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AROUND THE FIRE, ON A A WINTRY NIGHT.

A.: What is your opinion of the Licensing Bill which our M.P's. were considering, and have had to drop owing to lack of time.

B.: A slaughtered innocent! And there's nothing innocent about it but the name.

C.: Right you are! It's absolutely the worst Licensing Measure that the House has had to consider. And I say this from a fairly wide experience extending over more than a quarter of a century.

B.: Absolutely one-sided. Evidently the man who drew it up had little imagination, and was utterly destitute of the ability to see both sides of a problem.

Mrs. A.: I know one thing. It's entirely a man's Bill. Everything in it to protect Vested interests, nothing in it to protect the Home and the child.

A.: But, my dear, you must remember that Vested interests are Sacred.

Mrs. A.: Am I likely to forget it while we are governed by men who will set up a Commission to investigate the cause of the mortality among lambs or pigs, but views with complacency the slaughter of the children by "vested interests."

A.: The Bill is entirely a retrograde measure. It threatens the loss of Reforms won by years of toil and strenuous endeavour.

D.: True for you, 'old man. For over a quarter of a century in spite of our great increase in population the number of licences has remained stationary.

A.: Not on your life. Do you forget our No-License Areas, all these have lessened the number of licenses, as also did our reduction vote, while we had it.

Mrs. D.: Will this Bill affect the number of Licenses?

A.: Certainly, because it makes provision to increase the number of licenses.

B.: Quite an astute move that! Some time ago the Trade wanted a redistribution of Licenses.

Mrs. D.: What exactly do you mean by that?

Mrs. A.: In many places there are licenses now held where population has left and gone elsewhere. It would suit their book fine if these licenses could be transferred to growing and thriving townships.

Mrs. D.: Is that not permissible now?

Mrs. A.: No it is not. Licenses can only be moved very short distances, I think it is a mile in a county and half that distance in a Borough.

B.: Now they are going one better than Redistribution and are asking for power to grant issue new licenses.

E.: My! It was a brainy man, who drafted this Bill. Fancy taking a Referendum in regard to lengthening the time between the Licensing Polls.

D.: A Referendum!

A.: Yes, it proposes that at next election the voters shall say whether the next Licensing Poll shall be in 3 years or in 6 years time.

E.: Well that seems fair enough!

A.: Probably some of our M.P's. will agree with you. After promising to vote against any extension of the time, it will be quite a relief to

throw the responsibility back upon their constituents.

B.: I think a very serious feature of the Bill is the proposal to increase the facilities for drinking. Particularly do I dislike the proposal to make it easier for young people to obtain liquor.

Mrs. A.: The fight centres round that point. If we can keep the young people from acquiring a taste for alcohol, then we win the fight in a generation.

Mrs. B.: And well the Trade knows this. Hence, the large number of people before the courts for supplying liquor to youths under 21 years of age. This is one provision of the Licensing Act which the Trade can't afford to obey. Their very existence depends upon a fresh crop of drinkers growing up to take the place of those who die. And, drinkers don't often make old bones, as the Life Insurance records prove.

C.: If Cabarets are allowed to supply liquor after hours, then licensees who pay a license fee, have a grievance, and soon they'll be asking for permission to sell liquor after 6 p.m.

D.: Does the Bill provide for a Referendum in the King Country?

A.: No! but a Minister of the Crown has given notice to introduce an amendment to that effect.

B.: Pity a Cabinet Minister should advocate breaking a solemn compact entered into by a predecessor, especially in view of the strong protest put in by the Maori Chiefs.

D.: Any provision for a two-issue ballot paper?

A.: Not much, but an M.P. has given notice that he intends to intro-

duce an amendment for a two-issue ballot paper.

Mrs B.: It is time we had the straight-out issue "wet or dry." Why are they so afraid to give it to us?

E.: What about the State Controllers?

Mrs B.: Well, if the dry issue is carried, then they can have a ballot as to whether Licensees or the Government are to sell the poison.

D.: I don't object to three issues, if they give us the same conditions as candidates have, i.e., first past the post wins the fight.

B.: What do you think of the suggestion that both sides should confer and come to some agreement.

Mrs A.: Well, whatever you men do, I'm sure our women will not consider it. And, if we did confer, we should never agree.

B.: Why are you so sure of that?

Mrs A.: Because the liquor trade wants our boys to drink their liquor and so increase their profits. But, we mothers want our boys to grow up sober, self-respecting citizens. Both want the boys; both can't have them. Hence, no agreement possible.

A.: Well! the Bill is shelved for this session, and it's up to us to see it's kept high up on the shelf.

B.: Well, I hope every dry voter will note this Bill and learn its lesson. If we don't advance we must go back. There is no standing still in this great fight. Eternal vigilance is the price of safety.

Wake up! wake up!

What, if your armour is broken,
What, if your sword is bent?

Fight if only in token
That courage is not yet spent.

Fight though the foe surround
you!

Fight through the dust and the din!

Fight and let none confound you!
Fight, fight till you win.

God is not foiled; the drift of the
world will

Is not stronger than all wrong.

Earth and her years

Down joy's bright way, or sorrow's
long road,

Are moving towards the purpose of
the skies.

"If politics are to be cleaned up,
women must use the scrubbing brush
and apply the civic soap."—"Mabel
Walker Willebrandt."

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON LAW ENFORCEMENT.

This National Committee of women was the idea of one woman, who fired with a desire to save her country from a lawless spirit, resolved that she would call the women of the Churches, the women from the clubs, the women in political life together, and make plans to take a stand for allegiance to the Constitution and law observance. This woman was Mrs Henry Peabody, who explained that "while the Convention will be mainly for the purpose of bringing out the facts accounting for imperfect enforcement, it will also give the facts concerning the remarkable progress which has been made."

The 609 registered delegates present represented 12,000,000 women pledged to uphold the dry law. They were received by President Coolidge. First meeting they had a stock-taking, and issued the following statement of their Assets and Liabilities.

ASSETS.

Citizens who count it a sacred duty to keep the law; Men and women who vote intelligently; Those who insist that high character is necessary for a public official; Good men and women willing to stand as candidates; Citizens who give time and effort to secure good government; Women willing to accept responsibility as citizens.

LIABILITIES.

Corrupt politicians; instinct to hide the sins of one's own party; indifferent citizens; political patronage, and the political machine; unwillingness of good men and women to sacrifice themselves for the good of the country; timidity, and dread of being unpopular; discouragement; desire to leave all to the Government while we do nothing.

There was a prayer service held in the Hall of Nations of the Washington Hotel. Mrs Ella Boole, the National President of the W.C.T.U., gave the report for the commission on Morals and Economics in Prohibition.

Commander Yandell, in charge of the Coast Guard activities against rum-runners, gave graphic descriptions of the small wallowing boats out on the waters on dark nights, loaded with determined men who are bound to see their country's laws

obeyed. One scene was stirring, he told of a big Belgian ship flying its own flag, and a French boat sailing under its own flag lining up in a position to protect a swift rum-running American boat, which was carrying a cargo of liquor from those vessels to the shore, and necessitating the Coast Guards to open fire on the American boat. France and Belgium once their allies, now were protecting and causing the lawless element of their population to defy authority and right.

A luncheon was presided over by the wife of a Justice of the Supreme Court. Mr Sargent, Attorney General, gave a very strong address, and was followed by the Assistant Attorney General, Mrs Mabel Willebrandt. Mrs Pinchot, wife of the dry Governor of Pennsylvania, spoke on practical lines.

The following practical resolutions were passed and forwarded to proper quarters.

Resolved that as women of many creeds, they urge upon the churches of the U.S.A., the need to keep before their congregations the sanctity of the law, that they urge members to uphold the laws of the land, that they keep public conscience aroused to the need of a better enforcement of the laws, that they urge all Church members to remember that the Prohibition Amendment was approved by the people after mature judgment, based on the realisation that the liquor trade had become an intolerable menace. They called upon the 47,000,000 Church members to seek for the election of legislators, local officials, and Executive officers pledged to the enforcement of laws and the strict upholding of the Constitution of the land.

Miss Agnes Slack, World's Corresponding Secretary, writes regretting that so few New Zealanders subscribe for the Bulletin. This is a valuable little leaflet, which is published five or six times a year, and gives reports of our work all over the world. Anyone willing to subscribe, should send 1/- (one shilling) to Miss Slack, 32, The Ridgeway, Golder's Green, London, N.W., England, and they will receive it by post.

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,

I am often thinking about our Membership Campaign, and wondering how the districts and local Unions are getting on with it.

More than five months have passed since Convention, and if we are to come any where near our objective of a 10,000 membership by 1927, we should now have somewhere like 1,000 new members already on the roll, or an average of about 85 for each district.

I feel sure that some districts have already done more than their share of this average, but we must not forget that other districts are weak in numbers, both of Unions and members, and therefore the strong districts and the powerful Unions, must pull all the stronger to build up their memberships.

The present Licensing Bill has been dropped so much to the good for an expression of public opinion. But, it will appear again, so we are told, next session, and all may take it for granted that in it will be clauses against which we must fight.

It is possible that next year we may be called upon, in company with the Alliance and other bodies, to work up the strongest opposition to some clause that has ever been organised in New Zealand. In any case, we should see to it that, if asking for a two-issue ballot paper, persistently and insistently, can incur its introduction, then we shall keep asking for it. What better way have we of preparing for this work than by building up an educated and powerful membership.

Ten thousand personally pledged women, representing through their families many more tens of thousands of voters, would surely be a force that no Prime Minister or member of Parliament would afford to lightly pass over in any demand they might make for the highest welfare of the young life of this nation.

So let us go on building up our organisation for the work ahead of us. Our foundations are deep and strong, as everlasting as Christ's own teaching, therefore, see to it that we build a structure worthy of those foundations, well set and good to look upon, a refuge for the sorrowing ones in the midst of this our country.

But, for this we must have faith,

faith in our Master's will for us, and faith in our own power to do whatever He calls us to do. Living creative faith in God and man and ourselves, for this alone can bring a dynamic spiritual life-force into our work and give concrete form to all our Christian ideals.

With loving greetings,

E. B. TAYLOR,

Dominion President.

THIS YEAR'S LEGISLATION.

(By our Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent).

There has been so little time to consider any legislation brought before Parliament this session, that our W.C.T.U. members may be pardoned if they have failed to keep track of the various measures. Some of these are of special interest to women, and for that reason, I must ask for space to explain their significance.

The first of these measures to be passed was the Amendment of the Justices of the Peace Act. This contains a clause which provides that a woman shall not be disqualified by sex or marriage from being appointed to the office of J.P. This means that at long last, we have won what we have asked for and been denied so often.

Very great importance attaches to the second of these measures, the Guardianship of Infants Act, which makes a number of changes in the old law. The most important of which are (1) That it gives the mother, on the death of the father, the same rights of guardianship as the father has on the death of the mother, and (2) It further enacts that in the case of the marriage of an infant, the mother's consent as well as that of the father is necessary. The old law required only the father's consent. The actual conditions provided for are:—where both parents are living together, the consent of both; if the parents are divorced or legally separated, then the consent of the parent who has custody of the infants; if one parent has been deserted by the other, then the consent only of the one who has been deserted is required, and so on, the conditions being the same in regard to both parents.

The Amendments to the Destitute Persons' Act are in the direction of making it more difficult for any person to evade obedience to a maintenance order. Maintenance officers have now to take proceedings to compel payment without waiting until instructed to do so. At present, these officers are employed only in the four main centres, the new law allows a maintenance officer to be appointed in connection with any Magistrate's Court.

It is a matter of regret that Parliament again failed to make provision whereby a man committed to gaol for non-compliance with a maintenance order may be employed upon remunerative work, and his earnings applied to the support of his family.

A measure which has created a good deal of interest is the Family Allowances Bill. This provides that where a workingman has a family of more than two, and the total weekly income is less than £4 per week, an allowance of 2/- per week may be made in respect to every child under 15 years of age, in excess of two, but the total income including the 2/- must not exceed £4. It is more than probable that in the long run this will not prove to be any advantage to the worker, but the bill does recognise an important principle in that the allowance is paid to the mother.

Those branches of the W.C.T.U. which have from time to time made objection to the nature of various advertising posters, will be glad to know that the Cinematograph Film Censorship Amendment Bill gives the Governor-General in Council authority to make regulations for the censorship of posters and other advertising matter in connection with the exhibition of films, and for prohibiting the display of any such matter that is of an objectionable nature.

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WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

(Paper read by Mrs J. Voss, at a meeting of the Spreydon Branch of the W.C.T.U., Christchurch.)

Whenever we survey the galleries of the Gentile world, the one spot absent to the modern eye is the woman's Empire at home. In India, woman was, and in most cases still is, a prisoner. In Japan she was, and still is, not the mistress of the home, but simply a housekeeper. In China she was, and still continues to be, subordinate to man; for there the relation of father and son precedes that of mother and daughter. In the palmiest days of old Rome, she was but a possession of a man just like a piece of furniture. In Greece she rose sometimes to distinction, but not as mistress of the house.

But amid the galleries of the Ancient World, there is one where woman's portraits are unique; it is that of the Bible. The triumph and the merit of this Book are that, at a time when woman was practically a slave, it painted a gallery in which she was free. Here we find womanhood rejoicing in the freeing of her shackles; and in exalting woman, Christianity as embodied in the New Testament has transformed the ideal of human greatness, not by adding a new ideal but by dethroning the old one.

The woman's charter was the Sermon on the Mount. It elevated what had previously been condemned. Its paradox is, not that womanly qualities have received the favour of God, but that they have received the favour of man. The teaching of the beatitudes that Christ pronounces on feminine virtues is that woman shall become one of the dominant factors in human development, shall guide the policy of nations and become the standard not only for woman, but also for man.

In the short time at my disposal, I can refer only briefly to the characteristics of the principal women mentioned in the New Testament. I take it for granted that the Biblical accounts of these women are fairly well-known to those present. For that reason, I think it better to refer to them as influencing present-day thoughts and organizations.

For some years I was a member of a Sewing Guild or Dorcas Society,

which devoted its energies to make up garments for Herrick's Home and similar Benevolent Institutions in and around Christchurch. What is the origin of the name "Dorcas Society?" We find the answer in the New Testament (Acts 9:36): There was at Joppa a certain disciple called Tabitha or Dorcas, a woman skilled in needlework and the head of a sisterhood of mercy, the precursor of many Benevolent Dorcas Societies and Guilds of the present day, helping the widows, the fatherless, the poor and the needy, abounding in good works of every kind. Dorcas and her fellow-workers gave not merely their sympathy to those in distress, but also, through goodness of heart, rendered practical assistance, and, in blessing others, they were blessed themselves. What a fine example for us to imitate! May we endeavour to be as full of good works and almsdeeds as Dorcas was!

How often we hear the expression, "The Widow's Mite." Whence is it derived? Read Mark 12 and we soon discover its origin. The crowd descending from the Temple no doubt presented a grand spectacle. Attracted by national memories and hopes still centred there, the people give freely to the Treasury from patriotic as well as from religious motives. Amongst the rich givers, appears one doubly poor by reason of her widowhood and lack of means; yet doubtless she had learned the Compassion of our Lord, and had therefore worshipped with content and gratitude, which was expressed in the only material offering possible to her. Unnoticed by others, she is seen, appreciated and commended by Christ. "She, of her want, did cast in all that she had," so says the Scripture. She did not give merely what she thought she could spare; she gave all, poor as she was. Her contribution was the greatest sacrifice of all, therefore the most valued. No wonder her example has been held up before the world, and is recognised to-day as the truest type of Christian giving.

Paul, Barnabas, and other apostles found it easiest to make proselytes of women. Thus, when Paul was in Macedonia, preaching on the Sabbath by the riverside, he spoke to the women assembled there. Amongst them was Lydia, one of a Corporation of purple sellers who listened to the

earnest words of the preacher with looks and tears that told of deep emotion, and who thereby became possessed of the consciousness of a new life. When she was baptized with her household, she showed large-hearted hospitality in offering to receive the preachers into her home as her guests. In this respect, Lydia was a type of those devout women who, in our day, entertain the preachers of the Gospel. Thus, women were the Agents, as it were, of the Christian missions of our Lord's time. From being agents, the devout women have developed by different stages until these modern times when we have our deaconesses, women missionaries, lecturers and preachers.

As to the question of the human nativity of Jesus, controversy has raged and is raging still; but we will pass that over to ask what was the particular work which Mary, the Mother of Jesus, had to do for her Son. We commonly say that it is the mother's province to train her child for Heaven; but in this case, the Child Himself was from Heaven. Should she not, then, be really guided by Him? I think it must be conceded that her mission was, not the guidance of his spiritual, but of his outward or physical nature. She was not to stimulate the higher, but to prevent that higher life from making Him forget his lower needs. There had been committed to her care a great trust, the preservation of a gifted Son for a heavenly mission. The greatest danger his early years had to encounter came from that very mission. He was or might be so absorbed in it that He was in peril of losing sight of his earthly existence and of his physical needs. Mary's whole thought was to give Him strength of body to prepare Him for the toil of mind. She was proud of her son. His wisdom and learning were the admiration of all. He had been spoken of everywhere as the Coming Man, the Coming King, the One Who was to signalize the next generation. But the existence of the soul requires in a human being a body, so a guardian must be found for the wants of the human Christ. The Heavenly Father provided for the divine Christ; someone must provide for the Man Jesus; that mission fell to Mary. We have often lamented the meagreness of the records of

Christ's early life. How can this be explained but for the maternal plan to surround Jesus in His early years with the commonplace, to prevent the too-early maturity of the growing lad? In this, she was evidently successful, and for this she is to be commended.

What was the chief characteristic of Mary, the sister of Lazarus? Was it not the power to detect, in those she met, what was the main thing needing their sympathy. In other words, was she not a kind of thought-reader who had the ability at a special moment to put the hand upon the special want of a human soul? She could read the thoughts of Jesus. She could see that He sought the joy of human friendship, the establishment of an earthly brotherhood, and the kindling of a divine love which would result in the Communion of soul with soul. Her brother Lazarus was dead. Mary had gone to meet Jesus. She had thrown herself at His feet and cried: "Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother had not died!" What abundant faith she thus expressed!

Martha loved our Lord as well as Mary. The former attended to His physical needs by giving of her best at the feast she prepared for Him. We see Mary sitting at His feet listening to His words, and Martha busying herself in getting ready the meals, both anxious for His welfare.

To the general public, Mary of Magdala, or Mary Magdalene is one of the most interesting women of the Bible, because she portrays the darkness of sin into the brilliant light of the redeemed. Being rescued from sin by Christ, Mary Magdalene, from being helped, had a desire to help others. We read in Mark 16 that she, amongst other good women, ministered sympathically where she could give nothing but her presence; she was present at the burial. Mary Magdalene had the first vision of the risen Lord. She came to the grave with great expectations to preserve His dead body. There she had a vision of Jesus and mistook Him for the gardener. When she finally recognized Him, just the word "Master!" escaped her lips. She was sent for on an apostolic mission as an apostle to the apostles to tell of a risen Saviour. The most beautiful ornament in Mary's life consisted in her tender works of mercy and pity;

and in memory of this side of her character there have been established, in various parts of the world, Magdala hospitals for the reformation of the fallen sisters of humankind. Mary took a box of the costliest ointment, broke it into fragments and poured it upon His head in gratitude. The box was shattered, but, with the shattering the fragrance began. While it was whole, its perfume was confined, but the breaking gave it wings; it filled all the house. This act of Mary's told Jesus that, though His body might be broken, though His earthly tabernacle might be shattered, His influence would never be buried. The fragrance of His life would spread far and wide. Jesus realised the power of this symbol, for He said: "Whosoever the Gospel is preached throughout the world, there shall that, which this woman hath done, be spoken of." May we all have such a record given to us! May we break the box so that the ointment of brotherly and sisterly kindness may flow in order to give sympathy and so lessen life's burdens!

When the disciples assembled in the Upper Room, after they had witnessed the Ascension of our Lord, we are told that, gathered together with them, were the Christian women, amongst whom were Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and possibly Mary Magdalene, Salome, Susanna, Joanna, Mary and Martha of Bethany.

In St. Luke's Gospel we read of a woman's faith in Christ. She had paid her all to physicians for healing, but had received none, and who, when she heard of Christ, pressed among the crowd to touch the hem of His garment, believing that, in so doing, she would be healed. Christ asked: "Who touched Me?" The woman, trembling, fell down before Him and told all. Our Saviour said, "Daughter, be of good comfort, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace." Thus faith gained for her the blessing.

Time will not allow me to refer to the evil influence exerted by some of the women of the New Testament. Suffice it to say that, without Christian graces, woman may become a source of temptation and of injustice.

In conclusion, I venture the thought that that which has bridged

the gulf between the man and the woman has not been altogether the recognition of woman by Christianity, nor the honoured place assigned to her in Christian service. It has really resulted from a source deeper down—namely the character of the Master.

The heroism of the Son of Man is the heroism of ideal womanhood. The virtues which he lifted to the Mount were those that shone in His own soul, precisely those virtues which the past ages had despised as feminine.

Thus, through the influence of the teaching of Christ, the qualities which were once deemed lowly have now been esteemed lofty, and the attributes of Christian service have been the badges of royalty.

May the Son of Man be blessed for ever and ever for lighting in the sky a new star, the star of emancipated womanhood.

"Woman may err, woman may give
her mind

To evil thoughts and lose her pure
estate;

But for one woman who affronts her
kind

By wicked passions and remorse-
less hate

A thousand make amends in age and
youth

By heavenly pity, by sweet sympathy,

By patient kindness, by enduring
truth,

By love, supremest in adversity.

Theirs is the task to succour the
distressed,

To feed the hungry and to cheer the
sad,

To pour the balm upon the wound-
ed breast

And find dear pity even for the
bad."

"In the battle, in the pulpit, in the
conflicts of the land

On fame's high and dizzy summit,
woman's form may never stand;

But more holy is her mission, noblest
work that God has given,

Her's to lift, with hands so tender,
our poor world up nearer
Heaven."

Bishop Thomas Nicholson, of the Methodist Church, says: "The greatest need of the hour is to get to the last citizen and voter the actual facts of the benefits of Prohibition."

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PERSONAL.

Mrs Taylor, Dominion President, visited the West Coast on August 24th, but after a week's campaigning had to return home owing to failure of health. We are all glad to know she is much better, and ready again to take the field. On September 14th, 15th, and 16th, she will preside at the Canterbury Convention. On September 23rd and 24th, she is to visit Hawke's Bay Convention, and on the 29th and 30th, to be at Auckland District Convention. On October 5th, the Waikato District is to hold its Convention at Morrinsville, and Mrs Taylor is to be with them.

May our President have all needful strength for her labour of love, and may the Conventions be an inspiration to all who attend them.

Our esteemed comrade, Mrs Lee-Cowie, is paying a visit to Honolulu. Miss Pyle, who is with her, sends us

the following particulars which will be of interest to all our readers.

"We are having a most lovely and wonderful holiday here, and Auntie is keeping beautifully well. The climate is fine, cool at nights, and though the sun is hot there are fine strong breezes from hills and the sea, so we keep beautifully cool, and what with plenty of fruit and vegetables and Iced drinks, doors and windows well open, a large lani (verandah) with easy chairs and tables, so we have plenty of comfort in shady places, and the street cars have open sides, so they are cool and pleasant for riding. A number of her friends have taken us for some lovely rides in their own cars, and we have seen some very interesting sights, miles and miles of pineapple and sugar cane, and other plantations. People here are 40 per cent. Japanese, others are Chinese, Portuguese, Koreans, Hawaiians, Fillipinos, and others, but they all seem to work together beautifully, and are all most kindly disposed towards visitors."

Mrs Lee-Cowie writes from Honolulu: "Tell everyone Prohibition is a great success. The people here are so clean and happy and prosperous, it just makes me long for a similar blessing for New Zealand. There is a motor car here for every three people. 'Oh! God, give the people wisdom.'"

"Mr Cowie and I leave by the Niagara, September 29th, for Auckland. I hope to come back here again next winter. This place suits my health perfectly. I have not had as much as a cold since coming, and I have been so beautifully busy. The work is a real joy, and the need of Christian workers is very great. I hear of distress and unemployment in Auckland, and again I repeat the prayer 'Oh! God, give the people wisdom to vote away the poverty producer, Drink.'"

A NEW MAORI UNION.

Oturei, Dargaville:—

Mrs Walters, President; Mrs Walters (Senior) Vice-President; Mrs Simmons, Secretary; Mrs Puiki, Treasurer; Mrs Welsh, White Ribbon Agent; Sister Nicholls, Superintendent.

OTAGO DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Annual District Convention was held in Port Chalmers on Tuesday, August 17th, the morning and afternoon sessions being held in Currie Street Hall, and the evening meeting in the Town Hall. There were 36 delegates present, Mrs Hielt (District President) presiding. Convention opened with the singing of the Crusade Hymn; Miss Powell gave the Scripture lesson.

Mrs Walker (Acting President of the Port Chalmers Union) welcomed the delegates to Port Chalmers. Mrs Hielt spoke a few words based on Joshua.

Miss Gunn (Port Chalmers) was appointed Mistress of Courtesies. A greeting was received from Mrs Peryman. Miss Smyth (Acting Secretary) read the annual report, which showed steady progress, especially among the young. This was adopted.

The Treasurer's (Mrs Macartney's) report and balance sheet showing a credit balance of £23 10s. 11d., was read and adopted. A letter was read from Mrs Judson, bringing forward the following resolutions, which were confirmed.

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

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

The following recommendations were confirmed:—

(1) "That History books used in the schools be subject, as may be necessary, to periodical revision, that reference to wars and battles, and military achievements generally may more and more be eliminated in favour of the triumphs of Peace and the gradual building up of civilisation

among all nations along peaceful lines."

(2) "That standard works on the rise of the Peace Movement in general, and in particular on the League of Nations, be included in Libraries for Teachers."

(3) "That lectures on the Peace Movement, and especially on the League of Nations may be given at intervals in the schools by members of the staff, or by specially appointed lecturers."

(4) "That steps may be taken, by Conference or other means, to ensure closer co-operation between teachers and the members of, and sympathisers with, the League of Nations Union."

The following resolutions concerning local work were confirmed:—

(1) "That Unions be strongly recommended to endeavour to hold Home meetings throughout the years intervening between the polls, and, further, to make every effort to secure the attendance at the meetings of women who are not members of the Union."

(2) "Recognising that there is urgent need for systematic, scientific, and medical temperance instruction in the Unions, it is advised that at least once a quarter, a short address, or reading on this subject be given in the Unions."

(3) "That it be suggested that after devotions, a minute or two be spent in giving members one little fact or piece of instruction on such matters as the action of alcohol on the heart, or on the warmth of the body, etc."

(4) "That a recommendation be made to the Superintendents of Departments working among the young, to urge that all taking part in this work inculcate into the minds of the children a knowledge of, and hatred against the evils and the practice of gambling."

(5) "That it be a suggestion to Unions that immediately after the opening devotions, members should stand and solemnly repeat the pledge of membership."

The election of Officers resulted as follows:—President, Mr. Hiett (Dunedin); Secretary, Miss J. C. Smyth (Oamaru); Treasurer, Mrs. Macartney (Dunedin).

In response to a request from Roxburgh for speakers, Miss Powell, and Mrs Peart offered to go.

In the afternoon, Mrs Peart led the devotions. A recitation by Miss Smyth was much appreciated. After roll call, Mrs Hiett introduced to us a visitor from Peterhead (Scotland) Miss Cheyne, who, in a happy little speech, congratulated the Convention on its business-like methods and on the work it was doing. Decided to send with Miss Cheyne, a greeting to her Union from the Otago District Convention.

Mrs Hiett stressed the value of the White Ribbon, and urged all members and all Unions to make a special point of increasing its circulation. Several members spoke of the educative value of the paper.

Mrs Hiett also stressed the importance of our always wearing and keeping to the front our little White Bow, which stands for Prohibition, Purity, and Peace.

Mrs Gain read an excellent paper on Band of Hope work, stating that, in our fight against the drink evil one of our most vital weapons is the Bands of Hope, and it is a sign of progress that they are on the increase. Half-an-hour was spent on impromptu speeches on educational subjects.

An invitation for Convention to meet next year at N.E. Valley was accepted.

The following resolutions were carried:—

"That this Convention urges upon the Government the necessity of amending existing legislation so as to provide for (a) the employment of women police; (b) the inclusion of women upon juries."

"This Convention respectfully urges upon Parliament Amendments of the Destitute Persons' Act in the direction of (a) placing the onus of proving inability to pay upon the defendant; (b) making provision whereby men committed to gaol for non-compliance with maintenance orders shall be employed upon remunerative work, and their earnings applied immediately to the maintenance of their dependents."

"That this Convention urges the Prime Minister to give Parliament an opportunity to express an opinion upon the proposal that a woman of British birth shall be, if she chooses, allowed to retain her nationality on marriage with an alien."

"That a letter be sent to the Hon. F. J. Rolleston (Minister of Justice)

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

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

These prices include postage.

L.T.L. and Band of Mercy: Mrs Bathgate, 106 Somme Parade, Wanganui.

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

BAND OF MERCY.

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

BAND OF HOPE.

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

Cradle Roll: Mrs Waddell, Private Bag, Waitara.

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

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

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

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

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

Sample Packets, 1/- each.

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

All Post Free.

thanking him for legislation providing for the appointment of women justices of the peace, and for the amendments of the law relating to the guardianship, custody, and marriage of infants, and the amendments of the Destitute Persons' Act."

"That this Convention protests against allowing bets on the totalisator being transmitted by telegraph, and against the removal of restrictions now imposed on the publication of betting odds and totalisator dividends."

"That this Convention protests against the attempt to break the original covenant with the Maoris by introducing liquor license into the King Country, and urges upon the Government the rigid enforcement of the law prohibiting the sale of liquor within these bounds."

A motion by Mrs Don that a letter of thanks be sent to the Hon. Mark Cohen for always so ably championing the cause of Womanhood, was carried with warm applause.

In the evening, a public meeting was held in the Town Hall. The Mayor, Mr T. Anderson, welcomed the delegates to Port Chalmers, and expressed the hope that we would have a profitable Convention. Songs by Misses Sharpe, Somerville, Docherty, and Mrs Morgan; recitations by Mesdames Purdie and Beath, and a violin solo were much enjoyed.

Mr T. W. Todd (representing the New Zealand Alliance) gave an interesting address on the progress of the Prohibition Movement in New Zealand and throughout the world.

The following resolution was carried:—

"That, in view of the little support that is accorded the State Purchase and Control issue on the ballot paper, this meeting is of the opinion that it should be removed from the ballot paper, and a straight-out issue, wet or dry, be given to the people; the meeting also emphatically protests against the extension of time being made in the licensing poll."

Votes of thanks were accorded to those who had contributed items, and to Mr Todd for his address.

Convention closed with the Benediction.

WITH OUR ORGANISERS.

Miss Bradshaw has been working in the far North, and from a Dargaville member comes word of how her visit has helped them. Together with Sister Nicholls, she visited Maori Unions as their reports tell.

Miss McLay is busy in the Wai-kato; she has revived the Ngaruahia Union with Mrs McConnell as President. Te Aroha was visited, and members found, but at the time of writing, leaders had not been found.

Miss Burls is campaigning in Nelson and Marlborough districts. She reports having visited Blenheim, Picton, Havelock, Rai Valley, Nelson, Wakefield, Richmond, and Waka-puaka. She has conducted church services, given lantern lectures, held Bible Class Rallies, and revived Bands of Hope at Blenheim and Picton.

News of the Unions.

MORRINSVILLE.

July. Seven members present. New members are attending well. Mrs Starnes presided. Mrs Crowe read a very interesting paper on "Help to Smaller Unions." This paper should prove very helpful to our Union.

August 10. Mrs Starnes presided over a fair attendance of members. Our President gave us a beautiful reading on the Sermon on the Mount. The Convention, which is to be held at Morrinsville on October 4th and 5th, was then discussed.

BALCLUTHA.

September 7. Mrs Cations presided; fair attendance. One visitor welcomed. Appeal on behalf of Willard Home received to be continued later. Protest forwarded by Union to our local M.P. against the Licensing Bill in its present form, and requesting his support of the inclusion of a two-issue ballot paper. Very favourable reply was received from Mr Waite. Mrs Stephens, delegate to District Convention, gave an interesting report of the same. Miss Tosh and Mrs Geggie reported on Hospital visitation during last month, and are to carry on for the current month. Grateful acknowledgments of motions of sympathy were received from Hon. D. T. and Mrs Fleming and family, and from Mr and Mrs C. Wyber, the latter expressing also their appreciation of the wreath sent by the Union for their little son, a member of our Cradle Roll, accidentally drowned in the Molyneux River. Decided that the closing of the Band of Hope session in November, should take the form of a picnic, Cradle Roll members and parents to be invited.

FENCOURT.

During the visit of Miss McLay to Cambridge, a meeting was held in the Fencourt Church, with a view to forming a branch of the Union. A number of Fencourt ladies and members of the Cambridge branch were present. Miss McLay gave an excellent and helpful address, after which a branch of the Union was formed. Officers elected: President, Mrs G. Simpson; Secretary, Miss Norman; Treasurer, Mrs W. R. Beer; "White Ribbon" Agent, Mrs Turner. A dainty afternoon tea was served.

August 12. Chair taken by the President, Mrs G. Simpson. There was a fair attendance; Mrs Leaning was elected Vice-President. Resolved that we take up a collection at each meeting for the Organising Fund. We hope to build up a good and enthusiastic branch of the W.C.T.U. at Fencourt. The meeting ended pleasantly with afternoon tea.

RICHMOND-NELSON.

August 29. A united Bible Class meeting was conducted by Miss Burls. There was a splendid attendance of young people, who listened attentively to a very convincing address on "Bible Wines." The following evening, Miss Burls gave her famous lantern lecture, "Prohibition at Work," in the Baptist Church. There was a fair attendance, and all present appreciated her interesting lecture.

MAORI UNIONS. OTUREI.

The Organising of the Otarei Branch of the Maori Women's Christian Temperance Union, took place on Wednesday, August 4th, 1926, at Mrs Paki's place. Sister Nicholls took the chair. Miss Bradshaw, the Organiser of the W.C.T.U., then spoke on the aims and objects of this Society, and we were all one band of sisters, striving to uplift our race, and to make the part better for our children by working and praying for Temperance. A short discussion then took place, and the ladies decided to form a branch of this Society. Sister Nicholls and Miss Bradshaw were then welcomed by Mrs Paki and Mrs J. Walters; both gave very inspiring addresses. The election of Officers:—Mrs Walters, President; Mrs Walters (Senior) Vice-President; Mrs P. Simons, Secretary; Mrs Paki, Treasurer; Mrs Welsh, White Ribbon Agent. Proposed Sister Nicholls be Maori Superintendent, this was heartily carried. Three new members were initiated. Decided that we hold our monthly meeting the last Wednesday of the month. Sister Nicholls closed the meeting with a hymn and the Benediction.

On Wednesday, August 25th, at 3 o'clock p.m., the meeting of Otarei District of Aratapu, was opened by the European Women's Christian Temperance Union of Te Kōi ru. The preacher of the Otarei Church, Mr H. Walters (Senior) gave out the hymns and pronounced the Benediction, and all members joined in singing hymns in the Maori Wesleyan Hymn Book, No. 71, "Eagerly." Thus Convention opened, and speeches, congratulations, etc., continued. Mrs F. Wordsworth member of Te Kōpuru, gave a very friendly speech on behalf of the Maori sisters for proposing their Union to take part in the opening of the meeting this afternoon. She further says that it is her desire to prevent all disreputable actions from this meeting, especially the presence of intoxicating liquor, etc., because this is one of the main objects why the W.C.T.U. is formed to run liquor traffic down to the end. She also read the 17th chapter of St. John amongst the Maori Sisters and heartily thanking for the warm reception bestowed by every member this afternoon. It shows that we are all trying to uplift to bring our children up to avoid liquor, etc. The President of the Natives W.C.T.U., Mrs J. Walters (Jnr.), expressed her deep appreciation on behalf of the Maori Sisters for their coming and the honour in the opening of our meeting this afternoon. She too would be only pleased to do what she can to avoid intoxicating liquor. There were at least fourteen persons present this afternoon and was brought to a close by all the members joining in singing Hymn No. 117, "What a friend we have in Jesus."

NO BRANCH NAME?

President opened meeting by announcing the letters (1) President, Mrs Tautuhi, (2) Treasurer, Mrs Ariari, (3) Secretary, Mrs Kena, (4) Reporter, Miss K. Kena, (5) Members present: Mrs Kemp, Mrs Thompson, Miss Kapa, Miss L. Thompson, Miss M. Thompson, Miss Tautuhi. Absent: Mrs Pook, Vice-Pres., Mrs M. Kena. Subscription fees, Amount 5/-. Meeting Closed.

BRIGHTON.

August 19. T. E. Taylor Day. A good attendance, and the President, Mrs H. Hall, in the chair. Excellent reports of the recent Area Council of the New Zealand Alliance were given by the delegates, Mesdames Good

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and Farmer. The sum of 10/- was donated to the Willard Home in answer to their appeal. All arrangements for Conventions reported to be well in hand. A very fine paper was given by the President, "Reminiscences of the life of Prohibition Leaders," T. E. Taylor, Frances Willard and others.

August 26. A novel evening's entertainment was given by the members of the W.C.T.U. Musical and elocutionary items efficiently filled the first half of the evening's programme, and this was followed by a "Savoy Supper" and then competitions, etc., a choir contest causing much merriment. Songs were given by Mesdames Hewitt, Mitchell and Campbell; Pianoforte solos by Miss B. Nelson, and Elocutionary items by Mrs F Good and Messrs W. Sherlock and R. Campbell. Proceeds were in aid of W.C.T.U. funds.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

August 10. Social afternoon, the attendance was not as large as we had hoped for owing to sickness. An interesting and inspiring paper by Sister Janet was read and appreciated. Afternoon tea and a pleasant chat were enjoyed. Arrangements were made for the Jumble Sale on the following day, which turned out satisfactory. Decided to send letters of sympathy to Mrs G. Cuthbertson and Mr Black, also letter of thanks to Mrs Wakelin who, we regret, is leaving for Christchurch.

TIMARU.

August 31. Mrs Seward presided. Vote of loving sympathy with Mrs Trott and Mrs Shortus. Correspondence read as follows:— (1) From the Secretary of Timaru Women Citizen's Association, inviting members to be present at a lecture on Public Health and Notifiable Diseases by Dr. Parr, of Timaru Hospital; (2) From District Secretary, and New Zealand Alliance S.C. Area President, re the provision for a two-issue ballot paper in the Licensing Bill; (3) From the Tinwald W.C.T.U., enclosing donation for Sailor's Rest Funds. Vote of thanks accorded. Hearty welcome extended to Mrs Thompson, who has come from Wanganui to live in Timaru, and to Mrs Miller, a visitor from Masterton. Greetings were exchanged, the visitors giving interesting reports of work in their respective Unions. Mr Woodward reported that four overseas ships had visited the port during the month, 116 visitors paying about 155 visits, the coastalmen visiting more regularly than in the past. Annual donations to different funds passed for payment. Final arrangements made for Daffodil Day, September 24th. Miss McKay sang "Jesus, Lover of my Soul."

RAKAIA.

August 12. Mrs Morrison presided over a good attendance. An apology for absence was received from Miss Gates, Ashburton, was was expecting to address us on "Child Welfare." A letter received from the Willard Home was left to be discussed at the next meeting. Mrs Boag and Mrs Hopwood were appointed delegates to the District Convention. A report of the recent Executive Meeting in Timaru was given by Mrs Hopwood. Letter of sympathy was to be sent to Mr Barnett, Morven, in the death of her father. Mrs Hopwood then read the report of the Pan-Pacific Conference, held in Honolulu, and was accorded a vote of thanks. Afternoon tea.

PAPAROA.

August 13. President, Miss J. Haines in the chair, and gave a very helpful talk which was much appreciated. A very enjoyable reading by Mrs King on the hymn "Abide with Me," and at its close, the members all sang this hymn. Two new members. Arrangements for next meeting were made.

RICHMOND (NELSON).

August 17. 10 members present, President in chair, and leading devotions. Correspondence read and discussed. Collection for Willard Home to be taken in October. Babies' Day postponed until February. Mrs Rouse read report of work among Seamen. District Convention arranged for. Meeting closed with Benediction.

NEW PLYMOUTH.

August 25. Small attendance. President was welcomed back after illness. Letters were read from Mr Bellringer, M.P., re Bible-in-Schools, and from Miss Henderson re Gaming Bill. A pamphlet was received from Mrs Judson, asking for confirmation of recommendations to Education Board for peace tuition in schools. Passed unanimously. Decided to write a letter of appreciation to the late Secretary, also a letter of loving wishes to a member on her 91st birthday. Account was given of an afternoon held in Waitara, assisted by N.P. members, by which the Seamen's Rest Funds benefit by about £3. A very sympathetic note, enclosing £5 for same purpose. Decided that gift afternoons for Seamen's Rest, shall be quite distinctive from "Home Meetings." A grant was made to the C.R. Superintendent for cards, etc., and thanks expressed to several ladies who have assisted this work by gifts of envelopes, literature, etc. Mrs Hawkins to be Hospital Visitor until the end of the year. Extracts were read from a letter written by a lady who is working amongst the Maoris in Kawhia, asking for cards or pictures for the children. Mrs Wilson transferred from Wanganui was welcomed by the President.

AUCKLAND.

August 10. Mrs Cook presided. Letters sent to the Premier and M.P. for District, urging them to support Hon. L. M. Isitt's Religious Exercises in Schools Bill. In connection with the liquor at the Dixieland Cabaret, the following resolution was passed: "In view of the recent reports regarding the Dixieland Cabaret, the members of the Auckland Women's Christian Temperance Union consider that it is a menace to the morality of the community, and that the license should be withdrawn; they heartily commended the courageous stand taken by Mr Brinsden in the City Council Meeting. Mrs Finch, of Devonport, gave a most inspiring address on "What Christianity has done for Women." Hearty vote of thanks. Delegates appointed to District Convention.

SPREYDON.

August 10. Mrs Nairn presided over a good attendance. Decided to take up collection for Willard Children's Home at future meeting. Next meeting to be held in the evening of September 13th. Mrs Ancall elected delegate to Provincial Convention at Brighton. Miss Dudney and Mrs McKenzie delighted meeting with their singing. Mrs Williams gave helpful and uplifting address.

WAIMATE.

August 11. 32 members turned out in spite of a bitterly cold day. The delegates to the District Convention were then elected, viz., Mrs Scott and Miss McCarthy. Being "Pay-Up Subscription Day," the afternoon was interspersed with music; Miss Stewart giving a song, and Mrs Excel "Down the Vale," and Miss Pitt humorous recitation, "The Cook of the Period." Mrs Boag, S.C.D. President, gave an address on the early days of the W.C.T.U., and the work right up to the present time, urging the necessity for mid-day prayer on behalf of Temperance work, and the wearing of our W.R. Badge at all times, and the circulating of Temperance Literature, also the encouraging of our Y. Branches. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the speaker.

ONEHUNGA.

May 13. Annual Bring and Buy Social. Our President was in the chair, while Mrs Benfell, District President, led the Devotions. Rev. Dalby gave a very forceful address, which was enjoyed by all present. The social was concluded in the evening by a splendid concert.

June 10. Annual White Ribbon Day. There was a good attendance of members. Mrs Ashby, White Ribbon Agent, gave a good report of her year's work. Four new subscribers were added to her list. Our W.R. Editor, Mrs Peryman, was present, and she gave an inspiring address, explaining the difference between "Pessimists," "Optimists," and "Peptomists," we each felt we must be the latter in our fight against the Drink Traffic.

July 8. Mrs Stacey presided over a fair attendance. Decided to procure slips of our Pledge to be repeated at each meeting. Rev. Cook gave a most interesting account of his visit to Honolulu, and mentioned that Prohibition in America is largely due to the work of women, and in his opinion was an undoubted success.

August 12. Mrs Stacey presided over annual "Pay-Up" Social. A splendid short musical programme was followed by a helpful address from Miss McLay. One of our members, Mrs Ormiston, celebrates her 98th birthday this month, so it was agreed to send along a bouquet with loving greetings from our Union.

BALCLUTHA.

July. Mrs Cations presided over a good attendance. Report read from Otago Union. Proposed to form a Band of Mercy in connection with L.T.L. Branch. Mrs Stephens was appointed "Local Press Reporter." Agreed to form a Hospital Visiting Branch; Mrs Geggie and Miss Tosh are the visitors for August. Mrs Cation, President, is to be delegate at District Convention. Letter of sympathy sent to Mr and Mrs C. Wyber, on the sad drowning of an infant son in Clutha River.

PETONE.

August 3. Mrs Cole in the chair. Mrs Crowther gave a short report, re the prizes for the best essays on "The Effect of Alcohol on the Human Body," to be presented to school children. Both School Masters are glad to allow the children to write these essays. Mrs Battersby told a story of a woman who was about to drink a glass of stout, when her son came in from school. The boy said: "Mother, if I had my way, I would pour it down the sink; I will never drink it." Miss Avison's resignation on account of her removal to Christchurch was accepted with regret. Mrs Battersby gave a short report of the deputation which waited on Mr Coates, who expressed himself in sympathy with the movement, and promised that after next month, all art unions will be gone. Pledge repeated and doxology sung.

August 18. A very pleasant social afternoon was given by Mrs Piper. We were sorry to learn that Sister Bessie, of Wellington, who was to speak to us could not be present on account of illness. A very enjoyable programme was given; Mrs Franklin, a solo; Mrs Jensen told a short story; Mrs Williams, a pianoforte solo; Mrs Piper (Junior) a reading on "The Liquor Traffic and Prohibition," then Mrs Piper (Senior) and Mrs Williams again delighted us with another pianoforte solo, and Mrs Cole, vocal solo. A dainty afternoon tea was served. A vote of thanks to our hostess and the ladies who contributed the programme carried by a hearty clap. In reply, Mrs Piper said she was pleased to give the social. The pledge was repeated and doxology sung.

FEILDING.

September 2. Pay-Up social. President in chair; good attendance. Letter from Miss Kirk re District Convention, to be held at Masterton, resolved that a delegate be sent. A number of visitors from Palmerston were present, including Mr Kingston, of the New Zealand Alliance, who addressed the meeting. Mrs Young, President of the Palmerston North Branch, also spoke. Songs were given by Mrs Green and Mr Flingston, and a pianoforte solo by Mrs Kingston. An invitation to attend the New Zealand Alliance Labour Day Rally was accepted.

OTAHUHU.

September 2. There was a good attendance to hear Major Gordon, who had kindly come from Auckland to speak to us on Social work; all present went away enlightened on the good work being done by the Major in uplifting the down and fallen ones.

RAETIHI.

August 19. Annual meeting at the residence of Mrs W. H. Sandford. The following officers were elected for the forthcoming year:—President, Mrs W. H. Sandford, Duncan Street; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Houghton, Scarrow, McCowan, Keuche, Capt. Smith, Mrs F. Pedersen; Secretary,

Mrs Godley, Ballance Street; Treasurer, Mrs Griffin, Seddon Street; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Ford; Organist, Mrs Chiochette; Entertainment Superintendent, Mrs Larsen; L.T.L. Superintendent, Miss Scarrow. Three new members were enrolled, and two other members from other districts were received. After the business of the meeting, an enjoyable time was spent, when several musical items and a recitation were given. A dainty tea was partaken of, and a vote of thanks to the hostess terminated the meeting.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

August 11. Social evening; Mrs Garrett, President, assisted by Mrs Pasley, opened the meeting with devotions. Miss Kennedy, of Tuatapere, gave a splendidly wholesome address on "Hands" and her compositions of beautiful thoughts relating to the Divinity were admirable. Two new members enrolled, one of them being a visitor of distinction to New Zealand, viz., Mrs Acott, a British W.C.T.U. worker and Organiser for the Young Helpers League of Dr. Barnardo's Home. During the evening the following artists rendered acceptable items:—Mrs Lea, Pianoforte solo; Mrs Ritchie, song; Miss Mary Glass, recitation; Mrs Acott, song; Mrs Bird, song. Mrs Pasley proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Kennedy, the soloists, and those who helped to make the evening such a success. A bounteous supper was partaken of.

TAURANGA.

August 20. Very good attendance; Mrs Carlton Smith in chair. Correspondence dispatched, and various matters relating to local affairs discussed. Report of year's labours submitted. Collection taken up for the Willard Home. Refreshments dispensed, meeting closed with prayer.

WANGANUI EAST.

August. Well-attended, Mrs Duxfield in the chair. Correspondence read and received from Mrs Birdsall, Treasurer Willard Home, and from New Zealand Alliance. Miss Sanson was appointed Recording Secretary. Silent votes of sympathy were passed with Mrs Chisholm and Mrs McDougall in their bereavements. Mrs Duxfield read extracts showing that if England were "dry" the money now spent on drink would feed, clothe, educate, maintain and place out in life the 7,200 children cared for in Dr. Barnardo's Homes. If England went dry for 25 years, Dr. Barnardo's Homes could close their doors. Members were urged to "snowball" ministers and members of respective districts re Mr Isitt's Bible-in-Schools Bill. Mrs Duxfield reported great success of Temperance Club opened in Mathieson Street. Copies of New Zealand Drink Bill were distributed among members, various items coming up for discussion giving much food for serious thought. Decided to hold "Sale of Work and Food Fair" in November, in aid of Organising Fund. President announced that Nurse Wilson would address the next meeting, and a hearty invitation is given to all mothers. Members agreed to give hearty support to the "Shop" to be held on September 15th.

KAIAPOL.

August. The President, Mrs Vickery, in the chair. A vote of sympathy was passed, members standing, with Mrs Jackson, Ponsonby, an old member of this Union and Mrs Trotter, of Timaru. A most interesting paper was read by Mrs Vickery on the life of Miss A. Weston, the friend of the Blue Jackets. A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs Vickery.

BELFAST.

August 11. Mrs Roxburgh presided over fair attendance. We were delighted to have with us five members from Ouhia; pledge was repeated. Delegates appointed to Provincial Convention at New Brighton. Decided to hold Band of Hope on August 23rd. Mrs Barnes, Treasurer, personally expressed her thanks for letter of sympathy in the loss of her mother.

OPOTIKI.

August 12. Owing to sickness of the President, Mrs Downey ably presided. Very little business was dealt with, the Secretary being on holiday. Two Band of Hope meetings have been held in the Theatre, when

excellent programmes consisting of vocal, instrumental and elocutionary items have been given to large audiences. Rev. Hird, and Rev. Draper (Anglican) gave the addresses.

RANGIORA.

August 27. Mrs Thwaites presided over a fair attendance. The Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs Will. The Scientific Temperance reading was a continuation of "Alcohol, a Cell Poison." The Secretary was instructed to write to Hon. D. Buddo, asking him to support an amendment providing for a two-issue ballot paper, and to oppose any proposal for extending the time between the Polls, or increasing the number of licenses. A paper on Anti-Gambling was read by Mrs Lane.

NORTH BRIGHTON.

July. A social afternoon to the mothers of the children attending the local school. fifty present. The officers of the New Brighton Union were mainly responsible for the afternoon's programme, which consisted of an educational item in which the ladies discussed between themselves the activities of the W.C.T.U. Three new members were initiated, and two received on transfer from other Unions.

RIECARTON.

August 19. A crowded meeting was held at the residence of Mrs MacGuinness, Upper Riecanton. Being about three miles further on than our usual place of meeting, enabled us to get in touch with many who do not attend our meetings. Mrs Barrell took the opportunity to describe the different branches of work undertaken by the W.C.T.U., including Peace and Arbitration, and explaining that under this heading, the speaker for the day would be Mrs Deaton Leech, Secretary of the League of Nations Union. The address was followed with interest, causing a lively discussion. Amount of £1 16/- was collected towards W.C.T.U. Funds.

BIRKENHEAD.

August 19. Mrs Jory in the chair; annual meeting. A wet afternoon only seven members present. We were cheered by a surprise visit from our Dominion Treasurer, Mrs P. G. Asa, and from our Dominion Organisers, Misses Bradshaw and McLeay. Miss Bradshaw gave an inspiring address, impressing us with the importance of using every little opportunity to get new members and new subscribers to the "White Ribbon." Miss McLeay promised to speak at our next meeting, which will be a Home meeting in Arawa Street. Afternoon tea was served by Mrs Taylor. Officers were all re-elected. Meeting closed with the Temperance Doxology and the Benediction.

PLEASANT POINT.

September 1. Correspondence read from Mrs Brown re Gaming Bill. Reported that telegrams had been despatched to local M.P. re that and Licensing Bill. Miss Bishop read paper from Executive. Treasurer reported credit balance £2/17/4. Letter of sympathy sent to Miss Katie Walker, who is in hospital. Paper on "Women's Franchise" read by Secretary. Thanks sent to Mrs A. Miller for donation. Decided to hold Bring and Buy Sale in October. Two new members welcomed. Afternoon tea dispensed.

TEMPLETON.

August 31. Fair attendance; President presided. The pledge was repeated. A wire was sent to M.P. protesting against Licensing Bill. Letters of sympathy sent to people in district. Delegates for Convention are Mrs Simpson and Mrs Williams. Afternoon tea.

September 2. A very successful Band of Hope was held in Oddfellow's Hall; over 100 present. We decided to have only one more meeting this year. The young people are taking great interest in these Band of Hope meetings, and are kept busy preparing the programmes. We have to date, 57 signed the pledge, the majority being boys. Supper was provided by the W.C.T.U. Meeting was closed with the National Anthem.

EDEN.

August 18. Mrs Fentor presided over a fair attendance, but somewhat disappointing, being the occasion when subscriptions were

due however, several members brought in "subs" from absentees which tends to relieve the Treasurer of her task. Sympathy was expressed for sick members, especially one of the oldest, Mrs Hudson, who has been so ill in Hospital, that it was found necessary to amputate a leg; we shall miss her sweet inspiring presence from our meetings. She is ever proud to explain the White Bow she is wearing even in the hospital. Arrangements were put in hand for District Convention which is to be held under the auspices of this Union, on September 29th and 30th. Members were also reminded to collect for a Jumble Sale, to be held in aid of the Union funds. Two members transferred to Palmerston North and Ponsonby respectively, one new member transferred to us from Warkworth. Miss Wilson contributed a song, and Mrs Clark Senior a recitation after which afternoon tea was served.

MANAIA.

August. Mrs Scott presiding; good attendance, with three visitors, including Miss Bates, the Alliance Organiser, who came to give an address on Band of Hope and L.T.L. work. Decided to begin collecting for the annual donation and gift box to the Willard Home, to send after next month's meeting. Mrs Bennett's resignation as Vice-President regretfully accepted. It was arranged to send telegrams to the members of Parliament, urging the elimination of the third issue, one on behalf of the fifty members of the branch of the Union, and others by all members or sympathisers who could be approached in time. Three names of sympathisers who wished to join, but could not attend afternoon meetings were handed in, and seventeen names of new members for Cradle Roll. Afternoon tea was given in the vestry by Mrs Fendall.

NAPIER.

September 1. Sister Agnes gave a most interesting talk, basing her remarks from Isa. 35, showing how prophecy was fulfilled in our days. The waste lands were rejoicing and blossoming. A unanimous vote of thanks was given the speaker. A resolution against the proposed new Licensing Bill was passed, and the action of the President in sending a telegram to the Premier was approved. Franchise Day held over till October 6th, when Mrs Brocklehurst would give a paper on that subject. Mrs Hull was appointed delegate.

NGAERE.

July 1. At Mrs Tarrant's; fair attendance, Mrs Gilliver, President, in the chair. A paper for White Ribbon Day sent by Mrs Peryman was read, and was much appreciated by those present. Decided to read the same paper at a later meeting, when more members were present. Afternoon tea.

August 6. Meeting at Mrs K. Tarrant's; seven members and one visitor present. Devotions led by President; Secretary read correspondence from Mrs Birdsall, Secretary of Willard Home, appealing for left-off clothing, gifts, etc., for Home. Miss Bates, of Hawera, present, and outlined the working of Band of Hope, and kindly offered to give a magic lantern series of pictures. Decided to hire hall for evening for same, and ask Mr McKee, of Stratford, to preside at evening meeting. Afternoon tea.

September 2. Five members present; President in chair. Mrs Miller wrote thanking Union for coloured pictures for scrap books. President previously sent wire to our Member, Mr Walker, strongly protesting against new Licensing Bill, and against the extension of time between Licensing Polls. Mr Walker wrote acknowledging wire, and promised it should be given consideration when opportunity arose. Union to hold a Shop Day with Stratford Union on the 23rd October, when proceeds will be devoted to New Plymouth Seamen's Rest. Afternoon tea. Vote of sympathy was passed with Mrs McKee, who unfortunately has broken her leg.

STRATFORD.

August 11. Special meeting opened by President, who gave a short address on Matthew 6th. Ten members of Ngaere Union were present. Object of meeting was to discuss proposals in reference to assist in establishing a Sailor's Rest in New Plymouth. Decided to hold a Shop Day in October, combining with Ngaere Union. Mrs

Gilliver, President of Ngaere Union, closed with prayer.

August 25. Mrs Phillips presided; fair attendance. Mrs Fawcett's resignation accepted with regret, and Mrs McAllum appointed Secretary. Mrs Fawcett appointed Back Block Superintendent, and Mrs Windleborn, Cradle Roll Superintendent. Telegram sent to Mr Walker, M.P., asking him to urge two-issue ballot paper, and oppose lengthening period between Polls.

HAWERA.

August 27. Cradle Roll Day; a large gathering of mothers and children assembled in Wesley Hall. Mrs Exley presided, and urged all women present who were not members to join the Union. Mrs Shackleton was in charge of the L.T.L., several of the children gave items in a very pleasing manner: Recitation, Peggy Yearbury; Piano Solo, Frances Shackleton; Violin Solo, Marion Archbold; Song, J. Oliver; Recitation, H. Trim. Mrs L. J. Williams gave a very helpful and interesting address on "Motherhood," urging mothers to do all in their power to retain the confidence of their daughters. Our mother was our very first friend on earth. The speaker quoted several great men in public life, who testified to their mothers' good influence on their lives. An enjoyable afternoon tea was provided by members of the Union.

August 27. Members met half an hour earlier than usual, on account of celebrating Cradle Roll Day. Several matters of business were dealt with, some were left till next meeting. An appeal from New Plymouth re Sailors Rest was received; decided to help in some way. Mrs Ollerenshaw was appointed Assistant Secretary. Decided to hold a Shop Day, date to be fixed later.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

September. Attendance good; Mrs Goodey presiding. Memorial Day, Mrs Irwin read a tribute to Mrs Atkinson, and past workers were mentioned, including T. E. Taylor and Mrs Adams of Dunedin. Resolution passed that promoters of peace should have as free access to our schools as the Navy League. Reported letter sent to Mr M.P. re Licensing Bill. Fact read, 5,182 children maintained by State at a cost of £110,000 per annum; 80 per cent of these result of drinking habits of parents representing cost to tax payer of £88,000. Decided to assist at Shop Day in aid of Alliance Fund. Mrs Stewart welcomed.

SOUTH WELLINGTON.

September 2. Mrs Evans in the chair. Arrangements were made for Franchise Day on the 16th inst., when a "Pay-Up Social" will be held; the selection of speaker was left in the hands of the Secretary. Resolved that the Union should be represented at the forthcoming District Convention by three delegates, Mesdames Keene and Chisholm, and Miss Anderson, the expenses of two delegates being borne by the Union, the third having generously offered to pay her own. The Union had twice been called upon by the Dominion Corresponding Secretary during the past month to appeal to its Member of Parliament, first to urge that the Licensing Bill be introduced this session, afterwards to protest against the failure to provide a two-issue ballot paper, this protest to be made to the Prime Minister. Replies from him and from the Member for South Wellington were read and received. The speaker for the afternoon was Mr Armstrong, who appeared on behalf of the Alliance. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr Armstrong for his hopeful and inspiring address.

CANVASTOWN.

July 21. Third meeting held; Mrs Murray presided. Owing to sickness, the attendance was small. Two new members were enrolled which raised the membership to fourteen. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Murray and Flower.

August 28. Attendance good; Mrs Murray presided. The Willard Home for children at Palmerston North was brought before the notice of the members. Letter from District Secretary was read and discussed. The Treasurer reported a credit balance of 16/7. Afternoon tea provided by Mrs Pike, and Miss Dalton.

NORMANBY.

Aug. 11. 15 members present; the meeting was presided over by Mrs Fletcher. An extract from the Hand Book explaining good work accomplished in the South Island by the late Organizer, Miss Earnshaw, and Mrs W. Williams under extreme difficulties was read by Mrs Bevan. The Secretary read paper for White Ribbon Day, being an urgent appeal for more subscribers to the White Ribbon. Afternoon tea served by Mesdames Thrush, Grant, and Frei.

OXFORD.

June 16. President in the chair. A resolution was carried expressing sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs Johnson Wright, of Wellington; appreciation of her long and faithful service in connection with the W.C.T.U. Letters of sympathy to Mesdames Graham, Nelson and E. Wells in their illness. Mrs Hawke, White Ribbon Superintendent gave a report showing that there are 53 subscribers in the Oxford district, and 7 free copies of the paper distributed. An appeal for more subscribers was backed up by a letter read by Mrs C. W. Tritt from the Editor, Mrs Peryman; correspondence included a letter from the Bible Reading in Schools Committee, and from Miss Henderson. Members were asked to make a special effort to attend next meeting.

August 18. Mrs Ryde presided; a fair attendance. Sympathy with Mrs T. L. Gainsford and family in their very sad bereavement. Mesdames Hawke and Robertson were appointed delegates to the District Convention. Decided to invite the District Convention to meet at Oxford next year. Decided to hold an evening meeting next month to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the initiation of the Oxford W.C.T.U.; Mrs Hawke volunteered to make a birthday cake for the occasion, and Mesdames Comyns and Wood were appointed to arrange a short musical programme. Mrs Jones, Superintendent of Notable Days, read an interesting paper written by Mrs Day, of Christchurch, on the life and work of the late Mr T. E. Taylor. One new member was initiated, and one new subscriber to the White Ribbon.

TURAKINA.

August 26. At Mrs A. Glasgow's; seven present. Miss Benfell presided and spoke on the need of warning the young folk against the use of alcoholic drinks. Letter of protest sent to Mr Glenn, M.P., against proposed Licensing Bill.

GORE.

August 25. Mrs W. D. Stewart, Vice-President, in the chair. Extracts from the "White Ribbon" were read by several members, as it was "White Ribbon" Day. Decided to send a parcel to the Willard Home, and to forward a donation to the District Union.

FOXTON.

August 19. Mrs Peryman presided over good attendance, the meeting taking the form of a Pay-Up Social. A very interesting address was given by Mrs Peryman on the money spent in Alcohol as compared with the amount spent in Education and Public Works, etc., by the Government. Decided to appoint a delegate to attend Convention held at Masterton. A very enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close with the Benediction.

FAIRLIE.

July. Mrs Wilcox presiding; good attendance. Secretary reported on Executive Meeting held in Timaru on June 15th. Decided to ket members for Peoples' Organisation. Held T. E. Taylor Day; splendid paper read, enjoyed by all. Afternoon tea handed round.

August. Mrs Wilcox presiding over a very good attendance. Correspondence from Matron of Willard Home received, and each member promised to do something for next meeting. Mrs Whatman read a carefully prepared paper on the life and work of F. R. Havergal, very much enjoyed by all and giving fresh enthusiasm to all members. A hearty vote of thanks passed to the writer of the splendid paper. Afternoon tea handed round.

GREYTOWN.

August 31. Nine members present. Unanimously decided to resign from the League

of Nations. Mrs J. Allen was elected to represent Greytown Branch at Masterton for the Provincial Convention, to be held 16th September. An appeal from Willard Home discussed, and decided to send next meeting clothing, etc.

CARTERTON.

September 1. At Mrs Every's residence, there being so few at the meeting on account of the bad weather. Letter of thanks from Mrs Birdsall on behalf of the Willard Home, to which two cases of clothing had been forwarded from the Union. Two delegates were appointed for the District Convention in Masterton on September 15th and 16th. Resignation of Mrs Tyler as President, received with much regret, and a letter of appreciation to be sent. Mrs Every appointed President until December. Miss Edwards appointed as Convenor of afternoon tea. Motion of sympathy with Mr Whincop, in the loss of his daughter. Thanks due to Mrs Pepperell for pasting pledges in hymn books. Wired protests re Licensing Bill to Prime Minister and Hon. McLeod. Afternoon tea dispensed by the hostess.

LOWER HUTT.

August 25. Small attendance; pledge was repeated. Our Executive reported arrangements made for holding Home meetings, also for holding a cake stall about September, an appeal being made at the same time for clothes for the Willard Home. Arranged for all of those who could go to help on the meetings held at Belmont, by giving them an afternoon and providing the programme for them. Several members offered to visit or write to a number who are on the roll, but are unable to attend; reports to be given on the visits next month. Letters of sympathy on account of sickness were sent to three of our members. A splendid paper written by Mrs Aldersley on "The Clash of Colour" was much appreciated, several members taking part in the discussion following. Decided to read the paper again at a later meeting, when it is hoped to have a much larger attendance. Afternoon tea was served.

CAMBRIDGE.

July. Mrs Martin presided over fair attendance. Reported result of Miss McLay's return visit. A new branch of 14 members formed at Fencourt, and a "Y" Branch of 14 active members at Cambridge. A letter from Miss Henderson read with petitions to Ministers, closed with Benediction.

August. Mrs Martin presided; fair attendance. A reply from Stewart Reid, M.P., was read, promising to support all that was asked of him. A motion of sympathy was passed with sick members, and a Committee set up to visit the sick. Proposed and carried, that Mrs Jones, District President, be invited to address next meeting.

HASTINGS.

August 26. Attendance good; Mrs Banks presiding. Educational fact for the afternoon culled from Mr Adams' Drink Bill pamphlet. Mrs Banks elected delegate to District Convention. In consequence of this, our usual monthly meeting was postponed for one week. This meeting is to take the form of an aged peoples' afternoon, and to celebrate Franchise Day. Decided to ask Rev. D. J. Shaw to address the meeting. Committee set up to make further arrangements. Each member present brought a gift for the Willard Home, and a goodly-sized parcel will be despatched as a result. Reports of various branches of work and the welcoming of Mrs Speight who was present from Havelock, closed the business of the meeting.

N.E. VALLEY.

August 26. A very successful "Bring and Buy" Sale. Good attendance of members and their friends. Letter from the Prime Minister and from Hon. Downie Stewart in reply to ours re the proposed Licensing Bill was read; also reports from the four delegates to the District Convention. Mrs Don spoke on the proposed Licensing Bill now before Parliament. A solo was sung by Miss McDonald, a duet by Mrs Gibson and Miss Austine, and a humorous sketch by the Misses Benfell. Two new members were initiated.

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."*

SLEET! HAIL! SNOW! CONVENTION.

Our Editor has just returned from the Wellington District Convention. A full account of this will appear next month. The clerk of the weather did his best to celebrate the occasion by sending the severest snow storm experienced for years.

Convention closed at mid-day. It was a gloomy morning with heavy rain storms, but about 1 p.m. the weather started to show what it could do. It hailed and then it sleeted, and lastly, it snowed. Our Editor went back to Carterton with Miss Oates, the newly-elected District President, and Mrs Every, Carterton President. We faced the fury of the storm, and snow settled on the wind screen. Soon the patient little ticker who keeps the screen clear had to stop, the weight of snow was too great. Paddocks on each side of us were white, and soon it was increasingly difficult to see the road. Miss Oates got out to clear the wind screen and scraped off snow quite half an inch thick. The snow stopped for an interval, and our little ticker, relieved from the weight of snow, cheerfully took up his task and kept a clear space for the driver to see through.

It snowed heavily during the afternoon and evening, and this morning we left the Wairarapa during a heavy storm of hail and snow. We were quite glad to get on our own side of the range, and have again the glorious sunshine of the Manawatu.

GIRLS IN COURT.

Miss Kirk gave a most interesting account of our Magistrate's Courts, and told of the need there is for greater privacy when young women are being tried. Many young girls do wrong, and get into the court. There they stand, and are viewed and marked by a crowd of men, not of the most desirable character. Miss

Kirk gave instances of how difficult it is for a young woman once convicted to make good. When they come out of the gaol, their old associates are on the watch to lure them back to evil. One case of a young woman imprisoned for stealing was pitiful. She had been influenced and used by older persons. When she came out, some social workers got her a good home with a lady who knew her history. Before the girl had been an hour in the house her employer was rung up and told she had a gaol-bird there, and this occurred 16 times in the first two days.

Cases such as these should warn young women against the first false step. It should also make us very pitiful of our weaker sisters, and willing to do all we can to help them.

DON'T USE BIG WORDS.

"In promulgating your esoteric cogitations, or articulating your superficial sentimentalities, and amicable, philosophical, or psychological observations, always beware of platitudinous ponderosity. Let your conversational communications possess a clarified conciseness, a compacted comprehensibleness, coalescent consistency, and a concatenated congency. Eschew all conglomerations of flatulent garrulity, jejune babblement and asinine affectations. Let your extemporaneous descantings and unpremeditated expatiations have intelligibility and veracious vivacity, without rhodomontade or thrasonical bombast. Avoid sedulously all polysyllabic profundity, pompous prolixity, psittaceous vacuity, ventriloquial verbosity, and vaniloquent vapidty. In other words, talk plainly, naturally, and briefly; keep



from "slang"; don't put on airs; say what you mean; mean what you say; and don't use BIG WORDS.

Too busy to think of other folk,
Too busy often to care;
Too busy this is the cry to-day
That we are hearing everywhere.

Too busy to lend a helping hand,
Too busy to heed distress,
Too busy seeking so eagerly
That something we call success.

X XX XXX

Why is the letter X coupled with ale? Because it X-actly X-presses its character. On X-aming this X-alted and highly X-tolled X-cisable liquor, we learn that it is an X-tract of malt and hops, with probably some X-tras. It is X-ceedingly X-pensive, X-tremely dangerous, and X-cessively injurious.

Who can X-aggerate its evil effects? It X-hilarates and X-hausts the spirits; it X-cites anger; it X-pels reason; it X-terminates hope; it X-asperates passion; it fosters X-travagance; it ruins X-cellence; and it X-tirpates friendship. It makes X-orbitant X-actions on the body, and X-erts an X-traordinary influence on the mind. Its deadly X-ploits are

everywhere X-hibited and fearfully X-perienced.

X-tains awake! X-plore this X-eerable drink curse; X-clude it from your lips; X-orcise it from your homes; take a firm and X-plicit stand; allow no X-cuse; admit no X-ception; spare no X-ertion; abridge no X-pense; but by X-hortation, by X-clamation, by X-ample, and by X-pectant prayer, strive to X-tricate its perishing victims; to stay its X-tension; to X-terminate its power; and X-pect no repose until it is X-iled out of X-istence.

WANTED, EAGER HELPERS.

"No worthy fight is won
Without the rank and file to see it
done;
Great tasks demand that back of
those who lead,
Stand many helpers eager with their
deed,
Pledged to service in a work well
planned,
Alert to follow those who give com-
mand."

—"Author Unknown."

"Yes, John," began Mrs Jones, "as I was saying, Miss Blank has no manners. Why, while I was talking to her this morning she yawned eleven times." "Perhaps, my dear, she wasn't yawning; she might have wanted to say something," replied the husband.

A lady who was somewhat in the habit of using colloquial phrases, went into a greengrocer's shop and asked hurriedly:

"What have you got in the shape of cucumbers?"

"Bananas are the nearest thing, madam," replied the facetious shopman.

An English doctor says there would be less drunkenness among men if women learnt to cook roast beef and bake potatoes. Women answer that there would be more money to provide roast beef and baked potatoes if men did not drink.

Below are Thirteen Points against alcohol that have been enumerated by Dr. Haven Emerson of Columbia University, formerly Health Commissioner of New York City.

1. Alcohol is a cause of death.
2. Alcohol is a cause of primary disease.
3. Alcohol causes disabilities through inheritance.
4. Alcohol lowers resistance to infection.
5. Alcohol increases susceptibility to poison from heavy metals.
6. Alcohol increases mortality rate of infections.
7. Alcohol increases the severity, complications and time of recovery from industrial accidents.
8. Alcohol increases the prevalence of venereal disease.
9. Alcohol increases the general morbidity and mortality from other diseases than those due directly to the use of alcohol.
10. Alcohol shortens the span of life.
11. Alcohol delays and renders inaccurate neuro-muscular reactions.
12. Alcohol reduces judgment, discrimination, endurance and precision of action.
13. Alcohol reduces consumption of milk in the United States.

"I believe

In the Woman's Christian Temperance Union,

In her place in the world,

In the vision of her leaders,

In her part in the Dawn of a New Day

I believe

That her holy purposes must be guarded,

That the mothers of to-day

Must have within their heart

The spirit of the Mothers of the Crusade.

I believe

That tears and toil and sacrifice,
Are mothers' share to-day, e'en as before,

If children are to be guarded,

And lives saved for higher things.

Those who have led us on

Still guide our way.

We look to Thee and Thou dost give,
To mothers who thus serve, a glori-
ous heritage

For their united work brings victory.

Y REPORTS.

CAMBRIDGE.

September 7. A successful meeting. A very interesting paper on "Alcohol, a Cell Poison" was read and followed by a good discussion. One new member was initiated. Many more are expected, and we are hopeful of a great future.

AUCKLAND.

September 2. Miss A. M. McLay presided over a good attendance of members. The meeting was opened with singing, Scripture reading and prayer. Miss Latham, who has travelled the world over, and studied adolescence in many different countries and conditions, then gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "Ambition and Citizenship." A hearty vote of thanks and appreciation was passed unanimously.

WAIMATE.

July 13. Miss Beer presided over good attendance. Mrs Dr. Pitts gave a very interesting and instructive address on "Alcohol, its Uses and Abuses, and Effects on Human Body" and was heartily thanked. Solo given by Miss Woods. Time was arranged for practising for coming Band of Hope; programme to be supplied by "Y" girls. At the close, dainty supper provided by Miss Smart was greatly appreciated. Two new members.

August 10. Before meeting, short time spent practicing for Band of Hope. Miss Smart presided, and welcomed our South Canterbury President, Mrs Boag, who gave a very interesting talk on work of the W.C.T.U., dealing especially with work among young people. Mrs Boag was thanked for her inspiring talk, and in honour of our visitor we sang the verse "Our Union's glad to own You," etc.

September 6. Miss Beer presided. Miss G. Dennison elected delegate to District Convention. We hope to have a visitor to address us at next meeting. A short time spent practicing hymns.

AUCKLAND.

August 12. T. E. Taylor Day; the President, Miss A. M. McLay, presided; fair attendance. Papers on the Life and Work of T. E. Taylor were read by Miss Barry and the President. Two excellent original Temperance stories were read by Miss Olive Harvy and Mr James Davison. Our Superintendent, Miss Read, gave a recitation, and the Misses Logan sang a duet. A very interesting and inspiring evening was spent. One new member was initiated.

NEW BRIGHTON.

August 13. The quarterly social was very well-attended, and the programme of musical items, games and competitions very much enjoyed. The President, Mrs Mitchell, cordially welcomed members of the newly-formed North Beach "Y" Branch, and also from Christchurch "Y's," who were the guests of the evening. Mrs Eames returned thanks on behalf of the North Beach members, and Miss E. Spedding on behalf of Christchurch members. Four new members were initiated.

PLEASANT POINT.

August. Inaugural meeting at Mrs Miller's residence. A goodly number present. Miss Bishop presided, and explained the object of the world-wide organisation, and the benefits of forming a branch at Pleasant Point. Miss Millicent Jennings, President of Christchurch "Ys," Mr Maze, Chairman of Town Board, and Mr W. J. Clarke, all spoke in favour of organising. Following Officers were elected:—President, Mr R. Roberts; Vice-President, Miss L. Smith and Mr T. Smith; Cor. Sec., Miss L. Cartwright; Rec. Sec., Miss M. Cox; Treasurer, Miss A. Boyd. Decided to meet the fourth Tuesday next meeting at Mrs Wooffindin's. Several members contributed musical and elocutionary items, Miss Jennings charming all present by her glorious singing. A bountiful supper and votes of thanks closed a pleasant evening.

Prohibition didn't corrupt people.
It merely mobilized the corrupt ones.

—"San Francisco Chronicle."

NEW UNIONS ORGANISED.

Paparoa:—

Mrs Hames, President; Mrs Kings, Vice-President; Mrs Burtles, Secretary; Mrs Abbott, Treasurer; Miss Stella Hames, White Ribbon Agent. Dargaville:—

Mrs Harry Page, President; Mrs Hodges, Vice-President; Miss Andrews, Secretary; Mrs Spragg, Treasurer; Mrs Martindale, White Ribbon Agent; Mrs Simpkin, Cradle Roll Superintendent.

Te Kopuru:—

Mrs Webb, President; Mrs Staffworthy, Vice-President; Mrs Kelly, Vice-President; Mrs Bickers, Secretary; Mrs Morgan, Treasurer; Mrs Wordsworth, Cradle Roll Superintendent; Miss Taylor, White Ribbon Agent.

SUPERINTENDENTS' LETTERS.

August 20th, 1926.

Dear Sisters,

You will have noticed in last Convention Report that the Maori dept. of our Union work is now to have a Day of its own, (October 16th) instead of, as formerly, being held on W.R. Day in June. In response to a request from me, the Rev. A. J. Seamer, General Superintendant of the Methodist Home and Maori Missions, has kindly prepared a paper entitled "Ourselves and our Maori Fellow Citizens" for the use of our Union. I am getting copies of this printed, and will be glad to forward one to any Union applying for it, for their use on Maori Day. Please apply in good time and address Mrs N. F. Walker, Gortgowan, Upper Fox Street, Gisborne.

I am etc.,

N. F. Walker,
N.Z. Supt. Maori Dept.,
W.C.T.U.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.

S. CANTERBURY.

Aug. 9th. Mrs Boag presided and opened the meeting with prayer. 10 Delegates and Officers present. A very exhaustive report of the Alliance Convention was received and Mrs Boag touched on some of chief points. Circular letters re-

ceived from Mrs Judson. Several Members spoke on the splendid article on the League of Nations appearing in the School Journal. Director of Education to be thanked. All Branches had been working on behalf of Bible in Schools League. Mrs Boag reported on her visit to Geraldine and Temuka. Reported a "Y" Branch was being formed at Pleasant Point and there were hopes of Methven Branch being revived. Sec reported cards had been sent out on behalf of Membership Campaign. Instead of a paper each member spoke on some special phase of the work in her own Branch and many helpful hints received.

Decided to send a wire to Prime Minister, urging the immediate introduction of Licensing Bill.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

(The Editor is not responsible for the opinions expressed in this column.)

WOMEN DOCTORS WANTED.

Can any of our members devise or suggest a plan to assist families in country districts when illness arises, and when the expense of bringing the Doctor is anywhere from ten to sixteen pounds for a half-hour visit, or the alternative of taking the patient forty miles away to be nursed or treated? In the case of expecting mothers, much is added to their anxiety by being compelled to leave a number of young children to the care of friends or neighbours to enter a Private Hospital or Maternity Home, at a cost of about five pounds per week, Doctor extra. The same cost thirty shillings per week twenty years ago, and the writer thinks with special gratitude of a Home called Cornwall House, where motherly care was meted out by one of the best women she ever knew; true, it is there were less capped and approved probationers, and we had gruel instead of morning tea, and the mothers' health and happiness came first. Are there any woman Doctors who would accept a district with over seven-hundred people for an income well under the sum of a thousand pounds per annum, with a home provided? If anywhere on earth, the Back Block districts deserve better nursing facilities, yet, as a rule, they are without any, and pay hospital rates for which they receive little return. Town woman do not realise

what their country sisters endure, being separated by miles of bad roads and small incomes from medical aid in the time of their greatest need to secure it for them nearer home would surely be noble work for the W.C.T.U.

The above letter contains matter for earnest thought. It is written by one of our real live White Ribboners, and she wishes to have suggestions from our readers as to what help can be given.—Ed., W.R.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

NEW ZEALAND FUND.

Timaru, £2; White Ribbon Day collections; Blenheim, 11s. 9d.; Matura, 10s. 6d.; Greymouth, 7s. Miramar and Spreydon, 5s. each; Motueka, 3s. 6d.

ORGANIZING FUND.

Martinborough and Timaru, £5 each; Spreydon, £3 15s.; Riverton, £3; Mrs Findlay (Miranda) £1; Per Miss Burls, £17 1s. 6d.; T. E. Taylor Day collections; Matura, 10s.; Ponsonby, 5s.

MAORI FUND.

Martinborough, £2; Timaru, £1 10s.

E. L. R. BENDELY,

Auckland, N.Z. Treasurer.
10th September, 1926.

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

ARAMOHO, 2nd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Church. Pres., Mrs H. Beggs, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Gilmore, 2 Paterson Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs H. Good, Paterson Street; Treas., Mrs Sleight, Stewart Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs G. Suddaby, 20 Cumbrae 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, Senticel 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 A. M. McLay, 8 Bourne Street, Mt. Eden; Vice-Pres., Mrs Lee-Cowie, Miss Pyle, Mr Polson; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Barry, 1 Haydn Av., Royal Oak; Rec. Sec., Mr L. Davison, 7 Windmill Rd., Mt. Eden; Treas., Mr Thos. Thompson, Y.M.C.A., Auckland; Supt., Miss Read, Whitaker Place, Auckland.

BALCLUTHA, 1st Tuesday, 3 p.m., P.W.M.U. Classroom, S.S. Hall. Pres., Mrs Oatons, 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., Mrs Todd, The Cres; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Hayman, Arawa Street; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Miss R. Le Roy, Lytton Street, Devonport.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs Hiett, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Chiffa Rd. St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs Douglas, 35 Brighton St., Kaikorai; Treas., Mrs Macartney, 27 Mailer St., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori, Mrs Romeril; Flower Mission, Mrs Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs Gain; Cradle Roll, 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 Cracroft Street, Devonport; Treas., Miss C. Davies, 58 Albert Road, Devonport; W.R. Supt., Mrs Johnston, Cowper Street, Devonport; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Bishop, Cheltenham; Vice-Pres., Mrs T. Fraser and Mrs Robinson.

ELTHAM, meets 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs Morrison; Sec., Mrs Birkett, MacLain 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 Kutterfeldt; 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, Sandilands Street; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street; Treas., Mrs McIntyre, Ranfurly Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Campbell, West Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs Mai; Evangelical Supt., Mrs 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, 188 Gladstone Road.

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

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 V. Wright, and Mrs Forsen, Stuart St.; Sec., Mrs Mackay; Treas., Mrs Williams; Cor. Sec., Miss 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, Lindsfarne; Assistant Treasurer, Miss A. Swale, Grace Street.

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

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

INVERCARGILL NORTH, meets 3rd Tuesday, 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 Rinaldi, Sewell Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs Morland, Raven Street; Treas., Mrs Chapman, Kaiapoi Rural Mall; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Stanton, North Road.

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

MAUNGATUROTO, 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, 1 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. Murdoch, Mayfield; Treas., Mrs W. Millar, Mayfield; W.R. Agent, Mrs Thos. Corbett, Mayfield.

MORRINSVILLE, meets 2nd Tuesday, in Methodist Vestry. Pres., Mrs Starnes, Allen Street; Vice-Pres., Mrs Sage and Mrs Cooper; Sec., Mrs Moncrief, Bank Street; Treas., Mrs Wills, Allen Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Oates, Thames Street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ORMONDVILLE, 2nd Thursday, at 2.45 p.m., in the Anglican Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Wilson; Vice-Pres., Mrs Small; Sec., Mrs Jewling; Treas., Miss Thomasen; W.R. Agent, Mrs Packer.

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

OXFORD, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Coronation Hall. Pres., Mrs G. Ryde, Cooper's Creek; Vice-Pres., Mrs D. Hawke; Sec., Mrs C. W. Tritt; Treas., Miss Caverhill; Evangelistic, Miss Gainsford, Mesdames Robertson and Tritt; Cradle Roll, Mrs 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, Pannure Road.

OTAHUHU, meets 2nd Thursday, in Methodist Church, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs J. N. Brown; Sec., Miss Donnan; Treas., Mrs Fisher; W.R. Supt., Mrs E. Harrington.

PAIHATUA, 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 Yorg, No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert W., Cor. Sec., Mrs J. G. Collins, 16 Amesbury St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs T. R. Hodder, 9 Alan St.; Treas., Mrs E. Watson, 13 Carroll St.; "White Ribbon" Supt., Mrs J. Burrell, 28 Bourke St.

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

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 Y.S., Miss Read, Whittaker Place.

RAKAI, 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, Have-lock 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, Allinuit Street; Sec., Mrs E. Blackmore, St Leonard; Treas., Miss E. Greaves, King Street; Rest Room Supt., Miss G. Hancey, King Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wilson, c/o Bramwell Booth Boys' Home.

TIMARU, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Sailors' Rest. Pres., Mrs Norrie, c/o A. C. Martin, Esq., Beverley Road; Sec., Mrs M. Minifie, c/o P.O. Box 111, Treas., Miss A. Pearson, 23 Turnbull St., Cradle Roll, Mrs J. R. King, 6 Bank St., W.R. Agent,

Mrs Cave, Raymond St., Peace and Arbitration, Mrs B. H. Low, Arthur St., "Y" Pres., Mrs Gordon, 190 Otupua Road.

TINWALD, 2nd. Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carten 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., Mr 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, Okoin, Wanganui; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. J. Andrew, "Lilybank," Westmere (Private Bag); Rec. Sec., Miss Sanson; Treas., Miss Francis Brown No. 3 Line; L.T.L., Miss Siddells; Evangelistic, Mrs Dowsett.

WAVERLEY, first Thursday, in W.C.T.U. Rest Room, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs T. Wall; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Nicholls; Treas., Mrs R. Johnstone; Rec Sec., Mrs T. J. Davis; W.R. Agent, Miss M. Johnstone.

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

WELLINGTON CENTRAL, 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Miss Kirk, 60 Pirie Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harry, Evans and Murphy; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Costin Webb, 26 Talavera Terrace; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson, 23 Marama Cres., Treas., Mrs Helyer, 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 Woolaxal; Sec., Mrs Hills, Norfolk Street; Treas., Mrs Hughes; Asst. Treas. and Sec., Miss Hilford; W.R. Supt., Mrs J. McKinnon; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Lovatt; Maori Work Supt., Miss 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 T. W. West, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. V. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa.

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

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