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MRS J. COOK,
President Hostel Committee.

W.C.T.U. ACTIVITIES.

Our motto is "For God and Home and Humanity." Our work is two-fold—destructive and constructive. We aim to destroy the Liquor Trade and other evils which menace the Home, debase Humanity, and blur in it the image of God, in which man was created. But we also aim to build up in young and old those attributes which make for good citizenship and national righteousness.

Willard Home cares for the child left without its natural guardians. In Auckland a Hostel is open to supply a home for many girls who, for business or other reasons, are away from their own homes. It was started by the Auckland Union, and is still under

their management. The following brief account has been given us by the Secretary of the Hostel Committee:—

The Auckland Union was considering the advisability of opening a "Girls' Hostel" during the war, as the housing problem was so acute, when a delegate came back from the Dominion Convention at Wellington, 1920, with a report of the "Go Forward" movement, and as a result the Auckland Union opened a "Hostel for Girls" in the commodious and central building, Upper Queen Street, known as the "Abbey," which, during the war, was used as a Soldiers' Hostel.

Donations were given liberally, and the Union was able to buy the Hostel's furnishings, and until the purchase of the building a couple of years ago, the Hostel has always been self-supporting. Since the purchase it has been necessary to supplement the funds, and at present the girls themselves are preparing for a Jumble Sale, so it is hoped



MRS COOPER, Matron.

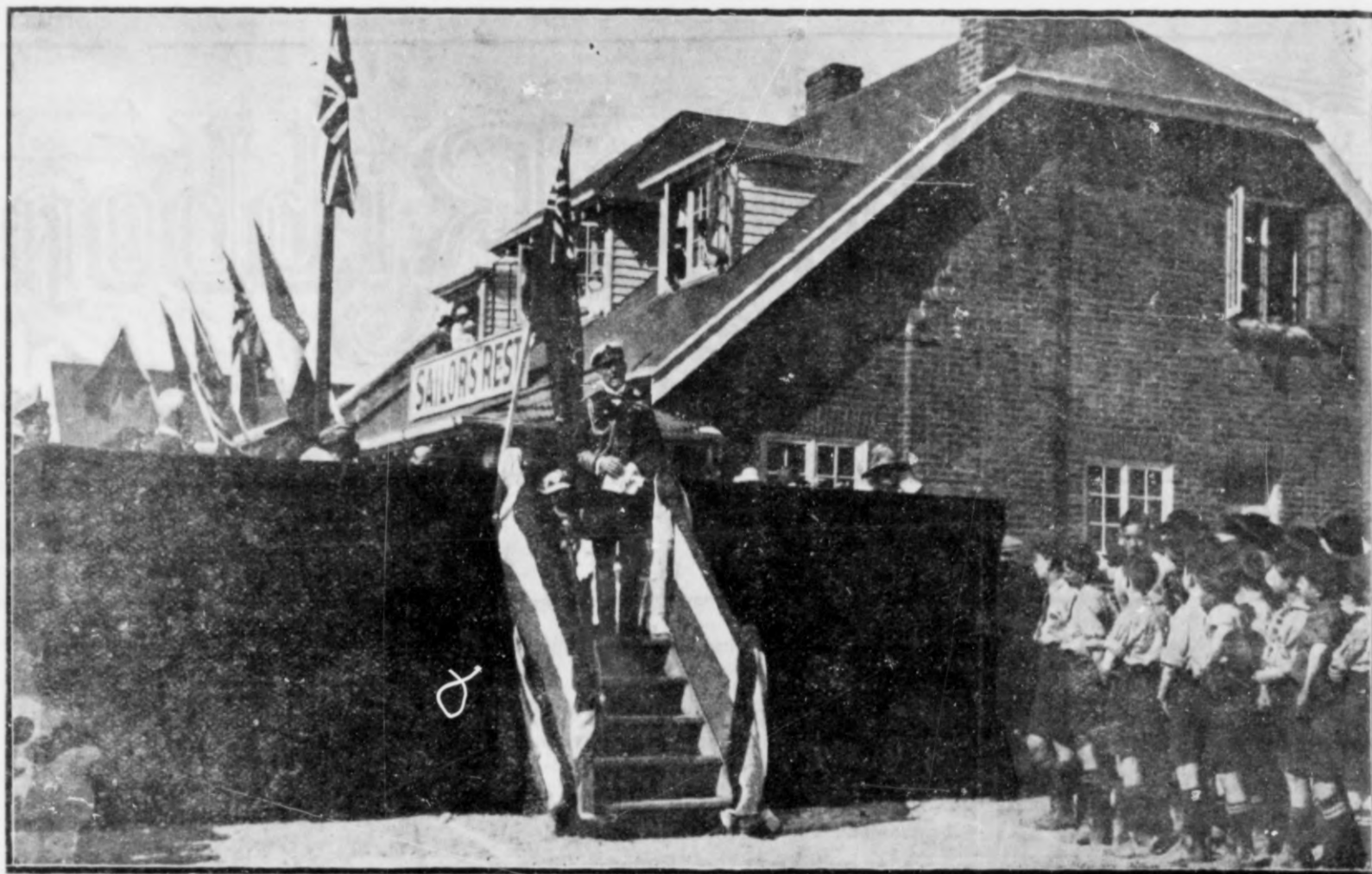


MRS J. W. TAYLOR,
Hon. Sec. Hostel Committee, Auckland.

that it will not be necessary to raise the tariff. The Union have been very fortunate in securing the services of Mrs Cooper, a very capable Matron. The Hostel is always a picture of homeliness and cleanliness, and grateful thanks are due to Mrs Cooper and her assistants. The girls take a great interest in the Hostel, and during the winter months entertainments have been held, an address by some suitable person for half an hour, then songs, recitations, competitions, etc. Some months ago a gift evening was given to a young lady who was leaving for the Mission Field, and more recently still one was given to a girl who was to be married. Family worship is held every morning and evening.

SAILORS' REST.

This is owned and run by the Timaru Union.



SAILORS' REST, TIMARU, OPENED BY LORD JELlicOE.

The following short account of its beginning and history was furnished by the Secretary:—

Timaru Union had for years had visions of building a new Sailors' Rest, and started a fund in a small way, till, by annual accumulations, it reached £550. Then it was felt that the psychological moment had arrived. Looking back, it seems as if the onward movement were divinely inspired, for a public meeting was held in March, 1923, actual collecting began in July, and in August, 1924, a thanksgiving service was held in the new building, opened free of debt, and every penny promised paid up. From the start everything simply forged ahead. One member of the Committee was able to give a full fortnight of his time, and he took lady members of the Committee all over the country in his car. Another attended to finance and advertising. Another put everything on a solid legal basis. Two members interviewed a leading architect to advantage, and so on, till enthusiasm grew with the growing fund. The whole ended in a grand finale, when the departing Governor, Lord Jellicoe, declared the building open in the presence of practically the whole town and surrounding country.

The Committee work ceaselessly in conjunction with the caretakers, Mr and Mrs Woodward. Crews of oversea ships are entertained, Sunday teas provided, short services held, musical and vocal entertainments given. From all parts of the world sailors write to Mrs Norrie knowing her motherly heart is ever interested in their welfare, and they speak feelingly of the welcome and the loving care given them at The Rest.

Once a year an appeal is made to the

public for funds. It takes the form of a Daffodil Day Street Appeal. The following extracts from the Timaru papers, directing attention to the appeal, bear eloquent tribute to the work of the Rest:—

"Once a year the organisation responsible for the control and management of the Timaru Sailors' Rest—a haven for the homeless seafarer, which has earned for Timaru a place in the hearts of all seamen—makes an appeal



OVERSEAS CREW ENTERTAINED AT PICNIC IN TIMARU DOMAIN LAST EASTER.

for funds with which to carry on that highly valuable institution. In the past the response to that appeal has shown very conclusively that the people of Timaru and South Canterbury are in thorough sympathy with the organisation, as demonstrated by the practical assistance given. It may be stated that those who are responsible for the control of the 'Rest' carry out their work as a labour of love, and that all funds provided are used for the exclusive purpose of giving sailors a taste of the comforts of home life whilst their vessels are in harbour."

"Obviously it would be superfluous for us to dilate at any length on the value of the work of providing a home away from home for the wandering sailor. Moreover, the fame of the Committee has been carried to the ends of the earth by the men who have enjoyed the hospitality extended to them during their stay, and have expressed themselves as being deeply appreciative of the provision in Timaru to make their stay pleasant and homely."

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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

New Zealand Fund.

Oxford and Wellington Central, each £2; Styx and Waimate, each £1; Greytown, 15s; New Brighton Y, 10s; Franchise Day collections, Hawera, 9s; Sef-ton, 5s 2d.

N.Z. Memorial Headquarters Fund.
Hastings Y, £3.

Organising Fund.

Wellington Central, £5 1s; Waimate, £3 8s 9d; Styx, £2 8s; Masterton, £2; Taumarunui, £1 10s; per Miss Burls, £32 16s; per Miss Bradshaw, 5s.

Maori Fund.

Templeton, £1 5s 10d; New Plymouth, £1 4s; Ponsonby, £1 1s 6d; Takapuna, £1 0s 3d; Hawera, Inglewood, Waimate, and Whangarei, each £1; Johnsonville, 17s 6d; Stratford, 14s; Pahiatua, 13s 11d; Rangiora, 11s; Rakaia and Spreydon, each 10s 6d; Ashburton, Miramar and Oxford, each 10s; North New Brighton, 9s; Styx, 7s.

World's Missionary Fund.

Pahiatua, 14s 6d.

NEILLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 10th November, 1926.

IN MEMORIAM.

MRS A. SMITH.

On Wednesday, September 29th, the Angel of Death again invaded the ranks of the Ashburton W.C.T.U., calling hence a loyal, devoted, and, in former days, a very earnest, active member of our Union—Mrs A. Smith. Mrs Smith was the eldest of the Butterick family, Wakanui, so well known and highly esteemed in connection with Temperance and W.C.T.U. work, and she is the third sister within three years to leave us for higher, nobler service beyond.

For many years, while health and strength permitted, Mrs Smith did valiant service in connection with the social activities of our Union. Regular and punctual in attendance, a consistent wearer of our W.R. badge, and optimistic by nature she radiated sunshine and brightness wherever she went. Deeds, not words, characterised her life.

When the Dominion Convention met at Gisborne, in 1914, Mrs Smith represented our Union with honour and distinction, and she ever looked upon her experiences of that trip as one of the brightest in her life. Much sorrow and strain had been her portion, but she bore it all with a patience and heroism that revealed a spirit in close fellowship with the Eternal Father, and a confidence born of faith that Beyond, if not here, Divine Love and Wisdom will prove that "all is well."

During the year, which was so darkly shadowed at its very commencement, friends noted with anxiety how frail our dear sister appeared to be, but it was not until the last month that anyone was aware that the sands of life were almost run. With unshaken confidence in her Redeemer, she gladly and triumphantly faced the great crisis, and fell asleep.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."

To the bereaved ones we extend the deep and heartfelt sympathy of members and friends in their great and irreparable loss.

MRS MARTINDALE.

On Friday, October 22nd, there passed away, at Dargaville, Mrs Martindale, an old and very valued worker. She was "White Ribbon" agent for the Hastings Union, and upon the family removing to

Northern Wairoa, she maintained her interest in our paper, and acted as agent for Dargaville Union until her death.

She had been ill for a long time, but lately had improved and gained in weight; but a sudden attack of inflammation came on. She went into the Northern Wairoa Hospital, and underwent an operation, from which she never recovered.

When a brother died, Mr and Mrs Martindale adopted the three orphan children, and to these, as well as to Mr Martindale, we offer our sincerest sympathy in the loss of a loving wife, a true comrade, and a tender mother

MRS W. K. WATSON.

A very earnest worker and faithful and capable officer of the W.C.T.U. passed home, when Mrs Watson died at the residence of her brother Mr Gabbie, of Southbridge.

Mrs Watson was President of the Ashburton Union, and later of Cambridge. She was a gifted leader, and her energy inspired her fellow-members. During the last year she had been confined to her bed. She suffered much, and death came as a release from pain and weariness.

To her husband and two daughters we extend our cordial sympathy in their great loss.

MRS G. H. PLUMMER.

Mrs Plummer, who has passed on after a long life of over four-score years, was all that time an ardent Temperance worker. She was one of the pioneer members of the W.C.T.U., and was for some time Secretary of the Auckland Union. Later she was "White Ribbon" agent for the Ponsonby Union, until it disbanded. Both Mr and Mrs Plummer took a great interest in Band of Hope work, and the former was for a long period President of the Band of Hope Union. Mrs Plummer was a familiar figure at Convention, until advancing age made travelling difficult.

For some time she has not taken any active part in the work, though she used to attend Epsom Branch whenever she was able. Her interest in the work was always very keen.

After a long life of service for God, Home, and Humanity, she has entered into her well-earned rest.

MRS E. M. F. MATHEWSON.

On October 27th there passed away, in Dunedin, an earnest member and worker, Mrs Mathewson, who was for

several years "White Ribbon" Agent for the Dunedin Union, and only gave up when failing strength compelled her to do so. But her interest in the work was keen almost to the last. We sympathise much with those relatives left to mourn her loss.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WOMEN DOCTORS WANTED.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—I noticed in last month's "White Ribbon" a correspondent writing regarding the need of women doctors to assist families in country districts, etc. Perhaps all may not be aware that an organisation, viz., "Women's Division of the Farmers' Union" is now being formed chiefly for the above purpose. They also intend to provide Rest Rooms in country towns, and are striving for the Bible in Schools, etc.

Only a few days ago I received a circular from the Women's Division setting forth the aims and objects of their Union. Enclosed please find same. You will, I think, agree that there is therefore no need for our W.C.T.U. to do anything along these lines. We have abundant departments already, sometimes I think too many, as there is a danger of the one great big objective, the Abolition of the Liquor Traffic, being overshadowed by the minor reforms and activities of our splendid organisation, the W.C.T.U.—Yours in W.R. bonds,

ANNIE DUXFIELD.

OUT IN THE FIELDS.

The little cares that fretted me,

I lost them yesterday,

Among the fields above the sea,

Among the winds at play,

Among the lowing of the herds,

The rustling of the trees,

Among the singing of the birds,

The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might pass,

I cast them all away

Among the clover-scented grass,

Among the new-mown hay,

Among the husking of the corn

Where drowsy poppies nod,

Where ill thoughts die and good are born—

Out in the fields with God.

—E. B. Browning.

SPECIALS.

FAREWELL TO MISS AVISON.

The Prohibition League united with our Union in honouring Miss Avison with a farewell social, which was held in the Petone Presbyterian Young Men's Hall on Tuesday, October 26th.

Miss Avison, who has been Secretary of both the Societies for a number of years, and has filled these positions with credit, is shortly leaving Petone for Christchurch.

The hall was decorated for the occasion, and a fine programme was rendered. Master Holgate gave a violin solo, accompanied by his sister Annie, Mrs Gifford a solo, Master Jenness a piano-forte solo, Mr Pargetter a solo. Mrs Cole, our President, paid a high tribute to the faithful work put in by Miss Avison, and on behalf of the Union presented her with a badge of honour and a small clock. Mrs Battersby also said a few words of farewell, regretting the departure of Miss Avison. Mrs Pargetter a solo, Mrs Milwood a solo, Mrs W. and G. Lockhead a duet, and Miss Hill a monologue. These items were heartily encored.

The Rev. Mr Lochore, President of the Prohibition League, thanked Miss Avison for her services, and made men-

tion of her giving Bible instruction in the schools, and presented her with a beautiful handbag with initial inscribed.

The Rev. Mr Loan also spoke in appreciation of Miss Avison, and as her minister honoured her Christian character.

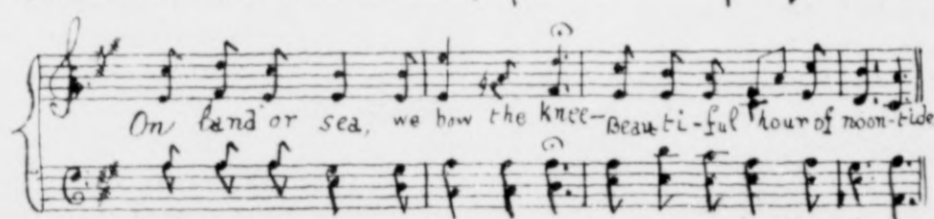
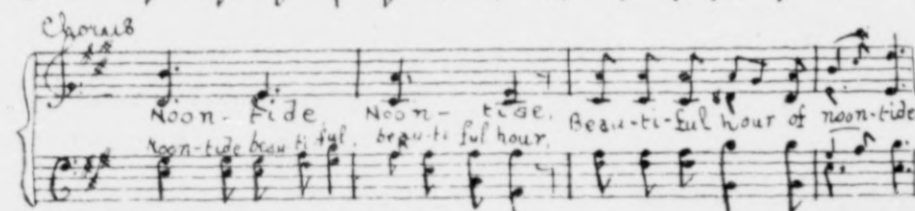
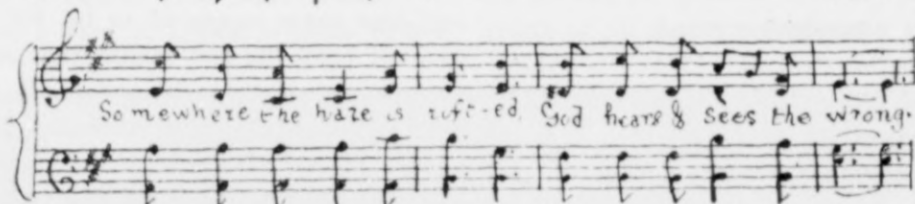
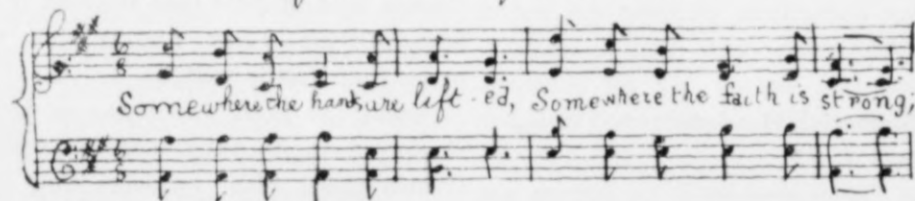
Miss Avison, in responding, thanked all for their kindness, and said the evening had been to her full of pleasant surprises. She felt sorry to leave us all, and hoped some time to pay us a visit.

A plentiful supper was provided by the ladies. Mr Piper was asked to speak, and expressed his pleasure at being able to attend such a gathering. As regards Miss Avison, she had proved herself worthy of our honour and esteem. While we regret her departure, we are sure she will join up with the band of workers at Christchurch.

The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." The Secretary desires to thank all who helped to make the evening so enjoyable.

Jack Hobbs, the famous teetotal Surrey batsman has now scored more runs than any other cricketer, with the exception of W. G. Grace—who was also a T.T.

Beautiful Hour of Noontide



Somewhere the day is brighter,
Somewhere the foe must run,
Somewhere a heart grows lighter,
Some one a curse will shun.

Somewhere the ranks are filling
Close by the fountain-side,
Somewhere the true and willing
Close to the pledge abide.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVES.**SOUTH CANTERBURY.**

The South Canterbury Executive met in the Sailors' Rest on Monday, October 11th, 1926. Owing to the storm and floods, some were unable to attend, only five answering the roll call.

Mrs Boag opened with prayer. Answers to telegrams sent to Hon. J. G. Coates, F. J. Rolleston, and W. Nosworthy anent the Licensing and Gambling Bills were read, all saying, "Telegram received; duly noted for consideration."

It was proposed to start a Campaign Fund for special work during Campaign Year, to get cards from North Canterbury, and start in 1927.

The Pleasant Point Y's have made a start, and have appointed Miss Bishop as Superintendent, which was ratified by the Executive.

Mrs Boag gave a very interesting account of her visits to the Waimate Union and Waimate Y's, also a meeting at Morven.

It was urged that Unions keep in touch with their scattered members by letter or some other personal way.

Suggestions were made for the year's syllabus. The observing of the five Notable Days, two afternoons for Convention reports, to get the Child Welfare Superintendent and the Plunket nurse to give addresses, and to try and get three or more addresses on Peace and Arbitration and the League of Nations.

A letter was read from Sister Nicholls, in which she told us of starting two new Maori Unions, one of which is in a very out-of-the-way district, and she suggested that we adopt this Union, for they so much needed the loving helpful European sisters' influence and interest.

The two Y delegates thought this would be a good thing for their Unions.

The Benediction was pronounced, and afternoon tea provided by the Timaru ladies.

The South Canterbury officers are now: Pres., Mrs Boag (Rakaia); Vice-Pres., Mrs Low (Timaru); Sec., Mrs H. Hopwood (Rakaia); Treas., Mrs Roy (Waimate).

WELLINGTON.

The District Executive met at Carterton on November 3rd and 4th, 1926. Wednesday night a public welcome to the District officers and delegates, the chairman being Rev. W. H. Howes. After the opening, and a few musical items, and the Chairman's remarks,

Mrs Every, in a few well-chosen words, gave the delegates, on behalf of the Carterton Union, a very hearty welcome.

Mrs Evans, M.A., a Dominion officer, took for her subject "Efficiency" and dealt with it in its relation to Prohibition, and how experiments were made which showed that much better work was done when alcohol was not taken.

Miss Kirk, District Secretary, thanked the Union for their kind welcome, and dealt with distressing facts about drink, and what misery it brings about.

A vote of thanks was passed to the speakers and entertainers. A social intercourse followed, and supper was dispensed by members of the Union.

The Convention was continued on Thursday morning, and was opened by devotions led by Miss Bradshaw.

Mrs Evans then introduced Miss Oates, of Greytown, who is the newly-appointed District President. Miss Oates said as Christian women we must have faith, and to think and act in the service of the Master, which is to do everything to raise the standard of human life, and to ease its burdens, as suggested by our late leader, Frances Willard. Each one of us must translate her faith into works, and there are works of kindness and love to be done here, and in every place. Frances Willard said, "Women will sweeten and clean every place they enter, and they will enter every place in the wide world." The people of the United States have practically abolished the Liquor Trade from their land, thereby reaping untold benefits, and we want the people of our District, our Dominion, and our Empire to be second to none.

Plans of work were discussed as under:—(1) Best way of making meetings attractive, (2) advertising meetings, (3) of helping and using our Organiser, (4) of bringing our work before the public. It was very interesting indeed to hear the different opinions expressed by the various delegates.

Resolutions and remits were discussed to be sent to the Dominion Convention.

In the afternoon a round table talk was held, and the work of other Unions was discussed, and what they were doing. Miss Kirk then told us of what various things the W.C.T.U. had accomplished, and what they had done to the present day.

An invitation was given from the Lower Hutt Union for the next District Executive to be held there, about the end of February, 1927.

A MIGHTY FORCE.

Prayer, the mightiest force in the universe, the force which links the power of frail humanity with the irresistible force of Divine Love. For centuries we have prayed, "Give peace in our time, O Lord." Is it not time we prayed for a peace which shall be universal, timeless? Moreover, shall we not help the coming of that time? Said a noted scientist, "The human brain is the most powerful dynamo in the world." How can peace and harmony come to a world where from thousands of these mighty dynamos thoughts of hatred, personal, racial or sectarian are constantly given out?

The following beautiful prayer has been sent, with a request that it be published for all White Ribboners to read. Would it not be well to commit it to memory, and constantly to join our prayers with the mighty company of those who are praying that Peace and Goodwill may descend upon our war-scarred planet:—

PRAYER FOR WORLD HARMONY.

Glory and honour and worship be unto Thee, O Lord Christ, Thou Who art the Life and Light of all mankind.

Thou art the King of Glory, to whom all the peoples of the earth should give joyful allegiance and service.

Inspire mankind with a realisation of true Brotherhood.

Teach us the wisdom of peace, harmony and co-operation.

Breathe into our hearts the understanding that only as we see ourselves as parts of the one body of humanity can peace, harmony, success and plenty descend upon us.

Help us to conquer all manifestations of inharmony and evil in ourselves, and in the world.

Bless us all with the radiance of Thy Divine Love and Wisdom, that we may ever worship Thee in the beauty of holiness.

In the Name of the Living Christ we ask it. Amen.

Not until the loom is silent,
And the shuttles cease to fly,
(Will God unroll His canvas,
And explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
In the Master's skilful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern he has planned.

WITH OUR ORGANISERS.

Miss Bradshaw has visited Featherston, Greytown and Carterton, gained new members, and helped Unions in many ways; also many new "White Ribbon" subscribers were gained. She is now working in the Manawatu end of the Wellington District.

Miss McLay has been busy in the Waikato and Taupo districts. She writes thus of her work there:—

WITH THE MAORIS AT TAUPO.

"During the past week I have had the privilege of addressing the children in various native schools in the neighbourhood of Lake Taupo. I accompanied Sister Jessie, Presbyterian missionary to the Maoris, on her visits to the schools to give the weekly Bible lesson. It was very gratifying to find that the Nelson system is carried out there, and the children eagerly look forward to the Bible lesson.

"The Maoris, like most other children, delight in story-telling, and it was a pleasure to watch their eager, interested faces as they followed the stories teaching of the evils of the 'waipiro' (drink), and, in their young enthusiasm, agreed to keep it out of their lives.

"In close contact with these children one feels the tremendous possibilities for good or evil in their lives. By nature simple, loving, generous, most of them followers, not leaders, they present a problem which the Christian Church and the W.C.T.U. would do well to tackle with increased intensity.

"I found no Band of Hope or Temperance work being carried on, and, although the Maoris have no vote, their habits and lives are telling, and will continue to tell, in the communities of which they form a part. It is very desirable that these children should be trained in Christian Temperance principles. They are quick to learn, and very impressionable. In one of the schools the oldest girls were learning to make their own frocks, and showed wonderful aptitude and great interest, especially in the colour schemes.

"At Whakarewarewa there is a fairly large school, and the other morning I met the children at the Mission House, just after breakfast, and we had a Temperance lesson. When the school whistle sounded, a smart flute and kettle-drum band appeared, and the children formed into a square and stood at the salute while the band played the National Anthem. Then they had some deep-breathing exercises, after which

they marched into school to the strains of a bright marching tune.

"The women in the paha welcomed the distribution of temperance and medical literature in the Maori language."

Miss Burls is still in Nelson and Marlborough districts. She has gained 80 new members, and has organised a Union at Ngatimoti. Officers: Pres., Mrs Haycock; Sec. and Treas., Mrs Arthur Guy; and 18 members. At Takaka, with 27 members. Officers: Pres., Mrs B. K. Thompson; Sec. and Treas., Mrs A. Taylor. At Collingwood, 27 members. Pres., Mrs Jamieson; Sec. and Treas., Miss Walker. Miss Burls writes: "Last month was probably the wettest month that I have experienced in New Zealand, and in many districts the roads were impassable."

MARTHA M. ALLEN.

The "Union Signal" pays the following tribute to the work of Martha M. Allen.

Most valuable was the contribution to the temperance cause made by our promoted comrade, Mrs Martha M. Allen, whose heavenly home-going was announced in the latest issue of The Union Signal." With keen intellect, broad sympathies and a high type of courage she undertook, as far back as 1897, a public campaign against fraudulent patent medicines, especially those containing large quantities of alcohol, and was instrumental in interesting in the fight "Collier's Weekly" and "The Ladies' Home Journal." The department of the W.C.T.U. of which she was the head put copies of the "Great American Fraud" pamphlet into thousands of public libraries, and sent out thousands of copies to persons of influence. The agitation begotten was a great aid in securing the passage of the National Pure Food Law which requires the statement, on the label, of the presence of opiates and the percentage of alcohol. Through the Medical Temperance department Mrs Allen began a crusade against the use of whisky in the treatment of tuberculosis of the lungs, aided by a few experts in that disease who did not believe in the whisky treatment. A poster prepared by Mrs Allen was used by different boards of health in campaigns against tuberculosis and was

enlarged and used in the great International Tuberculosis Congress held in Washington. Appeals to physicians widely circulated by Mrs Allen and her associates had much to do with securing the passage of strong resolutions by the American Medical Association in 1917. These resolutions had a large influence in the gaining of national prohibition. The book, "Alcohol a Dangerous and Unnecessary Medicine," written by Mrs Allen, was placed by a philanthropic friend in all medical libraries of the United States and Canada. The agitation kept up by the department under Mrs Allen, with its appeals to physicians and its circulation among them of the best and latest findings against alcohol by practitioners and research workers, has resulted in a great change in hospital practice and in the teaching in medical colleges. Very little alcoholic liquor is now used in the hospitals of this country, and in some of the largest no alcoholic liquor has been used since the advent of national prohibition. The best medical schools no longer teach that alcohol is a useful or indispensable medicine, and many warn against its use. To quote Mrs Allen's own words, "When this department began its work, whisky was looked upon as the sheet anchor of the profession in the treatment of pneumonia and typhoid fever. Now it is a completely discredited drug in all infectious diseases. Whisky and brandy were omitted from the U.S. Pharmacopoeia after this department had sent a memorial to all the members of the pharmacopoeial convention of 1910 asking for this action and assigning as reasons why such action should be taken that the best physicians were not using this agent any longer."

Mrs Allen's influence extended far beyond the limits of her own country, and as superintendent of Medical Temperance in the World's W.C.T.U., she has directed the white ribboners of many countries. She represented the United States government at the World Congress Against Alcoholism in London in 1909, and gave one of the addresses. She attended many World's conventions.

"Only fools are certain, Tommy, wise men hesitate."

"Are you sure, uncle?"

"Yes, my boy; certain of it."

—"Tatler."

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.

HELP FOR BACKBLOCKS

MOTHERS.

The Farmers' Union are forming a Women's Division. The platform, as set forth in their leaflets, is non-political, and it is to help better the conditions for women and children living on the land. They intend to work for improvement in the schooling, for better nursing and medical facilities, to secure domestic help on farms. They aim to provide Rest Homes for mothers. It is not to be a charitable institution, but all are to pay according to their ability. We wish them every success in the good work of making conditions of living easier for those in the back country districts.

U.S.A NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Miss Pyle writes from Los Angeles:—"My sister and I are here having a most wonderful time in this wonderful

country, amongst all the splendid women of the W.C.T.U. I realise more than ever the importance of our White Ribbon. As you know, our Union in U.S.A. has gained during the year 53,500 new members, and 57,000 young people have signed the patriotic roll. On Monday my sister and I start our trip through the States returning home in the New Year.

NEWS OF A NEW UNION.

Canvastown! The name is so misleading. A relic of the old days of the Wakamarina gold rush, when hundreds of canvas dwellings dotted the spot where now cow pastures are to be seen.

Seven miles from Havelock, in the Pelorus Valley, near the junction of the Wakamarina and the Pelorus rivers, lies the little spot called Canvastown. Past the little Post Office, which is closed from 1 p.m. on Saturday till 9 a.m. on Monday, past the Publicans' Hall, past the Anglican Church, past a general store, past the Pelorus Hotel, and you arrive at the Wakamarina Bridge. The Wakamarina Bridge! The grandstand of Canvastown! Several chains further on, along the main road to Nelson, you may see the Canvastown School, the school house and the Debating Hall. A quarter of a mile up the Wakamarina, on its eastern bank, may be seen the Canvastown Co-operative Dairy Company's factory, the manager's residence and the Methodist Church. On the western bank a farm house, the residence of our President (but which is not in Canvastown). Such is Canvastown. Visitors have on more than one occasion stood on that bridge, gazed around, and asked, "Where is Canvastown?" With few exceptions, our members are the wives, daughters, or sisters of farmers, and take their share of the milking, etc., on the farm. Our President, who is a farmer's wife, is the nearest resident to our place of meeting. The Secretary and her daughter are next—a mile and a quarter distant. From two miles to six the rest of our members are scattered about in the Pelorus and Wakamarina Valleys. As the farmers cannot often leave their work to drive their wives or sisters to meetings, we are thankful if even half our members appear.

WHO SAID SO?

The U.S.A. Budget showed such a Terrace. huge surplus that it is expected tax-Good Home.

tion will be reduced by from 30 per cent. to 50 per cent. Did I hear someone say Prohibition had ruined America?

Senator Willis, of Florida, U.S.A., says: "Snow will be 90 feet deep in Florida and Porto Rico have more icebergs than Spitzbergen before the 18th Amendment will be repealed."

MEDICAL TEMPERANCE DEPT.

Dear Sisters,—

At our last Convention, the following resolution was adopted:—

"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."

As many of the leaflets belonging to this Department are very suitable for reading at meetings, I have felt disappointed that so few Unions have ordered a supply.

Our President has suggested that a list be given of the leaflets in stock, and that members be urged to purchase for reading and distribution:—

Safe Remedies in Illness.

The Use of Brandy and Wine as Medicine a Serious Error.

Doctors and Whisky, Wine and Beer.

Some Things Women Should Know About Alcoholic Medicines.

Whisky an Agent of Death in Influenza and Pneumonia.

Medical Temperance Quiz.

Is Alcohol of Value in the Treatment of Disease?

Professors of Medicine Say Whisky Not Needed.

Whisky Delusions Dispelled.

American Medical Association Resolution Against Alcohol.

A Primary Lesson on Beer.

Danger in Habit-forming Drugs.

Sample packet, 1/-, post free.

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News of the Unions.

BRANCH REPORTS.

Please take note:—

1. Reports should reach Editor by 8th of each month.
2. They should be short. Don't report routine business. Do report all new plans and efforts.
3. Use pen and ink, and write only on one side of the paper.

GREY LYNN.

November 3. An enthusiastic rally, and a splendid address was given by Mrs Benfell, District President, who was ably supported by Mrs Williams, District Secretary. Three new members were made. Mrs Harper was elected Superintendent of Cradle Roll; Mrs Watson, White Ribbon Agent, and Mrs Chandler, Secretary. A very pleasant and instructive meeting. Afternoon tea served.

AUCKLAND.

November. Meeting held in the Central Mission Hall, Mrs Cook presiding. A very helpful address was given by Miss Baker on the work of the Holy Spirit at the Devotional meeting. Greetings were received from Mrs Reuben Bailey from Hongkong, and Mrs Williams, a member, who has just arrived back from the Homeland. Mrs Cook gave an interesting report of the recent Child Welfare Conference, held at the Auckland University. Letters of thanks were received from people in the Back-Blocks, gratefully acknowledging magazines, books, illustrated papers, etc., sent by the W.C.T.U. Committee, in connection with the War Memorial Library. An interesting account was read of the Children's Church in London, which is the only one of its kind in Europe. Mrs Fulljames gave a most interesting report of her visit to some of the Maori Unions, where she had gone to re-organise and strengthen the W.C.T.U. work among them. She spoke of the lovable, generous, loyal nature of the Maori, and what a pleasure it was to work among them. They were so responsive to uplifting influences. The meetings held had been most happy and enthusiastic. Parcels of clothes were brought to the meeting to be sent to the Maoris; this practical help is much appreciated by them.

CHEVIOT.

November 3. Meeting took the form of a "Bring and Buy" Afternoon, which proved a great success. Three new members were initiated. Mrs Walmsley, President, gave a short address on the aims of the Union. After repeating the pledge afternoon tea was served.

MAUNGAKARAMEA.

October 22. At residence of Mrs W. H. Gillingham. Four members present, and Mrs Weir, of Whangarei. Mrs Walker presided. Interesting letters were read, also a paper "What Woman's Franchise has Done," and one by Rev. Seamer on "Ourselves and our Maori Fellow-Citizens," all of which were freely discussed. Solos and a duet were rendered by Mesdames Harvey and Hilton-Walker. Afternoon tea served.

PLEASANT POINT.

November 3. Good attendance. Treasurer's report showed credit balance of £2 12s. 3d. Invitation to attend a Public meeting in Timaru received from League of Nations Union; Sir James Allen being speaker. Secretary to represent the Union. Decided to affiliate with League of Nations Union. L.T.L. reported 64 members, 34 being new ones. Vote of thanks to Mr Wakefield for making "Take One" Box for Railway Station. Report of District Executive read. Mrs T. E. Taylor's address published in White Ribbon was read. Very successful "Give and Buy" was held, nearly everything being sold. Afternoon tea dispensed.

WANGANUI CENTRAL.

November 4. Mrs Goody presided and read a paper on "Democracy in the Home." One lady present promised to have a good try to form a L.T.L. Mrs Irwin read a

paper entitled "Ourselves and our Maori Fellow-Citizens." The following fact was read:—As the average number of persons per house in New Zealand is 4.27, the 1923 Drink Bill would, if invested in 10,270 new dwellings of varied designs, provide in a single year accommodation for 14,852 persons. The following resolution was passed. That the Wanganui Central Branch of the W.C.T.U. noted with appreciation, the action of the Town Council, in not allowing sensational pictures to be shown in the streets of the city.

WHANGAREI.

October 5. Fair attendance, greetings received from Maungaturoto and Onehunga. Letter from Miss Bradshaw, re Maoris in need of clothing in Whangarei District. Decided to send parcel immediately, also sent clothing to Willard Home, and funds for coming Convention in Auckland next year.

October 15. "Maori Day" held at the residence of Mrs Heather, Otaka Road; 25 ladies present. Special bus from Whangarei had delightful time. Music, extracts, interesting letters from workers among the Maoris. Afternoon tea.

November 2. 17 present; vote of sympathy passed with Mrs Thompson in her sad bereavement. Discussed annual meeting to be held in December.

PONSONBY.

October 7. Mrs Hayr presided; fair attendance. Final arrangements for a Social Afternoon on October 13th, to welcome home Mrs Lee-Cowie. Decided to send Mrs Cowie a wireless message from her "Daughters." Mrs Andrews, the delegate to District Convention, then gave a very concise report of the Convention, especially emphasizing the repeating of our Pledge at every meeting. Afternoon tea was served.

October 21. "Maori Day." Mrs Lee-Cowie, President, presided; 30 members present. A vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Pastor Geo. Aldridge, was passed by all members standing, also letters of sympathy, Mrs Hodgekinson and Aldridge. A most interesting paper by Rev. G. A. Seamer was then read by Mrs Williams, Notable Day Superintendent, showing us that there are 50,000 Maoris living as Maoris, who are craving for education, and the W.C.T.U. is a power to help them.

November 4. Mrs Lee-Cowie presided over a splendid meeting. Letter was read from Miss Henderson, re Badge of Honour; one of our sisters having obtained 14 new members during the year. Arrangements were made for next meeting to be our Annual meeting, election of Officers and Superintendents. Mrs Cowie entertained members at afternoon tea.

GORE.

October. Mrs Rhodes presided; night very wet. Attendances not very good, but notwithstanding, a quantity of business was dealt with, mainly remits to be considered at District Convention, held in Invercargill, on November 3rd. Two delegates, Mesdames D. McAskill and G. F. Mirams, were appointed to attend that Convention. Mrs Acutts spoke shortly on Slum Work at home and Miss Winnie Cullen played a violin solo. Decided to hold a "Bring and Buy" Sale at our November meeting. Supper was enjoyed at the close.

ASHBURTON.

November 2. A moderate attendance; Mrs W. H. Robinson presiding. Letters of sympathy sent to the relatives of Mrs W. K. Watson, and to Mrs H. Hopkins and family, and Mr Leadley and family in bereavement; also to Mrs Norrie, Timaru, in sickness. An interesting report of South Canterbury District Executive was received from the Secretary, Mrs H. Hopwood. Arrangements were made to take charge of the Rest Tent at the A. & P. Show on November 4th. Superintendents of Departments submitted their annual reports which were subsequently adopted, and votes of thanks accorded each. Especially, do we feel grateful to Sister Mildred, for getting the room in readiness each month, and the "Flower" Superintendent, in making wreaths when necessary. Gifts of clothing were received for the Willard Home. An article on Military Training by Dr. D. C. Herron, Auckland, was read and approved of. A cup of tea was served, and the meeting was closed with the Benediction.

JOHNSONVILLE.

October 21. This meeting was organised by our Presbyterian friends, and was a great success. The room was tastefully decorated with flowers. There were two songs, beautifully sung by Mrs Sloane and Mrs Livingstone respectively. Then we had a short address by Miss Cheyne, from Scotland, who was visiting the District. We were greatly cheered by the wonderful work being accomplished in that country. We also had an address from Mrs Evans, M.A., on "What the W.C.T.U. Stands for." After the address, an appeal for new members was made. Five were enrolled. Afternoon tea was daintily served. A hymn and Benediction brought a very fine meeting to a close. There was a record attendance.

DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

November 2. Mrs T. E. Taylor paid our Union a flying visit on her way through to Invercargill. Large attendance; Mrs Taylor spoke on Woman's work and her place in the Community.

November 5. A very successful Paddy's Market was held on the street, in aid of our funds. Thanks to Kalkorai and Mosgie Union for gifts, and also for helping on the stall.

TAUMARUNUI.

The branch had the very great privilege of hearing the Dominion President at their October meeting. There was a good attendance, and all present greatly enjoyed the address, which looked to the future of the movement, when women realise their present opportunities and fit themselves to grasp them. Mrs Taylor met the Executive Committee before the general meeting, and gave much useful advice about certain lines of work which we have not yet touched, particularly the Cradle Roll. We hope that, as a result of these inspiring talks, more will be attempted in the way of educational work than has been done. The Public Works camps, sawmill places and road-construction works could be reached with good literature, which might open a way for more personal work. Routine business was transacted, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded to Mrs Taylor.

AUCKLAND.

October 12. A Sock Social was held to raise funds for the Organising Fund, and also the Dominion Convention Fund. There was a good attendance. The St. John's Ambulance Association sent a letter of thanks and appreciation for the help given by the Union in the Street collection. Dr. Mildred Staley gave a most instructive address on Mother Endowment and Family Allowance. She spoke of the great success it had been in the various countries in Europe, where it had been adopted. She explained how the money was raised by the Impersonal Pool, and the immense benefit it had been to the families in these countries. Questions were answered and interest aroused. Songs were contributed and a recitation. Afternoon tea was served, and a pleasant social time spent.

WAIPIKURAU.

October 14. Presided over by Mrs Smales, who was heartily welcomed after her long illness. Fair attendance of members. Two papers on "Our Badge" were read. These had been prepared by Mrs Banks, of Hastings, and Mrs Hall, of Napier, for the District Convention, and were a splendid tribute to our White Bow. Decided to hold a "Cake Stall" in order to raise some money to meet local expenses. Next meeting to be a "Pay Up," so that Treasurer can get her balance sheet ready in good time.

BELFAST.

October 13. Meeting took the form of a Pay Up Social. One new member initiated. Pledge repeated by members. Decided to send 10/- to Willard Home. Mrs Rowntree, of Christchurch Union, gave a very fine paper and talk on Service, which inspired us very much. The speaker was thanked. Afternoon tea was served, and some of the Band of Hope children sang.

RAKAIA.

October 15. President presided over good attendance. Meeting took the form of a "Maori Afternoon," and it was decided to adopt a Maori Union, a different member to write each month. Gifts were received for

the Willard Home. Decided to hold annual Garden Party on October 29th. Mrs Hopwood read a very full and interesting report of the Summer Convention, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. She was also congratulated by those present upon being appointed Secretary for South Canterbury. President reported last Executive meeting in Timaru, also having visited the Fairlie Union. Afternoon tea was served.

CHEVIOT.

October 6. Fair attendance. President read a very interesting account of the Convention at New Brighton. Arrangements were made for a "Bring and Buy" Social Afternoon, to be held early in November. After some points of interest had been discussed, the meeting closed with the Benediction and afternoon tea.

OTAHUHU.

November 4. The President, Mrs Greenwood, occupied the chair. Mrs Redshaw gave a paper on the League of Nations and its work, which was most interesting. Several questions were asked afterwards; this brought a very pleasant afternoon to a close.

TE KUITI.

October 12. Annual meeting. Large attendance of members, and keen interest was evinced in the various matters. The meeting expressed its sorrow and sense of loss at the passing away of the late President, Mrs Edgar, all standing in reverent silence. Messages of sympathy from several Unions, and together with the local expression, to be forwarded to the friends of the late President. Miss McLay, Dominion Organiser, said she regarded it a privilege to be present. She had heard from time to time of the work of the Te Kuiti Union, and of the wonderful energy of the late President. She regretted the loss to the Local Union, and to the Dominion, of such an efficient Officer. Annual report read by the Secretary, Mrs Elliott. Mesdames Hill and Hardy, and Miss Sutherland were appointed to Rest Room Committee. The election of Officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs Strand; Vice-President, Mrs Owens; Secretary, Mrs Elliott (re-elected); Treasurer, Mrs Cole; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs Wilton; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Hill. Miss McLay gave an eloquent and impressive address, basing her remarks on Nehemiah's account of the repairing of the Wall of Jerusalem. She said that in the protective walls of society, there were similar breaches through which the worst enemies of national righteousness were urging their forces. The four breaches most potent for evil were: Drinking, Gambling, Sabbath, Desecration, and lack of Bible Teaching in schools. The Union stood solidly for the repairing of this damage. Vocal items were rendered as follows:—Mrs Owen, "Down the Vale;" Mrs Dobson, "When the Heart is Young;" Miss Rutledge, "The Little Coon's Prayer;" Mrs Elliott playing the accompaniments. Six new members were received by initiation, Miss McLay conducting the ceremony. Afternoon tea was served.

WANGANUI EAST.

October. Mrs Duxfield presided; three new members were added to the roll. Decided that the annual "Pay Up" Social be held on November 4th. A Sale of cakes, produce, etc., is to be held in St. Alban's Hall, on the afternoon of Saturday, November 20th. A collection was taken up for the Sailor's Rest, New Plymouth, and it was decided to devote part of the proceeds of the Sale to this work. Letter of sympathy to Mrs Caird. The President read a paper on "Let us be discouraged" which was much appreciated.

November. "Pay Up" Social; Mrs Duxfield occupied the chair. Cuttings sent by Mrs J. Walker, from San Francisco, reported the re-election of Mrs Ella A. Boole, of Brooklyn, as President of the National W.C.T.U., then holding its fifty-second Convention at Los Angeles, with a gathering of 3,000 delegates, representing 600,000 members. Mrs Boole said that a membership of a million was aimed at to meet the "most insidious propaganda movement in the history of the United States." She declared that this propaganda movement was organised and backed by the Association against the Prohibition Amendment, and

aimed to create dissatisfaction with the law. Final arrangements were made for the sale of goods in St. Alban's Hall, on Saturday, November 20th. After business, all enjoyed a social chat and a cup of tea. Mrs J. Wright with a solo, "Eventide," and Miss Elaine Gill with a recitation, "Bobolink," added greatly to the enjoyment of all. As the next meeting, December 9th, will be the Annual Meeting with Election of Officers, a full attendance is hoped for.

HAWERA.

October 14. A most successful Concert to celebrate "Maori Day." Songs, recitations. A bag-pipe selection and piano-forte duet were given by friends, also two anthems by Methodist Choir, all being much enjoyed. Rev. Curran then gave a short address, urging the advisability of abolishing the liquor traffic for the sake of the native people. The missionaries found a great difficulty in their work, owing to the smuggling of drink into the settlements. Absolute prohibition was the only solution. The speaker pointed out that there were colleges for training the Maori, in several parts of the North Island, but in Taranaki there was nothing. Mrs Exley who presided, thanked Mr Curran for his address, the performers who had responded so willingly, also Mrs Hayward and Mrs Ollerenshaw, who had organised the concert. Members of the Union provided light supper for the performers.

October 29. Mrs Exley presided; nineteen present. Decided to devote part of proceeds of Concert to Local Maori work, and also to assist "Seamen's Rest" Building Fund in New Plymouth. Our President urged that members do their utmost to obtain new subscribers for the White Ribbon. Decided to hold "Pay Up Social" on November 22nd. Mrs Shackleton gave a very interesting report on the progress made with the L.T.L., the children taking a great interest, all working hard for a "Cantata," to be given on November 11th.

MAORI UNIONS.

OTUREI.

October 27. Meeting of Oturei W.C.T.U. every last Wednesday of the month. Kahui te roopu Karaitiana ki roto kite whare karakia ite toru karaka. Tuatahi ka whaka paretia ete Heamana Mrs J. Walters. Himene No. 40, i muri iho ite himene kote inoi ate Ariki. Tuarua katu to Hekeretari a Mrs E. Tahana, kite panui ite meneti. Tuatoru ka korero Rev Griffin, ite 15 onga Upoko Hoani a mete haerenga mai ote Karaiti kite ao. Tua wha katu te heamana Mrs J. Walters, kite whakapal ite kauwhau ate miniti amete hari ao ote roopu itana haere nga mai kite ahi inga tikanga ote roopu karaitiana kite hapal ao hoki ite ara tika monga tamariki kawhakamutua e Rev. Griffin, Himene No. 656, Sankey.

On Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, the meeting of Oturei W.C.T.U. was held in Mrs J. Walters', President's home, was opened by Mrs Fulljames, and gave out the hymns and pronounced the Benediction, and all joined in singing No. 66. This Convention opened by speeches, congratulations, etc., continued, and she also read the 1st Chapter of St. John among the Maori Sisters, and heartily thanking the warm reception bestowed by every member this afternoon. Compliment on behalf of foreign Union was given by Mrs Fulljames, which was gratefully received. Mrs J. Walters, President, welcomed the attendance of Mrs Fulljames and Mrs Hodges, Vice-President, on behalf of the Union. Another hymn was sung, and the meeting was closed by Mrs Fulljames with prayer.

POUTO.

Monday, October 11th at 7 p.m. The organising of the Pouto "Women's Christian Temperance Union" took place in the school room. Mrs Fulljames took the chair, and the meeting was opened by the Maori Choir. Mrs Fulljames delivered a very interesting address on the W.C.T.U. work. Quite a number of the members were present. White Ribbon Bows, brooches and W.C.T.U. cards were presented by Mrs Fulljames. Mrs Tautuhi, President, closed meeting by saying the Lord's Prayer.

October 30. President, Mrs Tautuhi, opened meeting with prayers, extracts from W.C.T.U. works. Fair attendance. All

members of W.C.T.U. were present with the exception of two. Vice-President, Mrs M. Kena, announced subscriptions towards Church windows, seconded by Treasurer and member, passed by President. Vice-President closed meeting with prayers.

TAKAPUNA.

October 12. Mrs Penning in the chair. Mrs Guy Thornton gave a very interesting account of some women of England she had met during her husband's and her Evangelistic work; notably, Miss Darling, of Darling's Hotel, Edinburgh. The most prominent W.C.T.U. worker in Scotland, Mrs Barclay, who, when she heard she came from New Zealand, sent her love to her New Zealand readers. Annie Swan was known and loved all over England. Mrs Thornton was listened to with very great interest, and at its conclusion a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to her. There was a very good attendance.

November 4. Mrs Penning in the chair. Mrs Penning announced that she was retiring and would not stand for President again. The annual reports were read by the retiring Officers. Mrs Morgan Richards was elected President; Mrs Lewis, Secretary; Mrs McLeod, Recording Secretary; Mrs Winstone, Cradle Roll; Mrs Morgan, White Ribbon Agent; Miss Piper, Treasurer. Some musical items were much enjoyed, and afternoon tea was served. A splendid attendance.

PALMERSTON NORTH.

November 5. Mrs Young, President, presided over a good attendance, it being a Pay-Up Social Afternoon. Report read by Mrs Doreen, delegate to Area Convention, New Zealand Alliance, on October 25th. Mrs Doreen was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Musical items, etc., were given by Misses Tyllie, Collins, Lorna Ferguson. Afternoon tea was handed round by Ladies' Committee. Collection taken up for New Zealand Funds. A very helpful and pleasant afternoon.

FEILDING.

October 7. Annual Cradle Roll Social; good attendance of mothers and children. Mrs Martin and Miss Watt appointed delegates to New Zealand Alliance Labour Day Rally at Palmerston North. Mrs Miller read some extracts from a very interesting book, on the Care and Upbringing of Children. Songs were given by Misses Spence and Walton; recitations by Joan Cade and Del Trass.

November 4. Annual meeting; small attendance; President in chair. An apology was received from Mrs Hooper, who is suffering from illness. We had with us a visitor from Scotland, Mrs Cheyne, who told us something of Temperance work in that country. All former officers re-elected.

WELLINGTON CENTRAL.

October 20. Meeting well-attended. Mr Griffen attended and promised the use of his verandah for the L.T.L. meetings at Trentham, during the summer months; also his assistance in carrying on the work so well begun. Members promised to send literature to help in the work. Letter received from the National Council of Women, re the re-affiliation of the Union with that body. It was resolved not to affiliate. The President gave an interesting account of the District Union held at Masterton, and also urged members to watch carefully the developments in connection with the "Amended Child Welfare Act," also the "Domestic Court." Decided to hold the Cradle Roll Party on the afternoon of November 18th, and the annual meeting on the evening of the same day.

FOXTON.

October. Social afternoon on behalf of the Willard Home. The attendance was good, and quite a number of parcels of clothing, bottles of jam, etc., were received; also donations of money. It was agreed that a delegate be appointed to attend District Executive. A very enjoyable afternoon was brought to a close with the Benediction.

RAI VALLEY.

October. 11 members present. Report of the Blenheim Convention by Miss Leav, and correspondence dealing with representations sent forward by the Union regarding Licen-

sing Legislation, which had been noted for consideration. Members were asked to contribute a garment, if possible to help the inmates of the Willard Home. Letters were read from the Secretary of the Wairau Hospital Board in answer to representations made to the Board by the Union, regarding the need of a nurse in the District. As the replies were distinctly sympathetic, it was decided to meet the Board's Representatives at Flat Creek, on Thursday, October 21st, where it was hoped that the settlers would be able to attend. A paper was read on the work of the Union in New Zealand. Thursday, November 4th, was decided upon as a Gift Afternoon. During the latter part of August, Miss Buris visited the District, and gave a most interesting lecture in the Carlske Hall, and the ladies who attended were well repaid for their journey. Afternoon tea served.

BRIGHTON.

October 21. Attendance fair; Mrs Bellamy presiding. A letter of congratulations was received from the North Canterbury Union, on the recent Convention held in New Brighton. The School Committee wrote thanking the members for managing the Tea Rooms at the Flower Show. The annual Temperance Essays for the school children will this year be set for Standards 2 and 3. Decided to hold the Temperance Parade, Sunday, November 21st, in the Methodist Church. Comprehensive reports were given by the delegates to Convention, Mesdames Farmer and Holloway, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them. Maori Day was celebrated by the reading of a very fine paper, written by the Rev. A. J. Seamer, entitled "Ourselves and our Maori Fellow-Citizens."

SAWYER'S BAY.

September 28. Home meeting at the home of Mrs Aburn; thirteen present. Mrs Don gave a quiet talk on how we could each use our influence by just talking prohibition among our friends, and by making the issue a matter of prayer. Then followed a discussion on the two-issue Ballot Paper. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mrs Aburn for the very nice afternoon tea she had provided.

October 19. Mrs Pratley occupied the chair. Members repeated the Pledge. Mrs Polson sent in two newspaper cuttings, one on the danger of the fruit drink that was being offered to our young people.

N.E. VALLEY.

October. Good attendance; Mrs Peart, President, presided. Correspondence was read from the Department of Justice in reply to our letter re our nomination of Mrs G. B. Elliott for this district. Also, an invitation from the South Dunedin branch to a social meeting on the 2nd Thursday in November. This being "Maori Mission" Day, Mrs Nicholson kindly gave a most interesting talk on her visit to the Maoris of the North Island, telling how the work of the Missionaries there was hindered by our own white people smuggling in alcoholic liquors. She told us of some very heroic work done by Sister Jessie, Sister Mary, and by Sister Edith, in their endeavours to save the Maoris from the evils of the drink. A collection was taken up for the Maori Mission, and the meeting closed with prayer.

PETONE.

October 20. A nice number of ladies were present; Mrs Murgatroyd in the chair. Mrs Piner soloed nicely, followed by a recitation, then Mrs McAlpine gave a solo which was much appreciated. Miss Avison was called on for a speech, and told us something of her travels round Rotorua. Master Ken Ferguson sang, and Mrs Battersby gave a reading, after which afternoon tea was served. An amusing little competition was held, and Mrs Barrow carried off the prize.

October 5. Mrs Cole presiding. Two letters from Miss Kirk were read. Mrs Battersby read from a paper a report of Mr and Mrs Lill's Golden Wedding. Mrs Lill, being a sister of Mrs Corner's, who has been a member of our Union for many years; this was very interesting to all. Mrs Battersby then gave a splendid report of the District Convention at Masterton, to which she was our delegate. She commented upon the fact that during her stay there, she did not see any drunkenness, although she kept a sharp lookout for the same. Hearty vote of thanks to Mrs Battersby.

RICCARTON.

October 21. Monthly meeting took the form of a Drawing Room meeting, held at the residence of Mrs Swanson, Blenheim Road. Attendance small. Interesting address was given by Mrs Williams. Recitation by Mrs Brown greatly appreciated. Collection for Organising Fund.

FAIRLIE.

October. Meeting opened with praise and prayer. Mrs Wilcox presided over good attendance. Mrs Boag, President of S.E.E., addressed our meeting, giving a great account of the New Brighton Convention, and also giving a telling and good address on the aims and objects of the W.C.T.U., very very much enjoyed by all. Members promised to send parcel to Willard Home. Bring and Buy Social arranged for our next meeting, proceeds for our Union. Mrs Giddings provided afternoon tea, and meeting closed with a special vote of thanks to Mrs Boag, and usual ceremonies.

CARTERTON.

October 6. Mrs R. H. Every presided over a very good attendance. A letter from Mr Whincop, thanking the Union for a letter of sympathy. The reports of the recent Convention were given. Mrs Kennerley gave a most interesting paper of the Wednesday morning session of Convention, over which Mrs Evans presided. Miss Watson, who was one of the delegates, gave us Miss Kirk's address on "Plans of Work." Mrs Every then told us of some points that were learned at Convention. Home meetings were stressed which have been mentioned. Also Medical Temperance, which ought to be introduced at least once a quarter in the meetings, and instruction or reading on action of Alcohol at every meeting. Miss Bradshaw gave a most interesting talk on her experiences. The subject was "Opportunities," and she just urged one and all to take every opportunity, to show others the light and the way to help. Miss Bradshaw rendered a solo most effectively. The speaker was thanked for her address, and the meeting closed with prayer. Afternoon tea was dispensed, the Hostesses being Mrs Kennerley and Mrs Pepperell.

November 3. Mrs R. H. Every presided over a very good attendance. There was a good deal of business dealt with, and final arrangements were made for the District Executive. Decided to hold a Cradle Roll Afternoon on Wednesday, November 24th, in the Park, weather permitting, and the Superintendent was appointed to send out the invitations. Mrs Every spoke on the Organiser's work, Miss Bradshaw, who has been in the District for some weeks. The visit and work done has been very encouraging and helpful. Afternoon tea served.

SPREYDON.

October 12. Attendance good; Mrs Nairn presided. Convention report presented. Decided to hold next meeting on the first Wednesday in the month, and that it be the annual meeting. Mrs Nairn spoke briefly on the object of "Maori Day," for which a collection was taken. Mrs Walker elected Cradle Roll Superintendent.

November 3. Annual meeting. Mrs Nairn presided. Reports showed the Union to be active and financial. Mrs Nairn pleasingly reviewed the work of the past year. Election of officers as follows:—President, Mrs Nairn; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Smith, Petrie, Voss, Ray, Thomson, and Burley; Secretary, Mrs Ancall; Treasurer, Miss White; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Woodcock; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs Walker.

FENCOURT.

October 14. Mrs Simpson presided; fair attendance, several visitors present. Reports of the District Convention were received from the delegates. The President's report was specially interesting, and was followed keenly by all. A letter of greeting was read by the Secretary from the New Plymouth W.C.T.U. Secretary was instructed to reply to same and send greetings. The members expressed sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs S. Beer, by standing in silence for one minute. Suggested by the President we start a Cradle Roll, and Mrs S. Richard was appointed Cradle Roll Agent. We had our "White Ribbon" hymnals for the first time, all joining in the hymns heartily. Our very pleasant meeting closed with afternoon tea.

WARKWORTH.

September. As our membership has been increased by four members, Mesdames Don, Clarke, Verry, and Herbert there was an increased attendance. Mrs Phillips read an account of the Prime Minister's attitude towards gambling, having particular reference to the recent lotteries so much advertised. Mrs Smith read an extract from the White Ribbon. Mesdames Parsons, Clarke, and Herbert then spoke to the meeting, absolutely condemning all guessing competitions so familiar at various Church and Charity Bazaars. Mrs Green and Mrs Thompson were inclined to regard the weight guessing competitions as a harmless and legitimate way of raising money.

The October meeting was well-attended. A motion proposed by Mrs H. I. Phillips, that in order to lessen the influence of gambling upon the young, the members of the Warkworth Branch of the W.C.T.U. discourage the use of Art Unions, Lotteries, and Guessing Competitions for obtaining funds, even for worthy objects. Our left-off clothing parcel will be made up this month, and sent to Sister Esther.

NAPIER.

October 5. Good attendance. The action of the Union in taking over control of their Hall was approved, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Leask, who so tactfully led the whole business through. Members were asked to be on the look-out for members from other Unions who might be visiting Napier. Decided to hold a Jumble Sale in aid of "Willard Home," Palmerston North. Mrs Hull gave a report of District Convention; this showed a steady advance and hope for further extension. The President's address was unique and has been fully reported in White Ribbon. Mrs Brocklehurst gave a paper on how the "Franchise" was won. Both received a vote of thanks.

November 3. The President sold all surplus crockery and cutlery most satisfactory, everything is going well under the new Management Committee, a very satisfactory balance being in hand. Napier had the honour of having the District Executive here on October 27th, when Mrs Wilson, of Hastings, presided, owing to an accident to the Secretary, Mrs Duckworth. The meeting was not so well represented as it should have been, notices not having been sent out in time. Jumble Sale in aid of Willard Home, Palmerston North, resulted in a cheque of £9 being sent, also a parcel of left-over clothes being sent to Whakaki for the Maori children. Letters of thanks were received from both. Vote of sympathy with Mrs McKecknie. Mrs Ingram gave a paper on "Woman's Psychological Characteristics."

WAIMATE.

October 13. 22 members were present. Mrs Duckett gave an inspiring address on "Sacrifice." A vote of sympathy was passed with a member suffering bereavement, the members standing in silence. Mrs Hirst was thanked for a very liberal supply of flowers sent to the Hospital, where they are much appreciated by the sick. Miss McCarthy gave her report of visit to Convention, laying great stress on the care of Youth, noting that Y. Branches are on the increase, and the need for the Cradle Roll. A short discussion of the Licensing Bill. Being "Maori Day," the collection for the day was added to that fund. A Market Day was arranged to be held on the 16th October, and proved a decided success, a substantial cheque being added to the W.C.T.U. Funds.

BLLENHEIM.

November 2. A successful and well-attended "Pay Up" Social was held, Mrs McCallum presiding. After the usual routine of business was put through. Mrs J. Stewart and Mrs McCallum gave interesting papers on Maori work. A short discussion followed. Songs and pianoforte solos were rendered by the Misses McCallum and Jackson. Afternoon tea was handed round by the Committee.

STRATFORD.

October 2. Annual Pay Up Social; Mrs Phillips, our President, took the chair; fair attendance. The President read a very interesting paper on the early history of New Zealand, and the work of the Missionaries

among the Maoris in the early days. A collection in aid of Maori work was taken up. Several items were given and were much appreciated. Afternoon tea was dispensed.

HASTINGS.

October. Good attendance. Mrs Banks presided. Mrs Sutherland spoke on "Communion with Christ the Secret of Power." Pledge repeated. Scientific fact—Alcohol reduces the working power and ability of the worker. Illustrated by examples conducted by the late Sir Frederick Treves. Mrs Banks read report of District Convention, and was accorded hearty vote of thanks for same. Mrs Paul gave report "Old Folks at Home," held last month, also "Y." report which, though the membership was good, showed a very poor attendance. It being "Maori Day," Mrs Banks outlined the work of this department as undertaken throughout the Dominion. Collection amounted to 10s. A resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs M. Martindale was carried, Mrs Martindale having for many years been a member of the Union.

INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

October 12. Business relating to the Convention to be held on 3rd November was attended to. Matters in connection with a proposed "Bring and Buy" Sale were discussed, also the Annual Temperance Essay Competition. Two delegates were appointed to meet the District Officers re arranging a Farewell Tea to Matron Stubbs, of St. Helen's Hospital. The resignation of the Treasurer, Mrs Thompson, was accepted with regret.

KAIAPOI.

September 29. Mrs Vickery in the chair. We were favoured by a visit from Miss Harband, who chose as the subject of her address, "Mr Charrington," the man who relinquished a fortune because it was derived from a brewery, and took up work in the slums of London, much on the same lines as Miss A. Weston, among the Blue Jackets.

October 27. Received the Conference report from Mrs Barnard, and Mrs White read an interesting and instructive paper on the League of Nations. A vote of thanks was passed to both ladies. The next meeting is to be held on December 1st, so all members can be present as it is the annual meeting and Election of Officers.

RANGIORA.

October 29. Mrs Thwaites presided over a good attendance. The Scientific Temperance reading was from the "White Ribbon"—"Facts Against Alcohol." The President reported that a good meeting at which Mrs Richards was speaker, had been held at Waikuku. A paper written by Rev. A. J. Seamer on "Ourselves and our Maori Fellow-Citizens," as well as three letters from Deaconesses working among the Maoris in the North Island were read, and it was decided to forward to these workers a parcel of picture books and pictures for distribution among the Maori children.

TIMARU.

October 26. "Maori Day." Welcome to two visitors, members and a member who has come to live in Timaru. Correspondence read from Area Organiser of New Zealand Alliance, from Miss Henderson re Mrs Taylor's visit to Timaru; also from Miss Henderson, letter and articles on Social Hygiene, and from Secretary to the Mission to the Blind in Heathen and Bible Lands, thanking Union for donation and conveying news of the passing of the Founder of the Mission, Mr Robert Byers. Hospital visited regularly. Mr Woodward reported four overseas vessels, 99 visitors paying about 265 visits. A Sunday Tea and Service attended by 40 women, held for S.S. Ionic; and Social on Monday well-attended. Meeting decided to help newly-formed Y.W.C.A. with its Hostel Building Fund, by holding a Garden Party on Thursday, November 4th. Sister Flora, of Presbyterian Maori Mission, gave an interesting address on the Health, Habits and Ideals of the Maori Race. She was eagerly listened to, and accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

October 12. "Children's Day" well-attended by mothers and children and members.

Mrs Pasley extended a warm welcome to mothers and visitors. Mrs Fairbairn, District President, conducted the business part of the meeting. It was announced from the chair that the Annual District Convention will be held on November 3rd, in St. John's Hall, when Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, will preside. Four delegates, Mrs McGregor, Mrs Dewe, Mrs Reidy, and Miss McCallum were appointed to attend. Mrs McGregor read a paper from Mrs Peryman, who desires a wider circulation of the "White Ribbon." Mrs Pasley gave an impressive address to mothers, and four new members were enrolled. Each child present received a gift. Mrs Porter and Mrs Strang pleased their listeners with a solo and recitation respectively, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker and performers. Afternoon tea was served.

RAETIHI.

Oct. 8. The President spoke on the subject of our Franchise and also read a paper, "What have we done with the Franchise." Members felt inspired to make full use of their power at the Poll. Officers were elected: President, Mrs W. H. Sandford, Duncan Street; Treasurer, Mrs Griffen, Seddon Street; Secretary, Mrs Godby, "Te Rang," Ballance Street; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Scarrow, F. Pederson, Houghton, Keucke and Dewar; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Ford, Seddon Street; L.T.L. Superintendent, Miss Scarrow, Valley Road; Entertainment Superintendent, Mrs Larsen, Ward Street.

TAURANGA.

Oct. 22nd. President in chair, good attendance. Apologies were sent by Mrs Horn, Teasy, and Tutchon. Several more sub's. were paid. Decided to distribute a packet of "The Challenge" to the different Sunday Schools. Decided to send the balance of the Band of Hope money, amounting to £1 18s to help swell the funds of the Alliance. Paid Mrs Foxcroft 3/- for the copy of the White Ribbon for the Town Library. Refreshments were handed round, and Mrs Black closed the meeting with prayer.

BIRKENHEAD.

Oct. 21st. Mrs Allen presided. Letters were read. Greetings were sent to Tauranga. Members promised to attend the Prohibition League "Round Table Talk" on Nov. 3rd. A letter of sympathy to be sent to Mrs Taylor on the death of her grand daughter. A report of District Convention was read, and discussion followed. Afternoon Tea was dispensed by Miss Carter.

MIRAMAR.

Oct. 12th. Fair attendance. Mrs Evans presiding. After reports from delegates to N.Z. Alliance, and W.C.T.U. Convention had been received and discussed, an interesting paper was read on, "Ourselves and our Maori Fellow Citizens," discussion followed and satisfaction was expressed at the appointment of a Maori Organiser. A collection was taken up for the Maori work.

GREYTOWN.

October 27. Eleven members present; Miss Oates in chair. A letter of thanks was received from Mrs Birdsall, Treasurer of Willard Home for parcel of clothing and money. Mrs Anker's report of Alliance Convention was read and was most interesting. Miss Bradshaw, District Organiser, spoke to us on the opportunities that women have, also urging to hold Home meetings. A vote of thanks passed to Miss Bradshaw.

MAUNGATUROTO.

October 20. At Mrs Pasley's house, eight members present. Mrs Bycroft took the chair for first time. Correspondence dealt with. Paper received from New Zealand Alliance re proposed amendments to Licensing Act. Decided to hold Children's Day in November, in Manse grounds. Discussion took place re Maori Day, and Secretary was asked to write to Headquarters for information. Afternoon tea was partaken of.

TE KOPURU.

October 14. Mrs A. Webb presided. Mrs Fulljames gave us a very inspiring address on the Workings of the Union. We were very grateful to her for her valuable suggestions and helpful remarks. She quite filled us with enthusiasm for getting new

members. "A One for One Campaign." We are trying to do it too. Her lesson that the weakest of us can do something to help the cause along is very true. Mrs Hodges is kindly giving an address at our next meeting. We were delighted to have two new members initiated by Mrs Fulljames. Fifteen ladies were present. Afternoon tea served. (A hearty welcome to our columns for this new Union.—Ed. W.R.)

LOWER HUTT.

October 27. 17 members being present. The President in the chair. Decided to hold our annual meeting on the 24th of November, also to hold a Social Afternoon on the 18th November. Our annual Sale of Cakes, etc., to be held on Friday, 3rd of December, and at the same time to collect the clothing, toys, and books for the Willard Home. Mrs Routley was appointed our representative to the Executive meeting at Carterton. Mrs Heyes was our representative at the meeting of the Mothers' League. Mrs Evans gave us a very interesting talk on the "Endowment of Motherhood" and Family Allowances, showing how the idea is to help the children and mothers. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Evans, after which afternoon tea was served.

HENDERSON.

October 20. Fair attendance, many were unable to come owing to sickness among the children. Mrs Platt presided, and Mrs Fulljames was our visitor. Our President announced the time of Convention would be late in March, 1927. Decided to give 1/- per member from funds towards Convention expenses. We are to have our "Mothers' Day" early in December, and are asking Mrs Cook to visit us and speak on "Bible-in-Schools." Mrs Fulljames then gave us a very interesting talk about her visit and work among the Maoris. We were all filled with the thought of how little we do when compared to some of the workers that she has met from time to time, in lonely places where they have had to "make" their opportunities, yet have done great work in getting members of their Unions and extending our work. A visitor like Mrs Fulljames is most helpful and inspiring. We thank her for coming so far, and trust it will help us every one to be more earnest and energetic in getting new members. After her talk, Mrs Fulljames initiated two new members, who were welcomed by all singing the Temperance Dextology. Afternoon tea was served. Annual meeting next month in Methodist Church.

ONEHUNGA.

October. Mrs Stacey presided. A letter of thanks received from Willard Home for clothing. Our President gave a very full, interesting report of District Convention. A paper on "Gambling" written by Miss Henderson was read, and greatly appreciated by members.

WAVERLEY.

October. Mrs Wall presiding. Decided to supply those using the Rest Room with tea for 6d. Also decided to hold a day early in November, in aid of the Willard Home and the Seamen's Rest in New Plymouth.

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Y. P AGE

*"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."*

W.C.T.U. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The Inglewood Union has a Sunday School at Kamiro. The following account of a Violet Day held in connection with it was written by one of the boys, and tells of the good time they had:—

VIOLET DAY.

On the 1st of September the Kamiro Sunday School children went down to Mrs Bond's place to pick violets for the Hospital. It was very kind of her to let us go there to pick violets. There were twenty-one children and nine White Ribboners who kindly came to our picnic.

The children were all kind to each other, and played happily together all the time. After we had played football for a time, we went upon a big hill to play. Mr Mundt went "hee" for Keney Senie. He used to catch us as we ran down the hill. If he caught us we had to go for our lives back to the top of the hill again. After we had been playing for a while the girls brought us up some apples and biscuits, which were bought for us by the White Ribboners.

After we had a nice meal of biscuits and apples, we played throwing apple cores at each other. I had the best fun of my life that day. Then Miss Ralph came and told us to put on our coats and go picking violets for the Children's Ward in the Hospital.

We had lollies bought for us by the White Ribboners, who afterwards made us a beautiful hot cup of cocoa, while we also had cakes, oranges, biscuits, and hot pie. We should remember the kindness of the W.C.T.U. people as long as we live. We also thank Mrs Young very much for making us such a beautiful cake, which was made of currants, with icing over the top, with beautiful paper around the sides of it; it also had four violets to remind us that it was Violet Day. There was a daffodil in the middle of it, with two white doves facing it.

For there's not another gathering of people that can beat the White Ribboners. I say, "Long live the White Ribboners."

P.S.—I must not forget to say that Mrs Young presented each child with a lead pencil.

—From Ernie Peters.

Y.P.C.T.U.

(Young People's Christian Temperance Union).

Y.P.C.T.U. initial,

Words with meaning very special.

Here meet Youth of both persuasions,
Claiming no denominations.

C for Christian: Christ the Lord
Is the Leader, through His Word,
Members have a privilege,
Joining by the Temperance pledge.

"Union" indicates a band
Organised throughout this land,
And by many another tide
(For this movement is world-wide),

Having acumen to see

Alcohol's an enemy,

Taken as a beverage

To the person average.

It contains, as chemists count,

Of real food a scant amount,

Yet it's very, very plain

'Tis a poison to the brain,

So by plainest common-sense

This predicament immense

Of ensuring moderation

In the rising generation

Is to have no alcohol

Used as beverage at all,

And to carry out this plan

Means the placing of a ban

On the trade that caters drink

To the chap who doesn't think,

Thus the Y.P.C.T.U.

Sees the drinking revenue

Turned to uses elevating;

Better men and homes creating

By the vote they mean to cast

For a country clean at last.

—From Pleasant Point "Y" Journal.



DAY BY DAY.

When the early morning dawned
Did I pray
For the cause, and ask the Lord
What to say?
When I made another friend,
Did I win out in the end,
And another recruit send
To the fray?

It is one by one that tells,

Did I try

Just to say the word, and raise
Interest high?

Did I talk of other things,
Just forgetting time has wings?

'Tis the loyal heart that sings
By-and-bye!

—Ethel L. Piper.

A VISIT TO KING GEORGE V. HOSPITAL.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, ROTORUA.

Through the kindness of the S.S. Superintendent, I was invited to speak to the infantile paralysis children in their Sunday School at the hospital. Sixteen girls and boys of varying ages were present, and we had a happy time. Some of the little ones have grown from babyhood in the Hospital, and are very happy, and quite at home. It was beautiful to hear them lisping the children's hymns, and the attention

during the lesson was perfect. Books and little text cards were distributed, and these treasures were carried off to be shared by their little friends in the cots. A visit was paid to the children's wards, where a wonderfully happy and orderly atmosphere pertains.

MABLE WALKER WILLEBRANDT.

One of the best known, best loved, and best hated women in the U.S.A. is this fine woman lawyer. She spoke at W.C.T.U. Conventions, and the following is taken from an American paper:—

"Then that outstanding woman in America's civic life, Mable Walker Willebrandt, Assistant Attorney-General of the United States.

"She who handles the big cases in one of the most important divisions of the United States Department of Justice, including the enforcement of the Prohibition laws and taxes, having in charge all litigation arising in the 88 Federal districts of the United States and island possessions.

"When Mrs Willebrandt, one of the youngest women lawyers in the country, won a 45,000,000dol. suit for the Government, and smashed the largest 'Rum Ring' in the South, it was an event of national importance in the annals of American jurisprudence.

"She is the star of first magnitude of the law enforcement horizon, as she has kept up a steady drive, exposing and indicting ring after ring. All of which has taken great courage, great persistence, and incalculable energy.

"While Mrs Willebrandt has spoken at National W.C.T.U. Conventions in other sections, this will be her first speech in this State, possibly in the South, but that 'Rum Ring' once at Savannah knows that it will not be the first time her influence has been exerted for Prohibition in Georgia and the South.

"Her official activities in regard to Prohibition enforcement have earned for her the titles—The Nemesis of the bootleggers—Uncle Sam's Chief Woman Sleuth—Heroine of a Hundred Legal Battles—A Doughty Portia."

ADVICE FROM MELBA.

Madame Melba, in her Book of Instructions, just issued, says: "You must be well in order to sing well. Cocktails and cigarettes must not even be in a singer's vocabulary."

GUN BARRELS AND BEER BARRELS.

"Gun barrels and beer barrels should be in museums," said a prominent minister in England recently.

War and drink are two of the great enemies of mankind, destroying lives and bringing sadness to millions.

Y REPORTS.

CAMBRIDGE.

October 12. There were 9 members present, and after the usual opening, we had a debate on 'The use of Alcohol as a Medicine.' The negative side won easily on the judge's decision. After a few word games supper was served.

INVERCARGILL.

October 4. The President presided. The business of the meeting was then discussed, also Remits for District Convention, to be held on November 3rd. A Jumble Sale held during the last month brought in a fair sum for our Union. A letter was read from Mrs Young, wishing the Union every success in the coming year. Mrs Challis, who has rendered valuable assistance to the Union by giving very interesting addresses on First Aid, concluded her talks by giving a very interesting address on "Things we can do without the Aid of a Doctor." In appreciation of her services to the Union, the President presented Mrs Challis with a small token of remembrance.

HASTINGS.

October 14. Small attendance, Miss Beale in chair and conducted devotional exercises. Each member read a paper and sewed articles for the W.C.T.U. Orphanage, Palmerston North. Report of sick visiting. A vote of sympathy to Mr Currie, whose mother had recently passed away. Decided to hold Mock Wedding and Annual Meeting in November to close the year. Decided to send a donation to the W.C.T.U. Headquarters Building Fund, Wellington.

NEW BRIGHTON.

October 8. Well-attended meeting presided over by the President, Mrs Mitchell. Decided that our Annual effort for raising funds should this year take the form of a Cobweb Evening instead of the usual concert. Reports of the Provincial Convention were given by Miss B. Nelson and the President. One of the members read a few very interesting chapters of the Life of Frances Willard.

AUCKLAND.

November 4. The President, Miss A. M. McLay presided over a good attendance of members and friends. The meeting opened with a hymn. Miss C. M. McLay, our late President, now Dominion Organizer for the W.C.T.U., read the Scripture Lesson and led in prayer. A splendid programme of solos and recitations was rendered, and then Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a talk on her observations of "Prohibition in America." A competition and prizes brought to a close a very enjoyable evening. Supper was provided by some of the ladies.

HAMILTON.

This Union was formed on August 10th, at a meeting addressed by Miss McLay. On August 23rd, a Social was held, followed by a meeting. Miss McLay presided. The following Officers were elected:—President, Miss G. McKenzie; Secretary, Miss A. E. Watson; Treasurer, Miss L. Fear. We have had two meetings since then, on September 27th and November 1st. The membership is 12, but all are enthusiastic and interested in the work, and we are hoping for more members and wider activities next year.

N.Z. W.C.T.U. Literature.

General: Mrs Mowlem, 52 Russell Terrace, Wellington South.

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

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

These prices include postage.

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

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

BAND OF MERCY.

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

BAND OF HOPE.

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

Cradle Roll: Mrs Waddell, Private Bag, Waitara.

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

Eighth Year Certificates, 2/- per doz.

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

Men, Women and God, 4/6—A discussion of Sex Questions from the Christian standpoint; Maternity without Suffering, 3/-; Way Book of Youth, 2/-; How I Was Born, 3d; 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.

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Sample Packets, 1/- each.

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OUR PLEDGE.

(By J.F.).

All through the Dominion, as our members gather for their monthly meeting our Pledge is being re-affirmed, standing all together, we repeat our promise of total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, and our purpose to employ all proper means to discourage the use and traffic in the same. And then, we pledge ourselves to work and pray till death or victory in the name of Jehorah, who has said: "Certainly, I will be with thee."

Seven thousand women who have made this promise, from which there is no going back, from which nothing but death or victory can release us!!! Do we glory in it? We have put our hand to the plough, there can be no turning back, no looking behind.

For the past thirty-three years we have sought through the Poll to bring in the prohibition of the Liquor Traffic, and so far, we have failed. We have worked and we have spent money, thousands and thousands of pounds, and the Trade has worked and spent more money, and at both games they can beat us. The question for us to face now, as women, is, why have we failed? It is not because the Trade can spend more than we can, nor is it because of any legal handicap. It is not because we have not yet earned success? God's laws are just "Whatever a man soweth that shall he reap." Somehow, somewhere, we have not sown the right seed.

Since the last Poll, it has been increasingly borne in upon some of us, the members of the Women's Temperance Union, and remembering our Pledge, we ask, where have our prayers failed? Maude Royden, in "Prayer as a Farce," says in reference to unanswered prayers, that we do get our desires. Our motives are often so mixed, we ask for one thing and really want another, like the Pharisees at the street corners. Do we know that what we want is Abolition, and Prohibition may not be the best means to that end?

Woman's work is not fighting, her work should not be breaking down or destroying, but building up, creating. "Resist not evil, but overcome evil with good." When we attack any evil and fight it, we arouse all the opposing forces, but if we cultivate the opposite virtue, we draw to our aid all the forces for good.

So we may, by our prayer and our desire, first in our own minds and later in the world around us, create the things we truly desire. In this way let us see the vision of a clean land, where what are now traps for unwary feet are turned to useful purposes, shops and offices where there are now open bars, factories instead of breweries, and a people from whom the desire for strong drink has departed. To some, this may seem a vague, foolish way to work, but to those who realise the tremendous power of united thought and who are weary with the fruitless battle, it will come as a haven of rest and shelter.

In regard to prayer, there may be some who have not yet realised that petition is not the highest form of prayer. If a child never came to his father, except to ask for something, could there be much real love or affection between them. Our Father has given us freely over and over what we can desire, He is always pouring out everything we can need. So, let our prayers be thanks and praise for all He has done, and let us in turn, give out to all around us, good and bad alike, something of what we have received. Let us remember, that in everyone there is the divine spark, hidden it may be under much that to us seems evil. When we met those whose first impression on us is that of selfish indulgence, let us forget it and say, almost though we spoke aloud, "You do not desire this thing, in your heart you hate it." Knowing that this is absolutely true, no soul, however depraved, but longs to be freed from it thralldom. Our work as women is to loose the prisoners.

When we sit in condemnation of others and blame them for their failure, we rouse the evil and bring it to the surface, when we call to the good in them we help them upward.

Shall our noontide be a time of vision?

"When you have started forth towards your vision,

When you have counted up the gain and loss;

When you have faced the old, old world,

Its tale of all endeavour lost.

Then, then, the joy of battle surges in you,

The splendour of the quite unequal strife,

And all the strength of brain and sinew,

Proclaims that you shall win, and this is life."

Let us see visions! Let us dream dreams till our visions and our dreams come true.

HELPFUL ADVICE GIVEN TO WANGANUI E. BRANCH.

"If at any time we are prone to wonder whether we are making headway in our fight against the liquor traffic, let us remember that we have the word of the 'Chicago Daily News' for the statement that the Washingtonian Home in Chicago, which cared for 4682 patients every year for sixty years before Prohibition came into effect, has had less than that number for the entire period covered by the last five years, and is now prepared to discontinue its ward for alcoholics, and devote its efforts to general hospital work, and that the Board is in search of some other line of humanitarian work in which it can help."

Let us remember that according to a London physician, under a wide open policy, seven out of every ten beds in London hospitals are occupied by victims of drink.

India is reported as having reduced her consumption of liquor in a time of prosperity.

Let us take heart for all these and the countless other signs of the times that point toward victory; let us give thanks for what has been accomplished, and with new determination let us resolve upon the final destruction of every vestige of the liquor traffic in this country.

APITI, 1st Thursday, in Presbyterian Church, at 2 p.m. Pres., Mrs Murray; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gill, Webster, and Courant; Sec., Miss F. Malcolm; Treas., Mrs Gould; W.R. Agent, Miss McKenzie.

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

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.

AUCKLAND, second Tuesday, Central Mission Hall, Albert Street. Devotional meeting, 2.15 p.m. Pres., Mrs Cook, 17 Esplanade Road, Mt. Eden; Cor. Sec., Miss N. Dewar, Pompallier Terrace, Ponsonby; Rec. Sec., Mrs J. W. Taylor, Sentinel Road, Ponsonby; Treas., Mrs Dowling, 6 Pompallier Terrace; W.R. Agent, Miss Hill, Russell Cres., Ellerslie.

AUCKLAND Y's, 1st Thursday each month, 7.30 p.m., in Mrs Lee-Cowie's Gospel Temperance Hall, East Street. Pres., Miss 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. Cations, John Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. R. R. Gregor, Glasgow Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. Geggie, Rosebank; Treas., Miss Tosh, Teshvale; W.R. Agent, Mrs. E. McLean, Renfrew Street.

BIRKENHEAD, 3rd Thursday, at 2 p.m. Methodist Classroom. Pres., Mrs. Jory; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Todd, The Cres; Cor. Sec., Miss R. Bayman, Arawa Street; Treas. and W.R. Agent, Miss R. Le Roy, Lytton Street, Devonport.

BLENHEIM, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Wesley Hall. Pres., Mrs. W. Grigg, The Parsonage; Sec., Mrs. Smith, Brookstreet, Springlands; Treas., Mr. T. Pike, Literature, Mrs. Wass; Rest and Refreshment, Mrs. A. W. Jackson; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. Pike, Cradle Roll, Mrs. A. Mills.

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

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

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; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. Tyler; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Pepperell; W.R. Agent, Miss Watterson.

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

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

DUNEDIN, 1st Tuesday, 2.45 p.m., Baptist S. School, Hanover Street; Pres., Mrs. Hiett, 11 Duke Street; Cor. Sec., Miss W. Powell, 120 Cliffs Rd. St. Clair; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Douglas, 35 Brighton St., Kaikorai; Treas., Mrs. Macartney, 27 Maller St., Mornington; Parliamentary Supt., Mrs. Downing, Anderson's Bay; W.R. Agent, Miss Nicol; Maori, Mrs. Romeril; Flower Mission, Mrs. Bennett; Juvenile Work, Mrs. Gain; Cradle Roll, 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 Maller St., Mornington, Dunedin; Sec., Mrs. Williamson, 42 Beach St., St. Clair, Dunedin; Treas., Mrs. Williams, 39 Nelson St., South Dunedin; W.R. Agent, Mrs. J. Shacklock, 6 Catherine St., Caversham.

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

ELTHAM, meets 1st Friday, 2.30 p.m., in Methodist Schoolroom, King Edward Street. Pres., Mrs. Morrison; Sec., Mrs. Birkett, Mountain Road; Treas., Mrs. Reynolds, Conway Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Streeter, Long 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. Pirretti; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Hood; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Campbell; Literature Supt., Miss Katterfeldt; Evangelical Supt., Mrs. Tucker.

EDEN, 3rd Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Methodist Schoolroom, Dominion Road. Pres., Mrs. Fenton, 66 Grange Road; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Gaulton and Auld; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. W. A. Clark, 129 Balmoral Road; Treas., Mrs. Merson, 552 Mt. Eden Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Cartwright, 315 Dominion Road.

FAIRLIE, 2nd Wednesday, Presbyterian Sunday School Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Wilcox; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Wilcox, Howden, and Pickering, Fairlie; Treas., Mrs. Hammond, Fairlie; Sec., Mrs. C. H. Holland, Sherwood Downs, Fairlie; W.R. Agent, Miss Burt, Fairlie.

FEILDING, 1st Thursday, 2.30 p.m., St. Paul's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Pack, Sandhills Street; Sec., Miss Watt, 17 Grey Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Darragh, Gibson, Beattie and Tunnicliff; Treas., Mrs. McIntyre, Box 11; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. Martin, Manchester Street; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Whisker, Kawa Kawa Road; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs. Tremain.

GORE, Baptist Church, 4th Tuesday, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. E. C. Smith; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Donald, Rhodes, Stewart; Sec., Mrs. J. Harper; Cor. Sec., Mrs. G. Mirams; Treas., Mrs. McAskill; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Stephenson; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. T. Stevenson.

GREYTOWN, last Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., Presbyterian Sunday School. Pres., Miss Oates; Vice-Pres., Mrs. 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, 118 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, 1st Thursday, Wesley Class Rooms, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. M. Jones, 52 Te Aroha Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Johnson and Seccombe; Treas., Mrs. E. J. Davey, London Street; Sec., Mrs. Stephenson Craig, Peachgrove Road; W.R. Agent, Miss Alexander, River Road; Advisory Supt. of Cradle Roll, Miss Ambury.

HENDERSON, 3rd Wednesday, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches alternately, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Platt, North Road; Vice-Pres., Mrs. W. Wright, and Mrs. Forsen Stuart; Sec., Mrs. Mackay; Treas., Mrs. Williams; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. Williams; W.R. Agent, Miss K. Duncan; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Fenney, Waahi, Hamlet.

HASTINGS, 4th Thursday, Meth. Y.M. Hall, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Banks, Southampton Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Fawcett, Paul, and Hughes; Sec., Mrs. Wilson, P.O. Box 273; Treas., Mrs. Boshier, Pakowhai Road; White Ribbon Agents, Mesdames Paul and Murtagh.

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

INVERCARGILL Y's, meet the first Monday in each month, in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Tay Street, at 7.30 p.m. Pres., Miss M. Dawson, North Road; Rec. Sec., Miss J. E. Seed, Glenfoyle, Richmond Grove; Cor. Sec., Miss A. Sherriffs, Bowmont Street; Treasurer, Miss A. Matheson, Rugby Street; White Ribbon Supt., Miss T. Dawson, North Road; Assistant, Miss McCallum, Yarrow St., E. Invercargill; Y. Supt., Mrs. Norman James, Robertson Street, 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. Langskall, 88 Melbourne St.; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Brown, King St; Cradle Roll, Mrs. Fraser, Ellis Rd.

KAIAPOI, meets in Methodist Sunday School last Wednesday in every month. Pres., Mrs. Vickery, Fuller Street; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Rinaldi, Sewell Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs. Morland, Raven Street; Treas., Mrs. Chapman, Kaiapoi Rural Mail; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs. Stanton, North Road.

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

MAUNGATUROTO, 3rd Wednesday, in Forester's Hall. Pres., Mrs. Bycroft, The Manse; Sec. and Treas., Mrs. Pasley Senr; W.R. Agent, Miss Healey.

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

MAYFIELD, 3rd Thursday, alternately at Ruapuna and Mayfield. Pres., Mrs. Williams, Anama; Sec., Mrs. J. D. Murdock, Mayfield; Treas., Mrs. W. Millar, Mayfield; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Thos. Corbett, Mayfield.

MORRINSVILLE, meets 2nd Tuesday, in Methodist Vestry. 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 Inellis Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. A. Morton, Fort's Street.

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

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

NELSON Union, 2nd. Tuesday, Methodist Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Miss Atkinson, Brougham Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Knapp, Field, Watson, Walker; Treas., Miss F. Cooke, Examiner Street; L.T.L., Mrs. Moyes, Grove Street; Y's., Miss K. Moyes, Grove Street; W.R. Agent, Miss Doris Wilkinson, Examiner Street.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAHIATUA, first Thursday in month, Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. J. D. Wilson; Treas., Mrs. O. Johnson, Victoria Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Rennie Riccarton Road; Hon. Sec., Miss M. Edmed, D.H. School.

PALMERSTON NORTH, 1st Friday, St. Andrew's Schoolroom, 3 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Young, No. 4 Line, Fitzherbert W., Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. G. Collins, 16 Amesbury St.; Rec. Sec., Mrs. T. R. Hodder, 9 Alan St.; Treas., Mrs. E. Watson, 13 Carroll St.; "White Ribbon" Supt., Mrs. J. Burrell, 28 Bourke St.

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

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

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

PLEASANT POINT, meets 1st Wednesday, at 3 p.m., Presbyterian Schoolroom. Pres., Miss Bishop, Pleasant Point; Sec., Mrs. S. Smith, Hazelburn; Treas., Miss C. G. Munro, Pleasant Point; W.R. Agent, Miss A. Neilson, Pleasant Point.

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. Oliver, 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. Cariton 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. Morgan Richards; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Penning and Winstone; Sec., Mrs. Lewis, (Croydon) Victoria Rd.; Treas., Miss Piper, East Coast Rd.; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs. Winstone; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Morgan.

TEMUKA, meets 1st Friday, 3 p.m. Pres., Nurse Cameron, c/o Mrs. Sims, Allnutt Street; Sec., Mrs. E. Blackmore, St. Leonard's; Treas., Miss E. Greaves, King Street; Rest Room Supt., Miss G. Hancox, King Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs. Wilson, c/o Bramwell Booth Boys' Home.

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

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

TINWALD, 2nd. Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. W. T. L. Willowby; Sec., Mrs. W. Hopwood, Carter Terr; Treas., Miss Turner.

WAIMATE, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Roy, De Creek, Waituna; Sec., Miss McCarthy, Sherman St; Treas., Mrs. Excell, Studholme St; "White Ribbon," Mrs. Graham, Rhodod Cradle Roll, Mrs. Vigers.

WAITARA, Knox Church 3rd Friday, 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, Mr. Hingley, Blake Street.

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

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

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

WANGANUI EAST, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs. A. Duxfield, Okola, Wanganui; Cor. Sec., Mrs. W. J. Andrew, "Lilybank," Westmead (Private Bag); Rec. Sec., Miss Sanson; Treas., Miss Francis Brown No. 3 Lins 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. L. 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., Mrs. Webb, 37 Hall Street; Treas., Mrs. 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., Meth. Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs. Goodall; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lochore, Lovatt, Adj. Viki Curtis and Woollaxal; 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. B. Jenkins, 9 Westby Street, Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs. W. T. Kelly, Garlands Road, Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs. T. W. West, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; W.R. Agent, Mrs. R. H. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa.

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