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OUR WILLARD HOME.

It is often asked, "What is the W.C.T.U. doing?" That means in actual practical work. The W.C.T.U. has about 8,000 members pledged abstainers. Its branches hold monthly meetings, whose educative value are enormous. It has many children in its L.T.L's. and Bands of Mercy, who are being trained in our principles—the 3 P's., Prohibition, Purity and Peace. It publishes an official organ, "The White Ribbon," which has a circulation of well over 4,500. This keeps Unions in touch with every branch of its Dominion work. Also, contains articles dealing with the world-wide war against alcohol and Mars, and telling of the advance every land is making in its fight for the advancement of women, and the safe-guarding of the home.

Its practical work in this Dominion is steadily growing. It has nearly

£1,000 put away in the bank for the purchase of Headquarters. It runs a W.C.T.U. Hostel in Auckland, and it has a Seamen's Rest in Timaru and Greymouth, and New Plymouth is now raising funds for a Seamen's Rest.

Willard Home caters for the children who have none to care for them, and is a work which peculiarly appeals to mother-hearted women.

assistance for the Willard Home for children at Palmerston North, and our Editor thought that some facts about the Home would be interesting to the readers of the White Ribbon. During the Great War, the Palmerston North branch of the W.C.T.U. organized a Hostel for soldiers' wives and children. At the end of its usefulness, they had several hundreds of pounds worth of furniture on their hands, and decided to use it in organizing a Home for children who needed a home for any cause. They started in a small way to gain experience. The Home accommodated 19 children and two of a staff, a most satisfactory staff. The Home has always been approved of by the Government inspectors. The children vary from 2 or 3 years old, to 10 or twelve. At present, there are 14 boys and 5 girls; sometimes the girls predominate. Thanks to the generosity of the W.C.T.U. branches



MRS. E. BIRDSALL, Secretary.

Mrs Crabb, President of the Home Committee, and Mrs Birdsall, are indefatigable in their labours.

The following letter from Mrs Crabb will be of great interest to all our readers.

Dear Sisters,

Every branch of the W.C.T.U. will have received a copy of the appeal for



MRS. CRABB, President.



MRS. (Dr.) BARNETT.

and the general public, we have never lacked for money, and have now just over one thousand pounds for increased accommodation and conveniences which are urgently needed. At present, there are 7 out of the 19 children who are destitute of money, and are entirely dependent on the Home. The supply of second-hand clothing received from our W.C.T.U. friends keep the children well clothed, and the surplus sold at Jumble Sales brings in about £60 a year. Mrs Barnett and Mrs Collins with

welcome is extended to one and all to visit the Home whenever possible.

P. CRABB,
President.

Mrs Crabb writes that when they carry out their extension scheme, they hope to include a small infant department, as it is found impossible to handle babies with the present limited staff and space.

NEW UNIONS.

ADULT.

Miss Bradshaw has formed a Union at Maungakarama (North Auckland). President, Mrs J. T. Walker; Secretary, Mrs W. H. Gillingham, Box 1; Treasurer, Mrs W. H. Gillingham, Box 1.

Miss McLay has formed one at Fencourt, Cambridge. President, Mrs Simpson Rural Delivery, Fencourt, Waikato; Secretary, Mrs Norman, Rural Delivery, Fencourt, Waikato; Treasurer, Mrs Walter Beer, Rural Delivery, Fencourt, Waikato.

Y's.

Miss McLay has formed Y's at Hamilton East. President, Miss Kate Dey; Vice-President, Miss Clorine St. George; Cor. Sec., Miss Nell Fielding; Rec. Sec., Miss Bessie Wightman; Treas., Miss Eileen Milne.

Cambridge.—Pres., Mr G. Williamson; Sec., Mr Neil Carter; Treas., Miss S. Stratton.

North Brighton Union has formed a "Y" Branch also—25 members. Pres., Mrs Eames; Sec., Miss Thompson; Treas., Mr G. Florence.



MRS. J. G. COLLINS.

about a dozen ladies meet every week to mend and to remake the clothing. We have our surplus land under offer to the Government as a building site for a new school, which would assist us in our extension schemes..

We hope the W.C.T.U. branches look upon this Home for children as their own. It belongs to the W.C.T.U. of New Zealand, and we know the welfare of the children is dear to every member. A hearty

WORLD'S WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Rest Cottage,
Evanston, Illinois,
U.S.A., June 23rd, 1926.

Dear Comrade,

On the first of this month, I wrote you of the great loss we have suffered in the World's W.C.T.U., in the passing onward of our dear Mrs Mary D. Tomlinson. To-day, with a sad heart, I must let you know that another most active and beloved leader at the head of a department has been called home.

Our comrade, Mrs Martha H. Allen, of Forest Hill Gardens, Long Island, New York State, after a short illness, passed away June 19th, at her summer home at Long Beach, Long Island.

Mrs Allen was the director of the Department of Medical Temperance in both the World's and the National W.C.T.U. organizations.

For many years, Mrs Allen has created public opinion among physicians in favour of non-alcoholic medication. Her book, "Alcohol a Dangerous and Unnecessary Medicine" has had a wide sale. Mrs Allen has been a public benefactor in giving publicity to the fraudulent and dangerous character of many so-called patent medicines which in reality were largely of alcoholic content.

We are sorely bereft in the earthly loss of these devoted women, who have given many years of whole-hearted service to our glowing cause. We shall think of them in Miss Willard's words, as born into beauty and born into bloom, and shall believe they are ministering spirits to us who miss their comradeship, their unwavering zeal and their unfaltering faith in ultimate victory.

Affectionately,
ANNA GORDON,
President.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Secretaries and Others Kindly Note—

Miss Alice Webb does NOT supply educational papers. A reference to the official list in the Convention "White Ribbon" will show that "papers on loan" may be obtained from Miss M. S. Powell, 120 Cliffs Road, St. Clair, Dunedin. To send to Miss Webb not only causes delay, but involves additional postage.



SOME WILLARD HOME CHILDREN.

TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT. CONVENTION.

The Annual District Convention was held in Inglewood on June 8th and 9th. On Tuesday evening a public meeting was held in the Methodist Church to welcome the visiting delegates. There was a large gathering, and the chair was taken by the Rev. J. H. Boyd, Deputy-Mayor. A musical programme had been arranged, and was greatly enjoyed. Items were given by Mr Sutherland's orchestra, also violin and piano solos by the Misses Leach, songs by Rev. Boyd and Miss D. Loveridge, of New Plymouth, and Mrs Sutherland, of Inglewood, accompanied the orchestra. Mr Arthur led in prayer, and speeches of welcome were made by Mrs Simpson (local President), Rev. H. Lyndsey (of the Anglican Church), Rev. J. Bowen (Presbyterian minister), and the S.A. Adjutant.

The business session opened on Wednesday morning at 9 a.m., and 42 delegates answered the roll call. A fair number of visitors were present. Mrs Upton, of Wanganui, conducted the devotions, and after reading passages from Ezekiel and Nehemiah, spoke a few words on our "Responsibilities."

Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed, and votes of sympathy passed to relatives of members who have passed away during the year. Especially did we remember Mrs Dawson and relatives of Mrs Maunder and Mrs M. Kinder and Mrs J. Wright. Letters of sympathy were sent to Mrs and Miss Lilley, and a letter of loving greeting to our old member, Mrs Handy.

A letter was read from Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, regretting her inability to arrange her itinerary so as to be present with us.

Mrs Scott, Taranaki District President, read her report for the year, dwelling upon the education of children in Scientific Temperance, both in day schools and in Bands of Hope. She spoke of the Band of Hope work in Invercargill, which has met with such success, the district being voted dry some years ago by young voters, and has remained so. Mrs Scott also mentioned that Mrs Peryman is starting a "White Ribbon" campaign. We have not so many "White Ribbon" subscribers as we should have. In the two districts, Taranaki-Wanganui, there are over 900 members, and only 228 "White Ribbon" subscribers.

Mrs Duxfield spoke to the address, and supported the appeal for the "White Ribbon," also for Band of Hope workers.

Mrs Upton and Mrs Goodey, of Wanganui, gave encouraging accounts of Band of Hope in their town, and also in Hawera. Mrs Gilmour, of Aramoho, has a gathering once a fortnight of about 60 young people, many of whom will soon be voting. Some have removed to Auckland, and have started the movement there. Mrs Phillips, of Stratford, deplored the ignorance of temperance subjects amongst our own members, which, she said, was appalling, and thought we should turn our attention to our own members. Mrs Bond, of Kaimera, gave an account of a Sunday School she is running under the auspices of the W.C.T.U. Mrs Clayton, of Waitara, received a letter from a Methodist minister asking that the W.C.T.U. should organise a Band of Hope, the church officers and teachers to co-operate; and Mrs Morrison, of Eltham, also reports Band of Hope work.

The reports of 14 Unions were read and discussed.

At the noontide hour Mrs Craig sang "The World's Noontide Hymn," all joining in the chorus.

Mrs Phillips opened the afternoon session with a reading from 25th Matt., her subject being "Sharing our oil," urging us to share our privileges with others.

After the roll call, the minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed.

Mrs Duxfield, Wanganui District President, gave her address. She stated the motive of our Union is for service to others. W.C.T.U., we come to uplift. To uplift the fallen and plan means of saving them. In the past much has been left undone, but we must press forward and make extra efforts in the future. We are banded together for the abolition of the drink traffic, and we can see that it is only a matter of time. In almost all the countries of the world the agitation is going on. It is a very mighty reform to bring about, and can only be done by leading the children in the right way. We have been in the fight nearly 40 years, and all things considered, we have every reason to take courage. The Continuance vote has decreased, and the Prohibition vote has increased. It is the middle issue that is the disturbing factor, and all parties demand its withdrawal.

A suggestion was made to snowball the member when this Bill comes before Parliament.

The report was adopted, and a short discussion took place.

There were four entries for the five minutes speeches.

Mrs Tuffrey spoke on her work amongst the Maoris, which has been carried on for just over 12 months.

Mrs Clarke, of Stratford, took "Opportunity" as her subject, urging that we never miss an opportunity to work and speak in His Name.

Mrs McAllum's subject was "Unity." In unity uphold each other's hands in the work, even if we do not always agree as to detail. It is the motive that counts. Be not quick to judge others.

Mrs Robinson, Manaia, spoke of a personal experience in her own life.

Rev. Lindsey kindly judged the speeches, the prize being given to Mrs Clarke.

After the speaker, Mrs Craig gave a solo, "He shall feed His flock like a shepherd," and it was greatly appreciated.

The President then made an appeal for members. One lady came forward, and was initiated.

Election of officers. The Taranaki District officers were elected, the only change being Mrs Phillips, of Stratford, as President, and an invitation from Hawera was accepted for next year's Convention.

An eloquent appeal was made by Mrs Craig for the Seamen's Rest, together with an account of the work done during the past year. Donations of £1 each were received from Eltham and Inglewood. Mrs Craig proposed sending an account of the work to the different Unions, and asking their assistance in collecting for the Rest. Mrs Phillips seconded, and made several useful suggestions. Mrs Duxfield suggested taking up a collection in each Union, and Wanganui District and Eltham decided to place a box upon their table, and ask tradesmen to place a box in their shops, etc.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance of £4 3s 5d.

A discussion followed upon the division of the District. Mrs Duxfield proposed that it remain the same for this year and the matter discussed and ready for voting upon next year.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had assisted in any way, and the Convention closed with the Benediction.

SPECIALS.

NELSON DISTRICT.

During July the Nelson District has been favoured with a visit from Mrs Peryman, the editor of the "White Ribbon." She arrived in Nelson on Friday, July 16th, and after a short District Executive meeting, was welcomed by the Nelson Union at an afternoon social in the Methodist Hall. There was a good attendance of members and friends, several of whom became new subscribers to the "White Ribbon." On Saturday Mrs Peryman went out to Richmond, preaching at the Methodist Church on Sunday morning, and on Monday she returned to Nelson for a Home meeting at the residence of Mrs T. A. Field, The Rocks. Tuesday, she went back to meet the Richmond Union in the afternoon, and addressed a young people's gathering in the evening and on Wednesday went on to meet the Wakefield Union. Thursday there was another Home meeting in town at Mrs Every's, and in the evening Mrs Peryman met the Nelson Y.P. Union at a social gathering. Friday the Union in Motueka was visited, both an afternoon and evening meeting being held. On Saturday Mrs Peryman returned to Nelson so as to speak at a Bible Class Rally on Sunday afternoon, arranged by the Bible Class leaders of the various churches. Monday was wet, but several members of the Nelson Union accompanied Mrs Peryman in a visit to the Union at Wakapuaka, the most scattered part of the District.

All the meetings were fairly well attended, considering the prevailing "flu," and the result should be a wider knowledge of the scope of the Union's work, greater interest in its aims and objects, and an increased list of subscribers to its own paper, the "White Ribbon."

THANKSGIVING BANQUET.

A function of unusual interest was held in the W.C.T.U. rooms at 35 Constable Street on the evening of Thursday, the 15th of July, for the purpose of celebrating the extinction of the debt on the property. It took the form of a banquet, to which from 80 to 100 guests sat down. As the South Wellington Union is at present, since the death of Mrs J. Wright, without a President, the chair was taken by one of the Vice-Presidents, Mrs Evans, supported on the right by Rev. A. N. Scotter, Mrs Adjutant Glover, Mr Boxall, and Mrs Pin-

fold, and on the left by Hon. C. M. Luke, Miss Kirk, and Miss Boxall, and Rev. W. Shirer. The proceedings were opened with the singing of the White Ribbon hymn, "All Round the World," and after ample justice had been done to the good things on the well and beautifully arranged tables, a short programme of toasts, speeches, and music was gone through. When the usual loyal toast had been honoured, Mrs Pinfold proposed the Dominion W.C.T.U., saying that as home is not home without the mother, so the local Branches could not carry on but for the care and attention of the Dominion Union. A fitting response was made by Mrs Mowlem, after which Miss Boxall read the story of the rise of the Newtown Girls' Association and the purchase of the building in which for so many years its work was carried on. This was given by Mrs Wright shortly before she passed away, and as far as possible was in the very words used by her. Immediately at the close of the reading the Doxology was sung, and Rev. A. N. Scotter engaged in prayer, expressing gratitude for God's guidance and blessing in the past, and invoking help for still better work in the future. Mr C. M. Luke then proposed the health of the Girls' Association, dwelling on the beautiful character and splendid devotion of the early Committee, particularly mentioning the late Mrs Wright and the late Mrs Boxall. A feeling response was made by Mr Boxall and the health of the retiring Treasurer, Rev. W. Shirer, was proposed by the Chairwoman. It was a wonderful record, for which all were deeply thankful, that the same Treasurer had acted the whole time, from October, 1899, till July, 1926, and a high tribute was paid to him for his care of the funds and his sympathetic support of the Committee in its care for and improvement of the property. In his reply, he voiced his great interest in the work the Association had accomplished, his pleasure at having at last paid off the final instalment of the mortgage, and his appreciation of the band of noble women for whom he had acted. Mrs Glover then proposed the toast of the sister Union, Wellington Central, in a few words of encouragement to future work, saying it was needed just as much now as in the past, but it could be done still, as before, under the inspiration of Christ. Miss Kirk replied, referring to the hallowed memories that clustered round

the room through the lives and work of the leaders who were no longer here. The last toast was proposed to "Our Hostesses" by Rev. A. N. Scotter, and replied to by Mrs Evans who thanked all who had done so much to ensure the success of the function, Mesdames McLellan, Keene, Bott, and Patience, and Miss E. Boxall, who had contributed so charming a programme of music and recitation, and the members of the Executive, who had carried out the necessary arrangements with so much energy and enthusiasm.

AN ECHO OF THE PAST.

Dear Madam Editor,—

I am at present visiting Kaiapoi, and last week had the pleasure of addressing a meeting in the new Rest Room.

There will be few—a very few now—"old identities" like myself who will remember meeting at a Dominion Convention the late Mrs Soulby, for many years the very capable Secretary of the Kaiapoi Union. Mrs Soulby passed to higher service in 1912, but Mr Soulby still lives in the old home. The old gentleman, at the age of ninety-two, lives alone, does his own house-work, and greets one always with a bright smile. Quite recently he was heard to say he "enjoys every moment of life." He is in full possession of all his faculties, and it was touching to see his pleasure in my visit this morning and in recalling the days long gone.—I am, etc.,

MARY S. POWELL.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

New Zealand Fund.

White Ribbon Day collections: Greytown 14s 2d, Lower Hutt and Petone (combined meeting) 10s, Riccarton 9s, Whangarei 7s 1d, Foxton 2s.

Organizing Fund.

Hamilton £3.

Maori Fund.

Wellington Central £1.

E. L. R. Bendely,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 10th August, 1926.

LIQUOR IN THE KING COUNTRY.

LEADING CHIEFS SPEAK OUT.

A deputation of Native Chiefs from the King Country, waited upon the Prime Minister early in this month.

They presented to him the following petition:—

To the Premier,
Native Minister
of New Zealand.

Greetings to you Sir,

You are the Protector of your Maori people. Thus we send you the last testament of our chiefs, asking that "No hotels be opened in the King Country." That Law was made between our Fathers and the Government in the year 1884. At that time there were no Pakehas in the King Country, and when the Government granted our request, the Pakeha was permitted to enter under the conditions of that law and the Railway and European settlement followed. This was the result of Wahanui's visit to Wellington, and his appearance before the "Bar of the House." Now, O Sir, some of those Europeans whom we permitted to enter, are asking to break that Law, and are persuading some of our young people to sign a petition, but we assure you our chiefs and elders are all opposed to that Pakeha petition. We trust our prayer is not too late to hasten this our last request. "O, Sirs, do not permit the pledge made with our Fathers to be broken." Our hearts are grieved at the efforts of the Pakeha, and we are helpless, as we have no money to fight our cause like the Pakehas, who want to sell their drink. We do not want a vote, because our young people would be bribed to break the sacred law of their elders. We trust in you, O Sir, as the representative of our Mother Queen Victoria, to continue that Royal protection so faithfully bestowed to us her children under the Treaty of Waitangi, and thus prevent the introduction of anything that would do us harm. O Sir, hear our prayer. Our words to our Pakeha friends are these: "If they want hotels, let them go to those parts where there are hotels, but if they wish to remain in the King Country, they must honour the 'Sacred Law' of our fathers." We have no objection to the Pakeha as such, and would welcome others in their place, who are prepared to honour our Covenant.

We do not want a vote. We want the Law made by Tawhiao, Wahanui, Rewi Maniapoto, and the Government to remain. This was the prayer of our petition to Parliament in 1923, and resolutions to this end have been unanimously passed by meetings of our Native people throughout the King Country. This is enough.

TUWHAKARA.

(Signed)

Te Rata Mahuta Tawhiao Potarau,
Tuwhakaririka Patana,
Hotu Tana Pakukohatu,
and Thirty Leading Chiefs of the
King Country.

Te Kuiti, August 2nd, 1926.

They also pointed out by declaration to the Prime Minister, that a petition had been circulated among the Maoris, praying for a Referendum on the Liquor Question. That this petition had misled them by placing at its head the words of their great Chief Wahanui. They therefore begged that their names be withdrawn from this petition, and that the Prime Minister present to the Houses of Parliament their desires that the pact be not broken. A Declaration was also sent out, which 35 leading Chiefs were appointed to sign, to the People and Tribes of the King Country. They stated that the petition for licensed Houses in the King Country "is the underhand work of the Pakehas and their agents." These Chiefs also put it on record that "Our present position (without licensed hotels) is much better than that of any other tribes (those in licensed areas)."

The Chiefs indignantly repudiate the statement that there is more drinking amongst natives in the King Country than amongst those in any other Maori District. They declare this to be an insult to their people. These important Chiefs also state that "some signed their names in ignorance; others have had their names written in without their consent; some young children have signed, and some names have been written in lead pencil.

A statement is also appended, signed by Teone Haereiti, that his name was placed upon the petition by some person without his knowledge or authority.

One must admire the effort of these chiefs to keep their people free from the curse of the licensed liquor trade. The Pakehas who settled in

the King Country have no grievance. They went there knowing well the solemn pact made with the Maori Chiefs. If they now want licensed houses, let them go where such houses are to be found, and not attempt to legalise the sale of liquor where by solemn agreement, it is not to be sold.

DOMINION LIBRARY.

The following books have been added to the Library since the list was published in April:—

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| No. | |
| 177. | The Little Grandmother of the Russian Revolution, postage 3d |
| 178. | The Date Boy of Bagdad, given by the author, the Rev. J. Cocker, postage 3d |
| 179. | T. E. Taylor: A Memoir, post 1d |
| 180. | Defeat or Victory? (by Arthur Mee), postage 1d |
| 181. | How the Nations Help One Another, postage 1d |
| 182. | The Sun Babies (by Edith Howes), postage 3d |
| 183. | The Conquest of Fear (by Basil King), postage 3d |
| 184. | The Faith of a Worker (by L. P. Jacks), postage 2d |
| 185. | Agnes Slack (by Aelfrida Tillyard), postage 3d |
| 186. | Thoughts for Mothers, postage 1½d |
| 187. | A Mother's Journal, postage 1½d |
| 188. | Confidential Talks with Young Men (by Lyman B. Sperry, M.D.), postage 2d |
| 189. | Confidential Talks with Young Woman (by Lyman B. Sperry, M.D.), postage 2d |

The last four are from Sister Moody Bell.

No. 185 is lent to the Library by Mrs Tillyard, of Nelson, and cousin of the author.

The Library is for the use of all members of the W.C.T.U. The books are lent for one month on receipt of postage.

Those wishing to circulate the books amongst the members of their Union are asked to state that fact, and how long they require them, when applying, otherwise they may be asked to forward them to the next applicant at the end of the month.

All parcels of books on which the postage is 2d or over should be marked, "Library Exchange, W.C.T.U." the charge for which is 2d for the first pound, and 1d for each succeeding pound up to 5 lbs.; otherwise the charge is 1d for each 2oz. or fraction thereof.

A copy of the previous list may be had for 1½d from

(Mrs) J. FIELD, Librarian,
The Rocks, Nelson.

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THE EDITOR'S NOTE-BOOK.

A REAL LIVE UNION.

Our Editor travelled overland from Nelson to Blenheim in order to have the privilege of meeting the Rai Valley Union. This live Union, on a drizzling wet day, gathered about 30 women together to meet us at 1.30 p.m. Several had come long distances, and all were deeply in earnest. Mrs Leov, their energetic President, met us, and took us to a hospitable White Ribboner's for lunch. After a fine meeting, afternoon tea was served. Then it rained, it hailed, it thundered, and in a perfect deluge we joined the service car for Blenheim. We ran through Havelock, whose Methodist minister and his bride had been at the Rai Valley meeting, and upon her breast we had the privilege of pinning our white bow. Then Canvastown was passed; a small Union has been organised here, and Mrs Murray, its earnest President,

had also journeyed to the Rai Valley meeting. Blenheim was reached at 6 p.m., and there Mrs Grigg, District President, had gathered the Blenheim officers to meet us at her own home. An earnest talk upon the different phases of our work followed, particularly our need of educating voters by circulating our own literature and paper. 8.30 found us aboard the train for Picton, and at 11 p.m. we left there in the "Ngaio" for Wellington. We just remembered leaving the wharf and dreamily feeling the motion of the boat, and we knew nothing more until the stopping of the engines woke us, and we looked out of the porthole to see Wellington wharf beside us.

Lower Hutt was reached in time for breakfast, and the W.C.T.U. meeting visited that afternoon. The meeting resolved itself into an earnest discussion on how to make our meetings more instructive, entertaining and attractive to non-members. The question was faced fairly, and we prophesy a good forward move as a result of the stocktaking that day. The trip home was made over flooded country, the road between Foxton and Levin being closed for traffic, so the papers reported. But it takes more than the old Manawatu in flood to scare Mr Rout, Foxton's mail-car driver, off the road. So we left Levin by car, and motored to the bank of the river. There the car was parked, and loaded up with luggage we walked across the Wherokina Bridge. A flat-bottomed punt awaited us, and in it we journeyed across flooded paddocks and above wire fences until we reach a dry road again and getting into a char-a-banc were soon at our "ain fireside."

STRAW BALLOTS.

A great deal is being made lately in our papers about ballots being taken by different papers in the U.S.A. as to whether the 18th Amendment should be modified. The "drys" abstain from voting at these, because there is no guarantee as to their fairness. One person may vote many times; there's no check upon such a thing. So the "drys" record their votes at the polling booth and always come out strong there.

The "Detroit Times" reported the result of such a poll in the town of Pierre, S.D. The "Times" reported that Pierre cast 10,230 dry ballots, and 27,834 wet ballots. Now the census of 1925 gives the total population of Pierre as 3,560. Babies and all evidently

turned out strong and "voted early and voted often."

NUNC DIMITTIS.

Scotland's National President closed the Convention with these earnest words, which we may all take to heart.

"We have been here for our annual overhaul. We are into dock for repairs, so that we may go back and do our best. Let us scrap all that is of no use in our Branch work. Let us bring in a searchlight and put away all the gloom. We have met to confer. Now let us rise up and work. Let us make sure that we shall reach the realisation of our work, and see our vision of a sober and 'dry' Scotland come true."

ROLL OF HONOUR.

50 per cent. increase.
Eden.

GOLDEN LADDER.

100 per cent. increase.
Henderson
and
Spraydon.

DON'T BE A "STAND-STILL" UNION.

One subscriber each day,
Keeps the blues away;
One subscriber each week,
Counts up like a streak;
One subscriber each month,
Puts you to the front;
One subscriber a year,
Keeps you from being queer;
Some energy spent,
Gains one hundred per cent.

The Christian Advocate tells this story:—

"A passenger on a steamer from Bombay to London asked the captain whether liquor could be procured at Zanzibar, where the vessel was to touch. The captain answered, 'Yes, you can get it. I know Zanzibar well, and the Mohammedans form the greater part of its ruling community. The Mohammedan law is against the taking of strong drink, so that the only way you can get drink in Zanzibar is by making a declaration that you are a Christian.'"

WHITE RIBBONERS IN NIUE.

The following letter will be of great interest to our White Ribboners. It tells of our work in a little known part of our Dominion:—

August 2nd, 1926.

My Dear Mrs Mowlem,—

Thank you very much for badges received by last vessel. The little bows have been chosen by the women themselves. I have 600 waiting for badges; each and all must be served together. I am waiting for the 60 honour badges for my committee leaders. I have to hand 348 badges, but what are they amongst so many.

My women are keen and enthusiastic.

Next month we have our annual meetings, and we are hoping to have a big White Ribbon rally, all with their badges.

No, all the Niue inhabitants have not donned the bow.

All of my 600 members are women over 16 years of age, and all must of necessity be church members. These 600 are mainly what we term here the Tapu Ffine (or church women).

This White Ribbon band has only been started recently, because we felt that only now were our women ready to take the movement up. In each of the 12 villages we have a committee of five women including the pastor's wife, and these are chosen by the village.

We have had meetings in each village—the setting apart of these committee women—and they have been the most inspiring and sacred meetings we have ever attended. In each village the matter has been placed before the women, and a Dedicatory Service held. Each committee woman sat apart, and each in turn stood up before her own village and repeated audibly the promise drawn up, and then, in place of the badges, which had not then arrived, I pinned on a little white ribbon bow on their dress. Mr Beharell took charge of the meeting, and the Pastor then led in prayer.

Our White Ribbon Band is not chiefly a Temperance movement. That is hardly needed here in Niue, but I have included the promise to abstain for fear at some future time drink may be introduced. Our evils in Niue are not of that order. Our chief evil is immorality, and we have to fight hard against that. Our points then include love and service to God, truthfulness, cleanliness of mind and body, care and pro-

tection of body from sin, and abstaining from intoxicating liquor.

The Committee of each village interview all new members. I have interviewed so far, and they also discipline all defaulters. As the badge has been purchased, it cannot be taken away, but these women have the authority to forbid the wearing of the badge in their village by anyone who has committed a fault for three, six, nine months, or even longer, according to the enormity of the fault. Quarrelling, lying, stealing, immorality, are the chief faults. So you see we have a fully organised movement. Not at all an easy-going affair. Possibly there are not many so organised South. At any rate, you in civilisation cannot interfere with the private life of your members. But here it is the private life which makes a person worthy or unworthy to wear our White Ribbon badge.

In October I am taking my little girl to Sydney for schooling, and I want to have this movement in full swing before I leave. Mr Beharell is just as keen as I am, and will carry on when I leave.

The strength of Niue lies in its women.

When the Vice-Regal party came to Niue, Lady Fergusson addressed my White Ribbon women at two different gatherings. She was simple and splendid, and just said the right things to them.

Now I must close. My Niue White Ribbon women send loving greetings to your New Zealand women. Would that you could come over and be present at one of our meetings. You would get a welcome. However, my loving greetings to you.

Yours very sincerely,

MARGARET J. BEHARELL.

AUCKLAND DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Annual Convention of the Auckland District will be held on September 29th and 30th. Will delegates who require hospitality kindly write to the Secretary not later than September 22nd?

AUCKLAND DISTRICT OFFICERS.

Mrs Benfell, President, 2 Buckland Road, Epsom.

Mrs Williams, "Armley," Northcote.

Mrs Taylor, Sharrow Station Road, Otahuhu.

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 Papell, 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.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE.

The North Canterbury District Executive met on Wednesday, July 28th, at 10.30 a.m., in the W.C.T.U. Rooms, Manchester Street. Mrs T. E. Taylor (President) presided over representatives from Spreydon, Riccarton, Christchurch, Rangiora, Sefton, Oxford, Papanui, Kaiapoi, Templeton, New Brighton, Springston, Lincoln, Opawa-Woolston, Brighton, North Brighton, and North Brighton Y's.

Before taking the business, votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs J. Cracroft Wilson on the death of her daughter, Miss Blackwell on the loss of her mother (the late Mrs G. H. Blackwell), who had been a member of the Kaiapoi Union since its formation, and also with Mrs Jackson on the serious illness of her husband.

Encouraging reports of work and increased membership were received from a number of Unions. Miss McLay had organised "Y" Branches at Rangiora and Christchurch, Study Circles and a Speakers' Class had been formed, and a Y Branch of 28 members had been organised by the North Brighton Adult Union. Styx reported a weekly L.T.L., good interest and attendance by the children. Successful Band of Hope meetings at New Brighton and Templeton; Mrs W. Rowntree addressed a large number of children at the latter. A large women's meeting was held at Weedons, Mrs T. E. Taylor giving an interesting and inspiring address.

Further arrangements were made for the Provincial Convention to be held at New Brighton on the 14th, 15th and 16th of September. Miss Henderson was asked to speak on "Anti-Gambling," and Miss B. Harband on "Work and Education Among the Young." Moral and Social Hygiene and Peace and Arbitration will also find a place on the syllabus for Convention.

It was resolved to forward thanks and congratulations to the Hon. F. J. Rolleston for introducing in his Bill power to appoint women Justices of the Peace, and the provision that the mother have equal rights of guardianship with the father; also for bringing in an amendment of the Police Offences Act, and an amendment of the Destitute Persons Act.

The Secretary was asked to forward the following resolution to the Government:—"The North Canterbury District W.C.T.U. Executive strongly pro-

test against what to them seems an unjustifiable increase in the price of bread."

WASTEFULNESS.

There are quite a number of women, members of W.C.T.U., usually considered to be thrifty, careful persons, who are at this moment guilty of the sin of wastefulness, but who would indignantly deny it if anyone taxed them with it. They are careful of their houses, their clothes, their money, their time, but there is one thing they have wasted, and that is the paper they wrote for the Union meeting. I hear an indignant snort from someone: "I was asked to write a paper, and I wrote it, but I *didn't* waste it. I took it to the meeting and read it. It was mentioned in the report in 'White Ribbon.'" Yes, my indignant friend, it was. That's how I knew you had wasted it. You had a perfectly good paper on some useful subject, and you read it once, and then—what? Did you lend it to a neighbouring Union to read at their meeting? "I didn't know they wanted it." Doubtless, nor did they, but some one of our little struggling country Unions would have blessed you for the loan of it to eke out the material they had got for their small, dull meeting. It's no use to say that it was not worth lending. If it did to read at your meeting, why wouldn't it do for some one else's? If it wasn't very learned and intellectual, it must have had some kind of thought in it, and even if it made them laugh, that wouldn't hurt, would it? You wouldn't be there to hear them. As one who has spent a good deal of time at small Union meetings, I must say I don't think they would laugh at it or you. They would be too grateful for the help of having some material for their work. No, I believe this waste occurs from thoughtlessness. A paper is written for a meeting, and is then thrown away. You cannot keep it in use for your own branch, because it has served its purpose there. You do not know to whom it would be helpful, so you throw it in the fire and think no more about it. Why not address it to Miss M. S. Powell, 120 Cliffs Road, St. Clair, Dunedin, stamp it, and throw it in the post instead? She knows who wants papers, though you don't. And you will be

able to borrow someone else's papers to help in your meetings. Every number of "White Ribbon" contains reports of papers read by members at meetings all over the country. Some people reporting in the July issue were so rich that they report, "Six very excellent papers were read" at one meeting. But most of these are then thrown away. "To what purpose is this waste?" The baby Unions and the little far away, struggling ones who have for years tried to hold together, and yet have such difficulty in providing subjects for their meetings, need the help of those who have the time to read or the more frequent opportunity of hearing speakers. You cannot go to them and speak to them, but you need not throw away what you have taken the trouble to write, when you no longer need it for your own meeting. They would be glad to have it. Give them the chance to get it.

ALICE F. WEBB.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMICS IN INDIA.

In the House of Commons, Mr Francis Broad drew attention to the serious epidemics of small-pox in Madras and Calcutta during recent years, although vaccination had been compulsory in these cities for the past 40 years and a high percentage of children were vaccinated. He suggested that as vaccination had not controlled small pox in Indian towns, all the Governments in India should be instructed to take steps to improve the sanitary conditions in the larger towns and provinces, in view of the fact that the passing of the Public Health Act of 1875 in England resulted in a great diminution of small pox and all other eruptive fevers.

LAW ENFORCEMENT.

"Force is my job, but public sentiment is another factor in pro. enforcement, and that's your job . . . There's a long fight ahead of us to break down the crime of disregarding our Constitution, that document sacred from beginning to end, and to break down the state of mind that permits such an attitude."

—"Governor Pinchot."

STATE CONTROL OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

By Miss Jessie Mackay.

(Concluded).

In Australia State Control has been confined to a few isolated districts and a handful of Government hotels. Early in this century the Government took over the liquor trade in Port Darwin and the Northern Territory. The type of population in these regions would have given trouble under any system of control. Disgusting scenes of debauchery were prevalent; money earned was flung away on pay-day; scandal followed scandal, till at last the Federal Government intervened in 1919 with a commission of enquiry. It was found that Port Darwin had put up a world record of liquor expenditure a head amid its small scattered population of 3,000. State Control was abolished in 1920.

Renmark, established as an irrigation settlement by the Chaffey brothers of Mildura, began as a No License area. A public management scheme was adopted in 1897, on petition from residents. Government liquor has a strong hold on the district, in as much as surplus profits are spent on public local objects. The hotel does good business, and makes no pretence of eliminating drunkenness. Very heavy drinking indeed is reported in the settlement, and wives and children of workers go short to feed State profits. Complaints from Renmark are no novelty.

Of various State hotels in Australia, those in Western Australia are most in the public eye. The Government seems disinclined to furnish the definite facts of the trade. Complaints commonly arise during the yearly debate on Estimates; insufficient accommodation in place has been admitted, and private enterprise suggested to help out the deficiency. Commissions have elicited grave scandals as to mixture with inferior liquors and poisonous decoctions. Gwalia in Western Australia enjoys a unique reputation for Sunday picnicking and Sunday drinking. The first manager at Gwalia took in good faith the order not to push liquor. He was dismissed. The new manager handed in £2,537 for the first year and £3,000 for the second. Deaths from drink have been reported. All evidence goes to show the Australian States, like the Canadian, are poor publicans, intent, like private dealers, on bar trade, but cold on accommodation.

But why prolong the squalid record? State, Corporate, Municipal, Trust—whatever form of public control is named—leads to the same results: increase in drinking, social degradation, and the corruption of public life and politics instead of the fresh, invigorating case of reform our foolish Moderates try to present; State Control is an old tallow candle, malodorously guttering out.

From this sorry mess of evidence certain conclusions inevitably emerge. State Control at best throws a brief veil over ugly, familiar facts. These facts soon obtrude again, since State Control rests upon two fallacies. The economic fallacy is that a business can be run by managers sworn to discourage it and substitute some other and less lucrative business for it. The psychological fallacy is that selling what is dangerous and deleterious is only immoral when done by private persons; under State sale the thing becomes safe and healthful. A bomb sold by a bishop still goes off, the bomb does not lose its character as a bomb, but the bishop loses his character as a bishop.

But more is at stake than the relations between buyer and seller. There are inter-social, inter-political and international relations bound up in State Control that are not obvious in private liquor-trading. State Control violently disrupts the relations between governors and governed, administrators of the law and sufferers of the law, even to that pitch where law practically disappears. A trust breeds corruption like carrion in a town; a Liquor Ministry breeds corruption like carrion in a Government. Liquor revenue means political "pull" at all times; how much worse when the Government farms its own revenue?

Economics are entirely against State Control. The cost of enforcing Prohibition is great, but it works on a sliding scale; the first outlay is the worst, for it is killing the source of expense. The cost of enforcing State Control is greater, and the source of expense is being fed till ultimate bankruptcy is the logical conclusion. Contrast America's credible estimate—the normal life of ninety per cent. of law-abiding population—with the seething vice and liquor-induced crime of Quebec and British Columbia.

There is no stability of institutions under State Control. In Russia the vodka monopoly took its huge part in the ill-sowing for revolution. Anarchy waits for a country where the people

have no respect for their Government, and Government has no care for the people. Very bitterly has Britain paid for State Control in India, among other errors.

Lastly, there emerges the inevitable "reductio ad absurdum." State Control never controls. Liquor monopoly never monopolises. No Government or association is ever strong enough to stand up against the liquor pull from without. It has to buy its life by legalising private sales, as Sweden has done; or by collusion with illicit sellers, as Carolina did, and Canada is doing. Must we, then, return to private trading as a way of peace? There is no warrant for that. Private control is not so much fairer than public control. During 40 centuries the trade has never reformed itself. Never has it been richer than now, never better organised, and never more bitterly denounced and despised. There is no place for either a public or a private liquor trade in this wonderful century of ours, which is dreaming and doing for the kingdom amid the worst confusion of politics, the rudest clang of armaments.

Who have laboured for that Kingdom of Righteousness more busily, more unitedly, more hopefully than the women of the White Ribbon? Much has fallen before us; much remains to be fought to a finish. Discouragements are many; the forces of evil are heavily entrenched, but they will fail. The grand old hymn peals down the century:

"By force of arms we nothing can;
Full soon were we downriden;
But for us fights the proper Man
Whom God Himself hath bidden."

CANTERBURY PROVINCIAL CONVENTION.

The Canterbury Provincial Convention is being held in New Brighton on September 14th, 15th and 16th.

Will delegates requiring hospitality forward their names to

Miss B. M. HARBAND,
142 Hawke Street,
New Brighton.

CORRECTION.

We regret that last month a report of the Auckland District Executive was placed among the Branch Reports as a report of an Auckland Union meeting.

THE NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

In determining the nationality of a married woman, the guiding principle for most countries has been that a woman takes the nationality of her husband. For many years, the only countries in which this principle was departed from were,—Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Brazil, Ecuador, Colombia, and Dominica. In all of these, a woman on marriage with a foreigner retained her nationality. In recent years, the United States of America, Belgium, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Austria, and Russia, have all made changes in their laws relating to nationality. The most notable instance being the United States of America. The law of the States in regard to this matter, is to be found in an Act of Congress, of 22nd September, 1922. Its provisions are to the effect that any woman who marries a citizen of the United States, or any woman whose husband is naturalised after the passing of the Act, shall not acquire citizenship of the United States by reason of such marriage or naturalisation. She may, however, if eligible for citizenship, be naturalised, and only one Nationality Married Women—Two year's residence, instead of five, the period required of other aliens, shall be required as a qualifying condition in her case. Again, no woman citizen shall lose her American citizenship by reason of her marriage to an alien, unless her husband is ineligible for citizenship, in which case she loses her American nationality, and cannot be naturalised during the continuance of the marriage.

Meantime, European countries have not been standing still. At a Joint Conference of the Governments of Norway, Sweden and Denmark, it was decided to introduce into the legislatures of the respective countries, the same proposals with regard to nationality, and in 1924 and 1925, the necessary amendments were made in the laws. In all three countries the old rule that a foreign woman who marries one of the nationals of these countries acquires her husband's nationality, is retained.

The Danish law also provides that a woman whose husband becomes a naturalised Dane, herself becomes a Dane.

Norway gives the choice to the

wife—she also must make a declaration.

Sweden has the same rule as Denmark.

The laws of all three countries provide that a national born Swede, Norwegian or Danish woman, as the case may be, shall not lose her nationality unless two conditions are satisfied:—

(a) She must by the law of her husband's country, acquire his nationality, and

(b) She must have ceased to reside in her own country.

Sweden goes further; before a Swedish woman loses her nationality, she must go and settle in the country of her husband.

The Danish law is retrospective: women who were born Danish subjects, and who have constantly resided in Denmark, but who, at the passing of the laws were under the old law considered foreigners because of marriage, are given the right to claim Danish nationality. Natural born Swedish women under the same circumstances, are given the right to claim Swedish nationality. Swedish children of parents of different nationalities take their mother's nationality if under her care.

We are, of course, more closely interested in the practice obtaining in the British Empire, and here there is a great moving among the dry bones. In 1891 or 92, the International Suffrage Alliance circulated throughout the countries of the Empire a Memorial addressed to the Imperial Conference of Prime Ministers, which was scheduled to meet in 1893. This Memorial in brief, asked that a British woman should have the same choice of nationality as a man. In due time, the question came before the Conference to which a sub-committee reported that the principle of the existing law should be maintained, though it was recommended as in cases of wife desertion or separation, that power should be given to readmit to British nationality all cases "where the married state, though satisfactory in law, had for all practical purposes come to an end." No action, however, was taken in regard to the recommendation, but consideration of the question came in time to bear fruit. Three successive Imperial Conferences have affirmed the desirability of uniformity in the laws relating to this matter through-

out the Empire. Some years ago, Canada passed a law giving women the right asked for, but were reminded that, by agreement with the Imperial Parliament, they were not able to pass a law that did not conform to the practice in vogue throughout the Empire—any such legislature must be initiated in the Imperial Parliament; Australia, desiring to pass a similar law, found herself in the same position.

Then the war brought to light and emphasized the hardships suffered by many women under the existing law, and as a result, the Imperial Government passed a Status of Aliens Act under which it is provided that, where an alien is a subject of a state at war with Great Britain, it is lawful for a wife, if she was at birth a British subject, to make a declaration that she wishes to resume British nationality, and hereupon the Secretary of State, if he is satisfied that it is desirable that she be permitted to do so, may grant her a certificate of naturalisation. A more important step was taken last year, when in the British House of Commons, Major Harvey moved and Lady Astor seconded the following resolution:—

That in the opinion of this House, a British woman should not lose, or be deemed to lose her nationality by the mere act of marriage with an alien, but that it should be open to her to make declaration of alienage.

The principle was unanimously affirmed. An assurance was then given that the British Government would lose no time in communicating the fact to the governments of the Dominions, and inviting then to an expression of opinion. The Under-Secretary further made the statement "that it is quite impossible until we have the assent of the self-governing dominions to engage in legislation. Directly we get their replies, if they are practically unanimous, we can pass legislation on this subject."

The position now is that Canada and Australia have signified their approval, the attitude of South Africa is more than doubtful, while the Parliament of New Zealand has not yet expressed an opinion, but it is possible that the matter will be dealt with before the Prime Minister leaves for the Imperial Conference.

CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY.

Our papers bore big headlines about the inquiry going on before a Committee of the U.S.A. Senate. The wets were pressing for a modification of the Volstead Act, and much of their propaganda came out here, via the cables:

But we saw no headlines announcing the recommendations of the Committee which heard and judged all that evidence.

The following is the text of the report drawn up by this Committee:

TEXT OF MEANS' REPORT.

The report of the Prohibition Committee was drawn by Chairman Means. It said—

"The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified according to a proclamation of the Secretary of State, January 29, 1919. We believe this amendment to be morally right and economically wise.

"So long as this amendment is a part of our fundamental law, it is the duty of all officers, legislative, executive and judicial to aid in its enforcement.

"The advocates of modification of the present Prohibition laws propose to weaken the same. They seek to directly or indirectly authorize the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages.

"The Constitution is a grant of powers. Those powers are limited and such limits are not to be transcended. A national referendum is not provided for, and it is our belief that it was not the intention of the framers of the Constitution that a national referendum would ever be attempted. No laws have been enacted which provide a machinery for the holding of such a referendum."

ALCOHOL.—NOT A STIMULANT.

Dr. Courtenay C. Weeks, who was one of the speakers at the Jubilee Council Meetings, told a Glasgow meeting that alcohol is a poison that saps the very foundations of life. It still had a grip on the national life because of its deep-rooted impression that it was a stimulant. It is not. It might excite and it might do other things, but all the great leaders of medical thought emphasize that from first to last, on all parts of the nervous system and on every organ of the human body, alcohol acts as a narcotic.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.

The following beautiful service is used in U.S.A. to welcome new members. It could be read say once a quarter or every six months in our Unions, and all new members then be initiated. It has been slightly altered to suit conditions in our Dominion.

All members gained since the last service are brought before the President, who thus addresses them:

"The Women's Christian Temperance Union is a body of Christian women, pledged total abstainers and banded together for the protection of the home, for the promotion of purity, for the destruction of the liquor traffic and for the final triumph of the Golden Rule of Christ in custom and in law. Do you subscribe to the pledge of the W.C.T.U. Union, which is: 'I hereby solemnly promise, God helping me, to abstain from all intoxicating liquors, including wine, beer, and cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same.'"

Response: "I do."

President: "The W.C.T.U. Union reaches out into every line of service in the home, social or civic life, and touches every spring of action that can be correlated for humanity's good. Its scope is as wide as the universe and limited only by humanity's need. Its motto, 'For God and Home and Every Land' holds within its compass all that makes life worth living. True to its God-given mission, the W.C.T.U. has consistently pursued its 'Do everything' policy. Years of educational labour stretch before us ere total abstinence is accepted by the masses of the people as the only safe rule of life.

"We hope your fellowship with the W.C.T.U. may be so enjoyable that there may be a growing appreciation of the work accomplished, so that you may remain a devoted member until your life's close. The White Ribbon is the badge of our organisation. As members of the W.C.T.U. we love and wear the white ribbon bow."

Response: "It is the beautiful badge of our organisation, heaven-born to promote a holy cause."

President: "It is a blessed bond of fellowship among our members."

Response: "It proclaims our faith in the ultimate triumph of Prohibition."

All: "Let us wear the white ribbon and follow its gleam."

The bow is pinned on each new member, the President and other officers welcome them with the right hand of fellowship. Then all sing "All Round the World the Ribbon White is Twined."

A STEP FORWARD.

We are pleased to notice that the Bill permitting women to be appointed Justices, has passed the Upper House, and only awaits the Governor-General's signature to become law.

The Act providing that the mother is to have equal rights of guardianship over her children, has been read a second time in the Lower House.

I cannot tell why there should come to me

A thought of someone, miles and miles away,

To swift insistence on the memory,

Unless there be a need that I should pray.

He goes his way, I mine, we seldom meet

To talk of plans, or changes, day by day,

Of pain or pleasure, triumph or defeat,

Or special reasons why 'tis time to pray.

We are too busy even to spare thought

For days together, of some friends far away;

Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought

To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps just then my friend has fiercest fight,

A more appalling weakness, or decay

Of courage—darkness—some less sense of right,

And so in case he needs my prayer, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me if I intrude

Unmasked upon you on some busy day;

Give me a moment's prayer, as interlude,

Be very sure I need it, therefore pray.

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.

TAUMARUNUI.

Very pleasant social, to celebrate the first birthday of our Branch. Two competitions from the White Ribbon Supplement proved a great success, i.e., Found in a Garden, and Found in a Kitchen. We provided our own answers, and "Melon" for "A devoted lover" raised a great laugh. Several musical items were enjoyed, and a dainty supper was handed round. A very pleasant and helpful letter of Birthday greetings was read by the Chairman from Mrs Duxfield, District President of Wanganui District; also telegrams of congratulations and good wishes from Mr Denny and Mr Dixon of the Alliance, and from Mrs Upton and Miss Henderson. We are grateful for all the expressions of goodwill, and hope we shall continue to deserve them.

WINTON.

July 20. Mrs T. A. McWilliam presided over a good attendance of members. Dr. Moana Gow prepared an excellent and instructive paper on the uses and abuses of alcohol, which was listened to with interest. We welcomed a new member. Our L.T.L. is doing well under the capable leadership of Mrs J. P. McWilliam.

MOSGIEL.

July 20. A good attendance. Business, the appointing of delegates to attend District Convention. It was also agreed unanimously to nominate Mrs Hiett, District President, Miss Symth, District Secretary, Mrs Macartney, District Treasurer. After business was finished, Mrs Don gave a most stirring address on "Radium." Miss McLeod sang a solo.

RICHMOND, NELSON.

July 20. Usual business suspended on account of Mrs Peryman's visit. Miss Tarrant in the chair. Mrs Peryman gave an inspiring address to a good audience, making special appeal for "The White Ribbon." A meeting for young people in the evening was but poorly attended. Mrs Peryman spoke on "Recruits," and specially emphasized the attitude of the Pessimists, Optimists, and Peptomists. Her visit has done us all good, and we believe will have excellent results in the future.

WAITARA.

June 18. Mrs Clayton in the chair; 15 members. Mrs Andrews was again elected President, and warmly welcomed back. The first gathering of the united Band of Hope was held. After several items given by the children, Rev. Gavin gave an address on Self-Control and Self-Discipline. Mrs Clayton read a very interesting report of District Convention, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. New member initiated.

July 16. Mrs Andrews presided; good attendance. Arrangements made for Give and Buy afternoon in aid of Sailor's Rest. President gave a little talk on Bible-in-Schools.

AUCKLAND.

July 13. Mrs Cook presiding. Letter received from the Premier, Hon. J. G. Coates, acknowledging the appreciation of the Union on the stand he took regarding lotteries. A letter received from Secretary of Christian Congregations, saying they were taking action in regard to Sunday working of steamers at Nule. Mrs Ferner, Assistant Magistrate in Children's Courts, thanked the Union for their congratulations on her appointment. A letter was sent to the M.P.

for Auckland Central, urging the necessity of amending existing legislation, so as to provide for Women Police, Women Justices of Peace, Women Jurors, co-Guardianship of Children, Amendment to Police Offences Act, and Destitute Persons Act. Mrs Cook spoke on the Bible-in-Schools, and brought the N.Z. League's platform before the members, earnestly urging their support and co-operation. A discussion followed. Mrs Laing conducted the Devotional meeting; afternoon tea was served.

SPREYDON.

July 13. Mrs Nairn presided. Attendance fair. Motion of sympathy with Mrs Bone. Mrs Watson read a letter from Mrs Peryman, congratulating the Union on doubling its "White Ribbon" subscribers. Decided to hold occasional evening meetings for the benefit of those unable to attend the afternoon meetings, and also to get in touch with the young people. Miss Henderson gave an interesting and inspiring address on the life of the late Mr T. E. Taylor. Collection taken up. Mrs Fletcher and Mrs Ancall sang a duet.

PETONE.

July 6. Mrs Cole presided. Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Jones sent apologies. Answers to letters of sympathy were read. Mrs Battersby read an interesting extract from a paper on "The Golden Rule." The pledge was repeated, and the doxology sung.

July 22. Social afternoon; good attendance. Mrs Cole in the chair. We were pleased to have with us Commandant and Mrs Glanville, also Mrs F. Patten, a member of our Union, who is a visitor to Petone. Two pianoforte solos were given by Mrs Wiseman, which were much appreciated. Mrs Glanville delighted the ladies by her recitation, "Jim and Me." Mrs Battersby and Master K. Ferguson also recited. Commandant Glanville read an interesting paper on "The prayers of Jesus." Afternoon tea was dispensed; one new member. Votes of thanks were given to those who contributed to the afternoon's enjoyment, also to the ladies who arranged the social.

PAPANUI.

July. Mrs Carr presided. The President, Mrs Simpson, was absent through illness. As it was T. E. Taylor Memorial Day, Mrs W. J. Williams was the speaker. After reference to the late Mr Taylor's life and work, also Rev. Dawson and Mrs Johnstone Wright, she gave a resume of the many activities of the Union. Afternoon tea was served by the Social Committee, and one new member initiated. Hearty vote of thanks to the speaker.

GREYTOWN.

July 27. Eight members present. Letter read from Mrs Cowie. Mrs Morrison and Miss Yorke appointed Sick Visitor. Decided to entertain inmates of Buchanan Home with afternoon tea on August 6th. Reference made to fine temperance work of late T. E. Taylor. In reply to circular received, decided to protest against (a) Licensing polls every 9 years; (b) 4 years interval after poll carried; (c) Redistribution of licenses; (d) Permission to restaurants to sell liquor after 6 p.m. Resolved to demand a two-issue ballot paper.

NORMANBY.

July 14. 11 members present. Correspondence was read re White Ribbon Day, and decided to consider it at our next meeting. Vote of sympathy passed to the Rev. and Mrs Fletcher in their double bereavement. A report was read of the Taranaki Provincial Convention. The resignation of Mrs Ballantine received with much regret, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to her for her past and much appreciated work for the Union, members wishing her all good wishes in her new home. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Meull and Gane.

WAIMATE.

July 14. Mrs Roy presided over a large gathering. Temperance pledge repeated. Miss McCarthy appointed Treasurer. Mrs Boag is to address our August Meeting. Letters of remembrance were sent to several of our members who have been unable to attend for a considerable time through sickness. Three ladies were present after long absence, and were welcomed back. Mrs

Henry, Mrs Elliot and Mrs Grahame. Mrs Scott read us quotations from "The Fiddles of God" by Dr. Waddell, something quite out of the ordinary, and we enjoyed it very much.

TAURANGA.

July. President in chair, attendance fair. Discussion on various matters connected with the Band of Hope, and then Mr Sheffield read his paper on the "Life of James Stirling," making us all realize very forcibly that we have indeed much for which to be thankful. A hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mr Sheffield. Mrs Foxcroft and Mrs Neal then brought in refreshments which were most welcome.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

July 13. President (Mrs Garrett) presiding over the devotional part, and Mrs McGregor presiding over the latter part, an inter-union debate which was highly interesting, entertaining and amusing. The subject chosen was: "Should women act as Jurors?" The following visitors, Miss Birss (leader), Mrs James and Miss Dewar (Supporters) took the affirmative side and Mrs Garrett (leader), Mrs Fairbairn and Mrs Reidy (Supporters) took the negative side. Miss McLeod acted as Judge, and gave each speaker her praise or criticism, with a few suggestions for personal improvement, and awarded the honour for gaining the majority of marks as follows:—Affirmative 85 marks, Negative 82 marks. Mrs McGregor thanked the visitors for attending and for their eloquent remarks, and also thanked Miss McLeod for acting as Judge. Miss Birss responded on the visitors behalf for the enjoyable time spent.

HAMILTON EAST.

July 13. The President (Mrs Watkins) presided over an attendance of 20. Miss C. M. McLay (Organiser) was introduced and addressed the meeting. District President and Secretary also present. Miss McLay emphasised the world-wide nature of the work, touching on the Union's activities in other lands. She also dealt with the effects of alcohol on Child-life; Bible instruction in Schools; and Sabbath Observance. Three new members were initiated. Afternoon tea was served, during which Miss McLay helpfully answered questions.

HENDERSON.

July. Annual Pay-Up Social; Miss Duncan in the chair. Treasurer collected subscriptions; White Ribbon Agent and League of Nations fees. Mrs Forsen Stuart gave a very graphic and amusing account of her trials and troubles in training Kaffir boys in South Africa; we were very amused at times, and found it very pathetic too. Mrs Kennedy gave a reading. Afternoon tea brought our meeting to a close; twenty ladies present.

HASTINGS.

July 22. Owing to sickness and inclement weather, only a small attendance presided over by Mrs Banks. Mrs Sutherland conducted devotions, reading a paper on "Prayer." Mrs Wilson gave a paper on "Purity," and urged the sale of the books of the Social and Moral Hygiene Department.

MIRAMAR.

June 22. "White Ribbon Day;" a good attendance. Mrs Evans presiding. Miss Allan gave an elocutionary item which was very much enjoyed, as was also Mrs Phillip's rendering of that beautiful solo, "My Task." Mrs Peryman then addressed the meeting, giving a most interesting and inspiring talk, particularly stressing the importance of educating people, more especially the young, in the evil effects of strong drink, and the need for united effort, if we would be victorious in this great fight against the drink evil. The speaker urged her hearers to stand shoulder to shoulder, leaving no stone unturned, and realizing our blessed privilege as being co-workers with God, go forward in His Name, confident of ultimate victory. She also spoke of our Paper as being a splendid medium in reaching many whom it is almost impossible to reach in any other way, therefore, push the "White Ribbon." After a cup of tea was partaken of, an invitation was given to new members to join, and five names were added to our roll; also several new White Ribbon subscribers. Collection.

SEFTON.

June 30. Fair attendance of members, presided over by the President. Several resolutions from Convention were read and discussed. Treasurer reported £1 sent to N.Z. Fund. Superintendent of L.T.L. reported several meetings of L.T.L. Branch. "Alcohol as a stimulant" was taken as the subject for Scientific Temperance Instruction. White Ribbon Day was celebrated. Afternoon tea dispensed.

July 28. Mrs J. F. Douds (Vice-President) presided; small attendance. Several apologies for absence on account of sickness were received. An interesting report of the work of the Willard Home was read, and it was decided to send on contents of Clothing Box immediately. After business was dealt with, a sociable time was spent over tea-cups.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

Aug. 3rd. Good attendance. Address on the Artillery of Prayer by Mrs Didhams. Mrs Elliot to represent Union in connection with the work among backward children. Resolution in favour of Bible in School Bill sent to our M.P.s. Letters from Dunedin M.P.s. in reply to remits sent by last meeting. All expressed themselves in sympathy. Votes of sympathy to relations of late Mrs Theomin, Misses Hill and Nicol. Brief talk Theomin, Misses Hill and Nicol. Brief talk on "Alcohol" even in smallest doses directly destroys all power of mental concentration so necessary in research work. Aug. 4th—Home Meeting in St. Andrews Church. Mrs Don gave an address on our work, born in a Presbyterian Church 50 years ago. 1 new member. Aug. 6th.—Concert Party visited Ross Home and Walkari Hospital distributed fruit and sweets.

CARTERTON.

Aug. 4th. Mrs Every presided. Small attendance. Mrs Cotter's resignation as Cor. Sec. received with regret. Election of new Sec. left over until next meeting. Mrs T. E. Taylor wrote regretting her inability to visit Carterton now, but hopes to do so later in the year. Letter received from Miss Kirk re District Convention. Decided to send a parcel of clothing to Willard Home. Decided to send flowers to Wellington to assist Violet Day Sale in aid of Residential Nurseries. Mrs Kennerley read an extract from "A Black Girl's Life." Afternoon tea dispensed by Mrs Kennerley.

PLEASANT POINT.

July 7. Small attendance. Correspondence from Miss Henderson re legislative demands, Mrs Taylor re Bible-in-Schools, Mr Mackesy and Miss Earnshaw. White Ribbon Day paper read by Secretary, and W.R. Agent, Miss Neilson, reported 44 subscribers. Report of District Executive read. Treasurer's report showed credit balance of £2 11s. 7d.

August 4. Good attendance. Correspondence from Mrs Taylor, Mrs Brown, Mrs Burnett, Mrs Birdsall, and Miss McLay. Mrs Smith appointed delegate to District Convention. Paper contributed by Miss Bishop on T. E. Taylor was read, and a vote of thanks accorded Miss Bishop. Resolved to form a Y. Union at Pleasant Point. One new member; afternoon tea dispensed. Re-started 1d. per member collection towards funds.

OAMARU.

July 12. Fair attendance. Mrs Clarke presided. Mrs Hilliker gave a Bible address. Miss Webb and Mrs Twose heartily welcomed as workers from Dunedin. Letters from Miss Henderson containing legislative demands, from Prime Minister and Minister of Internal affairs. Votes of sympathy to Mrs Green and Mr Garrow. District officers nominated, and accounts passed for payment. Mrs Clarke read report of Alliance Conference. Mrs Scott elected delegate to District Convention. Collection for District Fund.

MASTERTON.

Mrs Weymouth, Vice-President, presiding over good attendance. Decided to appoint two members each month to visit Women's Ward of Public Hospital, and leave copies of 'White Ribbon'; to hold a meeting at Solway in September, in connection with the Scattered Members Department; to endorse the recommendations of the New Zealand

Executive in regard to Legislative demands of our Union; the Secretary to communicate with member for District. The meeting was addressed by Dr. Helen Cowie, who dealt with the menace of mental deficiency, in relation to hygiene, outlining the extraordinary way in which feeble-mindedness is wrapped up in civilisation, and showing the influence on the mentality of environment, physical degeneracy, heredity, education, medical supervision, etc. Decided to secure and study report of Royal Commission on Feeble-mindedness.

TE KUITI.

June. Good attendance. Decided to ask Nurse Rowlings to collect pennies at the Rest Room. Mrs Horne, of Auckland, gave a fine account of the social evils prevalent in the city. Decided to send a letter to our President, Mrs Edgar, wishing her a speedy recovery.

July. We regret to report that Mrs Edgar is still confined to her room, and that it will be some time before she will be able to take up active work.

August. Special meeting. Following resolution passed: "The Te Kuiti Branch of the W.C.T.U. desires to forward to the Cabinet and Houses of Parliament, its emphatic protest against the continued activity of the Liquor Trade and its agents in preparing petitions and organizing deputations in favour of establishing the License Liquor Trade in the King Country." This has been passed by all the Churches in the King Country yesterday, and will be forwarded to the proper quarters this week.

WANGANUI EAST.

July 8. Mrs Duxfield in chair, presided over a good attendance of members and visitors. An inspiring and helpful letter was read from Mrs Bond, of Inglewood. Mrs Frethey's resignation as Recording Secretary was received with regret. The Corresponding Secretary will act pro. tem. The President welcomed Mrs and Miss Wilson from Scotland. The membership is now over 90. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Bathgate, Superintendent of the Young Peoples' Work for her excellent address on the importance of the work among the children, the future voters. The President reported "League" meetings, and announced the first meeting of the newly-formed Wanganui East Branch. Miss Wilson sang a solo. Decided to give a hearty support to the "Alliance Shop," and also to hold a "Home" meeting at Mrs Ellis's residence, when Nurse Wilson will be present and speak. Mrs Duxfield repeated her Convention address, "Past, Present, and Future." All felt inspired and refreshed.

MAUNGATUROTO.

July 15. Extra meeting, when Miss Bradshaw, Organiser, delivered an interesting address on W.C.T.U. work. Quite a good number of members present. Mrs Bycroft, the Manse, elected President; outgoing Secretary's resignation received with regret. Mrs Pasley, Senior, elected Secretary. Members pleased to receive the following greeting from Whangarei Branch of W.C.T.U.: "Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say rejoice."

MANAIA.

July. Informal meeting, presided over by Mrs Robinson in the absence of the President, with whom a vote of sympathy was passed, in the death of her Sister-in-law, Mrs W. Williams, of Mere Mere. Influenza had been prevalent locally, so attendance was not as good as usual but a visit from an old officer Mrs Gilbert, was appreciated. Resolved that all members must be notified to attend the next meeting, on the 2nd Tuesday in August, to decide on an important step. Will all members kindly accept this notification.

TIMARU.

July 27. Good attendance; Mrs Trott in the chair. Vote of sympathy with relatives of late Mrs Metson passed. Correspondence was read and dealt with from (1) Hon. F. J. Rolleston, in regard to amending legislation advocated by Union; (2) From Miss Henderson, B.A., re asking Minister of Justice for legislation about nationality of British women married to aliens; (3) From Publicity Department of the New Zealand

Alliance, and from the S.C. Area Organizer; (4) From Mrs Judson, enclosing and explaining resolutions passed at Convention, in connection with Total Disarmament and World Peace; (5) From District Secretary asking Union to appoint delegates to Convention at New Brighton; (6) From Mrs T. E. Taylor, enclosing fresh supply of Bible-in-Schools slips and asking that signed ones be sent to her; (7) From Mr Guy Hayler, England, thanking Union for donation in goods for World's All Nations Fair. Mr Woodward reported 4 overseas boats visited Timaru during month, 57 visitors paying about 74 visits. One Sunday service, with supper, and two Social evenings were held. Entertainment Committee appointed, and annual Street Day fixed for Friday, September 24th. (Splendid concise report—Ed. W.R.)

KAIAPOI.

July 28. Met in the new Hall. Mrs Vickery presiding. Vote of sympathy with relatives of Mrs Blackwell, an ex-President of the Union. Social to honour Mrs Stewart, who had worked hard for new Hall. She was presented with an enlarged photo of the opening ceremony. Two new members; afternoon tea. An address from Miss Power on T. E. Taylor. Musical items by Misses Clothier and Young, Mesdames Vickery and Rinaldi.

MASTERTON.

August 5. Mrs Cocker presiding over very fair attendance. £1 voted to Willard Home in response to appeal, and gifts of clothing to be brought to next meeting. Decided unanimously to send an invitation to the District Executive to hold its Convention in Masterton. Quarterly reports from Superintendents of Departments show that interest is increasing, and the work progressing. Decided that the next meeting of the L.T.L. be a Games and Social evening, and that a special function for Mothers and Cradle Roll members be held in October. At conclusion of business a talk was given by Mrs R. Russel, on her travels through America, England and the Continent, which proved most interesting.

RAETIHI.

This Union has met regularly every month, and interest has been steadily maintained. On White Ribbon Day, three new subscribers were gained for the paper. Our last meeting was on T. E. Taylor's Day. A tribute to his memory was read by Mrs Fred Pedersen. Two or three of our members knew the late Leader personally, and they gave some inspiring accounts of his life and work.

WAKEFIELD.

Wakefield has been very slow at reporting, for the simple reason that we had very little to report, our meetings had been very small. At our first meeting for the year one new member was initiated, and at our July meeting one initiated and one transferred from Wanganui, so we think we are now on the up grade. At this meeting we had a visit from a member of an English Union, she spoke to us of the British women who have a very hard fight to carry on their work. We have been very much helped by the visit of Mrs Peryman; we could have wished for larger numbers, but the influence of the meeting will be productive of much good. We have two new subscribers this month; are sure we will have several more in the near future.

OPAWA.

July. Mrs Jenkins presiding. The Rev. J. F. Coursey gave a most inspiring address which was much appreciated. He particularly mentioned the need to educate the young, and suggested that the mothers should instruct the children in their homes. Not just telling the children not to take alcohol, but to point out how destructive it is, both physical and spiritually. Another suggestion made by Mr Coursey worth putting into practice, was for each to do a little broadcasting, as was suggested by Lady Astor, at a conference in the Old Country, when they refused to broadcast her speech. The thousands present could indeed broadcast it. A vote of thanks to speaker. Afternoon tea was served.

ASHBURTON.

August 3. Mrs Robinson presided over a fair attendance. Letters of sympathy to be sent to Mesdames J. Moore, Copeland, and Trott, in family sickness. Several apologies for absence were received. Mrs W. Ashton welcomed from Waimate Union. Hon. W. Nosworthy wrote acknowledging letter from the Union, suggesting amended Legislation in the interests of women, and promising assistance. Mrs E. M. Begg was appointed collector for donations of money to A. and P. and Winter Show Prize Fund. Mesdames H. Stone and A. Brown were appointed delegates to District Convention. Mrs Robinson submitted a report of Executive meeting of South Canterbury Union. An interesting report of a visit paid recently to the W.C.T.U. Branches in Sydney, by Mrs T. Young, was much enjoyed by those present. Copies of the White Ribbon, and mementoes of the trip were handed round. Afternoon tea.

TEMPLETON.

July 27. Good attendance. President opened meeting. One new member. Afternoon tea was handed round.

July 8. We held our Band of Hope in the Oddfellow's Hall; big attendance. Mrs Robinson gave a very interesting address to the children. A splendid programme was given by the young people. Supper was provided by the ladies. A very successful evening was brought to a close by singing of National Anthem.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

July 13. A fair attendance. Decided that we should support the Bible-in-Schools Movement, also, that as a Union, we become a Corporate Member of the League of Nations Union. Arrangements were made to hold a Jumble Sale, on Wednesday, 11th August. £2 was donated to the District Union.

OTAHUHU.

August 5. Small meeting, for which we were very sorry, as we had gone to a lot of trouble to get Rev. L. B. Dalley, from Pitt Street Methodist Church to come out to speak; anyway, those that did not hear him missed a treat; his subject was on Drink in the Home Land, which was most interesting.

GERALDINE.

July 3. Mrs Neutze presided, and welcomed Mrs Boag, District President. Social afternoon; Mrs Madill played Pianoforte solo, also solos by Mesdames Bouell, Wallach, Cowie, and Rev. Ford. After tea, Mrs Boag gave an interesting address, and urged the 50 ladies present to help with 'White Ribbon' work in every way. Letters of sympathy to be sent to sick members.

August 3. Mrs Neutze presided; 32 present. Rev. Ford gave an excellent address on "The White Ribbon," and its significance in our wide sphere of work, and its meaning for highest ideals in womanhood and for God, Home and Humanity. Items were given by Miss J. Logan, Hazel Smith, and Mrs Madill. Mrs Madill read an interesting paper on "The White Ribbon." Appeal for Bible-in-Schools and petitions signed. Five members were initiated.

NORTH INVERCARGILL.

July 20. The President, Mrs Holmes, occupied the chair. Mrs Gilmour gave a helpful little address on "Friendship." It being T. E. Taylor Day, Miss Hardie read an interesting paper relating to T. E. Taylor's early life and his great work for Prohibition. Afternoon tea was served.

JOHNSONVILLE.

June 25. White Ribbon Day observed. We were again fortunate in having Mrs Peryman to address us. The importance of increasing the circulation of the White Ribbon was impressed upon us. We appreciated what was said, and received encouragement to work on. On July 21st, we celebrated our second Birthday. We had not such a large gathering as the previous year, but had a goodly number of youths. Miss Bowler gave elocutionary items; also Master Albert Sowerby, Master Ray and Miss Joyce Hurren gave a Pianoforte and Violin duet. Master George Halliday gave a Pianoforte solo. Mr Halliday congratulated the Union on its second Birthday, and spoke of the important work the women were doing, and counselled us not to give up. A short address was given by the President, on the first drink and the first bet. Games; then

supper brought an enjoyable evening to its close.

RANGIORA.

July 30. Mrs Thwaites presided over good attendance. Scientific Temperance reading: "Alcohol a Cell Poison." A letter was received from Hon. D. Buddo, promising his support to the various resolutions sent forward from the previous meeting. The President reported that a "Y" branch had been formed in Rangiora with a membership of 14. Decided to place copies of the "White Ribbon" in the Public Reading Room. One new subscriber to the "White Ribbon" has been gained. Mrs A. Shankland and Mrs McKechnie were appointed delegates to the Provincial Convention, July 27th being "T. E. Taylor Memorial Day," interesting extracts relative to the life and work of that great leader were read.

NEW BRIGHTON.

July 15. Mrs H. Hall presided. A motion of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mrs McKenna, who was the second President of the Brighton Union. Mesdames Hall and Good will represent the branch at the New Zealand Alliance Area Council. Miss B. M. Harband tendered her resignation as delegate to the (N.Z.) National Council of Women. It was decided to hold the Annual Provincial Convention in the Methodist Schoolroom, September 14th, 15th, and 16th. The Treasurer's half-yearly balance sheet was read and adopted.

LEIGH.

June 24. Fair attendance; one visitor present. President in the chair. Correspondence from Miss Henderson. Mrs Matheson read an article on "The Bad Effect of Alcohol on the Mind and Body," which was well appreciated.

July 29. President in the chair. Letter of thanks and appreciation from Major Annie Gordon, for parcel of clothing sent for her poor families. Decided to start a branch of the L.T.L. in this district, to ask Miss M. Wilson to be Superintendent, and to ask Miss Macgregor, of Warkworth, to organize the first meeting. Mrs Wyatt read a report of Mrs Lee-Cowie's Temperance Hall.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

July. Previous to the business meeting, a short Devotional meeting was led by Mrs Adjutant Huston, her address on Workers for God being very inspiring. Several apologies for absence were made, many of our dear sisters being sick, or nursing the sick. A welcome was given to Miss Johnston from the Y. Branch, Auckland. Peace and Arbitration was discussed, and it was decided to send for Literature on the subject. Decided to help the No-License League by visiting Immigrants as they come to the city. Portions of the Publicity Bulletin discussed, the President speaking on it. Decided that Memorial Day be kept the next meeting.

NAPIER.

July 7. We were sorry to bid goodbye to our President, Mrs Speight, who was leaving Napier for Havelock North. At this meeting, it was proposed that the Union see whether anything could be done for the Sailors coming to port, the Union to help with any such movement. The Band of Hope is now well established. Mrs Brocklehurst has been appointed Superintendent. The Skipping Competition by girls and boys took on immensely.

August 4. Mrs Dodds, veteran Evangelistic Superintendent, opened the meeting with reading and prayer. Mrs Leask was appointed President for the remainder of year. Mrs Wilson, District President, gave a talk on the life of T. E. Taylor, and read a poem written by Mr Williams after the death of T. E. Taylor. The keynote of talk was Faithfulness, not service. Several members spoke on his work and service. Decided to establish a Cradle Roll, suggestions for work to be brought to next meeting. Vote of sympathy to Mrs Hull.

HAWERA.

July 30. Mrs Exley presided. Mrs Ashton acting as Secretary. Miss Ballantine was a welcome visitor, she gave a short address, dealing mainly with Mr Isitt's Bible-in-Schools Bill. All members sincerely hoping it will be supported by the House. Decided to celebrate Cradle Roll Day on last Friday in August, by having a special afternoon for mothers.

TEMUKA.

July 9. Very good attendance, Mrs Brown, Vice-President, presided. Decided to ask Mrs Boag, District President, to address the August meeting. Members were asked to attend the L.T.L., and so encourage the children in their work. Proposed, that a Garden Party be held in September, to help raise money for building fund of Library, Rest Room, and Plunket Rooms. There was a good response to the appeal of the Bible-in-Schools Organisation. A collection was taken up for the Blind Children of the Orient.

WELLINGTON SOUTH.

June 24. White Ribbon Day. Fair attendance. White Ribbon Editor delivered an inspiring address, urging all to increase the circulation of the paper as a means of educating our voters.

August 5. Fair attendance, and Mrs Mowlem, Literature Superintendent for the Dominion presided. A welcome was given to Mrs Bothwell, who has recently come into Newtown from Masterton. An anonymous subscription of £2 sent in since the banquet was gratefully acknowledged, and had been added to the credit balance already in the Bank. Resolved that this fund, hitherto called the Building Fund, should be henceforth known as the South Wellington Union Reserve Fund, and should be operated upon by the Secretary and the Assistant Treasurer until the end of the current year. Correspondence was dealt with relating to the Religious Exercises in Schools Bill and the Police Offences Bill. Decided that for the celebration of Franchise Day, a "Pay Up Social" should be held on September 16th. When afternoon tea had been served, the subject for the meeting was introduced by Mrs Evans. It was Motherhood Endowment, or Family Allowances and the information given was drawn from the Report of Committee prepared for the 1926 Congress of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance. It showed that the present system of providing for the support of the family was unsatisfactory on several grounds. It was wasteful and inefficient because the general level of wages has never been high enough to give every man enough to keep a moderate family in ordinary comfort, and to achieve this, would take more than the re- and would provide for millions of wives sources of even the wealthiest country, and children more than actually exist. It was unfair to the women wage-earners because of the barrier it raises to the achievement of "equal pay for equal work." It was unfair to the mother, because in spite of the admitted importance of her work, the two chief conditions under which she could efficiently perform it were not under her control, namely, the amount of her husband's wages and the proportion he chooses to give her. It was unfair to the children because their chance in life depended so much on the capacity and goodwill of one person, the father. It violated the principle that every human being is an end in himself or herself. The human dignity of mothers and children and their economic value to future generations required that the cost of their maintenance should be a direct charge on the resources of the community. The speaker then briefly explained the methods in use in various countries, pointing out that in almost all European lands except Britain, Russia, Spain and Portugal, some system of family allowance was in vogue, particularly in the public services and in mining. In Belgium and France it is fast becoming an established and universal feature of the industrial order. Here the allowances are kept quite separate from wages, a method that avoids arousing the jealousy of the unmarried men. Payment is mostly made through equalisation funds.

PUKEKOHE.

July 6. Our President presiding over a very fair attendance at our Pay Up social. Mr Johnson gave a short address, after which musical items interspersed with recitations and reading were given. Social intercourse and afternoon tea, closed a very enjoyable afternoon.

BIRKENHEAD.

July 15. Meeting at Mrs Jory's. Mrs Cook, Auckland President, said that the Bible, as a piece of literature ranks as the greatest in the world, and is the basis of

true civilisation, and urged us to support the Bible-in-Schools movement. Mrs Jory, in thanking Mrs Cook said: The first thing in the Mission Field we teach the Native children is the Bible. In Fiji, the children will sell shells and vegetables in order to buy a Bible. Afternoon tea served.

N.E. VALLEY.

July. The President spoke from the text: "That they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." A number of interesting papers were read by members, referring to some of our most prominent workers who had passed away. Memorial Day meeting, and Mrs Hislop gave a very interesting account of her personal acquaintance with Mr Taylor, and spoke of the many good works done by him. Miss Fulton spoke of the work done by her Mother, who was the first Dominion President of the W.C.T.U. The others mentioned were:—Rev. John Dawson, Mrs J. A. Adams, Mrs A. R. Atkinson (Wellington South); Mrs Florence Wyncop, Mrs Johnstone Wright, Mr G. Bowmont, Mrs Cole, Mrs McKenzie (Mother of Mrs Hiett, Dunedin's President). Mention was also made by Mrs Sanders of Professor Bedford, Rev. R. S. Gray, and Mrs Mary Roberts. A duet was sung by Mrs Gibson and Miss Anstice, which was much enjoyed. At the close of the meeting, a new member was initiated.

SUMNER.

August 4. Good meeting; Mrs McCombs presiding. Vote-winning Cards were distributed. After the Prohibition "fact" was read, Miss Henderson addressed meeting on "The life and Work of Mr T. E. Taylor." Needless to say, it was a good address, and an inspiration. Arrangements were made for a special meeting on September 1st, and it was agreed to issue invitations. Resolved to send two delegates to District Convention at New Brighton. Mrs Ogier reported great progress in Band of Hope work, the children's choir now numbers 46. Afternoon tea, a vote of thanks to Miss Henderson, and taking the collection, completed the afternoon's meeting.

GORE.

July. Mrs E. C. Smith, President, in the chair. An open night, owing to the visit of Mrs D. Leech, Dominion Organiser of the League of Nations who gave an interesting address on the aims and objects of the organization she represents. The vote of thanks was proposed by Rev. H. Hocking, and musical items were rendered during the evening by the Misses Hinchey and Messrs G. Mirams, and V. Courtis, the meeting ending as usual, with a much appreciated supper.

RICCARTON.

July 15. Mrs James, Vice-President, presided. Apologies received from several members. Pledge repeated and Temperance fact read by Secretary. Resolved to send a letter of sympathy to Miss Harband, who was to address the meeting, but owing to an injury to her ankle, was unable to be present. Appreciation expressed for the interesting pamphlets Miss Harband sent to the meeting. Letter sent to Mr Kyle, M.P., for Riccarton, asking him to support Bible-in-Schools Bill. Mesdames Barrell, Newth, and Donaldson, were appointed delegates to attend New Zealand Alliance Convention on July 25th. "White Ribbon" paper read, and members urged to gain new subscribers.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

July 22. A concert given by the "Bell Birds," under the management of Mrs J. Craig, in aid of the Seamen's Rest Fund, was in every way a great success, it being estimated that the Fund will benefit to the extent of about £20. Much credit is due to our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs Craig, for her ability and enthusiasm in this direction.

July 28. A well-attended meeting; Mrs Griffin occupied the chair, and voiced the feeling of all the members in expressing much sympathy with our President in her indisposition, and also the hope of speedy recovery. Loving tributes were paid to the memory and faithful work of the late Mrs Hutchins, who represented the Union as visitor to the Public Hospital. Mrs J. Craig reported a good start with the Band of Hope meetings held fortnightly, on Saturday afternoons in Whiteley Schoolroom. Mrs Brash,

the Union's representative to the District Nurse's Committee, reported that sewing-meetings were being held, to which members were invited, for the purpose of making and renovating clothes for the sick who needed them, and that any spare clothing would be welcomed, and could be left at the office of the Charitable Aid Board. One new member was initiated.

CAMBRIDGE.

April. Mrs Hogan presided; a good attendance. The meeting decided to invite Miss McLay to enliven interest. An interesting address was delivered by Rev. R. C. Stewart, Baptist Minister, on his experience of social and prohibition activities in America. Hearty vote of thanks passed.

May. Special meeting to meet Miss McLay, who, during her stay, made many visits and looked up old members with good results. Miss McLay urged advisability of forming a Y. Branch. After an address such as Miss McLay can give, afternoon tea was dispensed. We were undoubtedly the richer for Miss McLay's visit.

June. Mrs Martin presided; correspondence re a proposed visit from Mr A. J. Stallworthy, Hon. worker in Band of Hope work, was discussed, and it was agreed that we give the meeting our support. Owing to Rev. Stewart's removal to Wanganui, we lose a valued member in his wife, who has taken an active interest in the work of the Union. It was decided to place on record our appreciation of Mrs Stewart's valued help.

HAMILTON.

August 5. In spite of the wet weather, there was a good attendance of ladies. All agreed it was well worth while turning out, to hear the fine address given by Miss McLay. The speaker gave an outline of her work in the Waikato District, and it was good to hear her tell of the deep interest in Temperance work amongst the young folk of the districts she has already visited. The meeting was opened with a hymn and the Crusade psalm, then all stood and repeated the pledge. Mrs Johnson gave a recitation. Mrs Craig a vocal item, then afternoon tea was served, which was all greatly enjoyed. At the close of Miss McLay's address, one new member was initiated. Collection for the Organizing Fund.

ONEHUNGA.

June 10. In response to our energetic White Ribbon Agent's circular, quite a gathering of members assembled. Several members of Epsom Union were also present, having been invited to join with us to meet our White Ribbon Editor, Mrs Peryman. Mrs Benfell, District President, presided. Mrs Ashby gave a report of her year's work, and we realized afresh how fortunate we are in having such a real live agent to push the sales of our splendid little magazine. Mrs Peryman was heartily welcomed. Her dynamic personality and directness of speech carried inspiration to all who heard her, and we trust our work will benefit and show in a practical way our appreciation of our Editor's words of wisdom. Collection (amounting to over £2) was equally divided between funds, and Mrs Peryman's expenses. Our Agent secured four new subscribers to "White Ribbon."

July 8. President (Mrs Stacey) in chair. Mrs Ashby offered to hold "home meeting" at date to be decided later. Reported Onehunga fourth on list in number of tickets sold for Mrs Cowie's tea. Announced next meeting "Pay Up Social." Rev. Cook then gave us an interesting account of his and Mrs Cook's visit to Honolulu, and mentioned that Prohibition in America is largely due to the work of the women, and particularly of W.C.T.U. Union; and is in his opinion an undoubted success.

WHANGAREI.

White Ribbon Day held at residence of Mrs F. Cliffs; 21 ladies present. Pleasant afternoon spent; 3 new members.

July 6. Mrs Goodall presided, 19 ladies present. Decided to write to M.P. re various amendments.

July 14. Visit of Miss Bradshaw, 22 ladies present; 3 new members.

July 27. Memorial Day, held at residence of Mrs Bennie, Central Avenue; 30 ladies present; good time, good music.

August 3. Meeting held in Methodist School Room, 19 present. Decided to send clothing to Willard Home, also assist Salvation Army Anniversary Tea. Greeting from

Paparoa, from Miss Bradshaw. Transfer received of Mrs Wright, late President of Maungaturoto Branch; glad to welcome Mrs Wright in our midst. Decided to help in an All Nations' Temperance Fair; two new members.

PONSONBY.

June 17. White Ribbon Day. Mrs Peryman, Editor of White Ribbon, gave an interesting address, and made a stirring appeal to members to get new subscribers for the paper, and emphasised the fact that we could only win Prohibition by educating the Public, and they would get a lot of information about the great world fight out of the White Ribbon.

July 1. Fair attendance; Mrs Hayr presided. A very interesting letter was read from our beloved President, Mrs Lee Cowie, which told of the great work she was able to do amongst the American soldiers, 25,000 of whom are stationed at Honolulu. Several additional Superintendents were appointed.

July 15. Mrs Hayr, President, presided over a fair meeting. A letter was read from the District Union re the funds needed for the New Zealand Convention, and it was decided to do our share. Mrs Neal, New Zealand Superintendent of Medical Temperance and Narcotics then gave us a very helpful address on these matters, and urged all members to distribute literature on these subjects of which she has a good supply.

August 5. A very small meeting, owing to sickness and wet weather. Miss Cunningham presided. Mrs Smith spoke very feelingly on the life of the late T. E. Taylor, especially emphasising his wonderful character; he was a born orator and statesman, and out for abolition of the Liquor Trade.

NORTH BRIGHTON.

The July meeting was most encouraging from the point of attendance, and enthusiasm of members to get into active service. Three sets of twins, sons and daughters of White Ribboners were enrolled as a beginning for a Cradle Roll. Arrangements were made for the formation of "Y." Branch, and for a social afternoon to entertain the mothers of the children attending the local school.

WAKAPUAKA.

July 26. Mrs Field brought Mrs Peryman and a few others from town, but owing to a wet afternoon, very few attended. Mrs Field presided, and Mrs Peryman gave a most interesting address on the aims and objects of our Union, and the value of the White Ribbon. Afternoon tea was served.

STRATFORD.

July 23. Mrs McCallum took the chair. Meeting was opened with singing and prayer, after which a discussion on the work took place. Reported that the Alliance were catered for during Convention held in Stratford.

BRIGHTON.

August 2. Special business meeting was held to make the preliminary arrangements for the Annual Provincial Convention, to be held in New Brighton in September. Committees were appointed for hospitality, entertaining, etc., and arrangements are well in hand.

MAORI UNIONS.

POUTO.

Sister Nicholls has visited and re-organised this branch, and Mrs W. Kena, the Secretary, sends the following report. "Our meetings have started again. We have appointed Sister Nicholls as our Superintendent. Our report of the 1st August, Sister Nicholls elected that Miss Kathleen Kena should be our Reporter."

FRANKTON.

The monthly meeting of the Frankton Maori Union, was held on the 30th July, in the Methodist School Hall. Mrs Jones, District President, presided. The Dominion Organiser, Miss McLay, addressed the meeting, taking for her subject "Prayer." Miss McLay gave a brief outline of the formation of the W.C.T.U. which was born in prayer, and referred to the world-wide membership and scope of the work of the Union. She emphasised the need for educating the young in Christian Temperance principles. On Saturday, 31st July, a branch of the Loyal Temperance Legion was formed at Frankton by Miss McLay. Miss Nellie Whatu was appointed as Leader.

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."*

LETTER FROM "Y." SUPERINTENDENT.

Dear "Y." Members,

The Dominion Executive Officers have indeed honoured me by my appointment to the office of "Y." Superintendent. I pray God will give me grace, also wisdom and understanding, that I may do justice to the work intrusted to me.

Its splendid to know that you "Y's." are so interested in the work and are training yourselves to become members and officers of the adult Unions. Yes, and Dominion officers too, for we do need your youth and energy to take our places in the great fight, as we become tired and weary.

I wish that I might visit each one of the twenty branches in the Dominion, so as to become acquainted with you all personally, but as that is impossible, the next best way is to write. I always read with interest your reports in the White Ribbon, but wish there were many more to read, why not all Unions that are doing anything whatever at their meetings report next month, it would keep you all in touch with each other and help to exchange ideas.

What is your aim for this year? May I suggest that you have a systematic plan, with high and practical aims, you could plan to give so many hours each month to personal work, such as gaining new members or new subscribers for the White Ribbon; aim to secure a certain number and if you exceed the number all well and good, or plan to send your White Ribbon to someone who cannot afford to subscribe, and to whom it would be of great value; endeavour to interest your young friends in the work, and take them along to the meetings. Every thing rests with the individual. In my opinion the best organisers are the members themselves.

I think these words are beautiful:

I have no wealth of gold to give away,
But I can pledge to worthy causes these—
I'll give my strength, my days and hours of ease;
My first thought and courage when I may,
And take some deed accomplished for my pay.
I cannot offer much in silver fees,
But I can serve when richer persons play,
And with some presence fill some vacancies.
There are some things beyond the gift of gold,
A richer treasure's needed now and then;
Some joys life needs which are not bought and sold,
The high occasion often calls for men;
Some for release from service give their pelf,
But he gives most who freely gives himself.

—"Edgar Guest."

ELIZABETH MACARTNEY,
"Y." Superintendent.

THERE MUST BE.

The young man of fashion approached his prospective father-in-law.

"I say," he said, "your daughter has promised to marry me, and all that sort of rot. But one has to be careful these days. I'd like to know—just to be sure—if there is any insanity in your family?"

The old gentleman looked the young man up and down.

"I'm afraid there must be," he said pointedly.



THE SAME OLD REASON.

(Katherine Mercer.)

There is in the Old Testament the story of a re-building that reads as a miracle, a miracle of the kind we need to-day, and it ends with the reason of the whole being accomplished.

The ruined city was rebuilt and fortified by a people, few in number (compared to the size of their undertaking) their courage tested by foes who fought as deftly with their tongues as with ordinary less biting weapons.

The story tells how the workers wrought, not separately at their own crafts, but all in the part of the great task assigned to each man, each one with his weapon ready to hand as he worked.

The building was finished alright. It could not help but be, with workers whose endurance and enthusiasm were ensured by their need and faith.

And the great story finishes with the plain reason for the rebuilding of Jerusalem. Not that the prophet had vision, though without that vision the work would not have been begun; not the generosity of an outsider, though that surpassed all that could have been hoped; but very plainly and simply, "The people had

a mind to work." All the people, not just the gifted few, but the plain, ordinary crowd, like you and me!

If we shared that mind, surely we could 'build Jerusalem.'

Our prophets have had the vision, God has sent it repeatedly, in forms to touch us all.

He has given us leaders, we acknowledge them thankfully to-day.

But what about us?

Have we 'a mind to work?'

If we have, be sure we shall win, not merely the signpost of this election, but this generation.

If we have a mind to work, and stick to it every day, like the Boy Scout's good deed, our daily deed for our cause, working at it.

WHEN WE WERE YOUNG.

How often do we hear this said by parents. "I'm sure my mother must have been perfect as a girl," said one daughter. A young man asked his mother: "Were you ever young, Mother?" "Well, yes," replied his mother "I suppose I was." "Well, I'm sure Pa never was," asserted the youth, whose feelings had been wounded.

We think that elderly people must have short memories, they don't mean to tell untruths. But, every generation we read books written wondering what the young people are coming to. Fifty years ago, earnest preachers condemned buggy riding, now they tell us the motor is responsible for a terrible amount of evil among the young, and we suppose the preacher of the next generation will condemn the flying machine.

Times have altered, ways of living have changed, but we believe human nature remains the same as ever.

I was very pleased to read lately from U.S.A., some fine tribute to their young people from those who mix with them and know them. The principal of one of Washington's large public schools addressing the W.C.T.U. of that District, voiced the conviction that "less than 2 per cent. of our young people are doing the wrong thing."

We are told that prohibition is ruining the young people of U.S.A., and making them law breakers. A correspondent from the States writes thus to us: "There is a lot of talk

about conditions being bad, and many believe what they hear. I've taken up domicile in Government hotels to see how the girls think and talk and act, and I haven't seen one thing objectionable with 2,000 young women sent here for Government work. They are away from home, and I fail to see any suggestion of drinking or tolerating it. At the tables we have no reserved space, so have different ones at each meal, and the conversations have been most earnest and of a high type."

Another letter says: "Nobody says prohibition is an absolute success any more than the laws against murder—but it is a million times better than the wets wish it to be.—I seldom see an intoxicated man—and I used to see them by the dozens. There is so much talk about the young people—it is getting to be part of the course in high schools, that the senior classes visit Washington, and literally thousands come at a time—and have been in a constant stream since March. The manager of a large hotel says that he caters exclusively to school groups these months, and though the head house-keeper and maids have been ordered to look out for flasks left in rooms (and they'd leave them if they used them) they have never found one. He has dealt with the schools for the last 6 or 8 years—pioneer in the school tour catering. The young people are being slandered. Mrs Tilton says: 'It takes many, many flasks to equal one saloon.'"

Y REPORTS.

CAMBRIDGE.

July 27th. Inaugural meeting. Miss McLay presided and gave a graphic account of the origin of the W.C.T.U., then a talk on the objects and workings of the "Y" section. Decided to form a Union, and ten members were enrolled and elected their officers. August 2nd.—Miss McLay was again present with several Hamilton friends including the District President, who gave us some advice and a talk on drink and gambling. Miss McLay spoke about the "Wines of the Bible," and gave the invitation to new members. Five young people were enrolled. We believe there is a bright future before our Union.

HASTINGS.

August. Miss Beale presided, good attendance; opened with a hearty "Community sing" followed by a "Mock Court" conducted by the male members caused great amusement. Supper was served by Miss List. An opportunity was given to say farewell to Mr J. List, and old and enthusiastic member, who is on transfer to Blenheim, closed a very happy evening. (Blenheim Y's will greet Mr List (Ed. W.R.)

HAMILTON EAST.

The first meeting of this Branch was held on the 31st July, and took the form of a

"Favourite Hymn" evening. A number of members wrote very interesting papers, and favourite hymns were sung. Miss C. M. McLay, Organiser, gave an address on "Wines of the Bible," which proved very helpful to us. Our President, Miss C. Day, presented Miss McLay with a bouquet of violets. 13 new members were initiated. After the meeting, supper was served.

INVERCARGILL.

July. The meeting was opened by the President, Miss Dawson, and the Scripture Reading was given by Mrs James, Superintendent. Mrs Challis was then introduced, and gave a most instructive address on First Aid, and a hearty vote of thanks given to her.

TOTARA VALLEY.

June. 31 present; President in the chair, and welcomed Mrs Boag and friends from Pleasant Point. Mrs Boag, District President, gave a most interesting address on W.C.T.U. work, and made us feel quite part of the great organisation. Items were given by Misses Battersby and Bishop, Mrs Smith, Rev. Mr Falconer, and Messrs Seaton and Salmond. Supper was served.

July. At the residence of Mrs Smith, Hazelburn. Over thirty present. After business was finished, an enjoyable time was spent with a "Question Box." Many and varied were the questions asked, and the answers given. After supper, a game or two finished up a very bright and encouraging gathering. Three new members joined up.

NEW BRIGHTON.

July 9. Well attended; Mrs F. Mitchell presided. Decided to send a letter of congratulations to the newly-formed "Y." Branch at Rangiora. A very fine address by Mrs W. J. Williams was much appreciated by the young people; a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker. Four new members were initiated.

NORTH BRIGHTON.

As a result of a resolution passed by the North Brighton Union at its July meeting, a promising "Y." Branch with twenty-eight members has been formed in North Brighton. Mrs Leaver, Vice-President of the Adult Union, and her daughter Irene, proved charming hostesses at a social evening, where about thirty young people were invited to meet the officers of the North Brighton Union, and the President of the Brighton Union. The laughter and chatter, the gay banter and fun of the young folk, proved a happy introduction to an evening big with future possibilities for service in the White Ribbon Army. Miss Beatrice Harband explained the meaning of a "Y." Branch, described its activities, and stressed its value to the youth of the Dominion as an educative factor in preparing them to take their place as future citizens and Prohibition voters. Mrs Hall spoke of the part the young people could take in a No More War Campaign. When an appeal was made to join the proposed Branch, every boy and girl present rose with a wonderful show of spontaneity, and some one began to sing "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The initiation service followed, the pledges were signed, and another twenty eight white bows proclaimed their silent challenge to the drink traffic, as they gleamed conspicuously white on the dark coats of the boys, and on the gaily coloured frocks of the girls. Then the new branch settled down to business, and elected Mrs Eames, the mother of three small girls, their president, Miss Isabel Thompson, Secretary, and Mr. Gus. Florance, a High School boy, treasurer.

PROHIBITION AND INCOME TAX.

The Prohibition law of the United States is better enforced than is the law against theft, murder or adultery, according to the most reliable witnesses. Many of these same witnesses say, also, that Prohibition is better enforced than is the law re the income tax.

THE LOYAL TEMPERANCE LEGION.

OUR GREAT ASSET.

(By Mrs Myra Miller Hauffer).

The Women's Christian Temperance Union built splendidly, when, in the very beginning of its life, it took up the work of training the children, thereby laying a sure foundation for National Prohibition.

We can, with just pride, point to many of our present-day legislators, who were taught in boyhood days, by W.C.T.U. workers through the Band of Hope, and later through the Loyal Temperance Legion, as well as by Scientific Temperance Instruction in the schools, the gigantic evils of the Liquor Traffic, who, now in their manhood when afforded the opportunity, have given the abominable liquor business in its death blow.

In the words of Miss Anna Gordon, "It is a sacred privilege to count as one in the ranks of the W.C.T.U., to become an inheritor of the radiant past, a participant in its luminous present, and a bulwark in its brightening future!" Verily, verily, the past is radiant, the present is luminous, and henceforth must we continue to brighten the future by increasingly training and developing childhood in the ranks of our victorious Loyal Temperance Legion.

If the ideals of any nation are to be realized, they must be planted in the hearts of its children. Experience has shown the Christian Church that its most faithful service is among the children and youth of the nation.

Jesus said to adult disciples: "Suffer the little children to come unto me." He said to Peter: "Lovest thou me? Feed my lambs."

Would you invest your time, your talents, your money where they will bring the largest returns? Would you lay up treasures where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal? Would you alleviate the world suffering, right the world's wrong? Would you advance the Kingdom of God's son? Then put your life into the service of training children in the way that they should go. Who so thus leads a child saves a soul, plus a life for His service.

Oh, for a voice, a persuasive voice, of unexcelled power to sound a clarion call to the remotest corners of our country, and rivet upon the heart and mind of every W.C.T.U. worker the

plea by the youth of our land, as by the Macedonian of old "Come and help us." Will you feed His lambs? out of a heart filled to overflowing with zeal for the welfare of the boys and girls. We beg of you all to give the work of the Loyal Temperance Legion a far greater place in your plans. If all of us could, to a greater degree, catch the vision of the glorious men and women, that some day, these boys and girls will be (if properly guided in youth), it would help us immensely in the leadership problem.

Beloved, how can you, as local officials, rest easy, permitting the host of children in your country, in your community, to be leaderless, in the stupendous warfare against all unrighteousness? Leaderless children! This is not only a most unfortunate condition, but it is a sin of omission on our part to let them remain leaderless.

The passage "A little child shall lead them," is very well-known; but to that knowledge we must add the fact that it is our business to lead the little child. Make untold sacrifices, if need be, in order that the work of training the youth may be placed in the most capable hands! Never cease in your efforts until you do locate someone who will make the L.T.L. her first and chief concern. There are departments of work which we may drop if there are not workers enough for them, but most emphatically we say the L.T.L. is not such a department.

May God give us a new point of view, a great step in advance of a any former attempt, a beginning of things from which there can be no retreat, and may we, from this day forth, be irrepressible and irresistible in our forward movement for the Loyal Temperance Legion.

Miss Ernestina M. de Alvarado, President of the Mexico W.C.T.U., writes most optimistically concerning the outlook for temperance work in her country, and announces that Senora Calles, wife of the President of the republic, has shown a keen interest in the organization and has become its honorary President. In this connection she tells of the Christmas fiesta at which Senora Calles played a prominent part.

INCONSISTENCIES OF THE WETS.

Talking with a supposedly intelligent European during a recent extended trip abroad, Bishop Ernest E. Richardson of the Methodist Episcopal Church was told at different times in one conversation these two so-called facts: That hundreds of thousands of Americans were coming over to Europe every summer in order that they might get liquor freely; and a few minutes afterwards by the same individual, that more liquor was being purchased and consumed in America to-day than before Prohibition.

When his attention was called to the discrepancy in his statements he was unable to reconcile them.

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

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, Crosvenor 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., Kalkorai; Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Mornington; Parhammentary Supt., Mrs Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori, Mrs Romeril; Flower Mission, Mrs Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Cradle Roll, Miss Bryant; Home Meetings and Library, Mrs Hutton.

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 Crockett Street, Devonport; Treas., Miss C. Davies, 58 Albert Road, Devonport; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnston, Cowper Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Bishop, Cheltenham; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Fraser and Mrs Robinson.

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

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

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

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

EDEN, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion Road. Pres., 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 Tremaine.

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

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

GISBORNE, last Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goffe, Ormond Road; Treas., Mrs Reynolds, 183 Gladstone Road.

HAWERA, meets last Friday, at 3 p.m., in the Methodist Bible Class Room. Pres., Mrs Exley, Albion Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Hill and Bone; Sec., Mrs Hayward, 37 Tawhiti Road; Treas., Mrs Ashton, Albion Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Spavin, 8 Campbell Street.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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

INVERCARGILL SOUTH, meets every 2nd Tuesday, in St. Peter's Methodist Schoolroom, Elles Road, Enwood, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs 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, 2.45 p.m. alternately Baptist and Presbyterian Churches. Pres., Mrs Holmes, 125 Longard St.; Vice-Pres., Mrs Wilcox, Miss Dewar; Treas., Mrs Laytham; Sec., Mrs Langskail, 88 Melbourne 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 Rinaldt, Sewell Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Morland, Raven Street; Treas., Mrs Chapman, Kaiapoi Rural Mail; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Stanton, North Road.

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

MAUNGATUROTO, 3rd Wednesday, in Forester's Hall. Pres., Mrs Bycroft, The Manse; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Pasley Senr; 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. Redford, East Taieri; Treas., Mrs S. Johnstone, King Street; Sec., Mrs M. H. Wilson, corner of Inghis Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs A. Merton, Fort's Street.

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

NAPIER, first Wednesday, in Willard Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs Speight, Port Ahuriri; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Dodds, Leask, McAllister 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, Llardet Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig, Craig-neuk, Powderham Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs Walter Hughes, 246 Courtenay Street; Treas., Mrs S. Whitham, 50 Gilbert Street; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Cobb, Leach Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dickson, Hillcrest, Vogelstown; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Oliver, Upper Carrington Road.

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

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

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

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

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

OTAHUHU, 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 Anesbury St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs T. R. Hodder, 9 Alan St.; Treas., Mrs E. Watson, 13 Carroll St.; "White Ribbon" Supt., Mrs J. Burrell, 28 Bourke St.

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

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

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

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

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

PONSONBY, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 2.30 p.m., in St. Stephen's Church, Jervois Road, Ponsonby. Pres., Mrs Hayr, 209 Ponsonby Road; Sec., Miss Read, Fernbank, Whittaker Place; Cor. Sec., Mrs Olliver, Homai, 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 Ys., Miss Read, Whittaker Place.

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

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

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

RIVERTON, meets 1st Monday, in Committee Room. More's Hall, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs E. H. Gray; Vice-Pres., Mrs Fordyce and Mrs Philp; Sec., Mrs T. Borland, Havelock Street; Treas., Mrs J. Cassels; W.R. 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, Allnutt Street; Sec., Mrs E. Blackmore, St. Leonards; Treas., Miss E. Greaves, King Street; Rest Room Supt., Miss G. Hancox, King Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Willson, 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. 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., "T. Pres., Mrs Gordon, 196 Otupua Road.

TINWALD, 2nd. Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carter's 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., Miss McCarthy; "White Ribbon," Mrs Graham, Rhodes 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, Robertson, and Bott; Sec., Mrs James Bibby, Rose Street; Treas., Miss Johnson, Rose Street; W.R. Supt., Miss Bibby.

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

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

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

WAVERLEY, first Thursday, in W.C.T.U. Rest Room, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs T. Wall; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Nicholls; Treas., Mrs E. 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, 338 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 Woolalax; Sec., Mrs Hills, Norfolk Street; Treas., Mrs Hughes; Asst. Treas. and Sec., Miss Hilford; W.R. Supt., Mrs J. McKinnon; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lovatt; Maori Work Supt., Miss Dreaden; Press Reporter, Mrs Hills; Notable Days, Miss Hilford.

WINTON, Meets 3rd. Tuesday, 3 p.m. in Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs T. A. McWilliam, Winton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames J. R. Hamilton, McWilliam, McKillop, Anderson; Sec., Mrs J. A. Wilson, Park St; Treas., Mrs J. D. Campbell, Eglinton 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 Westby Street, Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs W. T. Kelly, Garlands Road, Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs T. W. West, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. H. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa.

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