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## THE BACKWARD LOOK.

Is it wise to look behind? Opinions vary. The Great Apostle bids his favourite church "Forgetting the things that are behind, to press forward." The poet sings:

"Forward be our watchword,  
Seek the things before us,  
Not a look behind."

Though it may be unwise to look behind into the shadows of our past failures, and let them discourage us, still a wise general, after a campaign, carefully estimates his losses, looks for the reason for his failures, and turns his face to the future with a knowledge gained from the past which will make victory in the future more certain.

Our Dominion Union can look back and record a year of steady progress. Our District Unions have functioned more fully this year, District Conventions have been inspiring and helpful, and District Executives have helped to keep District officers in touch with smaller Unions, and to give help and encouragement to their local officers.

Along these lines future success lies. District officers in close touch with Dominion officers, so that all plans formed by Dominion Executive can be passed on to them, they in their turn being responsible for educative work in every local Union.

We have often wondered whether our members fully appreciate the self-sacrificing labours of our Organisers. This year we have been very fortunate in having Miss Bradshaw and Miss McLay at work since Convention, and for the last four months Miss Burls has

been working in the Nelson and Marlborough districts, breaking much new ground and forming new Unions at Ngatimoti, Takaka, Collingwood, Kaikoura, and Havelock.

Miss McLay, after a good deal of time spent in Waikato District, lately visited Opotiki and Bay of Plenty Districts. Owing to the homesteads being so scattered, it was not possible to organise Branches and arrange regular meetings.



WELLINGTON DISTRICT OFFICERS.  
Miss Oates, Mrs Evans, Mrs Anderson,  
Miss Kirk.

But both at Taneatua and Whakatane "White Ribbon" Agents were appointed, 22 new subscribers gained, and old subscriptions renewed. Mrs Keith, Goulstone Road, is Whakatane, and Mrs F. Yeomans Taneatua agent.

One most encouraging feature of the work this year has been the large number of subscriptions renewed in these scattered districts. Miss Bradshaw, both in Wairarapa and Manawatu Districts, visited all subscribers, and only

three failed to renew. This work should go on increasing in scattered places. Where women cannot be got together for educative meetings our paper keeps them in touch with all our many activities.

The following letter from the Wellington District President will be of interest to all, and the photos of organising party and President's car were taken by Mrs Pepperell and kindly sent on to us:—

Dear White Ribboners,—

Towards the end of October we were fortunate enough to have a visit from one of our Dominion Organisers, Miss Bradshaw.

Miss Bradshaw spent a week or more with the Carterton Union, when I was privileged to drive her, the President, Mrs Every, and Mrs Pepperill to Longbush to a meeting in the schoolroom.

After our Organiser had ably explained the aims and objects of the W.C.T.U., we were entertained with a very dainty afternoon tea, provided by the Longbush ladies. Several present became members of our Union, and others subscribers to the "White Ribbon."

The following Tuesday Miss Bradshaw came to Greytown and addressed the members at our usual monthly meeting, and remained with us until the District Executive meeting at Carterton on November 3rd and 4th.

She also gave the address at a very pleasant home meeting held at Miss Haigh's. Seven new "White Ribbon" subscribers and several new members were gained for the local Union as a result of her visit.

Miss Bradshaw was the guest of Mrs H. Morrison, "Glenmorven," and while



Miss Oates, Mrs Every, Miss Bradshaw.

here Miss Morrison motored her around Morrison's Bush, thus enabling Miss Bradshaw to get in touch with people whom it would have been impossible to reach otherwise.

As the Featherston Union has disbanded, Miss Bradshaw and I spent several days amongst the members and "White Ribbon" subscribers. We found a number of staunch supporters of the Prohibition cause, who were pleased to take our paper. Her visit to this part of the district has been very stimulating to the work of the W.C.T.U.

Miss Bradshaw was interested to note that after having been out all day we had travelled thirty miles on three quarters of a gallon of benzine, and

remarked that the Organisers could do double the work if provided with cars.

After District Executive meeting, Miss Bradshaw's hostess saw her safely on her way to Masterton, en route to Foxton and Manawatu district, where she is no doubt continuing the same good work.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year in the work of the Union.—Yours sincerely,

A. OATES.



Mrs Pepperell. Miss Oates (Wellington District President) and her car.

Briefly, what lessons can this past year teach us? The need of our Dominion, District and local Unions getting into yet closer touch with each other; the greater need for individual effort and the personal touch; greater devotion to our Master; more communion with Him; and over and above all, a firm, unwavering faith in the ultimate triumph of Right over Wrong.

We wish all our readers Christmas peace and joy and rest.

A Merry Christmas to one and all.

## GREETINGS OF THE CHRISTMAS-TIDE AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.

"God so loved that He gave."

"Oh, love, that will not let me go,  
I rest my happy soul on thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be."

"God commendeth His love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly." "God so loved the world that He gave." That is the essence of sacrifice! God gave.

The Fatherhood of God is the idea we should emphasise and remember. He loved—so He gave. He wanted to show a blind world the meaning of love. Only through a human manifestation could that be understood. He took upon Himself the form of man.

But it was to show the Father's love.

Because the Father is invisible, omnipotent, the "I am," we cannot so easily grasp the meaning of His Spirit. But "God is love." We say He is loving. We should rather think He is Love! and human language is, of course, inadequate. Pathetic and eloquent was the petition of a dear friend lately. "We're your bairns, Father," she pleaded. "You love us; you know our needs. We love Thee. Oh, Father, we're your bairns."

We cannot picture infinity. He is beyond the power of our human comprehension, and only through conscious faith can we come into touch with Him through the other Holy One in the glorious Trinity—the Holy Spirit. "He will take the things of God and reveal them unto us."

Lovingly your comrade,

BLANCHE READ JOHNSTON.

Hon. Secretary, W.C.T.U.

18 Cowan Avenue, Toronto, Canada.

Discussing the annual report of the Glasgow Savings Bank, the "Glasgow Herald," in a leading article, said: "It is true that the 'Drink Bill' helps in no inconsiderable manner to finance the country, and there are many who think it an equitable arrangement that the bookmaker, as well as the brewer and publican, should be made to stand and deliver a portion of his gains. But because we are compelled to tolerate the drink traffic, in spite of its wastefulness and other enormities, until the nation really awakens to the price it pays in death, disease and demoralisation for this toleration, it does not follow that we should, for the payment of 'blood money,' sanction a system that, almost equally with excessive drinking, is responsible for waste, criminality, and social disorganisation. Because we are carrying one parasite industry, is that any reason why, for merely sordid argument, we should carry two?"



## IN MEMORIAM.

A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MRS  
BAIRD.

On the 30th November, at her home, Spey Street, Invercargill, Mrs Baird, wife of the Rev. James Baird, was called Home to higher service in the house of many mansions, and the highest tribute that can be paid to her is that, although having reached the age of 83, her fellow-workers, in the many and varied activities in which she was engaged, wonder what they will do without her.

Mrs Baird was one of the foremost women in establishing the first branch of the W.C.T.U. in Invercargill, and was for 23 years President of the Victoria Home for friendless and erring girls. She also took an active part in the establishment of St. Helen's Hospital and was from its inception an active member of the Women's Auxiliary for patients' and prisoners' aid.

She was an ideal minister's wife, and the results of her life-long and devoted work in Church, Bible Class, Sunday School, and Missions only eternity will reveal.

Although failing health during the last eighteen months prevented her from active work, her interest in the many organisations never wavered, and the leaders unfailingly visited her and informed her of what had been done. Her wise counsel and advice were eagerly sought, and will be sorely missed by all associated with her in the social, philanthropic temperance, and religious activities of the community.

The President of District Union, Mrs Fairbairn, and Miss Birss visited her one Friday, and the following Friday she was laid to rest in God's Acre.

A large and representative gathering of women from W.C.T.U. and churches assembled to take part in the funeral services at the house. Rev. C. J. Tocker read the 14th chapter of John, and Mrs Fairbairn read the Crusade Psalm. The Southland District Union placed a large white ribbon bow on the casket, and many beautiful floral tributes from the different Unions and from the various church organisations, also personal friends, were received.

A guard of honour was formed by the women, who stood on each side of the path as the casket was carried from the residence.

A consecrated and devoted life has ended, leaving behind it a fragrance which will remain.

To the bereaved husband and family the sympathy of many who were privileged to know Mrs Baird will be extended.

## MRS BAIRD.—AN APPRECIATION.

I cannot say "the late Mrs Baird," for the idea of death in such a connection is unthinkable. Our promoted comrade is as **alive** as when she was amongst us, and, I doubt not, still taking as keen an interest as before in her many activities. She was for some years President of the Central Union, and specially interested in the Victoria Home, and though naturally of a retiring disposition would even speak up in Court to right a girl who had been wronged. Who can imagine that that keen intellect, that refined and sensitive spirit, could be even dimmed by casting off the "worn out fetter which the soul had broken and thrown away"? Mrs Baird was one of the choicest spirits it has ever been my privilege to know, of a high courage and deep spirituality. How invaluable to me were her kindly interest, wise counsels, and ready sympathy during my work in Southland. In those pioneer days the Organising Fund would not admit of paying board, and while I cannot be grateful enough to the many who so generously hospited me, and who are to-day my valued friends, and some of whom have become life-long friends, there were times when the worker felt an unwelcome guest. Upon such an occasion I told my story to Mrs Baird. "But don't you see," she replied, "that the very quality which causes you to feel these things so acutely is the one which makes your work successful." This was a new idea to me, and I went on my way strengthened and comforted. At the Invercargill Convention I had the great pleasure of sharing her home for a few days. Then over eighty years of age, she had just resigned the Presidency of two societies out of seven previously held. I remember asking her how she could account for the fact that practically all her sons and daughters had adopted the medical profession. "I don't know," she said, with a sunny smile, "unless because in the early days at Winton I was always doctoring the folks." Our beloved comrade is no stranger in the new country where she

finds herself. She has for so many years lived in the sunshine of the Master's smile doing His bidding, and sharing in His work of love, that the more intimate companionship will be but the realisation of her highest ideals.

To Rev. James Baird, bereft of his life-companion, our hearts' deepest sympathy is extended, and many will be the prayers that the God of all consolation may be specially near to him.

M. S. POWELL.

St. Clair, December 4th, 1926.

## MRS SCOTT.

It is with deep regret that we chronicle the passing of Mrs Scott, for 15 years a member of the Normanby Union, and its President for the last 13 years. She had also at times been President of Hawera and Manaia Unions, as well as District President. A Normanby White Ribboner writes:—"Her memory will always be an inspiration to us to press forward, believing as she did that we **will** win if we but remain loyal. She was always at her post, cheerful and optimistic, knowing not the meaning of the word defeat. I am afraid it will be hard for us to get anyone to take her place."

Her niece, Miss Patterson, who nursed her, writes: "My aunt also expressed a wish that the following message might be conveyed to the W.C.T.U. members through the 'White Ribbon.' Mrs Scott expressed her confidence in the coming victory of the Temperance party. She said our watchword should be, 'We are going to win! That this depends on the work of each member. She said she would watch and see the victory 'from the other side.' She sent her love to all members of the W.C.T.U., and her concluding words were:

"We are going to win.

For Right is right, since God is God,

And Right the day must win,

To doubt would be disloyalty,

To falter would be sin.'

Though my dear aunt looked white and emaciated only endurance and courage shone on her face. She proved to us that 'while there's death there's hope,' and in the middle of all that horror of disease, there was something of strength and splendour which I hope I shall never forget."

We tender our sincerest sympathy to those so sadly bereaved. For such as our departed sister,

"There is no Death,  
That which we so call  
Is but the portals to the fields elysium,  
Which men call Death."

Perhaps the finest tribute to Mrs Scott came from a publican. "I didn't have much to do with Mrs Scott myself, as we were not on the same side, but I know this much about her, if there were ten women of her kind they'd carry No-License at the next election."

#### MRS DALLAS.

There passed away lately in the Jubilee Home, Christchurch, a very old White Ribboner, Mrs Dallas, late of Invercargill. When able, she was a great worker, but of late years was crippled with rheumatism. Her poor hands were unable to hold the "White Ribbon," which a friend used to take to her, and she loved to get it read to her and to keep in touch with our work.

She was one of the workers for No-License in Invercargill, and on one occasion, while getting through a fence while canvassing, like Absolum, was caught by the hairs of her head, and only freed herself by the sacrifice of many of them. She used to laugh and say she helped to win No-License for Invercargill with the hairs of her head.

Now she has passed to her reward, and is free from pain and helplessness.

#### WASTEFULNESS.

(To the Editor.)

Madam,—Some weeks ago Miss Webb wrote to your paper under above heading, calling attention to the number of useful papers read to different branches of the Union and not passed on to the bureau for the benefit of others. In response to her appeal, only two correspondents forwarded papers, and, like Oliver Twist, I am still "asking for more."

Permit me also to call attention to another source of waste. Recently 23 Superintendents of departments posted schedules to 250 Unions. Now, if all these are returned under penny stamps, as many are, it will mean a loss to White Ribbon work of over ten shillings, whereas they will go for a half-penny with the flap tucked in.—I am, etc.,

M. S. POWELL.

Supt. Educational Bureau.



#### REPORT OF MAORI ORGANISER, MRS SIMONS.

1/11/26. Tangiteroria, N. Wairoa, katimata ahau kite. Roopu Turaki, Waipiro onga Wahine Karaitiana.

6/11/26. Katu he mitini ki Tangiteroria ka whakamaramatia etoku. Kai arahi e Sister Nicholls nga mahi ote roopu kapanuitia e ahau nga ture meona whakahaere katoa. Kotahi wahine i haina keite whiri te minga kite whakatu roopu mo ratou.

7/11/26. Ka haere matou Sister Nicholls, Miss Gittos, me ahau, kitekura Ratapu o Tangiteroria ka haere ki Pukehuia he maha tonu nga kainga Maori itae matou mete karakia ito ratou turoro mete kura ratapu ia ratou tamariki.

8/11/26. Ka haere ki oturi itae ano kite Houhanga he hui nanga Ratana. Ite ahi<sup>2</sup> katae kite Rainga ote Perihitini ote Roopu. Oturi (Mrs J. Walters) he korero inga mahi ate Roopu mete Kura Ratapu.

9/11/26. Kahaere kite tiro inga Maori i Takiwira hotahi mema ote Roopu Oturi etahi ehia<sup>2</sup> ana kite uru note raru<sup>2</sup> ite tini tamariki kore eputa kinga mitini Waiho atu te Rupu eahei. Noatu te haina hei mema mate roopu tata ia otiro.

1/11/26, 2 p.m. Kahui te roopu kite whare karakia Ituri Whakapaneretia ete Tamuraki Mrs J. Walters. He maha tonu nga mema onga roopu pakeha o Takiririra, Te Kopuru and Manurewa mete Rev. Griffin (Methodist

minister) itana hui. Sister Nicholls mihi mate whaka kamohioia mana ko Miss Gittos. Ka haere nga take tetahi onga take ituhia itana mitini he tono nate roopu kitetahi wahi ote W.R. nate Maori motuhake. Kawhaka Maramatia eahau nga ture meona whakahaere hei mahi mate roopu. Utu inga mihi mete mihi ano kite. Late Mrs Harris kua hikoi nei ahau iona haerenga ipikaua ai eia tenei taonga taea noetia tona rironga a atu ite kaihanganga Whakamaramatia te (Convention) ki Akarana. Kia whiri<sup>2</sup> itetahi mema hei haere kitana hui. Kawhakamutua ete Rev. Griffin kite inoi Amene. E 2 mema hou i whakauru.

11/11/26. Naumai haere kia kite inga ka Maori.

12/11/26. Katu he mitini kite nau-mai Hooro Whakapuaretia e Sister Nicholls, Miss Gittos te Rupu and Tita 5 ch. 1-11 kapaniutia eahau nga ture mete mihi ano kinga wahine katoa itana hui. Whakaae katoa kia tu he roopu mo ratou e 6 mema ihaina te maha ano itae mai nga reo ehaina ratou kite tu he roopu o Naumai nate rew<sup>2</sup> te tae mai ai kite hui. Kawhakauru te 6 mema kapinia te ripine maa ka hirine. Mate Marie ote Atua etc. Ka whakamutua e Sister Nicholls kite inoi.

13/11/26. Pouto ka noho te roopu kite whare o Mrs B. Kena whakapuaretia ete Tumeraki Mrs Tautuhi. Kupu Miss Gittos 4 Ihaia 6-13. Na Rev. Te Tuhi (Methodist minister) whakamaori. Inoi whakahaere nate roopu. Ka haere nga take Kaneke te mitini mote kai 9



p nuka noho ano whakaoti inga take E 3 mema iwhakauru ka korero ahau i te tono ate Roopu Otirei motetahi wahi ote W.R. mote taha Maori tautokotia ana etenei Roopu. Whakamutua ete Vice-Pres. Miss M. Kena. Amene.

14/11/26. Karakia kite whare karakia o Pouto kote Rev. Te Tuhi te minita.

15/11/26. Helensville haere kia kite inga Maori mete korero. Ano inga ture atenei roopu.

16/11/26. Ka haere ki Port Albert.

17/11/26. Kahaere kite whare ote tahi onga mema tawhito ote Roopu. Karakia, inoi ka haere kite tangi mote tahi pepi imate itana ata Kamahia te tahi tohu aroha (wreath) emston.

18/11/26. Port Albert ka inoi ngiamston kia tae atu kita ratou mitini enga wahine pakeha ote W.C.T.U. kia whai korero ano kia ratou. Tae mai kitenei waahe mema ratou engari enoho taki tahi ana kahore ano inwhaka tu mitini. Kua whakatuturutia nga a mema honore moto ratou roopu meta ratou ra hui whakamutua e Miss Gittos. Amene.

20/11/26. Haere kia kite 2 inga Maori.

21/11/26. Ratapu karakia kite whare karakia Pakiri.

22/11/26. Ka haere ki Leigh kite paa Maori.

23/11/26. Ki Akarana.

24/11/26. Haere kia kite letahi onga Maori ote taone.

25/11/26. Haere kite awhina wahine turoro.

27/11/26. Haera kinga a hui anga tuakanei pakeha W.C.T.U. Auckland.

28/11/26. Karakia ki Orakei.

29/11/26. Haere kite hui anga tuakana pakeha i Mt. Albert, Auckland.

30/11/26. Haere kia rongo ite (Bible Reading) anga wahine pakeha. Kote mitini a tenei otaku ripoata motenei marama. Ahakoa ahau tou kitenei tunga keite marama haere ahau kinga whakahaere. He nui toku whakapai kinga mahi anga Roopu Maori ite kaha onga kai whakahaere inga mitini meti hui 2 tonu onga mema.

He nui ano taku koa ite kaha ote Roopu pakeha kite awhina io ratou teina Maori.

Mete whakamihi nui ano kia Sister Nicholls eawhina nei iau kite hapai itenei tanga nui.

Mate Matua ite Rangi tatou katoa emanaki etaki.

Nata koutou teina iroto inga matiate Roopu Kariatiana Mrs Himerangi Simons.

#### FRANKTON.

October 29. Meeting held in Mrs Tahi's home. Mrs Jones presided and conducted. Reports of Convention at Morrinsville were given by Mrs Jones. An address was read by Mrs Lee-Cowie and discussed. November meeting to be last for the holidays; reopen last Friday in February. Prayer by Mrs Jones.

November 26. Meeting at Mrs Tahi's. Meeting was small, owing to illness. Lesson from Mark 14:3-9 verses. Mesdames Jones, Paki and

Tahi led in prayer. Discussion on work of Union, and paying of annual subscription. Resolve other matter to wait till Sister Nicholls return. Afternoon tea was dispensed. Election of officers: Secretary, Mrs Whatu; Treasurer, Mrs Kihī; President, Mrs Jones.

#### ARATAPU.

Ia Noema 10th onga ra kanoho te Roopu Karaitiana o Otirei ite hawhe pahī te rua ite wenerei kite whare karakia. A he maha nga mema Ote Kopunu me o Takiwira ireira. Nate hea ana i whakapuare te huihuinga kite himene (93) Imuri ka korero tia ete Iramutu ote Kitohi te 5 onga upoko o Epeha. Na Hinerangi Haimona i whaka Maori. Imuri ote upoko ka inoi katoa ratou ite inoi ate Ariki. Imuri iho katu ate Waiata Nikara kite whakaatu kinga mema onga Roopu koia nei tenei kote kai kauwhau hou mote taka Maori ko Hinerangi Haimona ka mea ano hoki ia kia kaha te awhina ite mahi pai hei painga monga tamariki Hemea whaka miharo ano hoki tenei ki tatatou tamahine kia Hinerangi he mea iruri he mea marena a hemea timata ano hoki tana mahi pai ki roto itenei whare karakia. Imuri oia ka whaka mohio tia te Iramutu ote Kitohi ete Waiata Nikara kinga mema me nga mihi atu ano kia ia tena koe ito matua ia te Kitohi, kaumatua kaha kite kauwhau ite rongo pai kamutu ikonei ana mihi.

Katu te Hekeretari kite panui ite meneti menga reta mai ao ratou tuakana e kore ratou e watea itaua ra muri iho kawhaka atu te kai tiaki moni inga moni kei ala e pupuri ana. He motini nate heamana hei ate Rarua Pakahēikā tiro tiro inga turoro Maori ite Hohipere heia Mereana he hoa ka tau tokona e Waiata Nikara whaka ae katoa nga mema. Ka whiri whiria ete Waiata Nikara hei te waru onga ra o Tihema te nohoanga mutunga o te Roopu a tae noa kite ruatekau matoru o Pepuere ka noho ano, whakaae katoa nga mema he motini na Rarua Paki hei te Heamana e haere kite huihuinga ki Akarana mehe mea ranei ekore ia e tae hei te hekeretari e haere wha ae katoa. He pitihana tenei na matou nate Roopu o Otirei kite roopu whaea o Nui Tereni kia homai he waahi ite Ripine ma hei perehi tanga monga ripoata Maori menga mahi ate kai ate kai kauwhau ote taha Maori me nga mea e putamai ai he matauranga kite iwi Maori Nate Waiata i whakapa te Iramutu o Kitohi me Henerangi Haimona nate minita Kiriwhini i whaka mutu te huihuinga kite inoi.

E. Tahana, Sec.

#### POUTO.

Nov. 13th, at 4 p.m. Meeting held in Mrs Brown Kena's residence. President (Mrs Tautuhi), who took the chair, opened meeting with hymn 24, also welcomed Sister Nicholls, Miss Gittos, and the Maori Organiser (Mrs Simons).

There was a very good attendance. All members attended, with the excep-

tion of three. Rev. E. Tetuhi and Mr Brown Kena were also welcomed with the attendance. Miss Gittos gave a very interesting address. Rev. Tetuhi translated into Maori, and also introduced Miss Gittos to the good friends of her late uncle, the Rev. William Gittos. Meeting adjourned. Tea served. Resumed at 8.45. Speeches, etc., continued. Sister Nicholls gave a splendid speech about the Union work, which was gratefully appreciated by all members.

Sister Nicholls, Miss Gittos and Mrs Simons had the pleasure of initiating three new members, Mrs Brown Kena, Mrs Thompson, and Miss Katie Kena. Members were appointed to attend the Convention in Auckland, which is to be held in March. Mrs Ariari (Treasurer), and Miss K. Kena ("White Ribbon" Agent). Meeting closed with prayer.

#### SOCIAL v. PERSONAL LIBERTY.

The Mayor, Editor of the "St. Paul Pioneer Press," writes thus, "Prohibition is a great experiment in social control. The object is to improve the social fabric by abolishing intoxicating liquor and it is intended to abolish intoxicants, because it has been the uniform experience of mankind that the use of intoxicating liquor is detrimental to society and because we have learned there is no way of compromising with this evil. It must be dug up by the roots and cast forth."

The mayor further stated that the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted "in the belief that such a step had become essential to the welfare of society, and though there has been persistent criticism of the propriety of such an interference with personal liberty, it must be perfectly obvious that whenever society conceives that anything essential to its well-being is at stake there can be no question of its obligation to act, whether the offender be opium, war or alcohol." It is a mistake to talk about personal liberty when the true issue is social liberty.

"Surely there is no cause for discouragement if in six years it has not been possible completely to root out an evil which has existed for generations. Nothing has happened which was not discounted in advance. Prohibition is not a failure. It is in fact enough of a success to inspire one with perfect confidence for the future."

## DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The annual Southland District Convention was held in Invercargill on November 3rd, the President (Mrs H. T. Fairbairn) presiding over a large attendance of members and friends. Delegates were present from Eklendale, Bluff, Gore, Mataura, Orepuki, Ryal Bush, Otautau, Winton, Wyndham, and Central, North, South, and "Y" Branches in Invercargill.

Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, gave inspiring addresses at the afternoon and evening sessions, which were listened to by appreciative audiences.

The principal item of interest in the year's work is the establishment of a handsome rest house for women and children for which the Trustees of the Invercargill Savings Bank have given a cheque for £1000, and the Municipal Council £500, with the promise of a similar amount next year. To these bodies for their generous and handsome donations the warmest gratitude of Unions throughout Southland are due, as all will be partakers of the privileges which the house will afford.

The handsome table cover presented by the District Executive was awarded to the Orepuki Branch for gaining the highest membership during the year, and Mrs Walker, President of Central Branch, was presented with a Star of Honour, she having gained 25 new members this year.

The following remits were considered and carried:—

1. "That remits for Dominion Convention be printed and circulated to each local Union for discussion early in January or February, or in the January and February numbers of 'White Ribbon.'"

2. "That resolutions to N.Z. Convention be introduced by the delegate or representative from the Union or District which sends them."

3. "That a Dominion compulsory superannuation scheme should be inaugurated maximum allowance £300 (married), £150 (single)."

4. "That Organisers' itinerary be prepared and produced for discussion at annual N.Z. Convention."

5. "That motor car drivers, when arrested under the influence of liquor and convicted, have, for the first offence, a prohibition order taken out, and for further offence their licenses cancelled for twelve months."

6. "That a stricter censorship of pictures shown to young people, also of posters exhibited, be exercised."

7. "That women police be appointed."

Statement by Colonel Potter, officer-in-charge of Northern Command: "The idea of giving boys three months in camp at the age of 18 is excellent, not only from the military point of view, but also from a civic one as well. The longer term would fit them both morally and physically for the rest of their lives."

8. Resolution: "That the members of the Southland W.C.T.U. view with alarm the proposal mentioned in the above statement, and strongly protest against our boys, at their most critical age, being compulsorily taken from their homes, and for three months exposed to the spirit of war and to the moral dangers of a military camp."

## ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Dear Sisters,—

The time has come round once more for me to write you a preliminary letter in reference to the Annual Convention for 1927. The dates fixed for it are from the 23rd of March, on which day the Executive will meet, to the 31st of March. The place of meeting will be Auckland.

As the Dominion Union is now registered under the Friendly Societies' Incorporation Act, the usual travelling concessions will be available for delegates. Certain preliminaries are, however, necessary, and an early opportunity will be taken to explain these.

The same fact of registration will also affect the representation of Unions. Under the amended Constitution, **it will now no longer be possible for proxies to be appointed.** Each Union will have to be represented by a delegate selected from among the members of its own District Union. If, therefore, none of its own members can attend as delegate, a member of some other Union in the same District must be chosen, otherwise it can take no part in the work of the Convention.

It is hardly necessary to remind you that as early in the New Year as is convenient the names of intending delegates should be forwarded to me, and also to the Hospitality Committee in Auckland.

In the January issue the Agenda will appear, and any further instructions that may be necessary,

With best wishes to each and all for a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

I am, dear sisters,

Yours in W.R. bonds,

KATE M. EVANS, Rec. Sec.  
62 Nevay Road, Miramar, Wellington,  
December 6th, 1926.

## ALCOHOL AS A MEDICINE.

When alcohol is taken it numbs the brain cells and the nerves. Their control of the blood vessels is upset, and the blood vessels all stretch. Thus blood pressure is lessened, the circulation is faulty, and the heart works badly.

Alcohol in some form, generally brandy, is believed by many people to be the best thing that can be given to anyone who has met with an accident. You will soon see that it is, in reality, a very bad thing indeed.

The "rush" of blood caused by alcohol is very dangerous: (1) when the accident has caused bleeding, because it will probably make the bleeding worse; (2) when there has been an injury to some part where the network of capillaries is great. What the injured part needs is rest and "leaving alone," but that is just what the rush of blood does not allow it. When the head has been hurt, for instance, this effect of alcohol is so harmful that it may kill the patient.

After every accident, however small, the person hurt suffers from "shock." He feels cold and weak and dizzy and sick; he may faint. What has happened is that fright, pain and the hurt itself have so upset his brain and nerves that they are working faultily and have allowed the blood-vessels to expand, and in consequence the blood-pressure is spoilt and the circulation bad. So to give alcohol to cure shock is exceedingly foolish, for it is making the shock worse, and making it impossible for the circulation to become normal for some hours.

Moreover, alcohol increases one of the most dangerous effects of shock, that is cold; for alcohol causes us to lose body heat.

When anyone has been hurt, send for the doctor, and use your commonsense to tell you what to do. Keep the patient warm and quiet, and try to help his body to get back to its normal working.

Never give him alcohol, which will make him worse instead of better.—  
"The White Ribbin" (British).



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### NOMINATIONS FOR DOMINION OFFICERS.

Christchurch nominates:—

Pres.: Mrs T. E. Taylor.  
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Treas.: Miss Birss.

We are very sorry to say that Mrs Bendley is not able to accept nomination as Dominion Treasurer, but has fully decided to retire from office.

Napier nominates:—

Pres.: Mrs T. E. Taylor.  
Cor. Sec.: Miss Henderson, B.A.  
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Treas.: Mrs Bendley.

## The White Ribbon.

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WELLINGTON, DECEMBER 18, 1926.

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Dear White Ribbon Sisters,

Once again we come to the close of the year; it has been a very busy and a very full year in White Ribbon circles.

Our District and Local branches have done much good foundation work, largely in preparation for a

forward move on educational lines next year, when the distribution of literature and extensive meetings must be the order of the day.

Two and three Organisers have been busy both in the North and South Islands; a Maori Organiser is now on trial with Sister Nicholls. Your District Officers and New Zealand Officers have travelled and visited Unions all over the country, and Field Workers too have been helping, so that there are very few Unions anywhere who have not had a special visit some time this year.

We pray that all this may result in great spiritual uplift, and a fresh clear vision of the dignity and nobility of our Mission as a W.C.T.U.

No other body of women stands for and works for quite the same ideals as our founders set before us, or for the same splendid issues of Christian citizenship and Home life as those inscribed on our Standard and in our Constitution.

Now we go into recess for a few weeks. May we be able to use some of that resting-time in contemplation of the beauty and glorious liberty of our Master's commission to us, and of what He really wishes us to stand for in the Christian life of the Nation—Let us just "be still" and know that He is God, and let Him fill our very souls full of His Spirit, in readiness to shed it abroad on all around us, and so build up His Kingdom in the hearts of all whom we may touch.

May every White Ribboner have a happy and peaceful Xmas-tide. May the New Year bring to all visions of a world made perfect through Christ-like thoughts and actions falling in benediction on all created things.

ELIZABETH B. TAYLOR.

### BIBLE IN SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT.

Our American sisters have just inaugurated a department for Bible in Schools, of which Mrs Jean Buchanan Wylie is Superintendent.

Most excellent reasons are given for this work being taken up. The Bible is our standard of morals and should be employed in the training of our youth for the duties of citizenship. In every State there are laws based upon the Decalogue, surely the moral principles which underlie those laws should be taught. Many States provide for codes of moral training. The recog-

nised authoritative standard should be used in giving such training. The Bible is a book for nations as well as individuals. They point out that it is only lately that this pronounced opposition has arisen, that the Bible pronounces the doom of both intemperate individuals and liquor-cursed nations. There is no reason to exclude the Bible from our schools. It is not a sectarian book. It is the voice of God to men in every relation of life.

### VERY IMPORTANT!

Will all officers, "White Ribbon" agents, and Unions kindly note that we are closing our books for 1926 about the middle of January? That will give time for subscriptions to be collected and new subscribers obtained. Has your Union done its part in getting new subscribers? If not, you have time now. Don't let us go to Convention as we did last year, with more than half our Unions defaulters, not taking enough interest in our educative work to gain even one new subscriber. The list for the earlier quarters published in October issue will show how each one stands, and enable defaulting Unions and Districts still to get their quota before the books are closed for the year.

Will Secretaries of Unions please see that the following information is supplied to our Business Manager:—(1) Number of subscribers on Union list, December, 1925; number of new subscribers gained during the year; (2) number of subscribers on the list, December, 1926.

Our Business Manager thanks all those who have helped so unselfishly during the year, and wishes workers and readers A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### DON'T QUIT!

A winner never quits.  
He shoots until he hits;  
A quitter never has been known to win.  
He quits about the time he should begin.

Don't quit!

Banks: "Is it right that your barber is not going to cut hair any longer?"

Jones: "Yes, he's still going to cut it shorter."

## PROHIBITION STANDS MORALLY RIGHT AND ECONOMICALLY WISE.

(By Guy Hayler, President, World  
Prohibition Federation.)

Fifteen propositions for the repeal or nullification of the Eighteenth Amendment have gone into the waste paper basket, because the Senate Judiciary Sub-Committee declares in its report that Prohibition is morally right and economically wise. So ends another defeat for the **Wets** of the world.

The findings were attested to by four of the five members of the sub-Committee: Rice W. Means (R), Senator for Colorado, Chairman of the group; Guy D. Goff (R), Senator from West Virginia; John W. Harreld (R), Senator from Oklahoma, and Thomas J. Walsh (D), Senator from Montana.

Senator James Reed (D), who hails from Missouri, was the only member of the Committee who did not sign the report, and the absence of his name was to be expected, as he is known as a **Wet**, and had acted in a partizan spirit throughout the inquiry.

The complete report of the Committee declared:—

"The Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States was ratified according to a proclamation of the Secretary of State, January 29th, 1919. We believe this amendment to be morally right and economically wise. So long as this Amendment is a part of our fundamental law, it is the duty of all officers, legislative, executive and judicial, to aid in its enforcement. The advocates of modification of the present Prohibition laws propose to weaken the same. They seek directly or indirectly to authorize the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages. This is contrary to the spirit and intent of the Eighteenth Amendment. The Constitution is a grant of powers. Those powers are limited and such limits are not to be transcended. A national referendum is not provided for, and it is our belief that it was not the intention of the framers of the Constitution, that a national referendum would ever be attempted. No laws have been enacted which provide a machinery for the holding of such a referendum."

The Report, with the evidence taken before the Committee runs into 1,660 pages and reveals the not surprising fact that the bulk of the witnesses and written or printed evidence came from cities like Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, where law enforcement would naturally be a difficult matter. The **Dry** forces with minor exceptions were represented, as Dr. Charles Scanlon points out, by men and women of distinction, character and ability, who were acquainted with the facts and gave them in such volume and with such conclusiveness that the Hearing will afford fresh material for years to come.

The Columbus "Ohio State Journal" says, "The **wet** advocates in Congress have lost their fight. Their proposal for a referendum on the Volstead Law and all their proposals for the modification of that law have died in the Senate to which they were referred. It was a foregone conclusion. The Committee has a **dry** majority, and both Houses of Congress, as at present constituted, are overwhelmingly **dry**."

"The satisfaction of the **Drys** with the result requires no explanation," says the "Literary Digest." The **Wets** profess themselves contended with a defeat in that they secured from a "notably dry Senate such a hearing as was given" as the **wet** daily, "Springfield Union" puts it.

The Liquor men are making their last-stand efforts in the United States to bring back alcohol. They have ceased to defend or justify the Liquor Traffic, nor can they get anyone to defend it on its merits. The present tactics is to defy the law, to encourage others to defy it in the hope—and a forelorn hope if the United States is to govern itself democratically—that the Federal Government will surrender. But there is great power on the side of those forces which seek to uphold laws that are morally right and economically wise, and the faith recognising that cannot fail.

## AN INCREASING CALL.

Our name, Women's Christian Temperance Union, emphasises our energy in the work we find near to our hands, the Temperance work to which we apply ourselves unceasingly. But as

Christians we cannot believe ourselves justified in neglecting ills other than one prominent. There are hungry to feed, weak to strengthen, blind to lead, and we cannot afford to neglect a growing evil that increases the number of those in need.

Even in churches the first steps to what is often referred to as our "national vice of gambling" is encouraged frequently. It sounds to many honest and well-meaning people simply absurd to term little raffles, etc., where children are urged to spend sixpences, as encouragements and first steps in gambling. But the principle is the same in every kind of gambling. These beginnings the more tempting because conducted by people beyond criticism for their personal goodness, are very attractive beginnings to the growing vicious habit of trying to get something for nothing, or for very little.

A step very close, which those who approve of the one cannot reasonably condemn, so that it is very respectable in its patronage, is advertised so industriously that it is pushed against **every-one**, everywhere, in daily papers and shop windows. That is the Art Union.

If it did no other harm, this practice would be dangerous in its steady encouragement of dislike and contempt for steady work. "You may win a fortune any day, just by risking a trifle. No effort needed, only trust in luck. Someone is sure to win, why should it not be you?" Just the encouragement young people need to help them put their backs and brains into making themselves good honest workers for the country's benefit, as well as their own, this kind of thing, isn't it? Repeated so persuasively everywhere, seen every day, it cannot fail of effect. Very few of us are born to love plodding, very few so fond of reasoning that we always try to apply it.

As members of the Union, we all need to work promptly and steadily if we are to make headway against the evil that is consistently gaining ground. We need not only to refrain from touching pitch ourselves, but to teach our children to abstain from any touch, however slight. If we do not bother to teach them now, be sure our opponent will think them worth endless trouble. We can see proof of that any day. And surely we know well enough, by our personal experience, how quickly weeds spring where good plants are not tended.

KATHERINE MERCER.





### ARISE AND GO.

Acts 8:26: Arise and go to desert—Lonely place.

Acts 9:6: Arise and go to city—Among crowds.

Acts 9:11: Arise and go to street—Business, etc.

Acts 10:20-22: Arise and go into house—Home centre of everything.

Command given by four different messengers: Angel, Jesus, Jehovah, Holy Ghost.

Command given to four different men: Philip, Saul, Ananias, Peter.

Command given apparently for four different purposes: Desert, City, Street, House.

Command representing four different parts of the globe: Africa, Asia, Jerusalem, Europe.

Let us arise and go and give and do.

November 15, 1926.

Dear White Ribboners,—

By this time the circular from Evangelistic Department will be in the hands of every Secretary or President, and if not already answered, please get at it at once, that I may have the reports tabulated and ready for print by the end of the year. In another column you will find four commands to "Arise and go." According to the dictionary, "arise" means more than just simply standing up—the word is defined as spring forth. Even though we are on the eve of holidays, when Unions go into recess, we need not sit down

and cease working. If there is a willing heart, every woman can spring forth into some service for the Lord apart from meetings and the usual routine. Lady Houlder, our World's Superintendent, urges the necessity of making this department the great foundation on which our work can be built and be a success. The W.C.T.U. was begun in prayer, continued in prayer, and prayer will bring victory.

Every woman can pray. Prayer is the mightiest weapon we can wield, because he who prays in faith lays hold on Omnipotence.

Every woman can TELL. Whether in Desert, City, Street, or House. If every Christian passed on the message of Redeeming Love to another, and each in turn did the same, so that each day their number was doubled, the whole world would have heard of the glad tidings in thirty-two days. Our Saviour's last command, "Go ye . . . to every creature," reminds us of our responsibility to every soul.

Every White Ribboner can ask some woman to sign the pledge and assist our work by example and influence. Every White Ribboner can ask at least one to join our organisation and help increase our membership. Let us each and all spring forth into united action in prayer, in speech, in song, and in work. We are here as Christ's representatives. He has now gone, but has left us to carry on His work, energised by His Holy Spirit. Let us seek for the indwelling, outreaching, all-conquering spirit of the Most High God, that we may have all the virtues re-

quired to carry on and carry out His purposes.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, and praying that 1927 may bring the best things into our lives and work.

Lovingly yours in His service,

RACHEL DON.

5 Bellevue Street, Roslyn, Dunedin.

Service to be done: Diligently (Ezra 7:23), Faithfully (2 Chr. 34:12) Speedily (Ezra 7:21). And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men (Col. 3:23).

### SACRED MAXIMS.

He alone is truly wise who is wise unto salvation.

Proud hearts and lofty mountains are always barren.

God's promises are as certain as His actual promises.

The trees that are most in the sun bear the sweetest fruit.

Do the duties of to-day, and leave the cares of to-morrow till they come.

The children of God have much in hand, and much more in hope.

### AN INTERCESSOR.

He wondered that there was no intercessor (Isa. 59:16).

Make me an Intercessor, one who can really pray,

One of the Lord's Remembrancers, by night as well as day;

Make me an Intercessor, in spirit touch with Thee,

And given the Heavenly vision, pray through to victory;

Make me an Intercessor, teach me how  
to prevail,  
To stand my ground and still pray on,  
Though powers of hell assail;  
Make me an Intercessor, till pleading at  
Thy Throne,  
The sins and sorrows of other lives be-  
come as my very own.

—  
This verse has every letter of the al-  
phabet:—

Except with zeal we try to win  
God's just and holy love,  
We cannot conquer life and sin,  
Nor walk with Him above.

—  
Prayers and praises go in pairs—  
They have praises who have prayers.

—  
She who has chosen Martha's part,  
The planning head, the steady heart,  
So full of household work and care,  
Intent on serving everywhere,  
May also Mary's secret know,  
Nor yet her household cares forego,  
May sit and learn at Jesus' feet,  
Nor leave her service incomplete.

—  
When Christ was born, midnight  
gloom lightened into midday brightness  
(Luke 2:9). When Christ suffered,  
midday light darkened into midnight  
gloom (Luke 23:44).

### WHEN LIVING RIGHT.

What is right living? Just to do  
your best  
When worst seems easiest. To bear  
the ills  
Of daily life with patient cheerful-  
ness,  
Nor waste dear time recounting them.  
To talk  
Of hopeful things when doubt is in  
the air.  
To count your blessings often, giving  
thanks,  
And to accept your sorrows silently,  
Nor question why you suffer. To  
accept  
The whole of life as one perfected  
plan,  
And welcome each event as a part of  
it:  
To work, and love your work; to  
trust, to pray  
For larger usefulness and clearer  
sight,  
This is right living, pleasing in God's  
eyes.

—“Anonymous.”

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following payments (exclusive of  
capitation fees) have been received since  
the date of last report:—

#### New Zealand Fund.

Nelson, £5; Wellington South, £2; Lyt-  
telton and Ponsonby, £1 1s each; Ash-  
burton, Carterton, Hamilton, Oamaru,  
Stratford, and Wakefield £1 each; Hast-  
ings, 7s; Belfast, 5s.

Franchise Day collections: Hastings,  
£1; Palmerston North, 19s 2d; Stratford,  
16s 10d; Wellington South, 6s 6d.

#### Organising Fund.

Nelson, £15; Ashburton, £5; Feilding,  
£4 4s; Oxford, £3; Pahiatua, £2 11s; Rich-  
mond, £2 8s; Greymouth, £2 5s; Auck-  
land “Y” and Wakefield £2 each; Ham-  
ilton, £1 15s 10d; Kaikorai, £1 11s 6d;  
Picton and Sawyer's Bay, £1 10s each;  
Miramar, £1 4s; Helensville and Lyttel-  
ton, 18s each; Waihi, 16s; Grey Lynn  
and Morrinsville, 10s each.

#### Maori Fund.

North-East Valley, £3 2s; Nelson, £3;  
Matakana, £2 14s; South Invercargill,  
£2 2s 6d; Wanganui Central and Wel-  
lington South, 15s 3d each; Greymouth,  
11s; Auckland “Y,” Hastings, New  
Brighton, Riccarton, and Sawyer's Bay,  
10s each; Sefton, 8s 6d; Kaimiro Sunday  
School, 7s 8d; Henderson and Lincoln,  
5s each; per Mrs Walker (Supt.), 5s.

#### World's Missionary Fund.

Wellington South, 14s.

NELLIE BENDELY,

N.Z. Treasurer.

Auckland, 11th December, 1926.

### A HIGH RESOLVE!

To keep my health!  
To do my work!  
To live!  
To see to it I grow and gain and give!  
Never to look behind me for an hour!  
To wait in weakness and to talk in  
power,  
But always fronting onward toward the  
light.  
Always and always facing toward the  
right,  
Robbed, starved, defeated, fallen, wide  
astray—  
On with what strength I have  
Back to the way.  
—Charlotte Parking Gilmour.

## 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.

#### HENDERSON.

November. Annual meeting, Mrs Platt in the chair, rather small attendance owing to Royal Show in Auckland and sickness. Much satisfaction was expressed at the effort which has been made to educate the children “in the effect of Alcohol on the Human Body” by giving prizes to Standard VI. boys and girls for best essay on the subject. (Mrs Peryman presented prizes when on her tour). Resolved that Treasurer obtain pledge cards that can be signed by our young folk, and then hung up in their rooms, to keep their pledge in sight. President reported date of Convention to be held in Auckland, March 23rd to 31st, 1927. Reported that funds are getting low, as we have spent more than our income during the last two years. We are to make a special effort during the coming year. Election of officers was as follows:—Mrs Platt, Pres. (re-elected); Mrs Forsen Stuart, Miss Duncan, Vice-Presidents; Mrs McKay, Secretary (re-elected); Mrs Williams, Treasurer (re-elected); Outlook Member, Mrs Forsen Stuart; W.R. Agent, Miss Duncan (re-elected); W.R. Reporter, Mrs W. Williams (re-elected). A Syllabus Committee to consist of three ladies was elected, Mrs McKay, Mrs Forsen Stuart, Mrs Ashton, to have syllabus ready for each member before March. President read a pamphlet on Gambling, not only on horse racing, but pointing out the danger of beans in the bottle, guessing dolls names, etc., in the effect and influence it has on our young people. All were urged to think seriously about it. Our Mothers' Afternoon was fixed for December 8th, when Mrs Cook, from Auckland, will give an address on Bible-in-Schools. Collection was taken towards Maori Fund. Letters of sympathy to be sent to our Secretary and Mrs Usher, as both are far from well. Next ordinary meeting to be held 3rd Wednesday in March in Presbyterian Church.

#### TAURANGA.

November. Good attendance, President in chair. Business, election of officers. An animated discussion was held, resulting in the decision of each officer agreeing to carry on as before, to the unanimous approval of all present. Various matters of correspondence were dealt with, and afternoon tea was handed round. Decided to meet again in February of next year.

#### PAPAROA.

November 16. Good attendance, the President, Mrs J. Hames, presided. A hearty welcome was accorded to Mrs Fulljames, of Takapuna W.C.T.U., who gave an inspiring address on the work and aims of our Union, also drawing a vivid picture of the disastrous effects of drink amongst the young people. Many suggestions were given to Paparoa branch, as observing Special Days—“White Ribbon Day,” “Francis Willard Day,” “Franchise Day,” also having a quarterly Executive meeting, sending reports to nearest Local Paper of W.C.T.U. meetings. Increasing our membership, and to compete for the honour of securing a Banner. The President thanked Mrs Fulljames “on behalf of the members” for her very helpful address. Mrs Fulljames then held the Initiatory; three new members. Mr Britles appointed Auditor.

#### MASTERTON.

November 4. Annual Subscription Social, Mrs Cocker presiding over a good attendance of members and friends. The Secretary's report showed that nine monthly meetings and three special “At Home” meetings had



been held during the year, and interest was steadily increasing. A visit from Miss Burls early in the year had proved stimulating and encouraging to members. Political action had been taken in regard to several measures:—Religious Exercises in School Bill, Proposed Amendment to Licensing Bill, Employment of Women Police, Appointment of Women Justices of the Peace, Inclusion of Women upon Juries, The Mother of a Family having Equal right of Jurisdiction with the Father, Amendment of Police Offences Act, Destitute Persons' Act. Representation had been made at the Dominion Convention held in Christchurch, and the Wellington District Convention had been entertained in Masterton. The Union is also represented on the Plunket Society and the New Zealand Alliance. The various departments Superintended by members of the Union, all reported good work done, especially the Loyal Temperance Legion, under the leadership of Miss Jackson, she having now about 100 names on the roll. Revs. Beckett, King, and Weymouth brought greetings from their Churches, and briefly addressed the meeting. Musical items were rendered, and afternoon tea served by the Social Committee.

#### NORMANBY.

October 27. The 15th annual meeting of the W.C.T.U. held at the residence of Mrs W. Gane. Miss D. Bates presided, 18 members present. Reports of the year's work were read and adopted. Election of officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—President, Mrs Scott; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Bevan, Clement and Fletcher; Secretary, Mrs Gane; Press Correspondent, Mrs E. Harrison; Treasurer, Mrs Meuli; W.R. Agent, Mrs Lamond; Cradle Roll, Mrs Beaton; Maori Superintendent, Mrs Pohipl. Mrs Thrush appointed to arrange list for afternoon tea. Vote of sympathy passed to Mrs Scott in her illness, and congratulations on the completion of her 13th year as President of our Union. Miss Bates gave an interesting address on the good work being done by the Alliance. Two new members joined. Vocal items by Mrs McEwar, and elocutionary items by Miss Bates. Decided to hold Hospital Day, November 4th. Afternoon tea being partaken of, brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

#### MANAIA.

October. Mrs Robinson, the Vice-President, took the chair. The Secretary's account was passed. Mrs Fendall made Parliamentary Secretary, Mrs Hansen, Sick Visitor. Several amounts were received for the Willard Home donation. Letters of congratulation or of condolence to several members were to be written by the Secretary, in whose recommendation it was also decided that members should bring their contributions to the forthcoming Plunket Sale, to be taken together, instead of separately, to emphasize the Sympathy of the Union as a body, as well of its members individually, with the work of that Society. It was decided to make careful enquiry as to the possibility of starting a branch at Auroa. Members are reminded that special attendance is desirable for the annual election of officers at the next meeting.

November. The meeting of the Union was postponed, owing to the death of its President, Mrs D. E. Scott. The attendance was small, Mrs Robinson, the Vice-President, taking the chair. After standing in respect to our late Leader, business was proceeded with, the reports of the year in every branch being handed in, discussed and passed. The membership has been reduced through the removal of a good many, including several brides. Number on roll 59, including 4 honorary. Number paid up, 38. New members this year, 5. Cradle Roll membership numbers 50, new names 12, number left at age limit, 3. The Union is free from all debt, though owing to the number of subscriptions not yet paid, the balance in hand is small, £3 7s. 8d. The officers for next year appointed were:—President, Mrs Robinson; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Orchard and Smith, Miss Kennington; Secretary, Mrs Hanson; Treasurer, Mrs Robinson; Parliamentary Recorder, Mrs Fendall; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Myrtle Young; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Miss Hanson; Press Reporter and White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Mercer. A vote of thanks to Rev. Mr Orchard and the Methodist Church Officials for the use of the Church was passed. A motion asking Rev. Mr Smith for permission

to use the Vestry of the Presbyterian Church for next quarter's meetings, to point out the undenominational nature of the Union's work, was then discussed, and it was agreed that a deputation should wait upon him. (This report has been held over to be able to add that Mr Smith saw the Officials of the Church, and was able to give not only permission for use of the Vestry, but his promise to open next meeting on the 2nd Tuesday in February. Armed with this, the President and another Officer have since begun a Visiting Campaign, looking for new members and better attendance, so far with promises of decided success.) Correspondence received was then read, consisting of a letter of thanks for help sent to the Willard Home, and a request for reading matter, from the New Plymouth Prison Department. Decided to send copies of the White Ribbon and the Vanguard monthly, members to bring them to the meetings to be forwarded. A suggestion re educational work in the neighbouring Pah was held over, but it was agreed that in accordance with the last message of our late President, sent within a few days of her death, the Union would spend renewed energy in a stronger effort to "carry on."

#### BIRKENHEAD.

November 18. Meeting at the home of Mrs Smalley, Mrs Jory presided. Mrs Neal gave a very interesting account of how the "Travellers' Aid" help the Immigrants by meeting the boats, finding their friends, and taking them to where they can get refreshment and be guided to their destination. Tea was dispensed by our hostess. A very pleasant and profitable meeting closed with the Temperance Doxology and the Benediction.

#### HASTINGS.

November 25. Annual meeting, Mrs Banks in the chair; 24 members present. Fourteen apologies for absence. Reports from Secretary, Treasurer, Evangelistic Supt., Cradle Roll Supt., Literature Supt., Y. Supt., and Social Supt., were read and adopted. These all showed another year of work, and in some instances, sacrifice. Miss Robson, of the Y.P.T.C.U. attended, and read their report which was a very comprehensive and satisfactory one. White Ribbon report showed 67 subscribers on the roll, a decrease of 13. Election of officers for 1927 were:—President, Mrs Paul; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Banks and Darby; Secretary, Mrs Wilson; Treasurer, Mrs Boshier; Superintendents:—Young People's Work, Mrs Wilson; Evangelistic, Mrs Fawcett; Literature, Mrs Harper; Social, Mrs Smith; Cradle Roll, Mrs Collinge; White Ribbon Agents, Mesdames Paul and Murtagh.

#### HAWERA.

November 22. A very enjoyable "Pay-Up" Social, Mrs Exley presided. Solos were given by Mrs Carter, Mrs Curtis, and a duet by Misses Smith and Hadenott, recitations by Miss Brough, all items being encored. Refreshments were handed around. Mrs Spavin reported progress in getting in subs. for the White Ribbon.

November 26. Large number present; annual meeting, Mrs Exley presided. All present repeated the Pledge. Feeling reference was made to the loss to the Union by the death of Mrs D. E. Scott, all standing in silence. Mrs Exley thanked all members for the loyal support they had given to her, and trusted each one would still continue to work together in harmony and do still more for the Temperance Cause. The Superintendents of the various departments then gave their reports, showing good work done during the year. Successful functions had been held. Donations had been sent to several worthy objects:—Local Maori Work, Sailer's Rest, New Plymouth, Willard Home, Palmerston, etc. Election of officers then took place. Mrs Exley was appointed President; all others holding office were re-elected with the addition of Mrs Melville, Superintendent of Literature, and Mrs Curtis, Organist. Next meeting of the Union to be the last Friday in January. Afternoon tea.

#### WANGANUI EAST.

November 4. Mrs Duxfield presided, fair attendance. Correspondence from Mrs Peryman in the interests of the "White Ribbon" paper was listened to with interest. Several members expressed willingness to canvas for new subscribers. Some interesting extracts sent by Miss J. Walker, at present visiting

San Francisco, were read, reports of National W.C.T.U. Convention then sitting, being of special interest. As this was the date of our annual "Pay-Up" Social, the meeting was closed and all gathered for a social chat and cup of tea. Mrs Wight delighted all with her solo, "Eventide," and Miss Elaine Gill gave several recitations.

November 26. A very successful "Afternoon" was held in St. Alban's Hall, and sales of cakes, sweets, produce, flowers, afternoon tea, realized £7 14s. in aid of Organizing Fund. A donation of £1 has been received to this Fund. During the afternoon Mrs Codd sang a solo, and also took part in a duet with Miss Gill. Misses Stella Wight and Floris Ellis played pianoforte solos.

#### CAMBRIDGE.

November 10. President, Mrs Martha in the chair, a small attendance. Annual meeting, and the various reports were read and adopted. President, Secretaries, and Treasurer were re-elected; Supt. of Cradle Roll, Mrs Easter; Evangelistic, Mesdames Tate and Boulton. Mrs Tate was initiated, and the meeting decided to send a parcel of clothing to "Willard Home" immediately. Love and Season's greetings to the Editor.

#### HAMILTON.

December 2. A record attendance for the annual meeting, and one new member initiated. Mrs Jones presided. The Secretary gave a report of the year's work, and thanks are due to all the ladies for addresses and papers given which have been of great educational value, and maintained the interest in the Union throughout the year. Reports were given on other departments of work, the Cradle Roll with Miss Ambury as Superintendent and Mrs Mitchell as her assistant are worthy of praise, for they have enrolled 173 babies in a little over a year. Afternoon tea was served. Protests re the recent Beauty Competition and the running of Sunday Trains to be sent for discussion at Convention. Decided to send delegate to Convention. Officers elected were:—Mrs J. M. Jones, President; Mrs Craig, Secretary; Mrs Davey, Treasurer; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Gilbert, Paris, and Gilmour. A hearty vote of thanks and confidence in our Officers and Superintendents of departments was enthusiastically carried. Mrs Watson was elected "White Ribbon" Agent in place of Miss Alexander, who has left the district.

#### MASTERTON.

December 2. Mrs Cocker presided over a good attendance of members. General business meeting and election of officers:—President, Mrs J. Cocker, Albert Street; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Rutter, Reid, Weymouth, and Ross; Secretary, Mrs S. J. Smith, High Street; Treasurer, Mrs R. Jamieson, Lincoln Road; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Weston; Assistant, Miss Tappersley; Loyal Temperance Legion, Miss Jackson; Committee, Mrs Kitchener and Miss Sutherland; Home and Mothers' Meetings, Miss E. Jones; Committee, Mesdames McIver, White, and Trevorra; Cradle Roll, Mrs Reid; Committee, Mesdames Freeman and Rowse; Scattered Members, Mesdames Miller and Donald; Hospital Visitor, Mrs Willoughby; Organist, Miss Jones.

#### WANGANUI CENTRAL.

December. Annual meeting, Mrs Goodey presided. The annual report read by Mrs Upton was encouraging, much good work having been accomplished this year. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs Goodey; Cor. Sec., Mrs Upton; Rec. Sec., Mrs Irwin; Treasurer, Mrs Warwick; Assistant Treasurer, Mrs Mara. The mothers of the Cradle Roll children were present, and were entertained to afternoon tea. Mrs Copeland, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department, reported that 16 Cradle Roll members had been passed on to the Loyal Temperance Legion. Three new names were added to the Roll during the meeting. There are now 134 members on the Roll. Mrs Goodey gave an interesting talk on Children's Work. The following contributed items:—Mrs Barney, Miss V. Smith and Miss D. Cuthbertson. Miss Piper was the accompanist. Our next meeting will be held the first Thursday in February.

#### N.E. VALLEY.

November. Owing to an accident to Mrs Peart, President, Mrs Don presided, and

expressed the sorrow of all present at the unfortunate cause of Mrs Peart's absence. A message of sympathy was sent to Mrs Peart, and also to Miss Begg, Secretary, who was absent owing to illness. Mrs Hiett, District President, gave a short address. There was a good attendance of members and friends, also of visitors from the City, Mornington, Kaikora, and South Dunedin Unions, who were heartily welcomed by Mrs Don. The election of officers for the ensuing year, resulted in the re-election of Mrs Peart, President; Mrs Sanders, Treasurer; and Miss Begg, Secretary. A very enjoyable programme of music, both vocal and instrumental was given, also a dialogue and two recitations (one from a very small girl from Mornington), all of which were much enjoyed by all present. Supper was then served.

#### CARTERTON.

November 24. Cradle Roll Afternoon for Mothers' and Babies in Carrington Park. The attendance was small owing to other attractions. A competition was held and an address was given by Mrs Every which was helpful. Through the afternoon cakes and sweets were for sale, and £1 14s. added to the Fund through the effort. An enjoyable afternoon was spent by all.

December 1. Annual meeting, Mrs R. H. Every presided over a small attendance. The annual report stated that during the year 21 meetings have been held, including home, public, and Executive meetings. Mrs Wilton, who was our delegate, gave us a very inspiring and interesting report on Convention. The District Convention was held in Masterton, and was attended by two delegates and several officers, who each reported the different sessions. Several letters of appreciation of their services have been written to officers who have resigned. The sincere thanks of the Union are due to the Press, and also to the Officials of the Salvation Army and Presbyterian Church for the use of their halls in which to hold the meetings. The present roll now stands at a membership of 99. In November, the District Executive met here, and members entertained them during their stay. The following reports were also given:—Treasurer's, Evangelistic, Press, Cradle Roll, Y.P.C.T.U., and White Ribbon. They were all very encouraging, and showed a good year's work. Mrs Every then asked Miss Oates to address the meeting. Miss Oates said: "It is a great privilege to be able to help this cause which we stand for. There is work for every woman to do, and no amount of personal work is too much for humanity's sake. The real wealth of a Nation is in its children, in their physical well-being, their intellectual powers, and their characters. These must be developed to the highest standard, and so help to maintain our future citizens and leaders of our Empire. We pride ourselves on being a Christian Nation, and so let us be loyal and helpful to our profession, and we must offer our best service." The speaker was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. Miss Oates conducted the election of officers:—President, Mrs Every; Secretary, Mrs Kennerley; Treasurer, Mrs Tappin; Vice-President, Mrs Welch; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs Tyler; Press Reporter, Mrs Pepperell. One new officer was Mrs Raine, who was elected Cor. Sec. Afternoon tea was dispensed, and the meeting was brought to a close.

#### LOWER HUTT.

November 24. Annual meeting: Mrs Mowlem presided over the meeting. The last annual report was read and adopted. Our Cradle Roll report was very encouraging, and very good work is being done by Mrs Heyes, Senr., in this department. We have 37 subscribers to our White Ribbon. The number of members on our roll is 76 with an average attendance of 19. Our Visiting Committee make an effort to see, every few months, those connected with us unable to attend, also those who are sick. Our L.T.U. work is progressing slowly, we hope to do much better next year. After the election of officers, Mrs Mowlem gave us a few ideas for new work we could do in the future. She spoke of our influence among the young mothers of the district, also pointed out to us, that our township was growing rapidly, and that we needed to get out and about; to get new members and others, interested in the great work for God, for Home and for Humanity. Election of officers:—President, Mrs Anderson; Vice-

Presidents, Mrs Garlick, Mrs Routley, Mrs Heyes, Mrs Jackson; Secretary, Mrs Aldersley; Treasurer, Mrs H. Heyes, Junr.; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Spencer; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Heyes, Senr.; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Jackson; Visiting Convenor, Mrs Tait; Pianist, Mrs Spencer; Librarian and Reporter to White Ribbon, Mrs Crawford.

#### OTAHUHU.

December 2. Annual meeting, good attendance. Temperance pledge repeated; President gave a short address. Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and adopted. 5 new names added to Cradle Roll. Evangelistic Superintendent gave good report. Election of officers:—President, Mrs Greenwood; Secretary, Mrs W. Taylor; Treasurer, Mrs McNary; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs West; Cradle Roll, Mrs Handy's side. Mrs Pain and Mrs Hall were elected Vice-Presidents, and Mrs Pain, Mrs Bennett, and Mrs Hill, Evangelistic Supts. On the whole our meetings are profitable and helpful, and the members take an increasing interest in them. Our membership is increased by six.

#### NEW PLYMOUTH.

November 17. Special meeting, largely attended to hear the Superintendents' reports of their year's work. Letters were received from various parts of Taranaki enclosing donations for Seamen's Rest. The reports included Home meetings, six of which have been held during the year in the interests of the Seamen's Rest, and substantial gifts of cash and goods for Mart. were received, and several new members enrolled. Mrs Dickson reported 61 subscribers to White Ribbon, an increase of 10 this year. Bands of Hope are carried on in town and country. Mangorei, Horwath, and Koru have a membership of 110. Visits have been exchanged with the Waitara Band of Hope. 200 adults and children attended the last meeting. Resolved to send a letter of appreciation to Mrs Oliver, the Superintendent. Mrs Craig reports increased attendance at the meeting in town, which is held on alternate Saturdays. The children are taking a keen interest in the meetings. The Rest Room Superintendent reports a successful year. Over 6000 ladies have visited the room during the year, and many from distant parts of the Dominion and some from other countries; whilst new members have been gained for the Union. A vote of thanks was passed to the Superintendent. Work amongst the Maoria has been carried on for 18 months. Mrs Tuffrey, the Superintendent, being most enthusiastic. The average attendance of adults is 60 to 70, and a Sunday School of 30 to 40 children. 300 pamphlets on hygiene have been distributed, 4 dozen Bibles in Maori, 2 dozen in English, and over 1,000 text cards. Parcels of literature and Vanguarders have been sent to Back Blocks and railwaymen. The Legal and Parliamentary Superintendent reported several important amendments and bills that had been passed during the session. Cradle Roll reports showed 309 members. Many letters of appreciation have been received from parents of members. The remainder of the reports were deferred until next meeting.

November 24. Annual meeting, a good attendance. Report of Seamen's Rest Fund. Donations recently received:—Waverley, £5; Stratford Mart. Day, £9 1s.; Hawera, £1; Inglewood, 10s.; Anon Spotswood, 10s. The amount in hand and promises including Mart. Day and Concert, is well over £500. The Treasurer's report of the year shows a credit balance which was welcome news. The Cor. Secretary's report showed that the year has been a very busy one. 11 ordinary meetings, five Notable Days and seven Home meetings have been held. Much ground has been covered in collecting for the Seamen's Rest. The sick and aged have been visited, and many letters of sympathy sent to relatives of members who have passed away. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Craig for her splendid report. Decided to hold a Band of Hope Concert and Sale of Produce on December 11th. Grants were made to Superintendents, and the election of officers was proceeded with:—President, Mrs X. Jones; Cor. Sec., Mrs Craig; Rec. Sec., Mrs Knight; Treasurer, Mrs Whiteham; Miss Drew, pro. tem.; W.R. Agent, Mrs Dickson. Mrs Cannell proposed a vote of thanks to the Retiring Officers.

#### RUSSELL.

November 8. Annual meeting, the President in chair. Eleven members and one visitor. Four belonging to Cradle Roll. The past year's work in review did not make us proud, but we are still alive, and have hope for the coming year. We re-elected our office-bearers, adding Miss Jump as understudy to the Cradle Roll Superintendent. But our valued Secretary, Mrs Wright, stipulated that she be relieved from office before the next session opens. Afternoon tea was served. Adjutants McRoberts and Hart led our devotions.

#### WAIMATE.

November 10. Annual meeting, Mrs Roy presiding. Year's work showed steady progress in all departments. A syllabus has been strictly adhered to, arranged by President. While membership has slightly decreased (paid-up members) finances show a distinct advance—an additional sale of produce contributing to this happy result. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs Roy (re-elected); Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Hurst, Armstrong, Clarke, Kippenberger; Hospital Supt., Mrs O'Brien; Cradle Roll, Mesdames Vigers (Senior and Junior) and Johns; Treasurer, Mrs Excell; Secretary, Miss McCarthy; League of Nations Union Literature, Mrs Excell. Donations from Mrs Roberts ("Riverslea," Dargaville), and Mrs Allen (Hunters) gratefully acknowledged.

#### OPOTIKI.

November 12. Mrs Thompson presiding. About 50 members and friends were present. Miss McCleary gave a very fine address which was both instructive and encouraging. Our visitor also occupied the pulpit in Methodist Church on Sunday, and was enjoyed by all. The Union is arranging a Cake and Lollie Stall for Dr. Barnardo's Home. School essays on "Alcohol and the Human Body" have been written—judged by Hon. J. B. Gow, and prizes given by Mr Moody (Mayor) and W.C.T.U. Band of Hope meetings being held and well-attended. Mrs Sinclair and Captain Grice served afternoon tea.

#### TE KUITI.

Mrs Strand, new President, presided, 13 present. Mrs Nicholls, our late Treasurer, has removed to Auckland, and her removal is a great loss to us. Mrs Hill read a report of the South Auckland Convention at Morrinsville. Two new subscribers to White Ribbon. Sympathy with the Secretary in her illness. Several accounts passed for payment. The members subscribed to the wreath for our late President, Mrs Edgar. Afternoon tea kindly provided by Mrs Wilton. Very enthusiastic meeting closed this year's work.

#### PAPANUI.

October. Cradle Roll annual meeting. Good number of mothers and children attended. Mrs Simpson presided, and spoke words of welcome to all. Mrs Neilson, Superintendent, also spoke, and much of the success of the meeting was due to her hard work. Mrs Simpson presented Mrs Neilson with a bouquet of Arum lilies, and Miss Thelma Hayton and Master Lindsey Neilson presented one of beautiful roses to Mrs Simpson. Solos and recitations were given by Mrs Merrin, and the Misses Haberfield and Merrin. Five new members were enrolled. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the Social Committee, and fancy sunshades and baskets full of sweets were given to each child. A very pleasant afternoon closed with the Doxology.

October. At the monthly meeting, Mrs Kruse and Mrs Merrin gave interesting reports of the District Convention recently held at New Brighton. A collection for the Maori Fund was taken. Mrs Simpson (President) in the chair.

#### INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

November 9. Agreed that March be fixed for the date of Pay-Up Social, and that fees be paid then instead of towards end of year. Matters in connection with the "Bring and Buy" Sale—the annual meeting—helpers for the forthcoming Show tea and rest rooms were discussed. Mrs Boyes having resigned, Mrs Cole, McMaster Street, was appointed to act as Superintendent of Cradle Roll. Reported that all present had been at the District Convention, held November 3rd, and



felt inspired by the addresses given by Mrs T. E. Taylor to do their best to carry on the work.

#### SUMNER.

December. Annual meeting, pleasing attendance; considering strong counter-attractions. Devotional exercises led by Mrs McCombs, gave inspiration. Annual Report and Treasurer's balance sheet were presented. Both satisfactory. Credit balance of £5 13s. 7d. Cradle Roll is 28 strong, and White Ribbon has a good number of subscribers. Stirring address from Mrs W. J. Williams on "Woman's place in the Community," for which she was heartily thanked. Social half-hour passed pleasantly with afternoon tea and a pianoforte duet by Mesdames Edwards and Hislop, and a song from Mrs Henley. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs McCombs; Vice-President, Mesdames Wilson, McAlra and Sherrard; C. Secretary, Mrs Fife Slater; Rec. Secretary, Miss Dunn; Treasurer, Mrs Booth; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Ogier; Superintendents: Evangelistic, Mrs McMillan; Cradle Roll, Mesdames Voller and Ogier; Anti-Gambling, Miss Cock; Peace and Arbitration, Mrs McCombs; Musical, Mrs Hislop. Decided to meet again first Wednesday in February.

#### WAKEFIELD.

September. A very encouraging meeting, two new members initiated, and two new subscribers for White Ribbon. Miss Burls visited our Union and gave a very interesting and instructive address.

October. An interesting meeting, report given of Nelson District Convention. Short paper read, "Effects of Alcohol on Human System." Arrangements for Garden Party, to be held in October or early in November.

November. A small meeting, but some heartfelt talks on the great need to banish the Liquor Traffic. Pledge read. We had advertised and prepared for Garden Party on November 6th, but weather conditions prevented, and we had to put it off, but we held it on November 15th, and considering it had been postponed, it was very successful. A few showers made it rather a task for an outside function. We added to our Union funds a little over £9. We are indebted to Mr and Mrs McPherson for their kind entertainment, and to all who so willingly assisted us.

#### OXFORD.

October 20. Maori Day. President in the chair. A letter from a Deaconess among the Maoris in Te Kuiti District was read by Mrs Jones. Collection in aid of Maori Fund. Mrs Roberson gave a very interesting report of District Convention. She was heartily thanked, and deep regret expressed that she was leaving the district.

November 7. Annual meeting. Resolutions of sympathy with Mrs Rol and relatives of late Mrs Gainsford. Secretary's report stated that membership was 42 in spite of loss of valued members by removal from the district. Reports of Superintendents showed good work done under difficulties. Monthly meetings had been held, and five Notable Days observed. Forty in Cradle Roll. Thirty-three Band of Hope members. The Y.P.s have 37 financial members, and had won the banner for percentage increase of members. The Union had catered for the A. & P. Show (assisted by Y. Branch); provided afternoon tea on two Sale Days, and had given mid-day cup of tea to cadets in the training camp. Balance sheet adopted, showed small credit. Votes of thanks to the Auditor, to the Newspapers, and to all who had assisted during the year.

#### INVERCARGILL NORTH.

November 23rd was a Red Letter Day in the history of the North Union, when a Mothers' meeting was held, and was pronounced a decided success. Mothers' with their little ones attended in goodly numbers, also members and friends. Mrs Gilmour, President, occupied the chair, and gave an impressive address on the sanctity and responsibility of motherhood. A fine programme of songs and recitations was submitted, and afternoon tea was dispensed. Mrs L. Fraser, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, has 38 children's names enrolled which augurs well for the success of that branch of W.C.T.U. work. The annual meeting was held the previous week, when the following office-bearers were elected:—Mrs Gilmour,

President; Mesdames Holmes and Wilcox, Vice-Presidents; Miss Langskail, Secretary; Mrs Laytham, Treasurer.

#### STRATFORD.

November 26. Annual meeting, Mrs Phillips was in the chair. After the usual devotions the Secretary read report of last meeting, also of last annual meeting, and a summary of years work was given. There was a fair attendance. Meeting closed with prayer by the President. Officers elected were:—President, not filled; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Phillips and Mrs McAllum; Rec. Sec., Mrs McAllum, Orlando Street; Cor. Sec., Mrs D. M. Clarke, Pembroke Road; Treasurer, Miss Lilley, Juliet Street; White Ribbon, Mrs Kelly (re-elected); Back Block Literature Superintendent, Mrs Fawcett, Juliet Street, South; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs Wendelborne; Secretary for Birthday League, Mrs Huston.

#### TIMARU.

November 9. A Social Evening held to welcome Mrs T. E. Taylor on her first official visit to the Union. Large and enthusiastic audience, presided over by Mrs Low. Mrs Taylor spoke on "The Relationship of the W.C.T.U. to the modern movements of Women," and also on the Borstal Institute in Invercargill. Three new members were initiated. The proceeds of the Garden Party, £17, were handed over to Y.W.C.A. Hostel Fund.

November 30. Annual meeting. Large amount of correspondence dealt with and Hospital and Entertainment Committee's reports received. Two Sunday Teas and Services besides week-night Socials had been held during the month. After annual report and balance sheet had been read and adopted, the following officers were appointed for the coming year:—President, Mrs Norrie; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Trott, Low, Seward, Butcher, Wright, Gordon and Brown; Treasurer, Miss Pearson; Secretary, Mrs Minifie; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Cave; Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs King; Peace and Arbitration Superintendent, Mrs Low; "Y." President, Mrs Gordon.

#### MARTINBOROUGH.

December 1. Annual meeting. Officers elected:—Mrs W. J. Martin, President; Mrs Tyler, Secretary and Treasurer; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Shirkey, Grey Street. Good reports were received of work done.

#### GREYTOWN.

November. Annual meeting. Miss Oates presided, 13 present. Mrs Haigh presented report and balance sheet which was adopted. One guinea was donated to Maori Fund and one guinea for use of Schoolroom. Mrs Morison read report of District Executive. Mrs Anker reported 26 L.T.L. members. Miss Oates, District President, complimented the Union on the work done. Officers elected:—President, Mrs H. Morison; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames C. Taylor and Kearney, and Miss Oates; Secretary, Mrs W. A. Allen; Treasurer, Mrs A. Haigh; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs J. Allen; L.T.L. Superintendent, Mrs Anker; Cradle Roll, Mrs Roache; Tea Conventor, Mrs Kearney. Votes of thanks to Retiring President and Committee.

#### PLEASANT POINT.

December 1. Annual meeting. Treasurer reported a credit balance of £3 1s. 5d. Give and Buy Sale realised £2 18s. 9d. Reported 8 new members to L.T.L., also to Y.P. Branch. Paper on Maori Work by Rev. Seamer was read. Superintendents were appointed:—Notable Days, Mrs Crossman; Evangelistic, Miss May Smith; Mr Borrell appointed Auditor. Hearty votes of thanks were passed to officers and White Ribbon Agent. Decided to send Xmas cheer to poor family. Decided to have Sale on December 11th. Next meeting to be held in February.

#### NEW BRIGHTON.

November 18. Attendance very good, Mrs H. Hall presided. A welcome was extended to a member on transfer from another branch. Extracts from the "White Ribbon" re-Doctors' opinions on the use of Alcohol, was read by the President. Decided that the annual meeting be held in conjunction with a "Bring and Buy" Social. An excellent reading on World Peace was given by the Treasurer. The annual Temperance Parade was held on Sunday, November 21st.

Members of the Band of Hope and "Y." Branch turned out in goodly numbers to assist, and all assembled at the Pier and marched to the Methodist Church, where a very fine service was conducted by the Rev. R. Raine.

#### ONEHUNGA.

November 11. Annual meeting, fair attendance. Letter of congratulation sent to Rec. Secretary upon the birth of a daughter. Letters of sympathy to Mrs Pople and Logan. Secretary's report showed steady progress. Balance sheet read and adopted. White Ribbon and Cradle Roll Superintendents presented very encouraging reports. £2 donated to Maori Fund; £1 to Cradle Roll exes, and 10s. to our L.T.L. Fund; £5 to Organising Fund. Officers elected:—President, Mrs Stacey; Rec. Sec., Mrs Fordyce, Junr; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hunter; Treasurer, Mrs Mushet; W.R. Agent, Mrs Ashby. Retirement of Mrs Bickles, Cradle Roll Superintendent, deeply regretted, and hearty appreciation of her work expressed. Afternoon tea. Song, Mrs Ward; Duet, Mrs Larkins and Ireland; Recitations, Mrs Ashby and Mrs Hunter.

#### SOUTH WELLINGTON.

December 2. Annual meeting, Mrs Evans, M.A. presided. The Secretary read the report of the year's work which showed progress, fourteen meetings being held, to which interest had been added by addresses being given by Rev. A. Armstrong, Dr. Platts-Mills, Mrs Evans, Mrs (Major) Greene, Miss Kirk, Sister Bessie, Mrs Weston, and the delegates to Conventions. Encouraging reports were read from the following departments of work:—Notable Days (Mrs Rowe); Cradle Roll (Mrs Logan); Railway Boxes (Mrs Brialey); Hospital Visitor (Mrs Keene); Scattered Members (Mrs Chisholm); Flower Mission (Miss E. Boxall); "White Ribbon" (Mrs Mowlem); Peace and Arbitration (Mrs Evans); Press (Mrs Evans). The balance sheet showed that the year began with a balance of £3 9s. 10d., receipts had been £50 1s. 2d., expenditure, £50 9s. 4d., leaving a credit balance of £3 1s. 3d. The Secretary read the balance sheet of the Reserve Fund, which showed a credit balance of £21 12s. 3d. Gratification was expressed that the building was now free of debt. Sympathy was expressed with the relatives of members who had lately passed away. The election of officers resulted in Mrs Mowlem being elected President, Mrs Webb, re-elected Secretary, Miss Boxall, re-elected Treasurer, and Mrs Hirst, re-elected Assistant Treasurer.

#### RICCARTON.

November 18. Annual meeting, Mrs C. Barrell presided; attendance good. The following resolutions were passed: (1) Letter of sympathy to Mrs Barton on the death of her son; (2) Donation of £1 to Miss Bingham for Xmas cheer for prisoners; (3) Donation of £1 to Trustees of Clarence Road Church for use of same during year; (4) Purchase of Hymn Books; (5) Letter to be sent to Riccarton Borough Council advocating purchase of section for use as a Tennis Court. Vote of thanks passed to Mrs Buckley for her interest in the Prison Department. A Superintendent has now been appointed for this work. Reports from various Superintendents of departments read and proved very satisfactory. Arrangements made for Social Afternoon to Miss Russell. One new member initiated. Collection taken up for Maori Fund. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs C. Barrell; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames James, Mounsey, Ferguson, and Miss Jackson; Treasurers, Mesdames Swanson and White; Recording Secretary, Mrs Newth; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Dempsey; Devotional Leader, Mrs Cannon; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs McLean; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Donaldson; Supt., Prisons Department, Mrs Swallow; Social Committee, Mesdames Gundy, Brighting, Graveston; Misses Russell, Jackson, Stevenson, and Dempsey.

November 23. Social Afternoon in conjunction with Clarence Road Methodist Ladies' Guild, tendered to Miss Russell. Mrs James spoke on behalf of Church, and Mrs C. Barrell on behalf of W.C.T.U. Presentation made of Xylonite Toilet Set and Purse. Miss Russell suitably replied. Competition won by Mrs McLean. Items rendered by Mesdames Brighting, Reynolds, W. H.

Barrell and Misses Stephenson and Johnstone.

#### WAITARA.

November 19. Mrs Andrews presided, good attendance. Annual meeting report and balance sheet presented, showing very satisfactory work done for the year. Mrs Andrews was elected Vice-President. All others in office remaining another year. Letter of thanks from Seamen's Rest Committee, New Plymouth, for donation, also from Willard Home for gift of £1. Thanks extended to Managers Knox Church, for use of the Church for monthly meetings. A very favourable report to hand of combined Band of Hope, young people showing much enthusiasm. After the Doxology, a pleasant social half-hour was spent by all.

#### AUCKLAND.

November 30. Annual meeting, Mrs Cook presided, good attendance. Sympathy expressed with Mrs Dowling, Treasurer, in her illness. The annual report showed a year of activity, good work done in connection with W.C.T.U. Committee of War Memorial Library, thousands of magazines, books, papers and children's books sent to the Back Blocks, and had been greatly appreciated. Parcels of clothing sent to the Maoris, and very satisfactory work done by Mrs Fulljames. Good work had been done in connection with the Bible-in-Schools Cause, the responsibility to the rising generation much urged. Major Gordon gave an interesting report of her work among the women prisoners, telling pathetic instances where drink has been the cause of downfall. A donation was passed towards her Christmas Cheer for the women. Reports were given in the various departments of work, Evangelistic, Social Hygiene, Cradle Roll, Legal and Parliamentary, Press, White Ribbon, Peace and Arbitration, Notable Days, the Hostel. The officers of the Union were re-elected:—President, Mrs Cook; Recording Secretary, Mrs J. W. Taylor; Corresponding Secretary, Miss N. Dewar; Treasurer, Mrs Dowling; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Hutchinson and Fulljames, re-elected; Mesdames Ready, Pierce, and Williams. Votes of thanks passed to officers and Superintendents for work during the year. Afternoon tea was dispensed. The Union goes into recess till early in the New Year.

#### MAUNGATUROTO.

November 17. At Mrs Pasley's, 11 members present, Mrs Bycroft presided. Correspondence dealt with. Letter received from Mrs Henderson stressing importance of work among the Maoris, and announced the appointment of a special worker for same. Decided to hold Cradle Roll Day on December 8th. (postponed on account of the weather). Mrs Fulljames gave an interesting address on the work of the Union, and exhorted us to strive for increased membership. Two new members initiated. Hearty applause given Mrs Fulljames. Afternoon tea dispensed at close.

#### CHRISTCHURCH.

November 10. Mrs Richards presided. Correspondence read from National Peace Council, asking for a representative at the "No More War Demonstrations," on November 14th. Decided to ask Mrs T. E. Taylor, Mrs J. McCombs, and Mrs W. J. Williams, named as substitutes. Reports on recent Jumble Sale were received, takings amounting to £8 5s. 7d. Several members read various Medical Temperance facts on the ill-effects of Alcohol on the human body, an interesting discussion following. Further arrangements were made for the annual meeting, to be held on December 8th.

A general meeting held on November 24th, Miss Henderson presiding. The pledge was repeated as usual after the reading of the minutes, Miss Henderson stressing the importance of the pledge as the first condition of membership to the Union. Miss Henderson and Mrs Richards were appointed to represent the Union at a public meeting, to be held on Wednesday, December 1st, at the Municipal Buildings, to discuss arrangements for the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York. Decided to hold a "Bring and Buy" sale after the meeting on December 8th, members to be asked to bring cakes, sweets, etc., the Secretary to send a notice to each member. It was resolved to donate £3 3s. to the New Zealand Union Fund. Recently, a combined Evening Social was held, be-

tween the Adult Christchurch Union and the Young People's Branch. A very enjoyable musical programme was arranged by the Y's., and a most inspiring and interesting address was given by Mrs Odell, on her work in the Methodist Mission in the East end of London during the war. Supper served.

#### GORE.

November 23. Annual meeting. All the office-bearers were re-elected, with the addition of Miss Dickie, who was appointed Evangelistic Leader. A "Bring and Buy" sale was held, which was quite a success.

#### DUNEDIN CENTRAL.

December 7. Annual meeting. Mrs Hiett was re-elected President, Mrs Douglas and Miss Powell, Recording and Correspondence Secretary, Mrs Macartney, Treasurer. Two delegates to be sent to the Annual Convention in Auckland. Reports were read from Mrs Hutton, Home Meetings and Entertainment Superintendent, Miss Nichol and Mrs Blakely, "White Ribbon" Superintendents. Subscribers now number 85. Our paper has been sent to most of the institutions in the city. Miss Bryant, Cradle Roll, reported 178 babies on the list. Mrs Elliott, N.E.V., was elected by the Union to act as Supervisor of backward children. Mesdames Hiett and Driver were appointed representatives of our Union on the Bible-in-Schools League. Mrs Downing reported that Politicians had been urged to support the Bible-in-Schools Bill, Amendments to Destitute Persons' Act, Appointment of Women Police and Women Jurors, and oppose Art Unions, Licensing Bill as presented to the House and Liquor being introduced into the King Country. Mrs Gain reported on Band of Hope, Executive agreed to assist the Committee to draft a syllabus for 1927, and set essays on the evil effects of Alcohol. Two successful Street Sales were held during the year, and £10 was voted to the New Zealand Alliance from the proceeds of these Sales. The flowers which decorated the room were sold at the close of the meeting for the General Fund, and also several paintings by Mrs H. H. Driver for the benefit of the West Ham Mission in London.

#### WARKWORTH.

December 2. Social Tea; there was a good and enthusiastic attendance. Mrs Phillips outlined the Life of Frances Willard, and gave a brief outline of the W.C.T.U. work. Several items were given, and afternoon tea was served. Resolution passed expressing regret that the Warkworth Tennis Club has decided to open its courts on Sunday, and urging the Town Board to take action to prevent this. Two new members. The election of officers:—President, Mrs H. I. Phillips; Treasurer, Mrs Green; Secretary, Mrs Hamilton; Reporting Secretary, Mrs Thompson; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Roy Civil. Mrs Cook and Mrs Thompson offered to forward the clothing parcel to Sister Esther. Our next meeting will be held in February.

#### HASTINGS.

December 9. A Cradle Roll Garden Party was held at the residence of Mrs J. Collinge, the newly-appointed Superintendent. Sixty mothers and children partook of afternoon tea, and were entertained with music and games. Mrs Paul, President, welcomed the guests, and short speeches were made by Mesdames Harper and Wilson. Literature was distributed to the mothers and home-made sweets to the children. A vote of thanks to Mrs Collinge concluded a happy afternoon. 16 new names for the Cradle Roll, and three new members.

#### INVERCARGILL SOUTH.

December 7. Presided over by Mrs Garrett. Election of office-bearers resulting as follows:—President, Mrs Pasley; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Garrett, Macgregor, and Pryde; Rec. Sec., Miss MacCallum; Cor. Sec., Mrs Macgregor; Treasurer, Nurse Griffiths; Assist. Treasurer, Mrs Latham; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Crozier; Notable Days Supt., Mrs Parker; Social and Hygiene Supt., Mrs McLean; Press Reporter, Mrs Reidy; Pianist, Mrs Parker. Tea and Rest Rooms for Show Day in readiness—public catered for attentively. As a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mrs Baird, members stood in silence. Letter of sympathy to be forwarded to relatives. Those Schools competing for prizes in the Temperance Essays

will receive them shortly, when all essays are in.

#### ASHBURTON.

December 7. Annual meeting, Mrs Robinson presided. An interesting account of a visit paid to Willard Home by Mrs R. Buxton, was given. Contributions of cash or clothing were again solicited. A comprehensive report of the year's activities was submitted by the Secretary. The Superintendent reported 96 subscribers to White Ribbon mostly paid up. The Treasurer's report and balance sheet revealed a satisfactory credit balance. The reports were adopted, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent. Decided to donate £5 to Organizing Fund, also that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent Mrs Buxton for her work and donation to the Funds. Election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Mrs W. H. Robinson; Secretary, Miss E. Trevurza. A special vote of thanks was accorded Mrs Amos for the splendid work carried on by her as Treasurer. The Superintendents of Departments were re-appointed, subject to their consent. Look-Out Committees were formed in connection with the Churches, an effort being made to increase the attendance of members. Decided that the Secretary convey to Mrs W. T. Lill, Ex-President, the continued remembrance of members and Season's greetings. A cup of tea was served, and with thanks to all including the President, and an exchange of kind wishes, the meeting closed till February with the special closing service of the W.C.T.U.

#### PORT ALBERT.

November 19. Sister Nichol's, in company with Miss Gitto and Mrs Hinerangi Simons, started a branch of the W.C.T.U. in Port Albert. There were present several members who had joined the Union a year ago, during a visit in the district from Mrs Lee-Cowie. No officers had been elected, or meetings held, however. Under the reviving touch of the three visiting Sisters recently, we held a meeting on November 19th, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Grindlay; Secretary and Cor. Sec., Miss E. Hartnell; Vice-President, Mrs E. Hartnell; Treasurer, Mrs B. Gubb; White Ribbon Agent, Mrs Ted Thompson. On November 30th, a meeting was held in the afternoon, the President presiding, and giving a very interesting and helpful address to those present. We have thirteen financial members, and hope soon to have more. The meeting closed with the Benediction. (Hearty congratulations and best wishes to the "youngest member of the family."—Ed. W.R.)

#### OAMARU.

November. Mrs Clarke occupied the chair. Miss A. Webb acted as Secretary. Letters of thanks were received from Mrs Chase for sympathy expressed by Union, and from Willard Home for parcels of clothing sent. The collection was taken for the Maori Work. Miss A. Webb read an article on "The effect of Prohibition on American Youth." Mrs Clarke reported having met Mr Edmond and others. Mr Edmond said the outlook was brighter than last year, people were attending Churches more regularly and there was less drinking at dances. A good majority of the House of Representatives pledged to support a two-issue ballot paper. Furthermore, 88 per cent. of the teachers in the State Schools are willing to give Scientific Temperance Instruction.

#### SEFTON.

October 27. Fair attendance of members. Mrs Thorne presiding. Decided to renew subscription to League of Nations Union. Continued reading article on "Cell Poison." President gave interesting report of Convention. Maori Day celebrated. Paper by Rev. A. J. Seamer, "Ourselves and Our Maori Citizens" very much appreciated. Collection in aid of Maori Fund. In September, a special Home meeting was held at the Manse, Mrs Richards giving an interesting address.

November 17. Annual meeting. Reports of work during the year were given by various officers. Article concerning Scientific Temperance Instruction read. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs P. J. Thorne; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Farrar, Mrs Withers; Secretary, Mrs Ford; Treasurer, Miss Quick; L.T.L., Mrs Thorne; Social and



Philanthropic, Miss Quick; Press, Mrs Withers. Decided to try and form Cradle Roll Department. Vote of thanks to all officers was passed.

#### INVERCARGILL CENTRAL.

November 23. The President opened with a hymn and the reading of 13th chapter, 1st Cor. "Pink Slips" in connection with the Bible-in-Schools League were handed to all present, they signifying their willingness to help that movement. A brief report from Rev. Wedderspoon, who kindly judged the Temperance Essay Competition, stated that the work received had been of a very high standard, and that there was no doubt that the Competition was achieving the end in view. The "Bring and Buy" Sale held 1st December, was not the success we had hoped for. The annual report showed that much good work had been done, and several new members had been gained (our President introducing 25 of the number. The usual Xmas gift for poor children was made. Afternoon tea was served, and the annual meeting followed, the officers elected for the coming year being:—President, Mrs Walker; Vice-President, Mrs Mathieson; Hon. Sec., Miss E. M. Smith; Philanthropic Supt., Miss H. Birss; Evangelistic Supts., Mesdames McBean and Sampson; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Cole; W.R. Agent, Mrs Johnston; Social Committee, Mesdames Hogan, Johnston, Lillcrap, Mathieson, and Miss Birss; Sick Visitors, Mesdames McGruer and Brass.

#### CHEVIOT.

Annual meeting, Mrs Walmsley presiding over a fair attendance. Treasurer's report satisfactory. Officers re-elected unanimously. A motion of sympathy passed to Mrs Fraser in her loss. Mr Osborne, of the Alliance, waited on the meeting with reference to a proposed tour of a Band of Hope Concert Party during the month of January, and was warmly welcomed. Mr Osborne also gave some interesting facts on "License" and "No-License" matters. Reports of the Cradle Roll were very satisfactory. After a very brisk meeting, the pledge was repeated, the Benediction pronounced, and afternoon tea was served.

#### KAIAPOL.

December 1. Good attendance, annual meeting. The reports of the officers' and Superintendents' were read and adopted. A vote of appreciation was passed to the Mothers' Union for their generous donation of an electric heater and kettle for the Rest Room. Decided to postpone the Pay-Up Social until March. January meeting to receive Building Superintendent's report, and Mrs White is to read the opening speech of the President at the Peace Conference at Geneva. Decided to hold a Cake and Pudding Sale on December 17th. The following officers were elected:—President, Mrs Vickery; Vice-Presidents, Mrs Brighting, Mrs Barnard, Mrs Slade, Mrs Stewart, Mrs Aiken; Rec. Sec., Mrs Rinaldi; Assist. Sec., Mrs Blackwell; Treasurer, Miss Evans; Band of Hope Supt., Mrs Stewart; Treasurer, Mrs Keetley; Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Warren; Assist. Supt., Mrs Attawell; W.R. Agent, Mrs Stanton; Peace and Arbitration Supt., Mrs White; Building Supt., Mrs Stewart; Treasurer, Mrs Baker.

#### RANGIORA.

November 26. Annual meeting. Mrs Thwaites presided over a good attendance. The annual report and balance sheet showed that satisfactory progress is being made in all departments. The number of subscribers to the "White Ribbon" is 18. The Cradle Roll has 28 names, the Band of Hope has a membership of 83, and the L.T.L. at Southbrook has 27 members. The President expressed thanks to all who had contributed towards the success of the year's work. All the office bearers of the previous year were re-elected with the exception of the Treasurer, Mrs McKechnie, whose resignation was accepted with regret. Miss May was appointed Treasurer and the number of Vice-Presidents was increased by the addition of Mrs C. S. Ayers and Mrs H. Taylor. Votes of thanks to those who held office during the year passed.

#### NAPIER.

December 1. Annual meeting. Mrs Venables spoke of the need of extending the work of the Union. Reports of the various departments of work were read. These re-

ports showed that the interest in all was well maintained, everything is going well under the new Managing Committee. There are 122 members, 5 honorary members. Mrs Leask gave a short address, the watchword for next year, "More Prayer, more 'Home' Meetings." The Band of Hope had held 12 meetings; 40 members, 39 pledged members. At the break-up on the 19th November, Mrs Leask, on behalf of the children, presented Mrs Brocklehurst, Superintendent, and Mrs Wilkinson, Assistant, with an Eversharp Pencil. Mrs McAlister who is leaving shortly on an extended holiday, was elected to represent the Union at the World's Convention. The following officers were re-elected, President, Mrs Leask; Rec. Sec., Mrs Brocklehurst; Cor. Sec., Mrs Hull; Treasurer, Mrs Wilkinson; White Ribbon, Mrs Mens; Band of Hope, Mrs Brocklehurst; Flower and Hospital, Mrs Ball; Drawing Room, Mrs Leask; Social and Moral Hygiene, Mrs Leask; Church Notice, Mrs Cox; Tea Committee, Mesdames Warren, Stevens, and Miss Ellery; Evangelistic, Mesdames Dodds and Venables. New Departments of Work:—Cradle Roll Supt., Mrs Saunders; Purity, Mrs Dunstall; Railway Box, Miss Gilchrist. Willard Day, February 1927, to be held in the Botanical Gardens, Mrs Brocklehurst to give a paper on Miss Willard's work. Mrs Wilkinson appointed delegate to Convention. Votes of thanks to all carried by acclamation.

#### EDEN.

November 17. Fair attendance. The President presided, introducing Mrs Cook, who gave a very inspiring address on "Bible-in-Schools," after which the Secretary and Treasurer presented the annual report and balance sheet respectively, followed by Superintendents' reports. Afternoon tea was served, and a solo pleasingly sung by Miss Higgott, prior to the election of officers which was conducted by Mrs Auld, resulting as follows:—President, Mrs Fenton; Rec. Sec., Mrs Johnston; Cor. Sec., Mrs Clark; Treasurer, Mrs Mersen; Evangelistic Supt., Mrs Gaulton; W.R. Agent, Mrs Cartwright; Cradle Roll, Mrs Ramsay.

#### SOUTH AFRICA.

The W.C.T.U. of Cape Province held its 37th Annual Convention at Oudtshoorn, September 25th to October 1st, 1926, under the Presidency of Mrs E. J. Geard, Port Elizabeth. The delegation numbered 60, representing a membership of 2659. The fine hall of the Girls' High School had been kindly loaned for the business sessions, the Mayor's reception, and the Y evening while the public service on Sunday afternoon, and the public meeting on Thursday evening were held in the Gaiety Theatre. The total income of the Unions was £2471 7s 9d, and expenditure £2094 5s 8d. The three Red Letter Days, viz., "Willard Day," in aid of Cape Province organisation, the "MacKenzie," in aid of South African organisation, and "June," to secure increased membership and subscribers to the "White Ribbon," were well reported.

The Literature and Office report showed 2293 letters and 288 post-cards written by the Secretary. The actual turnover being £281 11s 5d, of which Cape Province contributed £241 19s 3d. Four hundred and eighty-two visitors have been welcomed during the year.

Twenty-two departmental reports were submitted. Press work is forging ahead. Grape products are arousing much interest, and the holding of raisin cookery competitions and raisin poster contests is slowly but surely educating the farmers and the public. The annual Scientific Temperance Essay Competition is making the study of handbooks more general, and the competition is keener each year. For the Intermediate Class the prize was doubled owing to a tie.

During Convention very able lectures were delivered, viz.: "Women's Franchise," by Mrs Solly, "Health Teaching in Schools," by Miss Ruby Adendorff, and "Some Thoughts on Poverty and Its Relief," by Dr. Boehmke.

The speakers at the public meeting were Miss Solomon, Vice-President World's W.C.T.U., and Mrs Solly, the former taking for her subject "Three Great Ideals," the latter "The Awakening of Women."

Morning and afternoon teas were served by the ladies of the various organisations of the town.

The delegates were the guests of the Mayor and municipality in a delightful visit to the Congo Caves.

The members of the local W.C.T.U. and the residents of Oudtshoorn spared no pains for the comfort of the visitors. All plans had been excellently prepared and carried out.

The election of officers took place on Friday, and resulted as follows:—President, Mrs Shennan; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames Geard McEwan, and Sutherland; Rec. Sec., Mrs Abbott; Cor. Sec., Mrs S. Anderson; Treas., Mrs Tearman; Y. Sec., Mrs W. Campbell.

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#### SEEING DOUBLE.

Pat had been to a funeral and on his return was a little the worse for what he had been drinking. He indignantly protested he was sober, and his boss to test him told him to walk along that straight line. Pat very unsteadily walked up to the line, smiled, and said, "Now then, boss, none of your jokes, which line do you mean?"

# 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."*

My Dear Young Friends,

Are you looking forward to holidays as eagerly as I am. I know how hard we young one's get worked. Our Editor has no mercy upon me at all, and I'm only young yet, just over thirty. May you all have a very Merry Xmas by sea, or mount or stream, with gun or rod or racquet; on foot or horse, in car or plane; the best of all times to you.

Take me with you, please, away from the grimy office shelves which our Editor loves; introduce me to your friends, and get me some homes in lovely country places. I'm sure they'll welcome me when they get to know me.

Take good care of yourself and come back bronzed and fit for all the New Year is to bring. Hope you'll write often to me next year. My love to one and all, and I give you the Eastern salute "Go with God."

Ever yours for service,

**"THE WHITE RIBBON."**

## THE WISE Y.

The Town Hall was beautifully decorated; one of the great social events of the season—The Racing Club Ball—was in full swing. The floor, the orchestra, the decorations, the caterings, the dresses were all of the very best.

In a recess off the main hall, stood a bevy of laughing girls, who were taking in the beauty of the scene while waiting for the first dance. Among the group was Mollie Dawson, feeling very pleasantly excited, and looking eagerly forward to this her first big dance. She had come from a small country hospital to finish her training at the city institution. Upon her beautiful flame-coloured silk dress gleamed a small white bow, pearls set in gold, a gift from the Y.P.C.T.U. of which she had been Secretary.

Her partner claimed her, and soon she formed one of a merry group

upon the floor. (A pretty brunette, very attractive, with a fund of quiet humour, she had no lack of partners and all went merry as the proverbial marriage bell.

"Why is there such a rush to the supper room so early in the evening?" she asked a girl friend.

"A rush, do you call it," replied Amy.

"You should have been here at the big Municipal Ball last month. Why, they nearly broke in the doors of the supper room."

"Whatever for," asked the bewildered Mollie.

"To get the claret cup. Where were you brought up not to know that?"

"Claret cup? Why Amy, surely you don't drink wine at dances."

"Of course, I do, you dear little greenhorn. All the girls do."

"Not all, Amy. I'm sure May Clarence does not join you there," said Mollie.

"Why are you so sure of that. Don't bet on it or you'll lose, my dear."

"Amy, her father is one of the chief officers of our Church, and he's a great Temperance man.

"Well, she's not, I can assure you," replied Amy.

"No," chimed in a bystander. "I'll tell you a story. The minister preached a great sermon upon the evils of wine and dancing, and regretted that it had crept in among their own Church young people. Mr Clarence indignantly repudiated the statements and asked May did she ever see wine at the parties she went to. Well, she had to confess, and I can assure you her father was a very shocked man to hear that she did 'as the other girls did.' Poor man, he was so busy with his Church and Temperance work, that he had no time to look at home."



Mollie's heart sank at this story. She saw stormy weather ahead of her. Later on, she and her partner formed the centre of a merry group in the supper room. Wine and claret-cup circulated freely, and Mollie was ridiculed for her refusal to partake, but she could not disgrace the little White Messenger upon her breast. Bye-and-bye she noted the increasing hilarity of the group, the wit became poorer, the laughter noisier, there was a freedom of manner which brought a blush to the cheek of the carefully trained girl. She was glad to make her escape, and a partner claiming her for the next dance, they were soon "tripping the light, fantastic toe." At the conclusion of this dance, Mollie wandered into an ante-room opening into the supper room. Never will she forget the wild scene there. Her friend Amy and several other girls were seated upon the knees of men, leading citizens of the town, older than their fathers. Cigarettes were alight, mirth was uproarious, there was an utter lack of all dignity and womanly self-respect. And as she looked, Amy laughing and simpering, kissed the bald spot upon the head of her admirer.



Shocked and dazed she hurriedly turned to leave and collided with a gentleman just entering. It was the doctor from the hospital, and something in her strained, white face made him pause and ask.

"What is the matter, Nurse?"

"Doctor, look in there, what is the matter with our girls."

"Claret-cup," briefly replied the doctor. Don't you indulge in it, nurse?"

"Oh, no, look at my White Bow."

"Then, nurse, you can thank whoever gave you that bow. A quiet dance may not harm a girl occasionally, but dancing and wine are a rotten combination. Keep your pledge, nurse, and you'll keep yourself from sinking into the depths. The descent into Avernus is easy, and wine floats many a craft down it."

Just then the Doctor's wife approached, and was introduced to Mollie.

A fine motherly woman, she pitied the girl's apparent weariness.

"You look tired, my dear, can we take you home with us?"

"Thank you, I'll be so glad to get away."

Safe in her room, too excited to sleep, Mollie penned the account of her evening's doings to Mrs Wilson, the Superintendent of her old Y. Union, and concluded with these words. "I'm so glad you got me to sign the pledge, and wear the bow, or I might have done as those other girls were doing, and then I never could have faced my mother with a clear conscience."

And a day later the heart of a sorely discouraged worker was cheered, she thought the work was worth doing, and resolved to "Carry on."

## Y REPORTS.

### CARTERTON.

November 9. Annual meeting, Miss Tyler presided; good attendance. Officers were elected:—Supt., Mrs Peppereil; Pres., Miss M. Tyler; Sec., John Denbee; Treas., Ruth Simpson; Vice-Pres., Maurice Brassendale. Games were played, songs sung, and supper served.

### HAMILTON EAST.

November 26. Miss K. Dey, President, presided over a good attendance. Mrs Mears, Secretary Local W.C.T.U., gave a very interesting report on District Convention. Mrs Morgan, Superintendent, spoke on "Alcohol in Relation to the Human Body and Mind." Three new members were initiated. Supper was served.

### HASTINGS.

November 12. Annual meeting. The first meeting next year in March. Mrs Wilson read a very interesting chapter from Richard Dobson's Book, "Alcohol." The officers' reports for the year were read, each showing that keen interest had been taken in all departments of the work. Election of officers held over until next year. Social evening followed, games were enjoyed. The following items were contributed:—Mrs McArthur, Vocal Solo; Mrs Banks, Vocal Solo; Miss D. McArthur, Pianoforte Solo; Miss N. Slater, Vocal and Pianoforte Solos; Mr G. Warren, Monologue. A dainty supper was then dispensed, and "Auld Lang Syne" sang.

### WAIMATE.

October 4. Miss Beer presided over a very good attendance. Miss G. Dennison gave her very interesting report of Convention. We then adjourned to the residence of Rev. Mrs Nicol, "The Manse," where a delightful evening was spent in games, competitions, etc. A bountiful supper and votes of thanks brought a happy evening to a close.

November 8. The Mayor, Mr Dash, presided over an excellent attendance, there being a large number of Adult Union members present too. The guest of the evening was Mrs T. E. Taylor, Dominion President, who gave a most helpful and stirring address on the "Need for Prohibition." During the evening, musical items were rendered. At the close, one new "Y" member initiated.

November 15. Break-Up Social. In spite of the wet night, "Y" members and friends spent a very happy social evening together, which I am sure, will live long in the memories of those present.

### DUNEDIN.

October 11. A faithful band has met twice a month to work for a Sale of Work, which was held on October 11th. The various stalls were in charge of members who did good business throughout the evening. Musical and elocutionary items were given, and a happy time spent. The sum of £8 15s. 5d. was raised. We hope to send a delegate to Auckland next year.

November 8. Attendance fair, members of Adult Union welcomed. Annual meeting. Election of officers resulted thus:—President, Miss J. Armit; Vice-Presidents, Misses A. McClean, M. Walker, A. Gwyn; Secretary, Miss M. Duncan (re-elected); Treasurer, Miss D. Ritchie. Mrs Hiett gave a talk of encouragement.

### NEW BRIGHTON.

November 17. There was a very good attendance of members at the quarterly social, the President, Mrs Mitchell, presiding. Games and competitions were much enjoyed, and supper was served.

### AUCKLAND.

December 2. Miss A. M. McLay presided. The Secretary's report for the past year was submitted; also the Treasurer's statement, which showed a credit balance of £11 11s. 4d. These were adopted. The re-appointment of the present officers was confirmed with the exception of the Corresponding Secretary, whose resignation was received with regret. Her duties have been combined with those of the Recording Secretary. Mr S. Purselove was appointed to assist Mr Leckie with the Evangelistic Work. Mrs Lee-Cowie gave a short Temperance Address, and the meeting closed with a hymn followed by supper.

### PLEASANT POINT.

November 30. Good attendance, and Mr R. Roberts occupied the chair. The first part of the evening was devoted to business matters, and an inspiring address on "Peace" by one of the members; this being followed by games and competitions. Musical items were pleasingly rendered by Misses D. Saunders and L. Bishop; Messrs R. Roberts, H. Roberts, and F. Smith, while part songs by the company greatly added to the pleasure of the evening. We are pleased to relate that during the evening, eight new members were enrolled. After supper had been partaken of, the meeting closed with the Benediction.

### INVERCARGILL.

November 15. At Mrs Norman James's residence. The President was very gratified to see a very good attendance of members. The meeting was opened with a hymn, Bible reading and prayer. The Secretary then read the minutes of last year's annual meeting. The Treasurer's report was submitted, and the accounts passed for payment. Officers elected:—President, Miss Matheson, Rugby Street; Secretary, Miss D. Blackmore, 140 Crinan Street; Cor. Secretary, Miss G. Fraser, c/o Fraser's Store, Elles Road; Treasurer, Miss Dawson, 283 North Road; White Ribbon Agent, Miss Blaikie, Crinan Street; Press Reporter, Miss G. Pearce, 3 Beatrice Street, Wellesley. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to all retiring officers, and the repetition of the pledge.

## SCOTTISH EXPENDITURES.

The people of Scotland spend £6 3s. per head on drink (intoxicating), £1 18s. on education, £1 17s. on bread, £1 15s. on milk, and £1 11s. on War pensions. It is not a very flattering comparison.

## QUITE TRUE.

An American Prohibitionist, arguing with a Wet, said: "With the tremendous increase in motor cars, booze would add to the dangerous traffic problem." "Yes," replied the Wet, "but if we had booze, we should not have so many cars."

## TAXES REDUCED.

The United States Budget for 1924-25 shows a huge surplus which Mr Coolidge estimates will reach 500,000,000 dollars (£100,000,000). It is expected that the income tax for 1926 will be reduced from 30 to 50 per cent. Who said Prohibition would ruin the country?

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But was always in her place;

She didn't wear the latest thing,

But she wore a smiling face.

She never forgot when subs. were due

(In fact, she laid them by),

'Twas the least she thought that she could do,

But still her aim was high.

She never forgot on her walks abroad

To don the little white bow,

And when a fellow-member called

How her happy face would glow!

To all that made for good in life

She gladly gave assent;

To banish sin, and pain, and strife

Were women surely sent.

Some day, her master He will say,

"Servant of God, well done!

Thou hast been faithful in thy day.

Enter! Thy rest is won!"

—E.L.P.

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**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 Strand, Parsonage; Sec., Mrs G. Elliott, Seddon Street; Treas., Mrs R. B. Cole, Mangarino Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs Hill.

**TAURANGA**, meets every 3rd Friday, in Methodist Hall, at 2.45 p.m. Pres., Mrs Carlton Smith "The Knoll," 11th Avenue; Rec. Sec., Mrs York, 1st Avenue; Cor. Sec., Mrs Castles, 3rd Avenue; Treas., Mrs Teasey, Edgecumbe Road; W.R. Agent, Mrs W. Foxcroft, Cameron Road.

**TAKAPUNA**, meets 1st Thursday in the month, at 2.30 in the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches alternately. Pres., Mrs 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. Leonards; Treas., Miss E. Greaves, King Street; Rest Room Supt., Miss G. Hancox, King Street; W.R. Agent, Mrs Wilson, c/o Bramwell Booth Boys' Home.

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

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

**TINWALD**, 2nd Wednesday, Methodist Church, 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs W. T. Lill, Willowby; Sec., Mrs W. Hopwood, Carter's Terr; Treas., Miss Turnet.

**WAIMATE**, 2nd Wednesday, in Knox Church Hall at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs Roy, Deep Creek, Waituna; Sec., Miss McCarthy, 45c. Sherman St.; Treas., Mrs Excell, Studholme St.; "White Ribbon," Mrs Graham, Rhode St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs Vigers.

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

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

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

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

**WANGANUI EAST**, meets 2nd Thursday, at 2.30 p.m., in St. Alban's Church. Pres., Mrs A. Duxfield, Okoia, Wanganui; Cor. Sec., Mrs W. J. Andrew, "Lilybank," Westmere (Private Bag); Rec. Sec., Miss Sanson; Treas., Miss Francis Brown No. 3 Line; L.T.L., Miss Siddells; Evangelistic, Mrs Dowsett.

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

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

**WELLINGTON CENTRAL**, 3rd Wednesday, 3 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Willis Street. Pres., Miss Kirk, 60 Pirie Street; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Harry, Evans and Murphy; Cor. Sec., Mrs J. Costin Webb, 26 Talavera Terrace; Rec. Sec., Miss Thompson, 23 Marama Cres., Treas., Mrs Helyer, 338 Oriental Bay; W.R. Supt., Miss Hamilton, 9 Atiawa St., Petone; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Anderson, 60 Pirie Street.

**WHANGAREI**, 1st Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. in Meth. Schoolroom. Pres., Mrs Goodall; Vice-Pres., Mesdames Lochore, Lovatt, Adj. Vyle, Curtis and Woolfax; 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 Drenner; Press Reporter, Mrs Hills; Notable Days, Miss Hilford.

**WINTON**, meets 3rd Tuesday, 2.30 p.m., in Sunday School Hall. Pres., Mrs J. R. Hamilton; Vice-Pres., Mesdames T. A. McWilliam, J. P. McWilliam, and Wildey; Sec., Mrs J. A. Wilson, Park St.; Treas., Mrs J. D. Campbell, Eglington St.; W.R. Agent, Dr. Moana Gow Park St.; Cradle Roll, Mrs S. Smith; Evangelistic, Mrs Hogg.

**WOOLSTONE-OPAWA UNION** meets 1st Tuesday, in the Methodist Schoolroom, Opawa, at 2.30 p.m. Pres., Mrs A. D. Jenkins, 9 Westby Street, Opawa; Hon. Sec., Mrs W. T. Kelly, Garlands Road, Opawa; Hon. Treas., Mrs T. W. West, Aynsley Terrace, Opawa; W.R. Agent, Mrs R. H. Turner, Murray Aynsley Terrace, Opawa.

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