. The Secretary was directed to bring under the notice of the Member for the District various legislative demands of the Union. A paper for "White Ribbon" Day was read. The speaker was Miss McLay, Organiser for the Union, who took as her subject "Some of the Infirmities of the Nation." She referred particularly to the drink evil and to ignorance of God. The address was both encouraging and inspiring, and was listened to with marked attention.

OPAWA-WOOLSTON.

June 15. Attendance good. Mrs A. D. Jenkins presided. A paper for "White Ribbon" Day was read, urging the members to do all they can to increase the circulation of the "White Ribbon" paper. The Rev. J. Carlisle gave an excellent address, stressing the need for continued activity in the work to which the members were pledged. Prohibition he considered is not only political but spiritual; we must be prepared to fight—to take the gloves off and fight; we may hurt, but we hurt to heal. The members showed their appreciation by spontaneous applause. Afternoon tea was served.

HENDERSON.

June. No meeting in May, owing to very heavy rain on the 3rd Wednesday. Our meeting this month in Forester's Hall, Mrs Platt in the chair and a good number of members and friends present. Vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Fountain on the death of her only little girl, also to Mrs Pratt on the loss of her sister, who was accidentally killed. Prayers and sympathy were asked on behalf of Mrs Fenney, our Cradle Roll Superintendent, who has just undergone a severe operation. Mrs Peryman then gave a very fine inspiring address, and urged the need for subscribing, reading, and studying the White Ribbon paper. Eight new subscribers gained. Mrs Peryman then presented prizes for best essays written by senior scholars of Henderson School. The two best prizes were read aloud, and we all thought them very good indeed. Afternoon tea was served. Next month to be our Pay Up social at Methodist Church.

SUMNER.

July 7. The meeting was well-attended. Mrs McCombs presided, and read an interesting and forcible statement regarding injurious results from the use of alcohol. A fine address was then given by Mrs W. J. Williams, on the need for inspiration in our meetings during the interval between polls. Reviewing the many activities of the Union, Mrs Williams showed how interest and activity could be consistently maintained. Vote-winning Cards were accepted by members. Afternoon tea and a beautiful solo by Mrs F. Kerr, made our social half-hour most enjoyable. A vote of thanks to Mrs Williams was carried.

PUKEKOHE.

May 5. Our President, Mrs Cresbie, presided over a very fair attendance. Bible Study of various passages of Scripture dealing with the "Women of the Bible" was very interesting, a paper sent by our late Secretary (Mrs Hodges) on the subject was read, and much appreciated by all present.

June 2. Only seven members present. Decided our next meeting to be our Annual Pay Up Social, to be held on the first Tuesday in July, that being the month our branch was opened.

LOWER HUTT.

June 23. Special afternoon arranged in conjunction with Petone Union, to welcome Mrs Peryman. There were forty women present, and all listened with much appreciation to a splendid address; it is hoped that all members will take to heart, the urgent need for individual work. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Peryman, also Petone Union for joining us. Afternoon tea was served.

RICCARTON.

June 17. Mrs Barrell presided. Being White Ribbon Day, President urged all who were not already taking the paper to become subscribers, stressing the benefits to be received thereby. Letter from Miss Harband read re attending Women's meeting to support Bible-in-Schools Bill. Some of our members making garments for Mission Box. Mrs McCombs gave an interesting address on the Children's Character, outlining the advancement in recent years of everything pertaining to the welfare of the child. One new subscriber to White Ribbon.

HAWERA.

June 25. Mrs Exley presided over a good attendance. White Ribbon Day was celebrated. Mrs Young read a paper showing the advantages gained by subscribing to the Union paper, and urging all to try and obtain more subscribers. Miss Kelly wrote resigning her office as Secretary, owing to removal from Hawera. The President spoke of Miss Kelly's good and faithful work as Secretary. Resignation was received with regret. Mrs Ashton gave a very good report on the recent Convention, held at Inglewood. An invitation has been extended to have the next District Convention at Hawera. A very interesting report was received from Mrs Shackleton relating to the reforming of the L.T.L. branch, the first meeting being a social one when 75 children were present, also a few of the parents. Songs recitations and violin solos were given by the children. Tea, sandwiches and buns were enjoyed by all. At the next meeting, 26 children were enrolled as members of the L.T.L. Mrs Shackleton and Mrs Hayward are pleased with the success of the first meetings, and hope they will increase in interest. Children to meet alternate Thursdays, after school hours.

TIMARU.

June 29. White Ribbon Day celebrated; good attendance, enthusiastic meeting. Silent vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs Adkins and Miss Avison. Hospital has been visited; also several sick and elderly members in their homes. Mrs Brooker made an honorary member. Mrs Cave read a very interesting paper on the "White Ribbon," and appealed for new members. Miss Acutt, Organizer in New Zealand for Dr. Barnardo's Homes, and a White Ribboner, delighted the meeting with a solo, and in returning thanks for the welcome accorded her, gave a short breezy talk on her views of the temperance outlook in New Zealand and in the Home-land—she stated that she always

carried a book of pledges wherever she went. Mr Mackesy, Area Organizer for New Zealand Alliance also gave a short address. Mrs Norrie, who has not been well enough to attend the meetings for the last eight months, paid a surprise visit and was accorded a warm welcome. Mrs Trott called on the meeting to stand and sing the Temperance Doxology, after which she offered up a prayer of thanksgiving. Mrs Norrie, who has still to be very careful, thanked the members for her welcome, and Mrs Trott for so ably filling the chair for her, and expressed her great pleasure at being present.

WAIMATE.

June. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, we had no May meeting. An acknowledgment for £1 1s. from the Mayor (Mr Dashi) for the purpose of obtaining literature concerning "The League of Nations" for one year. Mrs Roy and Miss McCarthy attended the Alliance Conference at Timaru. Being "White Ribbon Day," Mrs Graham handed in her report re sales of White Ribbon. Mrs Elder then read a paper sent by the Editor, dealing with the aims and objects of the "White Ribbon Movement," which was very interesting and much enjoyed by all present. Captain Armstrong, of the Salvation Army, gave an address on the four letters of our badge, dealing at length with "Women," "Christians," "Temperance," and "Unions," in a very attractive way. A note of regret was expressed at the inability of Mrs Kippenberger to continue in office with the Y. Branch of our Union. Miss Smart has been appointed in her stead. A vote of thanks to Captain Armstrong; afternoon tea served.

N.E. VALLEY.

June. Mrs Miller presiding. It being White Ribbon Day, a large number of members were present. The papers read by members were suitable to the day, and were much appreciated by all present and should gain many subscribers to our brave little paper, "The White Ribbon." Mrs Saunders gave a very interesting account of the meeting of delegates at the Annual Conference of the New Zealand Alliance.

FAIRLIE.

June 8. Good attendance. Mrs Wilcox elected President till end of year. Mrs Chisholm having left district. Union secured money box for extra collections. After usual business, Mrs Sangster read a glowing paper on the life of Frances Willard, enjoyed by all. Afternoon tea.

WANGANUI EAST.

May 13. Mrs Duxfield in the chair. Regret expressed, Mrs Siddalls was unable to continue Superintendency of L.T.L. A record to be placed in the minutes in appreciation of past services. Union decided to hold a combined meeting with Central Union in celebrating 'Peace Day.' Mrs Siddalls to be delegate to Inglewood Convention. A donation of £6 7s. 6d. was made to the Organizing Fund, and members agreed to render all assistance in increasing the roll of "scattered members." Number of members expressed their willingness to become 'active' members of the 'People's Organization of Bible in Schools.' A silent vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Emmett and family. Secretary to write to Mrs Brown, expressing sympathy in her illness. Mrs Brown read extracts from Otago Witness, from Lady Fergusson and others, expressing appreciation of the work of the W.C.T.U. Creeche at the Dunedin Exhibition; also others of the success of a "Dry Exhibition."

June 10. Mrs Duxfield presided, and welcomed Mrs Hopkirk, late of Invercargill. Mrs Goodacre, transferred from New Plymouth, Mrs Francis Mills from Auckland, and Miss Sutton, England. Three members received into membership. Union celebrated 'White Ribbon Day.' Secretary reading Mrs Peryman's excellent little paper; a collection was taken in aid of Maori work. Mrs Binn (Delegate) gave an excellent report of the Convention, which proved very helpful and inspiring. At July meeting, Mrs Duxfield has promised to repeat her 'Convention' address, 'Past, Present, and Future.' Mrs Duxfield spoke a few appropriate words of farewell to Mrs Williams, who has since left for Auckland, wishing her improved health and God-speed to her new home.

HAMILTON.

July 1. A good attendance of members present. The President read correspondence re the District Convention to be held at Morrinsville on September 5th. The members of the Executive were invited to meet the newly-appointed Organizer at Mrs Jones's residence, on Tuesday afternoon, to talk over plans of work. Mrs E. G. Johnson read in a most pleasing manner, "The life of Frances Willard." Decided to make the August meeting a pay up social afternoon. Our members have been working for the Bible-in-Schools People's Organization, and Mrs Johnson secured fifty signatures.

NORTH BRIGHTON.

June 15. The second meeting of this newly-formed Union was addressed by Mrs T. E. Taylor, who outlined the various forms of activity open to ardent members of the W.C.T.U. The President spoke upon the value of the "White Ribbon" as an educative factor in the life of busy women with not overmuch time to study the Prohibition question. Seven subscribers were obtained, and two members were initiated.

WARKWORTH.

Rather small meeting owing to sickness, and stress of work in connection with 'Baby Carnival' for Plunket work. Two new members initiated. Members looking forward to Miss Bradshaw's visit shortly. Meeting unanimously in favour of legislation reform, to be urged according to Miss Henderson's circular. Regret that nothing can be done to prevent the smoking of cigarettes by girls. Mrs Taylor, New Zealand President, urged prayer and education. Arrangements made for forwarding of parcels of warm clothing to Sister Esther for distribution among the poor. Deep sympathy was expressed with Mrs McKinney and her family, in their tragic loss, by accident, of son and brother.

MAUNGATUROTO.

June 23. Meeting held, small attendance. Correspondence re Miss Bradshaw visiting our district, was read. Decided to try and hold a special meeting on that occasion.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

June 8. Good attendance. Mrs Stanley Brown gave a very interesting and instructive address on "The care of the mentally unfit." The President spoke of the sterling qualities and excellent work achieved by the late Mrs Johnston Wright, Evangelistic Superintendent. Members then standing in silence as a token of respect. The President and Secretary were appointed as delegates to the Annual Conference of the Southland Area of the New Zealand Alliance. Afternoon tea was served.

BELFAST.

June 9. Mrs Redburne presided over a small attendance. Letter of sympathy sent to Mrs Clarke (Sailor) in the loss of her husband. Members repeated Pledge, and a sentence on the effects of Alcohol on the Human mind was read by a member and discussed by all, which proved very interesting. Some pieces were then read from our paper, and also a leaflet on "What is the White Ribbon?" An appeal was made to members to talk more about it to their friends. Decided to start a Cradle Roll, and also a Band of Hope. Afternoon tea was served.

FOXTON.

June 17. White Ribbon Day; Mrs McDonald presided over fair attendance. A very interesting paper on the "White Ribbon" was read by Mrs Chrystall. Mrs McDonald also read an interesting article on the "Little White Bow." Decided that each member try to secure another subscriber for the "White Ribbon" paper. A very pleasant afternoon was brought to a close with the Benediction.

RAI VALLEY.

June 16. Eight members present; Mrs Leov gave a short address on White Ribbon Day. Decided to write and ask Mrs Peryman, in the event of her visiting Nelson in July, to give an address at Rai Valley also. A letter of appreciation to be sent to the Prime Minister for his statements regarding Art Unions. Resolved that the next meeting take the form of a social afternoon.

TEMUKA.

May 14. Fair attendance, President in chair. A very fine recitation on "The fruits of the first glass of wine," was given by Mrs Lawry.

June 25. Fair attendance, cold night; President in chair. A paper was read on the "White Ribbon," and members asked to get as many new subscribers as possible. Mrs Blackmore gave a very interesting paper on "Her recent visit to Suva." So much was it enjoyed, that she was requested, and has kindly consented to give it again. Decided to hold our July meeting in the afternoon to enable some country friends, who cannot attend at night, to be initiated.

AUCKLAND.

June 14. A largely attended meeting. Mrs Peryman, Editor of the official paper of the Union, "The White Ribbon," was present, and gave a powerful address on the possibilities of helping the cause of Temperance, by means of circulating the paper. A short report of the Peace Day meeting was given by Mrs Judson; and Mrs Neal briefly reported the work of meeting immigrants on arrival at Auckland. A motion of appreciation of the action of the City Council in objecting to the Government erecting more hoardings in the city, was passed. The President, Mrs Benfell, announced that the District Convention would be held at Dominion Road, on September 15th, when the National President, Mrs T. E. Taylor, would be present.

SOUTH CANTERBURY.

June 14. Besides President, Vice-President, and Secretary, representatives from Timaru, Ashburton, Rakaiia, Fairlie, Pleasant Point, Geraldine, Waimate, and Totara Valley were present. Decided to secure a number of invitation cards for free distribution from North Canterbury. Several members reported on the Area Convention of Alliance held in Timaru on 3rd June. The President reported on her visit to Ashburton, Pleasant Point and Totara Valley, at the latter place an exceptionally good meeting had been held. The Vice-President, Mrs Low, reported that she had visited Waimate and had given an address on the League of Nations. In connection with this, a splendid report was put in the Waimate Daily Advertiser, and also a very able leading article dealing with the various activities of the W.C.T.U., greatly appreciated. Reported that the Timaru Y. Branch had been revived under the leadership of Mrs Gordon. Miss Smart, the lately appointed Superintendent of the Waimate Y's, sent a very interesting paper on work among the Young People, which was read by Mrs Roy. Arrangements made for President to visit Geraldine and Waimate.

CHRISTCHURCH.

June 28. Miss Henderson presided over a good attendance. Mrs Wicks, our Medical Temperance Superintendent, gave a few interesting facts on the question of alcohol and its relation to insanity, its effect on morals, and how it lessens capacity for work. Miss Henderson welcomed to the Union, Mrs Odell (late of Timaru) Miss Bishop and Miss McLay, the latter being lately appointed one of the Dominion Organisers. Arrangements were made for Miss Henderson and Mrs Richards to speak at the Guilds of Addington, Sydenham, St. Andrew's, and Richmond. A number of Convention Resolutions were discussed, and fully explained by Miss Henderson, and it was resolved to urge upon the members of Parliament, the necessity of amending existing legislation so as to provide for (1) The employment of Women Police; (2) The appointment of Women Justices of the Peace; (3) The inclusion of Women upon Juries; (4) The mother of a family having equal right of guardianship with the father; (5) An amendment of the Police Offences Act in the direction of making it an offence for a person to be found in a residence at any time during day or night without lawful excuse; (6) An amendment of the Destitute Persons' Act, in the direction of (a) placing the onus of proving inability to pay upon the defendants; (b) making provision whereby men committed to gaol for non-compliance with maintenance orders, shall be employed upon remunerative work, and their earnings

applied to the maintenance of their dependents. Mrs Rowntree was appointed to represent the Christchurch Unions on the Band of Hope Union Committee. Mrs T. E. Taylor spoke for a short time on the Bible-in-Schools Movement.

June 30. Pay Up social. Owing to the wet evening, there was not a large attendance. Miss Henderson presided, and a number of musical items, solos and duets were given, also a recitation. Mr Paterson, Alliance Organiser, spoke for a short time on the activities and plans of work of the New Zealand Alliance. He also touched on Child Welfare and the increase in mental defective children, the problems and great expense it was proving to the State. Miss Henderson read a letter of thanks and appreciation from the Matron of the Children's Fresh Air Home, for parcels of clothing received from the Union. Supper was served.

May 12. Peace Day observed. Mrs Williams gave an interesting address upon the subject. Several members helped in street collection on Poppy Day. Miss Henderson gave brief account of New Zealand Alliance Annual meeting.

April 28. Social in honour of three retiring officers. Musical items and songs were rendered. Miss Henderson in a few words of appreciation, presented Mrs T. E. Taylor, Retiring President, with a gold bow badge studded with pearls, and a handsome hand-bag. A number of members testified to their regret at Mrs Taylor's resignation, but they felt honoured that she had been elected Dominion President. Miss Lovell-Smith, our faithful Treasurer for so many years, and Miss Bishop, our zealous Recording Secretary, had both found it necessary to retire, and Miss Henderson presented each with hand-bags. Miss Lovell-Smith presented a hand-bag to Miss Gordon as a small token of the Union's love and esteem for her long years of faithful service, she having joined the Union when it was organised by Mrs Leavitt, in 1885. Supper was served and Temperance Doxology sung.

May 26. Miss Henderson presided. The Pledge was repeated and Medical Temperance facts given by Mrs Wicks. Delegates appointed to Bible-in-Schools Conference; Secretary of which is to be notified that Union will give all possible help. Convention resolutions explained by Miss Henderson. Defer consideration of "Gambling" until District Convention, and Superintendent of Anti-Gambling to be appointed. Members to visit Women's and Church organisations, and if possible, arrange for a speaker to put before them aims and objects of W.C.T.U. Vote of sympathy with Miss Earnshaw in her recent illness.

June 9. Miss Henderson presided. Several members promised to assist in street collection for Society for Protection of Women and Children. Arrangements made for speakers to address several guilds who had asked for speakers. Miss Henderson reported on Creche at Exhibition. Rev. J. Coursey, gave an address on the work and influence of the W.C.T.U.

DUNEDIN.

June 4. Social for workers who helped at the Exhibition Creche, also as a farewell to Miss A. Webb, Secretary of Creche Committee, who is leaving to make her home in Oamaru.

July 5. Good attendance. Mrs Donaldson, a recent arrival from the Glasgow Union was warmly welcomed, when responding, gave some interesting facts about a World's Convention held recently in Edinburgh. Mrs Denton Leech briefly explained the representation on the League of Nations, and was heartily thanked. Miss Revant was appointed Cradle Roll Superintendent. Reports were received from Mrs Hutton about women's meetings in Churches and concert parties on behalf of the Union in various institutions, and representative upon the Women's Rest Room and Creche, which the citizens propose building. As Parliament is now in session, it was again decided to urge upon Members of Parliament the necessity of amending existing legislation.

BLENHEIM.

July 5. Mrs McCallum, President, presided over a well-attended meeting. Decided to hold a Home meeting, and have a Scientific address at our next meeting. The Pledge is also repeated at our meetings. A letter has been sent to our Member, urging

him to support the resolutions, on the social questions, safe-guarding women and children. Mrs A. M. Mills read a very interesting and instructive paper on "Gambling" in its many forms; a short discussion followed, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Mills. Afternoon tea was handed round.

WAVERLEY.

June-July. Both these meetings were well attended. At the June meeting, it was decided to allow the Plunket Society the use of part of the Rest Room. Mrs Wall was chosen as delegate to the Ingewood Conference, and at the July meeting presented a very interesting report thereof. The Girl's Club held an afternoon and collected enough for three easy chairs for the Rest Room and the Union decided to instal a heater which will be a great blessing on cold days. It is with great regret that I have to record the death of Mrs A. J. Adlam, at one time President of our Union. The deceased lady gave willingly her capable services in sickness and trouble; her helpful sympathy will be sadly missed.

TAKAPUNA.

July 1. Mrs Penning presided. Mrs Cook, Dominion Secretary of the Bible-in-Schools League gave a very good address on that subject. The platform of Bible-in-School League contains four planks: Recitation of Lord's Prayer; Singing a Hymn; Reading a passage of Scripture without comment; Conscience Clause for Teacher, Parent and Child. A very hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, and all promised to help in this good work.

GREYTOWN.

June 29. Twenty members and friends present; one new member joined. Decided to give afternoon tea to inmates of Buchanan Home on July 14th. Mrs D. McKenzie to buy prizes for competition. Collection £1 8s. 4d., half for Local Fund, and half to New Zealand Fund. Miss Burls gave an interesting talk on temperance and social work, and was heartily applauded.

ASHBURTON.

July 6. "Pay Up" social largely attended and very successful. Mrs W. H. Robinson occupied the chair. Letters of sympathy sent to several members who were sick or suffering, including Mr and Mrs R. Burton, and Rev. R. B. Tinsley, the victims of an unfortunate motor accident. Gratitude was expressed that results were not more serious. Greetings were received from Mrs W. T. Lill, though still unable to be present. A request was received from Headquarters, urging members to link up with the Bible-in-Schools League at once. Miss Henderson wrote, drawing attention to resolutions passed at Convention, also, that amendments proposed to existing Legislation re Women Police, Justices of Peace, and Women on Juries, be placed before the local M.P. without delay. Mrs Lee, of Rakaiia Union, was transferred to Ashburton branch. Three new members were enrolled. Superintendent of "Anti-Gambling" reported that the Prime Minister's attitude to Art Unions had been noted, and a letter of thanks and appreciation sent him. An interesting report of the Area Convention of the N.Z. Alliance submitted by Mrs C. J. Corbett. Miss Gates, Officer of "Child Welfare" Department addressed the meeting. The President heartily congratulated Miss Gates on her recent appointment as a Government Official, and assured her of the interest, and prayerful co-operation of the members of the Union in her work. A very enjoyable programme was contributed, and a cup of tea handed round, during which an opportunity was given members to discharge their obligations to the Treasurer.

STYX.

June 19. Social afternoon at Mrs Blain's to meet the children who intended to become members of the L.T.L. Miss McLay addressed the children. Decided to meet at 2.30 p.m. every Sunday at the home of their leader, Mrs Titheridge.

June 26. Mrs Blain led exercises. Story relating to tobacco poisoning; recitations by the boys.

July 13. Fourteen children signed the Pledge, and received their L.T.L. Badge. Children are studying a dialogue to assist at a Band of Hope concert. Mrs Blain read Y.P. Supplement (June number) which was much enjoyed. Closing exercises.

STRATFORD.

June 25. "White Ribbon Day" celebrated; there were about thirty present. Mrs Phillips, the President, made an appeal to the ladies present to be up and doing; also on behalf of "White Ribbon" which she explained is edited by ladies, and contains information for Prohibition workers. Miss Rogers gave several violin solos, accompanied by Mrs Carter, which were much appreciated. A dainty afternoon tea was served.

MANAIA.

June. The weather was bad, but attendance was good. Mrs Robinson, the Vice-President, taking the chair, and giving a report of the Convention. The membership roll was gone over, several names to be crossed out owing to members having gone away and it was arranged that the Secretary write to the various Unions, near to whose headquarters brides had settled. Three new members were promised; the present membership numbers 41. Several members volunteered for visiting work in their own localities, to try to increase membership and activity.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

July 1. Mrs Goody presided. Mrs Bathgate gave a report of Devotional addresses given during Dominion Convention, which was exceptionally interesting. Apologies were received from several absent members. Mrs Bathgate reported an offer of women willing to work up the Union. A list of names of emigrants was handed in with a request for the W.C.T.U. ladies to get in touch with them. Mrs Goody, Delegate to the District Convention, gave a very good report; Mrs Upton gave a talk at Convention on "Responsibilities." Mrs Irwin gave a reading on the "White Ribbon paper," the Official Organ of the W.C.T.U. The next District Convention to be held at Hawera.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

June 17. "White Ribbon" Day observed. Mrs X. Jones presiding. A very interesting and instructive paper was read by Mrs Craig, from Mrs Peryman, Editor of the "White Ribbon." Songs were rendered by Mrs Scott and Miss Hodder. Afternoon tea was dispensed by Mrs Lynn.

June 20. Report of the Taranaki-Wanganui District Convention by the delegate. Mrs Chapman was complimented by the President and others upon her interesting and concise account of the business transacted, and at the conclusion, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded our delegate. Arrangements were made for the forthcoming Bell-birds concert, to be given under the management of Mrs J. Craig, in aid of the Seamen's Rest.

June 23. A Home meeting was held at the Fitzroy Parsonage. Mrs X. Jones gave an interesting talk upon "What our Union stands for." Mrs Craig also informed those present of some of the duties and good work being carried on by the members at the present time. Mrs Chapman spoke about the Cradle Poil Department, of which Mrs Oliver is Superintendent. Two songs and a pianoforte solo. Hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Cossum.

MOTUEKA.

June 30. Eight present; the chair was occupied by the President. Decided that at each meeting, a member bring along a "Fact," relating to the effect of Alcohol on the body. The branch here is looking forward to a promised visit from the Editor of the "White Ribbon." A paper entitled "What is the White Ribbon," was read and much enjoyed. A collection was taken for White Ribbon Day.

OAMARU.

June 14. Quarterly social evening and Waist line supper; good attendance. Mrs Clarke, President, occupied the chair. Mrs Corlett, White Ribbon Agent, read a very fine paper (sent by Mrs Peryman) in which was urged the value of the White Ribbon from an educational standpoint, and the need of increased circulation. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs Cathcart, in the death of her husband. It was resolved that the Union send a protest to the Minister of Internal Affairs against any more permits being granted for Art Unions over 1500. According to promise, and it was resolved to send a letter of appreciation to the Prime Minister re the stand

he has taken against gambling. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mrs Pygall and Miss A-iston, the soloists of the evening, and to Miss Aikenhead for her excellent recitation. One new member.

CHEVIOT.

June 16. An enthusiastic home meeting held at Mrs Clifford's. Mrs Swinerd, Vice-President, gave a short and helpful address. Mrs Walmsley, of Spotswood, was elected as President. The next meeting was arranged for August, after which Mrs Swinerd pronounced the Benediction, and a dainty afternoon tea was served.

TAKAPUNA.

June. Mrs Penning in the chair, and attendance was good. Mrs Benful, District President, and Miss Bradshaw, Organiser, were present. Miss Bradshaw gave a very nice address, urging the need for each to do their part to increase our membership and the circulation of our paper. A protest was made against the granting of a license on the waterfront. Several new subscribers gained. Afternoon tea served. A solo by Miss Mills much enjoyed.

BRIGHTON.

June 17. A well-arranged Conversazione, both afternoon and evening. President, Mrs Hall presided at both functions. In the afternoon songs were given by Mesdames Hewitt, F. Sprosen, and R. Campbell, and the Rev. J. S. Young gave a very fine address. Afternoon tea was served, and several new members were initiated. In the evening an excellent programme was arranged those contributing items being Mesdames Campbell and Hewitt, Misses Raine, Langley, Gibb and Nelson, and Mr R. Campbell. A dialogue, written by Miss B. M. Harband, explaining the work of the W.C.T.U., was given by the officers of the Branch. During the dialogue a duet was sung by Mesdames Campbell and Mitchell, and a solo by Mrs Farmer. A total of eight new members were initiated at the two meetings including two honorary (male) members.

RIVERTON.

June 23. A most successful "White Ribbon" afternoon was held by our President at her home. There were twenty present, and a very pleasant time was spent. Mrs Lowe and Mrs Prosser sang two solos each, Mrs Cassels accompanying them. Our Secretary read a paper on "White Ribbon" Day. Two new subscribers were gained. On behalf of the members, Mrs Fordyce thanked Mrs Gray for her kind hospitality, and invited the Union to hold the next Notable Day at her residence.

HASTINGS.

June 24. Mrs Banks, President, in the chair. Twenty-one members and visitor present. "White Ribbon" Day celebrated by the paper on "White Ribbon" being read by Mrs Paul, "White Ribbon" Agent, who also gave her experiences as a "White Ribbon" Agent during her five years' office. Her services were greatly appreciated, also those of the newly-appointed Assistant, Mrs Murtagh. The subscribers roll now stands at 65 (being more than our membership). —(Well done, Ed. W.R.). Reports of Young People's work for the month received, also Literature Supt. and Sick Visiting Committee, also that the Union had been represented on the newly-formed District Nursing Association. Mrs Sutherland was hostess for the afternoon. Collection 14/6. During Devotions, Mrs Darby gave a paper, entitled "Jesus Our Guide," and Mrs Banks gave a solo, which was greatly appreciated.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH

June 8. Quite a large gathering of members and friends. President, Mrs Garrett, occupied the chair. Mrs Pryde followed devotions with a suitable sacred solo. Nurse Griffiths and Miss McCallum will attend Alliance Convention as delegates for the Southern Union. The afternoon was set aside for information and discussion on "Maori Work," and Mrs Garrett, who was favoured by a paper from Sister Nichol on Maori Work in the North Island, interested her hearers for quite a long time, and Mrs Aitcheson here kindly and sweetly sang a solo. Mrs Parker acted as accompanist.

MASTERTON.

June 17. Special "At Home" meeting for the observance of "White Ribbon" Day. Very good attendance of members and friends. President referred to the educational work done through the medium of the "White Ribbon." Agent gave a short report showing that the circulation of the paper is steadily increasing. A very fine address by Miss Burl on Social and National improvements, referring especially to World Peace and National Prohibition. Referring to Prohibition, Miss Burl spoke of the effect of alcohol on the human body, on the unborn child, and stressed the need for the education of parenthood for the protection of the life to come.

FEILDING.

July 1. Annual Gift afternoon for Willard Home. Good attendance presided over by Mrs Mack. A very satisfactory number of useful articles were brought in also the sum of £1 10s. collected in the room. Mrs Beattie and Mrs Jones very kindly offered to convey the goods to the Home in their cars. Songs and recitations were contributed by various members, and afternoon tea dispensed. Resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mrs Belfit, a member who is very seriously ill. A circular dealing with certain legislative demands of our Union was read and discussed. Resolved that our M.P. be written to on the subject.

OTAHUHU.

June 10. Mrs Greenwood presided. Miss Bradshaw spoke, and urged members to strive to increase the membership of the Union and the circulation of the "White Ribbon." The address was much enjoyed, and all present promised to do all they could to gain new members and subscribers.

July 1. President, Mrs Greenwood, occupied the chair; Mrs Pain gave a very interesting talk on the effect of alcohol on the body, which was listened to with great interest by all present.

OPOTIKI.

June 15. Mrs Thompson presided, Mrs and Miss Steele rendered a duet. President gave a stirring address on "The Influence of Women." Correspondence from Mrs Peryman and Mrs Gibbs were read and dealt with. Band of Hope meetings discussed, and arrangements made for the winter months. Mesdames C. H. and T. Fleming served afternoon tea. A Band of Hope meeting, held in the Theatre on Tuesday, June 22nd, over 300 people present. Mrs Thompson presided and the meeting opened with Community singing and prayer. Captain Grice gave a very interesting address. An excellent programme was rendered by combined Sunday Schools; accompaniments played by Miss Elliot and Mrs Hambly.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.

July 1. Mrs Keene, Vice-President, presided. In accordance with the recommendation passed at Convention, all rose and repeated the pledge, after which a short extract was read dealing with the effect of alcohol. The Secretary was instructed to write to Members of Parliament asking for legislation in connection with Women Police, the appointment of Women Justices of the Peace, the inclusion of Women on Juries, the mother of a family having equal rights with the father, and an amendment to the Police Offences Act, making it an offence for a person to be found in a residence at any time during the day or night without lawful excuse. The aims and objects of the Bible-in-Schools League were discussed, and all promised their support to the Bill which would be submitted to Parliament. The members then dealt with the forthcoming Thanksgiving, to be held on the 15th of the month, when the mortgage on the property would be paid. The advertising of liquor on Stamp booklets and train tickets was taken exception to, also even the suggestion of boys playing football on Sundays was regretted especially as there is so much Sabbath desecration abroad, the lifting of the Rent Restriction Act was also brought up, and a majority of those present agreed that they considered this Act as one of the most just and righteous Acts placed on the Statute Books for protecting a portion of the community who are least able to protect themselves, and it was hoped that it would be continued.

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."*

My dear Wise Y's,—

I have much pleasure in telling you that you now have a Superintendent for your Department, Mrs. Macartney, 27 Mailer Street, Mornington, Dunedin. Her photo was in June W.R. as the indefatigable worker for our Creche in the Exhibition. So you can look at it and see a good picture of your superintendent. Next month I hope to have a letter from her in this column. Mrs. Macartney is Supt. of the Dunedin Y's, she loves the work and she loves the Y's, and I feel certain the work will grow and prosper under her fostering care.

Now my dear Y's. I want to ask your help in circulating our White Ribbon. We want to get voters to read our facts, to know that alcohol is no use as a medicine, is positively harmful as a beverage, that it is the greatest enemy to the home and the child. We want them to know that the Liquor Trade is the greatest law-breaker that ever was, either in dry U.S.A. or wet New Zealand. We can collect facts in our office, we can print them in our White Ribbon, but we must have your help to get them into the homes. Will you give it? Will your persuade your friends not only to take it, but read it and so become educated in temperance, scientific, economic, medical.

We are trusting you and depending upon your helps. May you have the joy of winning many votes for prohibition,

Lovingly yours,
THE EDITOR.

WHAT ARE YOU WORTH?

This question as usually asked means "in dollars and cents." But there is a greater value than a cash one to a young life. One who best knew the value of the human soul said, "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Many young people

value themselves too lightly, and therefore fail to keep themselves unspotted from the world. Your bodies are the temples of God. Then why defile the temple God has chosen to dwell in? Why not keep it pure from alcohol, drugs and evil habits.

Brave words were spoken to girls by a Y. Superintendent in another land, and we pass them on to our Y's.

CHRISTCHURCH.

On June 24th, a branch of the "Y" Union was organised in Christchurch by Miss McLay. Officers:—President, Miss Millicent Jennings; Cor. Sec., Miss D. Hutchinson; Rec. Sec., Miss Coe; Treas., Miss Edna Spedding. It was decided to form a Choir, and also a Speakers' Class. Membership, 30.

On June 29th, a branch was also formed at Rangiora. Officers:—President, Miss Thelma Ayers; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Taylor; Rec. Sec., Miss M. McKechnie; Treas., Mrs Robert Thwaites; Superintendents, Mesdames Logan and Rowe.

PROHIBITION AND PROSPERITY.

Speaking at the Glasgow Publicity Club Luncheon on 8th January, Councillor Taylor said:—"I mention this merely from an economic standpoint; I am not a Temperance reformer. America increased reproduction 10 per cent. on account of Prohibition. If we in this country do not do something soon we are bound to be left behind; we cannot hope to prosper while wasting 350 millions a year on alcoholic liquor."—"Scotland Temperance Reformer."



ABSENT-MINDED.

The professor was very absent-minded, and it was a great surprise to him when his wife placed a beautiful bunch of flowers on his desk one morning.

"What does this mean, my dear?" he asked.

"Why, don't you remember?" she exclaimed.

"This is the anniversary of your wedding day."

"Ah! Is that so?" he answered politely. "Please let me know when yours comes round, and I will reciprocate."

COURAGE.

So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
So near is God to man
When duty whispers low, "Thou must,"

The youth replies, "I can."

—"Emerson."

Wife: "Are all men as stupid as you are?"

Husband: "No, my dear; look at all the bachelors there are."

McTavish (to Mrs McTavish, who had had her hair bobbed for a surprise): "Shame on ye, wumman! After I've just bought ye a packet o' hairpins for Christmas."

BABY'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.

The following list of "do's" and don't's" for baby's welfare secured the winning prize in a recent Nursery Competition:—

Thou shalt not kiss me on the mouth.

Thou shalt not sneeze or cough in my face.

Thou shalt not give me a dummy to suck.

Thou shalt not give me cold boiled water to drink.

Thou shalt give me the right things to eat.

Thou shalt give me a bath every day.

Thou shalt give me clean clothes.

Thou shalt give me my own bed.

Thou shalt give me a comfortable room with windows open.

Thou shalt give me plenty of sleep in the fresh air.

If womanhood is to gain and to retain its rightful place in the world, each girl must understand herself and uphold her own value.

The value that each girl sets upon herself as a woman is the value that others will accord to her in their thoughts of her and dealings with her. She must never think of herself as a mere machine, whose highest ambition is to do some bit of man's work. Still less must she think of herself in her leisure time as the mere plaything of any man she can pick up who may give her a good time for the moment. If she accepts the position of a cheap toy she can expect no other than its fate. We all know the life story of a cheap toy. It is easily come by, lightly played with for an hour or so, then tired of and thrown aside, often "done for" as well as "done with." Many a woman has shared that fate because she thought cheaply of herself, allowed others to treat her cheaply, and never realised her own value until it was too late, until her treasure was wasted, broken, lost, her womanhood degraded, the man she might have helped to make more manly degraded also, and he, and probably other men, taught by her to think cheaply of all women, thereby making their lives more difficult.

Such are some of the tragic wastes of womanhood.

A BOY'S IDEA OF "HABIT."

A public school teacher once offered a prize to the boy who should write the best essay in five minutes on "How to Overcome Habit." A lad of nine years old carried off the honors.

This is what he wrote:—

"Well, sir, habit is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter it does not change 'abit.' If you take off another, you will have a 'bit' left. If you take off still another, the whole of 'it' remains. If you take off another, it is not wholly used up; all of which goes to show that if you want to get rid of a habit, you must throw it off altogether."—
"Southern California White Ribbon."

A CALL TO YOUTH.

Youth of the world, unite!
Youth of the world, strive, fight
For what you deem the right.
Youth sees with surer eyes,
Because its eyes are clear
Of prejudice and fear.
Youth need not compromise.
No compromise with wrong—
Let this our slogan be.
The league of youth is strong,
Stretching from sea to sea.
This world is ours to take;
The world is ours to make.
Let us build true and sure
A world that will endure;
Built out of right and truth,
Reared with this tool—our youth.
—"Mary Carolyn Davies."

Faith is the great liberator. Worry, fear, responsibility, the tyranny of moods; these shut in and imprison the soul. But faith sets it free. It shows us God the Father behind all. Your life, my brother, as Christ has shown us life's meaning, is a bigger thing than your biggest anxiety. Behind your broken plan lies the bigger, wiser, purpose of God. Behind your worry is the Love of God, who careth for you and yours. Beyond the pin-pricks and the pettiness of your daily surroundings lie the patience and encouragement and the infinite refuge of God. Get a sight of that great sweep of country. Claim it by faith, with confidence and courage, for God means it to be yours.

GREATEST STEP.

"The person who says that Prohibition has not reduced crime either wilfully or ignorantly misstates facts. From an experience of twelve years as warden of this penitentiary I unhesitatingly state that the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment was the greatest progressive step taken by the United States since the abolition of human slavery."—"John B. Clinton, Warden of Kentucky Penitentiary."

LIFE SAVING.

It is estimated that there are 250,000 fewer industrial accidents each year as a result of Prohibition than when we had 177,790 saloons in operation before the Eighteenth Amendment went into effect.

And we shall be in better shape
When all the world goes dry,
From out the grape, it knocks the
ape,
From the cider steals the sigh.
—"Cleveland Plain Dealer."

At Champagne Prohi takes a slam
With all its might and main;
In indicates to us the sham,
And robs us of the pain.
—"Youngstown Telegram."

"Johnny," said the teacher, "a lie can be acted as well as told. Now, if your father were to put sand in his sugar and sell it, he would be acting a lie and doing very wrong." "That's what mother told him," said Johnny impetuously, "and he said he didn't care."

A young woman took down the receiver on a party line and discovered that the telephone was in use.

"I just put on a pan of beans for dinner," she heard one woman complacently informing another.

She hung up the receiver and waited. Three times she tried, and then, exasperated, she broke into the conversation:

"Madam, I smell your beans burning," she announced crisply. A horrified scream greeted the remark, and the young woman was able to put her call.

"Y" REPORTS.

HASTINGS.

June 16. Usual meeting, Miss Beale presided; 16 present. After the business, a debate between the Y. Boys and the Y. Girls took place, subject: "Should Chinese be allowed to come to this Dominion." The girls took the negative, and the boys the affirmative. The girls won with most points. A vote of thanks to Mr Banks, for acting as judge, and a dainty supper closed an enjoyable evening.

July 8. President in chair, attendance small. Articles were read from White Ribbon and Vanguard papers. While the girls sewed, Mrs J. Banks gave a very interesting paper on Joshua. Musical items were contributed by Mrs Banks, Misses Cook, Barry, Robinson and Beale. A very profitable evening closed with the benediction.

TIMARU.

July 6. The Timaru "Y's" held a very enjoyable social at Mrs Shepherd's residence

on Monday evening. Musical items and games made the evening pass all too quickly. A dainty supper supplied by our President, Mrs Gordon, was then handed round, and greatly appreciated.

AUCKLAND.

July 1. The President, Miss A. M. McLay, presided. There was a fair attendance. The subject of the evening was "Favourite Hymns." Eleven members took part. Six very excellent papers were read. Two solos were sung, and there were also rendered, a Violin and Cornet Solo, and a very fine recitation taken from the hymn "Rock of Ages." The President gave a short Temperance Address. This was a very interesting and inspiring meeting, the time and thought expended on the papers being very commendable. Three new members joined.

BRIGHTON.

June 11. Mrs F. Mitchell presided over a well-attended meeting. Mrs Hall briefly addressed the members. A debate, "Should

Alcohol be used as a Medicine," was very capably dealt with. Miss Harband, who acted as judge, awarded first place to the two girls who took the negative side and complimented all who had taken part in the debate, on the way they had handled their subject. Two new members were initiated.

NELSON.

May. Opening social, good attendance. Miss Pearl Eaves, who was the Convention Delegate, read her report, which she was complimented upon. Election of officers then took place. All present officers were re-elected, with the exception of the White Ribbon Agent; Miss D. Williams undertook to fill the position, also as White Ribbon Agent for the Mother Union. After games were indulged in, a nice supper was handed around.

June 28. The Syllabus for this year was discussed and passed. Decided that a surprise party to be held instead of next meeting, with a view to gaining new members. Two new members were present.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS MARY CLARK MAUNDER.

On April 8th last Mrs Maunder, widow of Mr G. H. Maunder, quietly fell asleep at her home "Waiake," New Plymouth.

It is about thirty years ago that I first met Mrs Maunder, soon after she had become a member of the Hawera W.C.T.U., and who was then a hard-working member—if not the President—of one of Hawera's country Unions. After coming to New Plymouth to reside, she joined up with the Union and often gave good service by presiding at the meetings, and by taking many other duties. Mr and Mrs Maunder used their pretty hospitable home to entertain strangers, especially those, who like themselves, raised their voices in protest against the Licensed bar, and the general use of alcohol as a beverage. It is owing to such stalwarts as these, that only once has the Taranaki Electorate Prohibition Vote taken a backward turn; and it gives one a thrilling uplift to think that such gifts of time, talent, and money as they put into the work can never be lost! They have passed on. Let us go on with their faith and vision.

—E.D.

Prohibition Commissioner Haynes announces that fines and special taxes imposed against liquor law violators have brought revenue to the government two and one-half times as great as the ten million dollar appropriation for the enforcement of the law.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following donations have been received since the date of last report:

New Zealand Fund.

Mrs Lill £2 1s, New Plymouth £1 10s 6d, Sefton £1 5s. 6d, Onehunga £1 2s 2d, Takapuna 14s 6d, Taumarunui 11s 9d, Ponsonby 10s, Richmond 5s, Wanganui Central and Winton 4s each, Johnsonville 3s 7d, Anon (Henderson) 2s.

Organising Fund.

Greytown £2, Edendale (Southland) £1.

Maori Fund.

Wanganui East 10s.

E. L. R. BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland,

9th July, 1926.

ROLL OF HONOUR.

50 per cent. increase.

Mount Eden.

GOLDEN LADDER.

100 per cent. increase.

Henderson.

Spreydon.

We hope all Unions have made arrangements for a thorough canvass for new subscribers. Appoint two teams of workers in your Union, each with a Captain, and see which team can gain most new subscribers. I am waiting for the first district to double its subscribers and mount the Golden Ladder.

The pretty Golden Ladder Card is worth winning.

Wouldn't you hate to be a centipede and be met with the sign at the top of the doorstep, "Please wipe your feet?"

Ladies visiting Auckland should patronise the

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Superior accommodation for permanents and casuals.

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TELEPHONE 45-254.

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 Hill, Russell Cres., Ellerslie.

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

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

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

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

BLENHEIM, first Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs W. Grigg. The Parsonage; Sec., Mrs Smith, Brook-street, Springlands; Treas., 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 Mitchel, 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., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori, Mrs Romeril; Flower Mission, Mrs Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Cradle Roll, Mrs Twose; Home Meetings and Library, Mrs Hutton; Press, Miss Alice Webb, 17 Elder St.

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

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

ELTHAM, 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, London Street.

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

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

EPSOM, 4th Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in Baptist Church, York Avenue. Pres., Mrs Neal, 5 Park Crescent, Parnell; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Carr and Martin; Sec., Mrs A. McLeod, 16 Wapiti Avenue, Epsom; Treas., Mrs Pirrett; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hood; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Campbell; Literature Supt., Mrs 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 Wilcox; 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, Sandlands Street; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street; Treas., Mrs McIntyre, Ranfurly Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Campbell, West Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mai; Evangelical Supt., Mrs Tre-main.

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 Whinrop and Mrs Anker; Sec., Mrs H. Morrison, Morrison's Bush; Treas., Mrs A. Haigh; W.R. Agent, Miss Oates.

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

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

HAWERA, meets last Friday, at 3 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs Exley, Albion Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Mrs Hayward, 37 Tawhiti Road; 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, Waahi, Hamlet.

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

INGLEWOOD, meets last Wednesday, in Methodist Sunday Schoolroom, at 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. B. Simpson, P.O. Papan; 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 Schoolroom, 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 Langskail, Melbourne St.; Treas., Miss Hopkirk, 165 MacMaster St.; W.R., Mrs Brown, King St; Cradle Roll, Mrs Fraser, Ellis Rd.

KAIAPOI, meets in Methodist Sunday School last Wednesday in every month. Pres., Mrs Vickery, Fuller Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Rinaldi, Sewell Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Morland, Raven Street; Treas., Mrs Chapman, Kaiapoi Rural Mall; 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, Forth 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, Vogeltown; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Oliver, Upper Carrington Road.

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

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

OAMARU, Baptist Hall, Severn Street, at 2.30 p.m., every 2nd Monday in the month. Pres., Mrs J. J. Clarke, Tyne St; Sec., Mrs Scott, 61 Eden St; Treas., Mrs McKenzie, Clyde St., Newborough; Asst. Treas., Miss Milligan; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hutchinson and Reid, and Misses Wilson, M. Milligan, and Smyth; Band of Hope Supt., Miss Hilliker; W.R. Agent, Mrs Corlett, 63 Eden St; Press Reporter, Mrs Scott; Asst. Reporter, Miss Hilliker.

ORMONDVILLE, 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. in the Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Wilson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Small; Sec., Mrs Newling; Treas., Miss 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 Boi and Mrs Cooper; Notable Days, Mrs Jones; Legal and Parliamentary, Mrs Fox; Home Meetings, Mrs S. Gainsford and Mrs Graham; White Ribbon, Mrs D. Hawke; Band of Hope, Miss Gainsford; Young People's Branch, Mrs R. Comyns; Flower Mission, Mesdames Jamieson and Robertson.

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.

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

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 Ayson, 69 Fitzherbert Street, Petone; Treas., Mrs Donegaue,

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 Hayr, 209 Ponsonby Road; Sec., Miss Read, Fernbank, Whittaker Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs Olliver, Homal, Manurewa; Treas., Mrs Williams, Bayfield Road, Herne Bay; Evangelistic, Miss Braithwaite, 11 Picton Street; Anti-Gambling, Mrs Farrand, 7a, Hamilton Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Joiner, 92 Lincoln Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Andrews, 1 Crummer Road; L.T.L. and Y's., Miss Read, Whittaker Place.

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, Pittail, 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. Agent, Miss J. McGregor, Box 48.

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

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

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

TE KUITI, meets 2nd Tuesday in month, at 2.30 p.m., in 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 Teasey, Edgecumbe Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Foxcroft, Cameron Road.

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

TEMUKA, meets 1st Friday, 3 p.m. Pres., Nurse Cameron, c/o Mrs Sims, Ailnutt 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 Turnbull 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. Lill, Willowby; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carters Terr; Treas., Miss Turner.

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

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

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

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

WANGANUI CENTRAL, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Trinity Church Parlour. Pres., Mrs Goodey 26 College St., Cor. Sec., Mrs L. Upton, 165 Victoria Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs Piper, 3 Koromiko Rd., Treas., Mrs Warwick Great North Rd., St. John's Hall; 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 T. Wall; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Nicholls; Treas., Mrs R. Johnstone; Rec. Sec., Mrs T. J. Davis; W.R. Agent, Miss M. Johnstone.

WELLINGTON SOUTH, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., 35 Constable Street. Pres., Sec., Mrs Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Miss Boxall, 40 Pirie Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace.

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 Woolfhal; 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 Dredgen; 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. D. Campbell, Eglington St; W.R. Agent, Dr. Moana, Gow Park St; Evangelistic 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 Westly 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 Loppdell; Sec. and Treas., Mrs W. Chalmer; W.R. Agents, Miss Ayson and Miss McKay.